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**FLYNN, OSCAR R., JR.**

**1918**

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**APPROX. NO. PGS.: 30**

**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE**

Oscar Rogers Flynn, Jr., of East Orange, NJ, was a Second Lieutenant in the Canadian Air Force (CAF) at the end of World War I. The service was officially renamed the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) in 1924. Unfortunately, little else is known about Flynn or the provenance of this collection, which was donated to the Academy by Michael Warburton in August 1993.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

This collection consists of a single box and a single series, containing a scrapbook assembled by Flynn following his service in World War I. All of the items in this collection were part of a single scrapbook, though some of them had fallen out. These have been arranged by item type and placed in folders. The pages that remain intact are kept in their original order but, due to their size, are not in folders.

Most of the materials in this collection appear to have been produced or collected in England, while Flynn was stationed there in 1918 as an officer in the Canadian Air Force (referred to in this collection as the “Royal Air Force Canada”). The prefix “Royal” was officially added to the Canadian Air Force in 1924.

**Names:** Flynn, Oscar; Warburton, Michael

**Keywords and terms:** Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF); Canadian Air Force (CAF); Royal Air Force Canada; Royal Flying Corps; World War I; World War, 1914-1918; Armistices; Submarines; U-Boats; London, England; Great Britain; United Kingdom; 1910s

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**ARRANGEMENT AND DESCRIPTION**

**SERIES ONE: ALBUM**

**BOX 1**

Folder 1      Printed Matter

- Newspaper clippings

- Pamphlet: "Guide to the Tower of London." Produced by the British government and sold at the Tower of London, 1918
- Pamphlet: "American Football Game Official Program," 28 November 1918. Program for an American Football game played at the Hippodrome in London between members of the Destroyer Flotilla, U.S. Navy, and the Battle Squadron, U.S. Navy
- Pamphlet: "Half-day Tours Around London for Men on Leave," n.d.
- Pamphlet: "Daly's Theatre: The Maid of the Mountains," n.d.
- Flyer for the Second Liberty Loan Club, The East Orange Bank, East Orange, NJ, 1917
- "Rules of the Air." Royal Flying Corps. No. 84 Canadian Flying Squadron, n.d.
- Blank Patrol Report, n.d.

Folder 2      Photographs. Twenty-two photographs depicting naval vessels. Writing on the back of some of the photos identifies them as depicting German submarines at Harwich Harbor shortly after the German surrender in 1918

Folder 3      Postcards. Eighteen postcards from London and Ipswich that do not contain writing or addresses. Some contain printed information about the scenes or buildings they depict

#### Scrapbook Pages (Un-folded)

Items in this scrapbook include:

- Military requests and notices
- Event tickets and pamphlets
- One No. 76 Wing, Squadrons 232 and 247 roster
- Unidentified photographs, mostly depicting naval vessels
- Newspaper article: *The Daily Mirror*, 23 November 1918. "Defeated and Dishonored Hun's Most Bitter Humiliation: Their Much-Vaunted Battle Fleet Strikes Its Flag in Defeat." Photos in article depict defeated German U-Boats, British soldiers, and other images following the Armistice
- Postcards
- Pamphlet: "Mercantile Marine Service Association, Liverpool Homes for Aged Mariners," 22 August 1918
- "Permit for an Officer or Soldier of the Royal Air Force Canada to Proceed to the United States," 25 July 1918 (folded-affixed to page)
- Air ministry Pamphlet: "Notes on Law of Internment by Neutrals of Belligerent Aircraft and their Crews," September 1918