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**ROY R. ANDERSON  
COLLECTION, 1916–1919**

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## **COLLECTION INFORMATION**

**VOLUME OF COLLECTION:** 4 manuscript folders, 1 folder upright graphics, 4 folders photographs, 1 artifact

**COLLECTION DATES:** 1916–1919

**PROVENANCE:** Donated by the Earl Anderson Estate

**RESTRICTIONS:** None

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**ALTERNATE FORMATS:**

**RELATED HOLDINGS:** Newspaper Pictorial Syndicate, Panoramic Photograph Collection, P0062

**ACCESSION NUMBER:** 2007.0009

**NOTES:**

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Roy R. Anderson was born in Indiana on 7 August 1894 to Dora A. Anderson and William A. Anderson. He was living with his family in Detroit, Michigan, when he enlisted as a sergeant with the 10th Aero Squadron on 21 April 1917 during World War I. After the war, he returned to Detroit before getting married to Sarah Clapp. They moved to Indianapolis, Indiana, where he worked as a carpenter. He died on 1 October 1973.

The 10th Aero Squadron was first organized on 31 May 1917 at Kelly Field in Texas. On 7 July, the unit transferred to Rantoul, Illinois, to complete their training at Chanute Aviation Field. The squadron was then sent to Garden City on Long Island, New York, on 3 November to await orders to be sent to Europe as part of the American Expeditionary Force. The squadron arrived in England on 25 December before being transported to Le Havre, France on 26 December. The squadron served in France through May 1919 at the Issoudun Aerodrome as a service support squadron for the 3rd Aviation Instruction Center.

Sources:

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[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:10th\\_Aero\\_Squadron\\_History.pdf](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:10th_Aero_Squadron_History.pdf)

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

This collection consists of materials relating to Roy R. Anderson's service with the 10th Aero Squadron in France during World War I. The manuscript folders contain letters written from Anderson to his mother, father, and sister while he was serving with the squadron. They concern topics such as his training, his daily experiences in the squadron and the places he sees while in France, his thoughts on the war effort, and his thoughts for his family and friends back home.

Folder 1 contains five letters dated from November 17th, 1917 until December 2nd, 1917.

Folder 2 contains sixteen letters dated from February 3rd, 1918 until July 31st, 1918.

Folder 3 contains eleven letters dated from August 3rd, 1918 until December 25th, 1918.

Folder 4 contains ten letters dated from January 31st, 1919 until May 26th, 1919.

The graphics consist of miscellaneous postcards Anderson sent home to his family during the war, most of which feature scenes of French cities and landmarks. The photographs consist of pictures of French landmarks and people, his mother Dora Anderson, French General Ferdinand Foch, and an aerial of the Issoudun Aerodrome.

The artifact is one cloth 48-star United States' flag that Anderson sent home to his family.

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