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WHITLOCK, HOWARD
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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

This collection was donated by Howard “Bud” Whitlock in 1993. It was assembled by Whitlock's aunt, Mary Western. Whitlock was a 1st Lieutenant and pilot with the U.S. Army Air Corps for three years during WWII, however, little is known about the connection between Whitlock and Western, or their association with this album.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of one photograph album depicting Ellington Field near Houston, Texas during World War I. The album contains numerous black-and-white photographs of various sizes, few of which are identified. They depict soldiers, women, and children at the Young Women’s Christian Association (YWCA) building at Ellington Field. They also depict airplanes flying both on the ground and in flight, as well as multiple accidents.

Names: De Garro; Tresider; Jackson; Sites; Delin; Salyers; Drake

Keywords and terms: Word War I; World War, 1914-1918; Aviation; Flight Training; 120th Fighter Squadron; Curtiss JN-4 Jenny; Biplanes; Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA); Airplane crashes; Accidents; Ellington Field; Houston, TX;

ARRANGEMENT AND DESCRIPTION

SERIES ONE: PHOTO ALBUM

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| Page 1 | Aerial view Ellington Field, 1917 |
| Pages 2-3 | Two photos. Ellington Field, 1917; Curtiss JN biplane in flight |
| Pages 4-5 | Two photos. Curtiss JN biplanes taking off; Curtiss JN biplanes flying in formation |
| Pages 6-7 | Two photos. Planes flying over the Houston Ship Channel; Curtiss JN biplanes flying in formation |

- Pages 8-9 Two photos. Curtiss JN biplanes flying in formation
- Pages 10-11 Two photos. Curtiss JN biplanes flying in formation
- Pages 12-13 Two photos. Curtiss JN biplanes flying in formation
- Pages 14-15 Two photos. Armistice Day, 1917. Troops lined up in formation and rows of planes parked on the air field
- Pages 16-17 Two photos. Armistice Day, 1917. Troops marching in formation and rows of planes parked on the air field
- Pages 18-19 Two photos. Armistice Day, 1917. Troops lined up in formation; a field with cars and troops in formation with a building in the background
- Page 20 Armistice Day, 1917. Color guard, a truck, and a dog
- Page 21 YWCA building
- Pages 22-23 Two photos. YWCA building and car, the ground is wet
- Pages 24-28 Five photos. Interior of the YWCA building
- Page 29 Soldiers, women, and a child inside the YWCA
- Page 30 A large group of soldiers standing and seated at tables inside the YWCA. Some women and Asian cooks are also pictured, and Halloween decorations can be seen
- Pages 31-33 Three photos. A large group of soldiers and several women inside the YWCA
- Pages 34-35 Two photos. Soldiers, women, and children at the YWCA
- Page 36 Four women holding a YWCA sign
- Page 37 Four photos: a medical plane, two soldiers sewing, and two of wreckage from plane crashes
- Page 38 Five photos: airplane wreckage
- Page 39-44 Thirty-one photos. Unknown soldiers and women in various unknown locations
- Page 45 Five photos. Soldiers discharged, YWCA
- Page 46 Five photos. Unknown soldiers, a woman, and several vehicles. A captioned photo identifies Brigadier General De Garro
- Page 47 Five photos. Several identified soldiers: Tresider, Jackson, Sites, Delin, Salyers, and Drake. Another captioned photo was taken at Gerstner Field in Louisiana
- Pages 48-49 Four photos. Several unidentified women

- Pages 50-51 Two photos. YWCA exterior, people standing outside
- Page 52 Group photo at the YWCA
- Page 53 People seated in the YWCA, which is decorated for Christmas
- Pages 54-55 Four photos. Christmas photos depicting Santa Clause and a Christmas tree, flooded garage
- Pages 56-57 Five photos. Curtiss JN biplanes in flight
- Pages 58-59 Two photos. Airplane crash wreckage, captioned "Lt Davisson Death."
- Pages 60-62 Nine photos. Airplane crash wreckage. Multiple crashes, some showing men assessing the wreckage.
- Page 63 Arial view of an airfield, probably Ellington.
- Pages 64-65 Eight photos. Airplanes, hangars, and soldiers.
- Page 66-67 Five photos. Flooding at Ellington Field YWCA and several other buildings
- Pages 68-69 Two photos. Interior of the YWCA. Soldiers and women are depicted
- Page 70 Three photos. Two photos of biplanes, one of which has a stylized paint job. Another depicts a biplane in flight, with a man standing out on the wing
- Page 71 Four photos of biplanes. One has a stylized paint job, another is very large with a group of soldiers gathered around it
- Pages 72-73 Eight photos. Unknown soldiers and women in various unidentified places
- Pages 74-75 Six photos. Soldiers and women near the water. Two captions state "March 23, 1919-on the duff" and "March 23, 1919-looks cold but wasn't"
- Page 76 Three photos. Two soldiers and two women near palm trees
- Page 77 Three photos. YWCA, a shoreline, and two unidentified people
- Pages 78-79 Eight photos. Unidentified soldiers and women in multiple unidentified locations
- Page 80 Six photos. Women and a young black girl in what appears to be a hospital or a clinic. Two of the women appear to be nurses
- Page 81 Three photos. YWCA, a bridge over water, and three unidentified people
- Page 82 Three photos. Multiple brand-new looking motorcycles and cars along with several soldiers
- Page 83 Three photos of the same plane wreckage from different angles

- Page 84 Five photos. Women carrying a casket, men wearing fake police badges, folding, two stylized biplanes
- Page 85 Four photos. Airplane wreckage from different accidents
- Page 85-86 Six photos. Three unidentified women on the shore a large military gun
- Page 88 Four photos. A group of six women and a man, women on a biplane, an unidentified building behind palm trees
- Page 89 Seven photos. Unidentified woman and soldiers, a biplane, and a dog at the beach
- Page 90 Two photos. Unidentified soldiers
- Page 91 Three photos. Two unidentified women and a man in a suit
- Page 92-93 Nine photos. Several unidentified women and soldiers. Women are dressed as pilots
- Page 95 Two photos. An unidentified soldier and a boat
- Page 96 Unidentified woman on a bridge