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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Ouachita Baptist University Library
<b>Title</b>	Fred W. Litton papers
<b>Date</b>	1912-1919
<b>Extent</b>	0.5 Cubic feet (1 archive box)
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Language of Materials</b>	English
<b>Mixed materials [Box]</b>	1

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## **Biographical Historical Note**

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Fred W. Litton of Prescott, Arkansas, was born February 26, 1896, to Charles H. and Lela W. Litton. He joined the Navy during World War I (WWI) and his service included about six months as an aerial machine gunner on a seaplane patrolling the Atlantic for submarines. Litton died while training in Pensacola, Florida, when a blood vessel exploded in his head during a high-altitude flight. According to the Arkansas Gazette, Litton's entire hometown honored him following his death: "All Business Houses Closed at Prescott During Ensign's Funeral." The local papers stated that he "was of sterling character and was held in the highest esteem by all who knew him." He was buried in De Ann Cemetery, Nevada County's largest cemetery. Litton's name was included on the War Memorial erected in Prescott, Arkansas, on November 5, 1950, by the American Legion and citizens of Nevada County.

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## **Scope and Content**

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This collection includes a Prescott High School football team picture, "1912-1914," as well as a "Bluejacket's Manual" and several World War I - era airplane mechanics manuals. Photographs and correspondence are also included. There are small Christian Science scripture and literature books as well.

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## **Administrative Information**

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### **Publication Information**

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Correspondence

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## Collection Inventory

### Correspondence

Letters to Fred Litton, 1918-1919

### Notes

Engineer gunner training notebook, with notes by "F.W. Litton: Class 4, Engineer Gunner"

### Printed material

"Mechanics Manual: Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Florida"

Motor handbook drawings (with handwritten notes)

"Chrisian Science Quarterly: Bible Lessons," 1918 August

"Hymns for Male Voices," 1918

"Bluejacket's Manual, United States Navy," 1917

"Hand-Book of the Lewis Machine Gun (Airplane Type): Model 1917-18, Caliber.30"

"Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy, 1918

**Newsclippings and Congress Hotel ribbon**

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**Photographs**

Prescott High School football team "1912-1914"

Unidentified woman

Unidentified sailor in uniform

Three sailors in uniform