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## *[Photo Album]: Love Field World War I*

Dallas, Texas: [circa 1917]

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Oblong small quarto. Measuring 7" x 10½". String-tied black paper photo album containing 70 sepia toned or black and white gelatin silver photographs measuring between 3" x 4½" and 6½" x 8½", some with captions. Very good photo album lacking the boards with near fine photographs.

A photo album kept by a pilot stationed at Love Field in Dallas, Texas during World War I. Throughout the album are exceptional photos of pilots and planes with a combination of amateur and commercial photography, most likely commissioned by the Airfield to capture the newly minted training facility. Love Field was conceived in 1917 when the Army announced its plans to create camps and bases to train pilots and mechanics after the United States joined the war. Built over 700 acres outside Dallas, Lovefield was one of 32 airbases commissioned by the army and could hold up to 1,000 Army personnel. Cadet's training took place in two stages, primary and advanced. Love Field was used for primary training which took eight weeks and covered the basics of flying with an instructor. The first unit to stay at the base was the 136th Aero Squadron, originally stationed in San Antonio.



The photos show the men of Love Field in uniform and flight jackets posing near their planes as well as the rows of barracks and offices throughout the field. There are excellent in-flight photos of planes and Airmen, taken from the air and on the ground, one of which shows a pilot waving from the cockpit. A few of the photos show uniformed Army men in tented encampments and by Bachman Lake. A majority of the commercial photographs were taken from the 1918 "Flying Frolic," which was held as a celebration of the end of the war and the success of the training at Love Field. It was held on November 12 and 13 of that year and was attended by thousands who came to witness the newest in military aircraft technology and celebrate the end of the conflict in Europe. One famous photograph from the event, seen here, shows Lieutenant William T. Campbell posing with the mechanic and his "ship" with which he made the World's loop record at the time. Campbell went on to profit as an ex-military pilot with a commercial flying school outside of Tulsa. The event included entertainment on the ground, including a cabaret act in a hanger and a vaudevillian clown performance, seen here, as well as pilots performing in the air in various formation as well as specialty acts including a parachute jump.

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AERO SQUADRON 877  
AVIATION REPAIR DEPOT.



7115. CONCESSION "FLYIN' FROLIC" NOV. 12-13, 1915. LOVE FIELD, TEX.





185A. PARACHUTE JUMP, alt. 7900' "FLYING FROLIC" NOV., 12, 1916 LOVE FIELD, TEX.

AERO-REPAIR DEPOT IN FOREGROUND - LOVE FIELD IN BACKGROUND.  
COURTESY COMMANDING OFFICER, TAMMETERO FIELD.





PHOTOGRAPH BY W. W. WOOD, U.S. AIR FORCE, TAKEN AT CAMP LOVE, TEXAS, FEBRUARY 1918. CAMP LOVE, TEXAS, FEBRUARY 1918.



1930. FORMATION LEADER, FORMATION NO. 20, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.

COURTESY, COMMANDER, SAULTER FIELD.





183 A. FORMATION LEAVING AIRSROME, "FLYIN' FRODO" NOV. 15, 1918. LOVE FIELD, TEX.

COURTESY, COMMANDING OFFICER, TALLATEHNE FIELD.