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## **The Descriptive Finding Guide for the Almerian R. Boileau Personal Papers SDASM.SC.10019-O/S**

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**Title:** Almerian R. Boileau Personal Papers

**Identifier/Call Number:** SDASM.SC.10019-O/S

**Contributing Institution:** San Diego Air and Space Museum Library and Archives

**Language of Material:** English

**Physical Description:** 0.6 Cubic feet There are five different sized boxes. One box holds the majority of the collection, and its measurements are 15 ¼ x 10 ¼ x 5 inches. The other four boxes hold the log books, and their measurements are 9 ¾ x 6 ½ x 1 ½ inches

**Date (inclusive):** 1904-2000

**Abstract:** Almerian (Al) Robinson Boileau graduated from the US Naval Academy in 1926. He ranked up from ensign to lieutenant junior grade to commander. He received his wings in 1929. He was involved in Naval Aviation for several years.

**Conditions Governing Access note**

The collection is open to researchers by appointment.

**Conditions Governing Use note**

Some copyright may be reserved. Consult with the library director for more information.

**Immediate Source of Acquisition note**

The materials in this collection were donated to the San Diego Air and Space Museum.

**Preferred Citation note**

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**Biographical/Historical note**

Almerian (Al) Robinson Boileau graduated from the US Naval Academy in 1926. He ranked up from ensign to lieutenant junior grade to commander. He received his wings in 1929. He flew on the Navy's first converted aircraft carrier, the USS Langley, and the first real aircraft carrier, the USS Lexington. He toured the Panama Canal Zone, but his health deteriorated due to poor diet and he was forced to stop flying. From this point forward, Boileau remained out of the air for the rest of his 22-year Navy career. He then began to study atmosphere and visibility as a physics researcher at the University of California (Berkeley). Around 1967, Boileau got his private license, and began to teach his wife Laura Little how to fly. Both Boileau and Little also got their commercial licenses. Little was an adept pilot which enabled her to enter the Powder Puff Derby.

Almerian Boileau passed away December 26, 2000 at 96 years old. The collection contains many photographs, orders, booklets, identification papers, certificates, logbooks, and scrolls. The collection – organized by material type – covers Boileau's life experiences.

This collection includes uniform artifacts that are in curatorial's possession. It also includes logbooks that are separated from this collection (LB 286A – LB 286C, LB 287A – LB 287I).

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 <https://www.flickr.com/photos/sdasmarchives/albums/72157634376177679>

**Subjects and Indexing Terms**

Boileau , Almerian R. Boileau , 1904-2000

United States Naval Academy.

Naval Aviation

Powder Puff Derby

USS Langley (CV-1)

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**Box 1 of 5**

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**Folder 1 - Identification, Licenses, Permits**

**Physical Description:** This folder contains the Al Boileau's American and Panamanian licenses and permits. There is an American passport, a booklet for certificate of vaccinations, an international driving permit. Not included in this folder are the licenses and permits of Laura T. Little, Al Boileau's wife. The first black logbook in Series II Subseries 2 contains an envelope with all the information she carried with her.

**Folder 2 - Orders, Telegram, class list**

**Physical Description:** This folder contains a telegram, a list of the class of 1926 US Naval Academy graduates that were still alive on June 12, 1997, and several orders from the U.S. Naval Air Station in San Diego, CA, and the Navy Department Bureau of Navigation.

**Folder 3 - Articles**

**Physical Description:** 1. (Laminated newspaper & scanned) - Bob Redding "Boileau: He's no spring chicken, but he still flies," San Diego Union, c.1987. 2. "Lieut. Almerian Boileau, Flyer in Naval Squadron Tells of Life in Canal Zone," The Steuben Courier, Bath, New York, February 19, 1932.

**Folder 4 - Certificates**

**Physical Description:** 1. Certificate for becoming an Ensign, June 3, 1926. 2. Certificate for the Golden Anniversary of Al Boileau, presented May 22, 1976 by the U.S. Naval Academy and the U.S.N.A. Alumni Association. 3. Certificate honoring A.R. Boileau as a Golden Wings member, presented in 1928 by the Silver Wings Fraternity of San Diego for Boileau's first solo in a powered aircraft. 4. Certificate awarding Al Boileau for becoming a member of the United Flying Octogenarians, attesting that he flew as a pilot in command after he turned 80 years old, January 12, 1987.

**Folder 5 - Scrapbook**

**Physical Description:** In this folder is a scrapbook of Boileau's projects and achievements, created by his coworkers at VisLab. There are several photographs of instruments, aircraft, and Boileau, all of them paired with entertaining captions.

**Folder 6 - U.S. Naval Academy class of 1926 and class of 1926 in 1947 Booklets**

**Physical Description:** 1. "Present or Accounted For" - The Class of 1926. 2. "21 Years After" - Class of 1926, U.S.N.A., June, 1941.

**Folder 7 - Booklet of the U.S. Naval Academy class of 1926 in 1932 and the 1947 Booklet supplement**

**Physical Description:** 1. "Supplement to '21 years after,'" Class of 1926, U.S.N.A., April, 1956. 2. "The Bulletin - Class of Nineteen Twenty-Six, United States Naval Academy," December, 1932.

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### Folder 8 - Photographs

**Physical Description:** This folder contains several dozen photographs of Boileau in uniform, pictures with his classmates and peers, graduation and ceremonial pictures, aerial and shipside photographs, and a few of Boileau in Panama.

### Items - Scrolls

**Physical Description:** There are four scrolls. Two of the photographs are of Boileau's class at the U.S.N.A. One of the photographs is a ceremony of the graduates from the U.S.N.A. in Annapolis, Maryland, in 1926. The fourth scroll is an aerial view picture of the U.S.N.A. facilities in Annapolis, Maryland.

### Boxes 2-5 of 5

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#### Subseries 1: Al Boileau's Logbooks (LB 287A-286I)

**Physical Description:** 1. Orange-brown Aviator's Flight Logbook; Ensign; July, 1926 - July, 1930. 2. Bronze; Lt. (jg) Aviator's Flight Logbook; July, 1930 - February, 1932. 3. Red Steele Pilot's Logbook; May, 1967 - July, 1971. 4. The Standard Pilot Logbook; July, 1971 - May, 1973. 5. The Standard Pilot Logbook; May, 1973 - May, 1975. 6. The Standard Pilot Logbook; June, 1975 - December, 1977. 7. The Standard Pilot Logbook; December, 1977 - July, 1981. 8. The Standard Pilot Logbook; July, 1981 - October, 1988. 9. The Standard Pilot Logbook; October, 1988 - October, 1992.

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#### Subseries 2: Laura T. Little's Logbooks (LB 286A-286C)

**Physical Description:** 1. Black; July, 1969 - February, 1973. 2. Red; March, 1973 - July, 1987. 3. Black (peeled); July, 1987 - November, 1992.

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#### Series III: Oversized Certificates (removed and placed with Special Collections Oversize Materials)

**Physical Description:** 1. Certificate for becoming a Lieutenant junior grade. 2. Certificate for becoming a midshipman.

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#### Series IV: Artifacts (removed and transferred to the Curatorial Department)

**Physical Description:** 1. 4 Commander (silver) pins. 2. 2 gold cufflinks. 3. 1 pearl jacket button. 4. 1 dual sided jacket button. 5. 1 metal officer wristband.