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Biographical Note

Felix Rudolph Zaugg was born on November 6, 1894 in Tacoma, Washington to Swiss immigrant parents. He worked as a mechanical and construction draftsman at Pacific Coast Steel in Seattle while attending the University of Washington.

In 1917, he claimed exemption from the draft as he completed his senior year at the University of Washington. The following year, however, Zaugg joined the Army. He attended the Aviation Ground School in Berkley, California and was a member of Squadron '54. Upon graduating from the Aviation School on August 31, 1918, Zaugg was stationed at Mather Field in Sacramento, California.

Zaugg remained in Sacramento until the end of World War I, when he was placed on reserve duty. Zaugg returned to Washington where he married a woman named Alice. Felix and Alice Zaugg had one son, Phillip F. Zaugg. In 1925, Zaugg was ordered to return to active duty as a student officer. He was promoted to 1st Lieutenant and returned to the reserves a few years later. In October of 1940, Zaugg was released from reserve duty. He died on May 22, 1978 in Washington.

Scope and Content of the Collection

The collection contains a scrapbook created by 1st Lieutenant Felix R. Zaugg and a number of loose items that could have come from the scrapbook. The bulk of the collection concerns Zaugg's military service for the years 1918-1940.

The collection includes a fifty-one page scrapbook created from photographs Zaugg took. Also included in the scrapbook are a number of sketches Zaugg made to illustrate the photo collections within the book. The remainder of the documents included in the scrapbook consist of promotion orders Zaugg received throughout his military career.

The collection also includes a series of photographs of Squadron '54. These photographs were taken in Berkley, California for events surrounding the Squadron's graduation.

The remainder of the collection is comprised of photographs and United States Army Promotion Certificates that were part of the scrapbook at one time.

Arrangement

The original order of the scrapbook has been maintained. The collection is contained within two archival boxes. Box one holds the original scrapbook; box two contains preservation images created by PMML staff of each scrapbook page and folders consisting of loose items.

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Related Collections

Reminiscences of Sgt. Robert J. Flint: "One Doughboy's Experience in the World War of 1917-1918"

Key Subjects

This collection is indexed under the following headings in the Library's online catalog. Researchers interested in materials about related topics, persons, or places should search the catalog using these subject headings.

Names

Argyle, Horace R., 1889-1918
Brelín, Ebbe A., 1892-1990
Crane, Charles B.
Hossack, Orlo R.W., 1891-1937
Hunter, George B.
Love, Mickey
Shelton, M.
Tipton, Rubin R., 1889-
Wing, Leshér S., 1892-1982
Zaugg, Félix R., 1894-1978
Zumwinkél, Otto H., 1892-1968

Subjects

United States. Army. Air Corps. Mather Field
United States. Army. Air Corps. Rockwell Field
Sutter's Fort (Sacramento, Calif.)
United States--Army--54th Squadron--World War, 1914-1918
United States--Army--490 Bombardment Squadron
United States. Army. Air Corps--History--World War, 1914-1918.
United States--School of Military Aeronautics--Berkley, California
University of Washington--Naval Officer's Training Camp
World War, 1914-1918 -- United States.

Detailed Description of the Collection

Box One

Scrapbook

Page 1 Loose photographs removed (14)

Page 2 Photograph- Campus of the University of California, site of U.S. School of Military Aeronautics, Berkeley, California from May 1917 to Dec. 1918

- Page 3** Photograph- The “Aero Lab”
Courses: Gunnery, Theory of Flight, Airplanes, Observation
- Page 4** Photograph- Squadron “54”
The Graduating Class, Aug. 31, 1918
- Page 5** The U. of C. Campenele and scenes from it
Photograph 1 (top left)- from the Drill Field toward the “Hills”
California Hall, Boalt Hall, The Campenile (300 feet high.)
Photograph 2 (right)- from the tower toward W. Berkeley
Benjamin Ide Wheeler Hall~ The Library
Photograph 3 (bottom left)- from the tower toward Richmond
Barracks and Agriculture Hall- The Library
- Page 6** Photograph 1 (left)- O.H. Zumwinkel, Squadron Commander
Photograph 2 (center)- L.S. Wing
Photograph 3 (right)- F.R. Zaugg, Ass’t Squadron Commander
- Page 7** A Few of the Best of Us- Working Scenes
Photograph 1 (top left)- Resting after twisting the Curtiss OX-5 and
Hall-Scott A5A
Photograph 2 (top right)- 5 o’clock- Mock Retreat
Photograph 3 (bottom center)- typical pose
Sketch 1 (left)- G evl- 90 HP
Sketch 2 (right)- 8 cyl. 90 HP
- Page 8** Photograph 1 (top)- R. R. Tipton, M.G., M. Shelton, A.S., F.R. Zaugg,
A.S., L.S. Wing, A.S., June 25, 1918
Photograph 2 (bottom left)- O.H. Zumwinkle- Sq. Com., F. Zaugg-
Ass’t Sq. Com., from June 1, to Aug. 17, 1918. Squadron 54
Photograph 3 (bottom right)- F.R. Zaugg- Sq. Com., E.A. Brelin- Ass’t
Sq. Com. from Aug 17, to Aug. 31, 1918. Squadron 54
- Page 9** The Turn-Out for Athletics daily from 4:00 to 5:00 P.M.
Athletic “Cirricula”: Indoor baseball (outside)- 3 weeks, Boxing and
Boxing “Tournamets”- 5 weeks, Track Work and Meets- 5 weeks.

Photograph 1 (top left)- "On the Line for Gym" The Instructor Explains. June 1918

Photograph 2 (bottom right)- Wall Sealing- Practicing on Calif's. Track. Aug. 1918.

Sketch of top, middle and right and left shoes

Page 10 "The Old Swimming Hole" Built by the Associated Students of the University of California. Located in the Berkeley Hills back of the campus. August 1918

Photograph 1 (top left)- "Right" Wing, "Pop" Argyle" & Radio Instructor, head only.

Photograph 2 (bottom right)- Size of suits due to cost of material

Page 11 On the Drill Field during Ceremonies

Photograph 1 (top left)- Squadron '54' doing "Front and Center"

Photograph 2 (bottom right)- "Parade Rest" during "Retreat" (every afternoon for three months.)

Page 12 Squadron '54' Going on drill field just before graduation exercises, Aug. 31, 1918

"A grand and glorious feeling."

Photograph 1 (top left)- Sq. Com. Zaugg, receives orders for clearance for next day. Instructions at Berkeley completed.

Photograph 2 (bottom right)- Leaving Harmon Gym. for the Drill Field. Three columns single file.

Page 13 Cadets At Ground School "Pass In Review" (photograph)

Squadron '54' Reviewing

On Graduation Day, the Graduating Squadron reviews the entire school and its work is finished

Squadron '54'- 82 men-graduates Aug. 30, 1918

Lieut. Col. Geo. B. Hunter, A.S. Sig. R.C. Commandant

Captain Chas. B. Crane, A.S. Sig. R.C. Adjutant } reviewing officers in foreground.

- Page 14** Official Photograph of Squadron '54' (photograph)
A War Department Record
O.H. Zumwinkel- Squadron Com.
F.R. Zaugg- Ass't Squadron Com.
June 1, to Aug. 17, 1918.
F.R. Zaugg- Squadron Com.
E.A. Brelin- Ass't Squadron Com.
Aug. 17, 1918 to Aug. 31, 1918.
- Page 15** Personnel of Squadron 54- Aug. 31, 1918 (photograph)
Aviation Ground School, Berkeley, California
(90 names listed)
- Page 16** Special Orders No. 117 (pamphlet)
- Page 17** Certificate of Graduation- Felix R. Zaugg
- Page 18** My Own Page
Photograph 1 (left)- Knit Sweater, June 1918
Photograph 2 (center)- [loose item removed] Military Haircut, Sept. 5, 1918 in Seattle, Wash.
Photograph 3 (right)- Leaving Berkeley, Calif. Sept. 10, 1918
(photograph glued upside down)
- Page 19** Leaving Berkeley for Sacramento
From Ground School to Flying Field, Sept. 10, 1918
Photograph 1 (top left)- The train is pulling into the station of Berkeley from Oakland
Photograph 2 (top right)- Some of our baggage. Foot lockers and barracks bags
Photograph 3 (bottom center)- Crap shooter waiting for the train
Cadet Hossack gathers in the shekels.
- Page 20** At Mather Field, Sacramento, California
Photograph 1 (top left)- Cadet Carracks 'A.'

Photograph 2 (bottom right)- Cadets Bailey, Brown, and Zaugg (r. to l.) do a little K.P.- Rear of Mess Hall. Embryo aviators being humbled.

Page 21 Mather Field, California

Photograph 1 (top left)- Ships on the line to be returned to Hangars

Photograph 2 (top right)- Ships on a line for the morning's flight

Photograph 3 (bottom center)- Cadet Hossack and his ship- 47419 in a Primary Cross Country Field 12 miles from the Home Field.

Page 22 Aviators and their Ships- October 1918

Photograph 1 (top left)- Wing and Baker

Photograph 2 (top center)- Orlo R.W. Hossack

Photograph 3 (top right)- Wing and Bailey

Photograph 4 (bottom left)- F.R. Zaugg

Photograph 5 (bottom right)- Lesh S. Wing

Page 23 Some Poses in the Vinyard Back of the Hangars. "Paraphenalia" is Real (Hellers)

Photograph 1 (top left)- no caption

Photograph 2 (top right)- Cadets Wing and Argyle

Photograph 3 (bottom left)-Cadets Argyle and Zaugg

Photograph 4 (bottom right)- no caption

Page 24 Views taken in the Air- Dec. 15, 1918

Photograph 1 (top left)- Over Woodland at 3000 feet looking toward Coast Mts. 20 miles from Mather

Photograph 2 (top right)- Marysville from 1500 feet, 60 miles from Mather

Photograph 3 (center)- "Piper" Hossack, the pilot and photographer

Photograph 4 (bottom left)- Looking toward Sierra Nevadas from 4000 feet over Mills Station. 1 mile from Mather.

Photograph 5 (bottom right)- Marysville from 3200 feet.

Page 25 Views of one ship taken from another- both in the air. Dec. 15, 1918.

Photograph 1 (top left)- Going into “A Nose Dive” 3500 feet elev.

Photograph 2 (top center)- “Keep your nose on the horizon, and fly straight!” Flying straight at 2300ft.

Photograph 3 (top right)- Plane just off its back in an “Immelman.”

Photograph 4 (bottom center)- The pilot of the above ship at an elevation of 4 feet.

Page 26 2nd Lieut. O.R.W. Hossack, R.M.A., A.S., SIG. R.C.

“Piper” Hossack, the dare-devil pursuit pilot, Dec. 1918

Photograph 1 (top left)- Observe the “Devil-may-care” expression

Photograph 2 (top right)- Ready to “Take Off.”

Photograph 3 (bottom left)- His favorite ship.

Photograph 4 (bottom right)- Resting in Field #6 after a “Jazz-Ride.”

Page 27 Miscellaneous Collection

Photograph 1 (top left)- Going to Buffalo Park, Sacramento, Calif.-
Nov. 24, 1918

Photograph 2 (top right)- Mt. Shasta (from the railroad)

Photograph 3 (bottom center)- 22 ships trying to fly in formation- Nov.
26, 1918.

Page 28 “Look at the EARS on him”!!

“Waco, Waco, you @*-*”! (blankety blank.)

Photograph 1 (top center)- “A Dizzy Cadet.”

Photograph 2 (center left)- Private 1st Cl. A.S., M.A.

Photograph 3 (bottom center)- Sutter’s Fort- 1849, Sacramento

Photograph 4 (center right)- 2nd Lieut. R.M.A., A.S., Sig. R.C.

Page 29 Photograph 1 (bottom left)- Cadet L.S. Wing

Photograph 2 (center)- Cadet ‘Mickey’ Love, of Salt Lake City

Photograph 3 (top right)- hard boil?

Page 30 The R.M.A. Wings, in flowers (photograph)

Floral Design from Cadets at H.R. Argyle’s funeral.

Page 31 Picture Puzzle!!

Photograph 1 (top left)- no caption [Zaugg and woman]

Photograph 2 (center)- no caption [Zaugg and woman]

The "Weak-End" Pass! (September 12, 1918)

Page 32 "I'd hate to "loose" you, I'm so used to you now." "A fair, fleeting vision____," and Jazz-hound [3 photographs of a woman]

Page 33 At the Naval Officers Training Camp. University of Washington, Seattle, Washington.

Photograph 1 (top left)- no caption

Photograph 2 (top right)- no caption

Photograph 3 (bottom center)-Ensign Kirkby, U.S.N.R., Ensign Johnson U.S.N.R., Ensign Zaugg U.S.N.R.

Page 34 THE END OF THE WAR!!

Page 35 Air Service Flying School Orders, December 19, 1918

Page 36 Air Service Flying School Orders, December 18, 1918

Page 37 Air Service Flying School Orders, December 16, 1918

Page 38 Air Service Flying School Orders, December 17, 1918

Page 39 U.S. Army Promotion (Second Lieutenant, Aviation Section (Flying Status) Signal) Certificate, December 19, 1918

Page 40 U.S. Army Promotion (Second Lieutenant, Air Service) Certificate, December 19, 1923

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Page 41 The 1925 Summer Camp, Aug. 2 to 16, 1925, Rockwell Field, Coronado, California

Page 42 Ninth Corps Air, Special Orders, July 24, 1925

Page 43 Aerial Views of Rockwell Field, Aug. 2 to 16, 1925 (3 photographs)

Page 44 Photograph 1 (top left)- Neither trap nor crap shooting

Photograph 2 (top right)- Doing a little crap shooting

Photograph 3 (bottom center)- Pistol practice on the range

Page 45 Photograph 1 (top left)- no caption

Photograph 2 (top right)- "Shave Tail"

Photograph 3 (bottom right)- 490 Bombardment Squadron

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Page 46 3 ship Formation (3 photographs)

Page 47 Ships on the Line (4 photographs)

Page 48 4 Ship Formation

Photograph 1 (top left)- Straight flying

Photograph 2 (bottom right)- Landing

Page 49 Photograph 1 (top left)- A Pan Cake Landing

Photograph 2 (bottom right)- Landing gear wiped off

Page 50 Photograph 1 (top left)- Views of the Coronado Hotel

Photograph 2 (top right)- Views of the Coronado Hotel

Photograph 3 (bottom center)- For pilots that “crack up”- the infirmary- Hospital

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Box Two

Digital Reproductions and Loose Items

Folder One

Pre-Processing Scrapbook Images

Photographs taken of each page of the scrapbook, 2008

Folder Two

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[Page 1] Richard Tipton, Milton Shelton, Felix Zaugg, Lesher Wing, Berkeley California, 1918

[Page 1] O.H. Zumwinkel Sqdr. Com., F.R. Zaugg Asst. Sqdr. Com., Squadron 54. Berkeley, California, 1918

[Page 1] Cadet Barracks A. Mather's Field, Sacramento, California, 1918

[Page 1] H. R. Argyle, 1918

[Page 1] F.R. Zaugg, Mather Field, 1918

[Page 1] At Mather Field, California, 1918

[Page 1] At Mather Field, 1918

[Page 1] Political Cartoon, Air Service Reserve Officers Training Camp, Rockwell Field, Cal., n.d.

[Page 1] "49" n.d.

[Page 1] "Sideslipping" onto a sea of fog from 3200 ft. Top of fog clouds 2500 ft., n.d.

[Page 1] "49" n.d.

[Page 1] "20" n.d.

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Folder Three Loose Papers Removed from Scrapbook

[Page 39] Presidential Promotion (Second Lieutenant in the Air Corps) Certificate, 1928

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[Page 51] Letter from War Department terminating Reserve status, 1940

[Page 51] Letter from Air Corps, Unit Instruction to Zaugg, 1940

Folder Four Second Order Photographs & Envelope

Photograph 1- Squadron 54, Aviation Ground School, Berkeley, California, 1918

Photograph 2- Squadron 54, Aviation Ground School, Berkeley California, 1918

Photograph 3- Graduation Day, Squadron 54, 1918

Photograph 4- Squadron 54, 1918

Artura Carbon Black Envelope, 1919

Photograph 5- No caption, n.d.

Photograph 6- No caption, n.d.