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RECEIPT for gift received of Mr. Frank T. Courtney:

PUBLICATIONS AND PUBLISHED ARTICLES:

Box #1

"Cross & Cockade Journal" featuring F.T. Courtney, RFC instructor in front of his Sopwith Pup.

"The Early Birds" List of Distinguished Members.

"Flight and Aircraft Engineer" featuring "Test Flying, 1918-1926" by Capt. Frank T. Courtney, July 8, 1955.

"Flying" featuring Frank Courtney, who has been flying from 1913 to the present, September, 1959.

"Hendon Times" Hendon Aerodrome Souvenir Issue, with note attached telling history of Reggie Carr, an aero early aviator.

"Time" featuring letter to the editor written and used by Frank T. Courtney on the moon race in space, August 24, 1962.

"Shell Aviation News" featuring Cierva Autogyro piloted by Frank T. Courtney, about to make its first flight.

"Vintage Amphibian" featuring the Curtiss-Courtney Amphibian, designed and constructed under the supervision of Captain Frank T. Courtney, Winter, 1961.

OTHER ITEMS: *Box #1*

Blueprint of the Armstrong Whitworth Siskin II, single seater fighter, also attached articles from "Flight": "The King's Cup the Siddeley 'Siskin' Courtney's winning mount, on view after the race;" and "The Armstrong-Whitworth 'Ajaz' entered by Mr. J.D. Siddeley, is a two-seater biplane fitted with 395 h.p. Siddeley 'Jaguar' engine. In the competition winning this machine will be piloted by Mr. Frank Courtney.

Folder: Courtney-Curtiss-Wright Amphibian Design containing Blueprint and balance diagram for Courtney Amphibian-Letters: To: Captain Frank Courtney, from: Richard F. Hoyt, Chairman of Curtiss Wright Corporation, January 30, 1933. To: Frank Courtney, from: Richard M. Bueschel, Japanese Aviation Historian, June 28, 1960 and July 25, 1960. Photographs : 3 views of the Courtney Amphibian, also Japanese sketches of plane with photo finish. Publication: Japanese description on page 73, of Courtney-Curtiss-Wright Amphibian (1934) was sold, designs 2 complete planes and parts for 4 more in 1935 to Japanese.

Folder: General Flying Boat Material-Articles: "The Flying Boat Has A Future" by Captain Frank T. Courtney-"The Future of Water-Based Planes" by Capt. Frank J. Courtney, 1942 and 1946. Report: High-Performance Water-Based Airplanes, by F.T. Courtney Introduction, Hydrodynamic and Aerodynamic, Elementary Principles of Proposals, and summary of objectives.

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Gene M. Gressley
Director

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AIR FORCE AND SPACE DIGEST, Volume 52, Number 10
October, 1969. (Article Fokkers...Nieuports...
Spads... and Sopwiths By Frank T. Courtney)

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BIOGRAPHICAL FILE MATERIAL:

Atlantic - 1927

Dornier-Napier "Whale" in water at Calshot (clipping)

Atlantic Flight postponed. (Clipping)

Dornier-Napier "whale" (Clipping)

Mrs. Courtney and daughter of Atlantic airmen (Clipping)

✓ By Air to New Zealand in 7 days, December 1926. (Clipping)

"Aeroplane" Mr. Courtney's Undertaking (clipping)

Atlantic - 1928

The Minnewasha's rescue of Courtney flyers. (clipping)

✓ Mr. and Mrs. Frank Courtney, the Sportsman Pilot (clipping)

✓ Air Mail Catalogue note on F. T. C.'s Transatlantic attempt (clipping)

Airmen picked up by Liner (clipping)

✓ Letter from Ministerio Pa Marina, Direccao da Aeronautical Noval

✓ Weather forecasts collected from London - Washington weather Bureau forwarded to Courtney in Azores, by F. Miller.

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Personal-Aviation (Clippings)

- ✓ Wife flies Ocean where husband failed
- ✓ Flight testing will be reviewed by pilots
- ✓ S. D. Aero Museum Plans Underway
- ✓ Modern Aviation Held Frustration
- ✓ Courtney Pioneer in Aviation has test-flown aircraft 33 years.
- ✓ Tour of Canadian Aircraft Industry
- ✓ Honor Roll Plaque
- ✓ Briton Here, tells of Atlantic Hop Failures.
- ✓ "Camel" Flyers Swap tales of Combat days.
- ✓ Famous Test Flyer resides in La Jolla, California
- ✓ La Jollan turns back clock After 40 years an Airman
- ✓ Former British Air Ace to Speak in Manhattan
- ✓ Historical Ass. "Evolution of Transport Design" by F.T.C. 1951
- ✓ Boeing Envelope
- ✓ Cartoons of Courtney

Personal-Non Aviation (clippings)

- ✓ Mr. A. T. Courtney 1967 (young brother)
- ✓ War Ration Book "Ciner M. Courtney
- ✓ Effortsto Illustrate "Roman History", 1909 by F. T. C. age 15.
- ✓ Frank and Ginger Courtney witnessed "tidal wave at Waikiki" November 1952
- ✓ Cartoon of F.T.Courtney, 1922 in Paris by "Zito"
- ✓ New Yorker's idea of the U.S. of A.
- ✓ La Jolla, California, Frank and Ginger Courtney lived here 1940-1947 and 1952. Ginger died October 1963

Pioneer Airplanes 1919 and on (clippings)

- ✓ "The Clouds Remember" August 1949 R.Ae .C. Gazette
- ✓ Transair Review-Croydon Airport 1915-1957

Racing

Between wars (articles)

- ✓ King's Cup, R.Ae. C. Gazette, September 1953
- ✓ Long mile Blade - So China Morning 1962

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Racing

Between Wars (articles)

- . Autogiro comes to Grief
- . "Echoes from the Past" (2 copies)
- . King's Cup Memories from the 1949, Air Race Programme
- . Ten Minute Turn around
- . Personalities in the rain, Flight 1939
- . Correspondence - Types flown Championship - The Aeroplane
- . Sidelights from the Past - XLT 1942.
- . Sidelights from the Past - XIII 1942.
- . Correspondence - Agile Ancient Flight 1950.

London Aerial Derby

- . The Aerial Derby Ticket 1920
- . Map - The Royal Aerial Derby Air Race Around London, 1920.
- . Souvenir Programme of Aerial Derby.
- . "Echoes from the Past" Aerial (Articles) Derby Race, 1920.

Seaplanes

- . Water Based Aircraft (Article)
- Notes submitted to Convair on general aspects of Seaplane Designs 1958.
- Papers prepared for Convair on general aspects of Seaplane Designs 1956
- Curtiss Wright Proposal
- Curtiss-Wright Courtney (blueprints, notes, photostates, news Letter and negative)
- Courtney Amphibian
- New Curtiss-Wright Courtney Amphibian

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Test Flying

- Turn Indicator R. A. F. at Royal Aircraft Factory, Farnborough, 1916. (Article)
- Central Aircraft Co. "Centaur" prototype, London 1919 (Article)
- Man with Magic Hands, Helicopter Pilot, Mr. F.T.C. Daily Mail, August. 1921
- Sidelight from the Past LII Boulton Paul Bodmin 1922.
- Test Flying 1918-1926 Boblink to Delta By Capt. F.T.C.
- Courtney's Corner Early Test flying By R. T. C. Aernautica
- Cierva Memorial Stamp sent by Spanish Gove to F. T. C. 1948.
- Cartoon by Gen. Ernst ~~Udet~~
- Courtney's Corner "flying in Circles by F. T. C.

World War II and earlier

- Flying Fury
- 1914 Requirement for Aviators
- Certificates

Miscellaneous

- New Yorker's Idea of the U.S.A. - see previous citations
- Note on Mrs. Frank "Ginger" Courtney"

CORRESPONDENCE: Business

To: F. T. Courtney
 From: O. Allen. British Museum Newspaper Library
 Date: December 14 1961

To: F. T. Courtney
 From: Hayden Stone Co., R. Hoyt
 Date: September 14, 1928

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To: F. T. Courtney
From: Saunders-Roe, LTD.,
Date: April 3, 1942.

To: F. T. Courtney
From: Charles E. Parker, Aeronautical Chamber of Commerce of America
Date: October 29, 1934

To: F. T. Courtney
From: Alberto R. Pani
Date: January 4, 1946

To: F. T. Courtney
From: Leighton W. Rogers, Aeronautical Chamber of Commerce of America
Date: October 29, 1934.

To: F. T. Courtney
From: M. Savage, Public Relations Department, Handley Page LTD.
Date: October 13, 1961

To: F. T. Courtney
From: S. A. H. Scuffham, Handley Page LTD.
Date: November 2, 1961

CORRESPONDENCE: Personal

TO: F. T. Courtney
From: J. Cazalou, Morane-Saulnier
Date: Decembere 22, 1960

To: F. T. Courtney
From: Claude Dornier,
Date: December 29, 1960

To: F. T. Courtney
From: Sir Geoffrey De Havilland
Date: February 8, 1956

To: F. T. Courtney
From: Robert Morane
Date: March 11, 1961

To: F. T. Courtney
From: Robert Morane
Date: December 21, 1969

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To: F. T. Courtney
From: Robert Morane
Date: January 28, 1966

To: F. T. Courtney
From: Viscount Portal
Date: February 12, 1961

To: F. T. Courtney
From: C. Grahame White
Date: July 12, 1950

DIARIES: Xerox material

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Diary January 1923-January 1924

Record of flights 1925-1942

Pilots Log (Europe and U. S. A.) 1930-1938

Steele's Aid to Pilots 1944-1946

Aid to Pilots 1942-1943

MANUSCRIPTS:

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Manuscript: "The Eighth Sea" (?)

one original

One xerox copy

MEMORABILIA:

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One trophy Cocktail Shaker (Miami-Cleveland Race, 1929)

One souvenir Parking label (R.A.F. Display, Hendon, England, 1937)

"Quiet Birdman" membership plate, No. 1925, 1923

Licenses issued to F. T. C. (xeroxed) (The Royal Aero Club of the United Kingdom, 1914, 1922, Royal Aero Club, U.S.A. 1929)

Two regimental Ties, R.F.C. and R.A.F.

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Atlantic - 1927

Calshot, 1927, Dornier Seaplane (6 photos)

Atlantic - 1928

Dornier 'Wal' after burned out (3 photos and 2 negatives)

See Albums for Transatlantic Attempt

Dornier 'Wal' on test in River at Risa, Italy

"Minnewaska" to rescue 1928, (1 negative and photo)

"Minnewaska" approaching

Courtney's plane salvaged by S.S. Valprato, August 5, 1938

Taking off in Harbor 1928, Horta, Faial Azores

N. Y. City Hall reception for rescued crew of Dornier "wal"

On N. Y. City official reception boat in N.Y. harbor

Personal-Aviation

Frank T. Courtney Portraits

Uniform 1925 RAF

1930 (2 photos)

1928

Seattle 1948 (2 photos)

W.W.II

1959

1935

"Ginger Courtney 1931 New York

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Personal - Aviation
Singer and Frank Courtney

. 1934

. 1932

. 1942

. 1943

. 1952

. F.T. C. with William B. Stout, designer of Ford Trimotor 1955

Trip to Spain 1921

. Group at Lasarte Aerodrome

. Approaching Dover on the way home by rail and sea.

. Walking down towards Burgos Cathedral 1931

. At San Sebastian in route to Madrid 1921.

. F. T. C. with PB4 Y2 (Privateer) 1945

. With ' Jack Allard's " Travel Air at N. Beach Airport

Personal - Non Aviation

. Annie Sullivan Courtney (mother)

. Capt. Thomas Sullivan Courtney 1945 (brother)

. Capt. Thomas Sullivan Courtney 1944 France (Brother)

. Frank Courtney, New York 1930

. Frank Courtney, Small portraits, London, 1939

Pioneer Airplanes 1919 and on

. 1919 Pioneer Lond-Paris, de Havilland passenger transport by F.T.C.

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Pioneer Airplanes 1919 and on

- . 1920 D. H. 13 - Napier Lion Engine By F. T. C.
- . 1919 D. H. 16 1st Tested by F. T. C. at Hendon'
- . 1921 D.H.29
- . 1922 D. H. 34 Napier Engine by F. T. C. (2 copies)
- . 1925 D. H. 54 Rolls Royce Condor Engine
- . 1926 Vickers Vulcan - Tested on London Paris Air Service.
- . 1927 Handley - Page "Hannibal" Vickers Air Lines - Croydon to Paris air line service By F. T. c.
- . 1927 Hannibal Air lines

Racing

- . Frank Courtney with King George VI and various celebrities at flying meet at England (2 copies, different views)
- . Frank Courtney and King George VI , Kings Cup Race 1923
- . Duke of Lutherland presenting Cup to sir John Siddeley, winning Siskin plane.
- . Siskin MK2 G-EBeu at King Cup Race 1922
- . King's Cup won by F. T. C. 1923
- . Courtney with Siddeley "Siskin"

London-Aerial Derby 1920

- . Crash after winning race (2 copies)
- . Courtney with Martinsyde Sem. (untested)
- . At Cleveland Air Race 1929

Test Flying

- . Fokker S-3 Trainer by F. T. C. at Amsterdam 1924
- . "Centaur" prototype Central Aircraft co. London, 1919

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Test Flying

- Brennan Helicopter, Farnborough (3 copies)
- R. E. (1917) Experimental plane 1921 of Royal Aircraft Factory flown by F. T. C.
- Boulton Paul Ltd. Norwich, England 1920
- Curtiss Wright - Courtney Amphibian Prod. Model 1936
- Curtiss Condor or redesigned by F. T. C. 1930
- Curtis - B. Helicopter 1930
- Curtiss- Wright - Courtney (Junior) with Walter Buck and Casey Jones
- Curtiss- Wright "Junior" seaplane 1930
- Altas 1924
- Siddeley Siskin Hendon Air Display
- Experimental 2-seat trainer version of "Siskin" fighter Bv. F. T. C.
- The ~~Spa~~
- Armstrong - Whilworth "Siskin" III Fighter 1924-1925
- Armstrong - Whilworth "Siskin" III Fighter "Wolf" research biplane by F. T. C.
- Hawker Aircraft 1923 (2 copies)
- T. E. Saunter and Co. (later saunders, Roe experimental seaplanes tested by Frank T. C. 1923&1938 F. T. c. in Convain Navv
- "Privatia" PB4y2 1945

Cierva Autogiro

- Cierva Sir Samuel Hoore Our Minister. Courtney
- Prestating rotor by pulling cable, Farnborough 1925
- F. T. C. Flying early aerligero 1925

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Test Flying

Cierva Autogiro

- Coming in after test flight 1925
- Winding Card around blades to pre-start rotor 1925
- F. T. C. flying early autogiro 1925
- F. T. C. and Juan de la Cierva
- Autogiro Crash 1927 Humble, England (2 copies)
- Spanish Built Autogiro, Madrid 1927

Seaplanes

- Courtney Amphibian (Article, photos (Neg. 5044)
- New Curtiss = Wright Amphibian undergoing flight tests
- Oil tank of Curtiss-Wright Courtney Amphibian
- Engine Installation of Courtney Amphibian

World War I and Earlier

See Album also #1 and #2

- Capt. F. T. c. Commanding "B" Flight no. 45 Squadron R. E. C. Ste. Marie Copelle, Fr. 1917
- F. T. C., R.F. G. Test pilot 1916
- Claude Graham White
- Sr. Pilot Ftc. No. 3 squadron R. F. C., F. e. f. Orudhah, France, 1915
- F. T. C. Hendon, 1914 Weber, Percy Robinson, O.E. Barrs
- Grahame - White Boxkite on which F. T. c. learned to flying 1914

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Miscellaneous

- F. T. c. demonstrating "Siskin" in Rumania 1924 Baniasa military flying field.
- 1931 gathering
- The Curtiss celebration
- Phoenix 1955 (Ginger, F. T. C.)
- North holt Airdome, where F. T. C. was stationed as fighting Instructor, 1917-1918.

Various noted flying friends

- F. F. Min Chin (?)
- With Sir Richard Orcherley and F.T.C. San Diego, 1954
- Tex Rawkin and Bradley Woolman and F.T.C. 1946
- Lorning Amphibian Washington D. C. 1928 (Mrs. Chamberlin, Clarence Chamberlin, F.T.C. and two unidentified)
- Stanley Vincent 1943 (Air Comodore)
- Sire W. S. Brancher (Vice-Marshal)
- Leslie Foot and Wife Lorraine
- "Honey Bee" built by Bill Chana (Convair) 1954 private sales (2 copies)

Misc. photos of some historic interest

- Handraf Helicopter Gardena 1946
- Hatfield Aerodrome Herfordshire (four copies)
- Bristol Box kite 1913
- Tony Fokker in his copy of Morane
- D. H. 10, Hendon, 1920
- Swedish fighter flown by F.T.C. at Malnistatt Army Air Station near Livkoping, Sweden, 1924

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Miscellaneous (some of which are reproductions)

- ' Maurice Farman 1913-1917 (3 copies)
- ' Roosevelt Field, Mincola, New York 1934
- ' F. T. C. Looping (neg. No. 5043)
- ' Unidentified Group (neg. No. 5042)
- ' Plane Crash (Neg. No. 5041)
- ' Plane (neg. 5040)
- ' Frankie, Lourey, Artie October 1898 (Neg. No. 5046)
- ' Frank T. Courtney, three years old (neg. NO. 5048)
- ' Capt C. flying a baby plane "Pixie" (neg. NO. 5047)
- ' Aerial Derby, Winning Crashin July 24, 1920 Neg. No. 5046)
- ' Liberty - engined D. H.9a (5049)
- ' Airplane (neg. No. 5050) ?
- ' I. Be. S. Meeting Los Angles 1950
- ' F. T. C. Grover, Loening, Perc Naville, Vave Breese, Jimmy Addams.
- ' F. T. C. introducing, Grover Loening (I. Be. S.)
- ' Group I. Be. S. Meeting L. A. 1950.
- ' F.T.C. with BoAc Staff, Seattle, 1949.

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PHOTO ALBUMSS

- Album #1 1916-1917
- Album #2 1916-1919
- Album #3 Iapland 1924
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Early Aviation 1919-1924
Mexico 1926

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- Album #4 England 1936-1939
U.S.A. 1938-1941
- Album #5 Misc., U. S. A., England, etc. 1923-1936
- Album #6 Miscellaneous 1941 and on
- Album - unnumbered Trans-Atlantic Attempt 1928

SOUVENIR DOCUMENT, (Assorted):

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- Production drawings of Sopwith Pup (1916)
- Boeing "Stratocruiser" specification (1947) With ECAC techn Rep's to F.T.C.
- two U. S. Patents issued to F.T.C.
- One National Advisory Committee Aeronautics Report (1940) in a subject initiated with Dr. George Lewis by F.T.C.
- One report (R.A.E. Farnborough March 1947) on history of RAE
- a One Cross and Cockade Magazine with record of F.T. C.
- One envelope with drawings and correspondence connected with F. T. C's Test Flying work for Armstrong Siddeley Aircraft Company
- One membership certificate F. T. C., American Aviation Historical Society
- One membership certificate, F.T.C. "Early Birds"
- One membership certificate, F. T. C. I. Ae. S.

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TAPE:

Frank T. Courtney Interview with Dr. Gene M. Gressley

WRITINGS:

DB
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- AERONAUTICA , five articles written by Frank T. Courtney for the I.Ae.S. Historical Journal (3 or 4 missing)
- AVIATION, "Flying Versus Transportation" July 1931 By Frank T. Courtney

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"A Half Century of Fighter Plane Development" Status of Developments
at Cessation of Hostilities - 1918 By Frank T. Courtney (Paper
given at Symposium of Historical Associates, Los Angeles, October 1968

"Spins and Things" AERONAUTICS, November 1961 By Frank T. Courtney.

(Signed)

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PHOTOGRAPH: PHOTO

A 4X5 black and white glossy of Captain Frank T. Courtney, standing by a 1910 Demoiselle Replica. Sunday, May 16, 1976. Restrictions: the photo is not for publication without written permission, and must be credited to Warren D. Shipp.

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