

MS-502 Raoul Lufbery Collection

Collection Number: MS-502

Title: Raoul Lufbery Collection

Dates: 1917-1985

Creator: Germaine Fox Lufbery, sister of Raoul Lufbery

Summary/Abstract:

This collection includes documents from the World War I flying missions and the untimely death of Raoul Lufbery. The collection contains newspaper clippings, magazine articles, photographs and other prints.

Quantity/Physical Description: 1 linear foot

Language(s): English

Repository:

Special Collections and Archives, Paul Laurence Dunbar Library, Wright State University, Dayton, OH 45435-0001, (937) 775-2092

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Acquisition:

Endicott P. Saltonstall donated these materials to the Wright State University Special Collections and Archives in July 2014.

Sponsor: Gloria Barton

Accruals: No further accruals are expected.

Custodial History:

Germaine Fox Lufbery collected materials about her brother Raoul. She was the nanny for the Saltonstall family and remained with them until her death. Her belongings were left to the grandsons of the children for whom she cared, Endicott P. Saltonstall and his brother.

Existence and Location of Copies:

A selection of materials from this collection is available in Wright State University's Campus Online Repository, CORE Scholar, at: https://corescholar.libraries.wright.edu/special_ms502/.

Related Material: MS-166, MS-196

Processing Information: All newspaper articles have been copied onto acid-free paper. Larger newspaper articles have been encapsulated for preservation.

Processed by: Finding aid written according to DACS standards by Nina Herzog

Arrangement: The collection is arranged into one series.

Biographical/Historical Note: Born Gervais Raoul Lufbery on March 14, 1885 in Chamalières, Puy-de-Dôme, France. At the age of one his mother died so his father left him in the care of his French grandparents until he left at the age of 17. He served in the United States Army from 1907 to 1909. Lufbery would join the Foreign Legion as a mechanic at the beginning of World War I, later receiving his pilot wings in 1914. He was attached to the Lafayette Escadrille, an American flying squadron. He was very successful against the enemy, shooting down at least 17 German planes. On May 19, 1918 with enemy planes coming closer to the airfield for the 94th Pursuit Squadron, Lufbery rushed into the air without performing his usual pre-flight check. Soon his plane took a direct hit from the enemy. In order to escape the burning plane, he jumped, was impaled on a fence post. He died instantly. Lufbery received full military honors at his funeral and is interred at the Lafayette Memorial du Parc de Garches, the shrine honoring the Lafayette Escadrille, just outside Paris, France.

Biographical information courtesy of:

American Aces of World War 1 by Norman Franks

<http://www.firstworldwar.com/bio/lufbery.htm>

<http://www.nationalaviation.org/lufbery-raoul/>

Scope and Content: Raoul Lufbery was well-known as one of the greatest American Flying Aces of World War I. This collection contains an array of items, including newspaper articles, magazine articles, photographs, and paintings. The newspaper articles offer an insight into the mind of a military aviator. Two of the articles were written by Lufbery. The other newspaper articles and magazine articles are by those who knew him and flew alongside him in battle.

Subject Terms:**Persons/Families**

Lufbery, Raoul Gervais, 1885-1918

Organizations/Corporate Names

Lafayette Escadrille

Places

France

Subjects (General)

World War, 1914-1918--Military personnel

Material Types

Magazines (periodicals)

Newspapers

Photographs

Collection Inventory

Series I		1917-1985, Undated	
Box	File	Description	Date
1	1	<i>Sky Fighters of France Paintings of Battles in the Air</i>	1917 Dec. 5-16
	2	<i>Sky Fighters of France Paintings of Battles in the Air</i>	1918 July 12-30
	3	Magazine Articles <ul style="list-style-type: none">• "Flying for France" by James McConnell 1916 Nov.• "War Letters of Edmond Genet" 1918 May	1916, 1918
	4	<i>The Red Cross Magazine</i> -"Jim McConnell of Escadrille No. 124"	1918 July
	5	<i>Air Travel News</i> -"Airport Memorial to Famous Ace"	1927 Dec.
	6	Laurence la Tourette Driggs Articles <ul style="list-style-type: none">• "Aces of Aviation" 1918 Jan. 30• "Aces Among Aces" 1918 June• "Plane Tales from the Skies" 1917 Nov.-1918 Apr.	1917-1918
	7	<i>Liberty Magazine</i> "Leaves from my Diary" by General William Mitchell	1928 Apr. 7
	8	<i>Pantheon de la Guerre – Cyclorama of the World War and Its Heroes</i>	1933
	9	<i>Reader's Digest</i> -"The Daring Young Men of the Lafayette Escadrille"	1968 Oct.
	10	<i>Yankee</i> -"Raoul Lufbery's Formula for Killing" by James Hallas	1985 Nov.
	11	Photographs and Glass Negative with Contact Print, Postcards (<i>selections available online in CORE Scholar</i>)	Undated
	12	Program of Memorial Service	1918 May 30
	13	Unknown Diary Entries Describing Lufbery's Funeral	1918 May 20-June

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	14	Newspaper Clippings – Originals (selections available online in CORE Scholar)	1918, 1928, Undated
	15	Newspaper Clippings - Copies	1918, 1928, Undated
	16	Raoul Lufbery Dinnerware	Undated
OS	62	Oversize Materials (selections available online in CORE Scholar)	
		Photographic Portrait of Raoul Lufbery	1917 June 10
		<i>Boston Evening Record</i> Newspaper front page	1918, May 20
		<i>Boston American</i> Newspaper front page	1918, May 20
		<i>Boston American</i> Newspaper front page	1918, May 21
		<i>The New York Times</i> Newspaper front page	1918, May 21
		<i>Wallingford Record</i> Newspaper front page	1968, May 14
		<i>The Boston Post Sunday Magazine</i> – “My Air Duels With the Boches” by Lufbery	1918, Mar. 10
		<i>Boston Post</i> – “Shooting Down a Boche” – by Lufbery	1918, Mar. 3
		<i>Literary Digest</i> – “Lufbery Vanquishes in a Battle with Hugh German Plane”	1918, June 8
		<i>The Morning Herald</i>	1919, Dec.
		Newspaper Clippings - Originals	1918, Undated