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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

This collection was donated to the US Air Force Academy by Joseph H. Orr III on 5 October 1967. They were donated in memory of Orr's godfather, William Fiske, for whom the collection is named. According to Orr, Fiske was an enlisted soldier in US Army Air Corps' 1st Aero Squadron, though little else is known about him.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Series One consists of a scrapbook containing dozens of photos, documents, and a narrative history of the 1st Aero Squadron produced between 1914 and 1919, primarily about the Mexican Punitive Expedition and World War I.

Series Two is comprised of hundreds of photographs and postcards produced between 1914 and 1919, some from the Mexican Punitive Expedition, but most of which are from World War I. Many of the postcards depict ruined buildings, trenches, and even dead soldiers. Many of the postcards also include writing on the back, much of which is in French. These items were glued to an album made from acidic materials, probably for almost a century, so many of the photos are faded. Efforts were made in 2022 to better preserve the photos. Though there is black paper stuck to the back of some of the postcards, many of these items are in surprisingly good condition. They are organized by location as no other apparent structure was established by the content creator.

Names: Fiske, William; Orr, Joseph H., III;

Keywords and terms: 1st Aero Squadron; World War I; World War, 1914-1918; Mexican Punitive Expedition; Early Aviation; Biplanes; Wreckage; Aerial Photography; Postcards; France; Germany; Columbus, New Mexico; United States; 1910s

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ARRANGEMENT AND DESCRIPTION

SERIES ONE: SCRAPBOOK

BOX ONE

Folder 1 1st Aero Squadron Scrapbook

This scrapbook contains dozens of photos from the 1st Aero Squadron taken between 1914 and 1919, primarily from the Mexican Punitive Expedition and World War I. Images depict planes, maps, soldiers, airfields, wreckage, bombed buildings, and more from New Mexico in the United States and cities across France and Germany.

Also included is a narrative history of the 1st Aero Squadron, beginning with its early history in 1915 through World War I, along with rosters, reports, and other documents relating to the squadron during this time period.

SERIES TWO: PHOTO ALBUM

BOX ONE

Folder 2 Columbus, New Mexico

Folder 3 France: A-C

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| • Abainville | • Argonne | • Chasserades |
| • Allevard | • Avord | • Chateau |
| • Amanty | • Badaroux | Thierry |
| • Alsace | • Bourges | • Chemin |

Folder 4 France: D-H

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| • Demange | • Étampes | • Gorgs du |
| • Domgermain | • Fremiet | Tarn |
| • Du Puy | • Gondrecourt | |
| • Domremy | • Grand Pré | |

Folder 5 France: I-M

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| • Issoudun | • Longwy | • Meulan |
| • Julvécourt | • Maxey-sur- | • Mandres- |
| • Labastide | Vaise | aux-Quatre- |
| • Loiret | • Montpellier | Tours |
| • Le Puy | • Metz | |

Folder 6 France: Mende

BOX TWO

- Folder 1 France: N-P
- Neufchateau
 - Nimes
 - Orléans
 - Orches
 - Ourches
 - Pagny
- Folder 2 France: Paris
- Folder 3 France: Q-Z
- Toul
 - Vaux
 - Verdun
 - Vierzon
 - Vigan
- Folder 4 Germany
- Andernach
 - Braubach
 - Cologne (Coln)
 - Koblenz (Coblentz)
 - Trier
 - Aerial Photographs
- Folder 5 Airplanes –Unknown Locations
- Folder 6 Miscellaneous 1st Aero Squadron Photographs
- Folder 7 Aerial Photographs – Locations Identified
- Folder 8 Unidentified Aerial Photographs