

**SMS 54**

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**COLLYER, WILLIAM C., MRS.**

**1918-1938**

**Linear ft.: .2**

**Approx. no. pgs.: 80**

**BIOGRAPHIC NOTE**

The materials in this collection were collected by Cecil G. Sellers, a retired United States Air Force Major who was in command of the 20<sup>th</sup> Bomb Squadron during its assignment in France in 1918. Major Sellers was also co-pilot for Captain Edwin C. Musick in the Pan American flight that disappeared in the South Pacific in 1937. The collection is named for Seller's widow who has since remarried and donated the materials.

Source: Donation paperwork: SMS 54

**SCOPE AND CONTENT**

This collection consists of three folders divided into seven series. Folder one contains series 1-5, and Folder 2 contains series 5, and Folder 3 contains series 6 and 7.

**Names:** Sellers, Cecil G.

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**SERIES ONE: CORRESPONDENCE (Folder 1)**

Letter to Commanding Officer, 20<sup>th</sup> Aero Squadron from Corp. J.S. Brown, 27 Jan 1919

Unsigned memo, "My Military Observations of Civilian Things," undated

**SERIES TWO: TELEGRAMS (Folder 1)**

To Commanding Officer, First Day Bombardment Group, from T.W. Milling, Col., undated.

To All Units, from H.S. Sturgis, 6 Nov 1918

To All Units, from H.S. Sturgis, 8 Nov 1918

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**SERIES THREE: PRINTED MATTER (Folder 1)**

Air Service Bulletin, No. 4, 24 Oct 1917

Newspaper clippings, Evening Star, Washington, D.C., 19 Dec 1938

Flights and Landings, Vol. 1, No. 24, 13 Dec 1918

**SERIES FOUR: OPERATIONS ORDERS (Folder 1)**

No. 3	14 Sep 1918
No. 5	15 Sep 1918
No. 9	16 Sep 1918
No. 10	4 Oct 1918
No. 16	6 Oct 1918
No. 19	Undated (canceled)
No 23	23 Oct 1918
No 26	27 Oct 1918
No 30	31 Oct 1918
No 34	5 Nov 1918
No 35	10 Nov 1918

**SERIES FIVE: PHOTOGRAPHS (Folder 2)**

7" x 5" and 8" x 6" photographs depict bombs dropped by 96<sup>th</sup> Squadron during the month of August

9" x 6" and 8" x 5" photographs depict bombs dropped by 1<sup>st</sup> Day Bombardment Group during the month of September

8" x 7" photograph depicts bombs dropped by 1<sup>st</sup> Day Bombardment Group during the month of October

Three 8" x 10" captioned photographs of "The American Legion at Langley Field, Va.," 12 Apr 1927

Two 9" x 7" photographs of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Bomb Group maneuvers, planes on line, Langley Field, May 16 1928

Return to Langley, full load, May 21 1928, captioned

Three 9" x 7" photographs of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Bomb Group maneuvers

Two photographs of return to Langley Field, over fog, Hampton Roads, 21 May 1928

One photograph of landing, Langley Field, 16 May 1928, captioned

Two 9" x 7" captioned photographs of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Bomb Group maneuvers, planes on line, Va. State Airport, May 15 1928 and May 16 1928

9" x 7" captioned photograph of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Bomb Group maneuvers, over Ft. Monroe, 16 May 1928, captioned

9" x 7" captioned photograph of landing, Wichita, Kan. undated

9" x 7" captioned photograph of El Paso's aerial marker, 7 Sep 1928

9" x 7" captioned photograph of going into Ft. Bliss, TX, 7 Sep 1928

9" x 7" photograph of unidentified runway, undated

Two 9" x 7" photograph depicting bombs being dropped on Sivry dez Buzancy

Four 9" x 7" photographs depicting the Guadalupe Range, El Paso, TX, captioned, undated

Twenty-one photographs depicting officers, enlisted, and aircraft, undated

9" x 7" captioned photographs of the bombing of bridge over Pee Dee River by Provisional Bombardment Squadron, Dec 19-24, 1927

9" x 7" photographs of fifteen aircraft

7" x 5" photograph of a funeral, the first men to be killed at the school

6" x 6" photograph of an identified prisoner, undated

**SERIES SIX: MEMORANDA (Folder 3)**

Memo to Central Records Office, requesting information on the death of 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. William F. Frank, 5 Feb 1919

Memo to departing officers of the A.E.F., from John J. Pershing

General Orders No. 38-A, To: My Fellow Soldiers, From: John J. Pershing, Commander-in-Chief, 28 Feb 1919

**SERIES SEVEN: MISCELLANEOUS (Folder 3)**

Instruction Record of Cecil G. Sellers

S.E.R.C. descriptive list of Cecil G. Sellers

First Day Bombardment Group enemy planes "Confirmed" by Squadron

2 Ordre de Transport Modele A3 and B3

Pamphlet in German, "How the German Soldiers Should Treat American POWS," by order of Gen. Pershing, 1 Jul 1918

Report in French of incident (conflict) between the French military and civilians with the soldiers, by the Commandant General of French Army

"Operations Report Extract," 26 Sep 1918

"Engineering Department Daily Flight Report," 26 Sep 1918

"Engineering Department Daily Flight Report," 16 Sep 1918

Supplementary Plan of Employment of Air Service Units, 1<sup>st</sup> American Army, 23 Sep 1918

Operations Order No. 12, 25 Sep 1918

Raid reports, 14 Sep-3 Nov 1918

"Summary of Operations," four pgs., depicts casualties, bombs dropped, planes available and missions

Raid reports of 20<sup>th</sup> Aero Squadron First Day Bombardment Group, A.E.F.