Lt. Felix R. Zaugg Collection

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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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Key Subjects

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Names

Argyle, Horace R., 1889-1918
Brelin, 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, Lesher S., 1892-1982
Zaugg, Felix R., 1894-1978
Zumwinkel, 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--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
Photograph- The “Aero Lab”
Courses: Gunnery, Theory of Flight, Airplanes, Observation

Photograph- Squadron “54”
The Graduating Class, Aug. 31, 1918

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

Photograph 1 (left)- O.H. Zumwinkel, Squadron Commander
Photograph 2 (center)- L.S. Wing
Photograph 3 (right)- F.R. Zaugg, Ass’t Squadron Commander

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

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

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


Sketch of top, middle and right and left shoes

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“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

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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.)

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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.

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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.
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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.

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Personnel of Squadron 54- Aug. 31, 1918 (photograph)
Aviation Ground School, Berkeley, California
(90 names listed)

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Special Orders No. 117 (pamphlet)

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Certificate of Graduation- Felix R. Zaugg

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My Own Page
Photograph 1 (left)- Knit Sweater, June 1918
Photograph 3 (right)- Leaving Berkeley, Calif. Sept. 10, 1918 (photograph glued upside down)

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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)- Lesher S. Wing

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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

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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.

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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.

“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)

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“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]

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Photograph 1 (top left)- no caption
Photograph 2 (top right)- no caption

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THE END OF THE WAR!!

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Air Service Flying School Orders, December 19, 1918

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Air Service Flying School Orders, December 18, 1918

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Air Service Flying School Orders, December 16, 1918

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Air Service Flying School Orders, December 17, 1918

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

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U.S. Army Promotion (Second Lieutenant, Air Service) Certificate, December 19, 1923
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The 1925 Summer Camp, Aug. 2 to 16, 1925, Rockwell Field, Coronado, California

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Ninth Corps Air, Special Orders, July 24, 1925

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

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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

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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)
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Page 48  4 Ship Formation
        Photograph 1 (top left)- Straight flying
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        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  Loose Photographs Removed from Scrapbook
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        Berkeley California, 1918
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[Page 1] Cadet Barracks A. Mather’s Field, Sacramento, California,
        1918
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[Page 1] At Mather Field, 1918
[Page 1] Political Cartoon, Air Service Reserve Officers Training Camp, Rockwell Field, Cal., n.d.
[Page 1] “Sideslipping” onto a see of fog from 3200 ft. Top of fog clouds 2500 ft., n.d.

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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
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Artura Carbon Black Envelope, 1919
Photograph 5- No caption, n.d.
Photograph 6- No caption, n.d.