

Carl Conrad Loth Papers
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Collection Summary

Title: Carl Conrad Loth Papers

Span Dates: 1896-1967

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1917-1944)

ID No.: MSS86244

Creator: Loth, Carl Conrad, 1896-1967

Extent: 1,000 items

Extent: 1 container plus 3 oversize

Extent: 2 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English, with French

Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

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Summary: United States Army officer and aviator. Correspondence, newsletters, photographs, certificates, and scrapbooks related primarily to Loth's service as a driver in the American Volunteer Motor-Ambulance Corps and as an aviator and officer in the United States Army during World War I and World War II.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

People

Loth, Carl Conrad, 1896-1967.

Loth, Mary Ellis, 1905-1984--Correspondence.

Organizations

American Red Cross.

American Volunteer Motor-Ambulance Corps.

United States. Army Air Forces.

United States. Army. Signal Corps. Aviation Section.

Subjects

Americans--England.

Newsletters--France.

World War, 1914-1918--Aerial operations, American.

World War, 1914-1918--France.

World War, 1914-1918--Medical care--France.

World War, 1914-1918--Medical care--United States.

World War, 1914-1918--Periodicals.

World War, 1914-1918--United States.

World War, 1939-1945--Aerial operations, American.

World War, 1939-1945--United States.

Places

United States--Armed Forces--Officers' clubs.

Titles

Soixante Trois (Newsletter)

Occupations

Army officers.

Aviators.

Provenance

The papers of Carl Conrad Loth were given to the Library of Congress by his nephews Calder Loth and John E. Loth in 2018.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Carl Conrad Loth is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Carl Conrad Loth are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Carl Conrad Loth Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

Carl “Rip” Conrad Loth, born 1896, was a veteran of World War I and World War II. At the onset of World War I, he volunteered with the French Army as a member of the American Volunteer Motor-Ambulance Corps, then transferred to the Aviation Section of the United States Signal Corps where he was a pilot. During World War II, he applied for active service in the United States Army Air Forces, serving five years. He retired in 1956 with the rank of Colonel in the United States Air Force Reserves. He died in 1967.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Carl Conrad Loth mostly document aspects of his military career during World War I and World War II. This includes his service in the American Volunteer Motor-Ambulance Corps, the Aviation Section of the United States Army Signal Corps, and later, the United States Army Air Forces. This is mostly documented through scrapbooks that include photographs, postcards, clippings, maps, and other ephemera. Many items that were detached from the pages of the scrapbooks can be found within the Photograph, Miscellany, and Biographical file folders. Notably, the collection includes all eight issues of *Soixante Trois*, a 1917 newsletter published in France by Section 63 of the American Volunteer Red Cross Motor-Ambulance Corps, considered to be one of the first newspapers published in the trenches. Most issues feature news from the front, personality profiles, poetry, cartoons, and advertisements. The correspondence mostly includes outgoing letters from Loth to his wife Mary Ellis while he ran an American officer’s club in England during World War II in 1944. Other materials within the collection include biographical materials, certificates, photographs, clippings, and other printed matter. There is little documentation of Loth's life outside of his service during World War I and World War II.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged alphabetically by type of material or subject.

Container List

Container	Contents
BOX 1	Addresses, undated
BOX 1	Biographical file, 1896, 1918-1931, 1967
BOX OV 1	Certificate, retirement ceremony, 1956
BOX 1	Correspondence, 1917-1920, 1941-1944, undated (7 folders)
BOX 1	Miscellany, 1918-1923, 1944, undated
BOX 1	National Museum of the United States Air Force, Riverside, Ohio, 1961-1967, undated
BOX 1	Photographs, 1917-1918, 1928-1933, 1945, 1966, undated (2 folders)
BOX 1	Pilot's book, 1918-1927
BOX 1	Postcards, "Planes Famous in the World War," undated
BOX OV 2	Scrapbook, 1917, undated
BOX OV 3	Scrapbook, 1918-1919, undated
BOX 1	<i>Soixante Trois</i> newsletter, 1917 (9 folders)