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## Finding Aid for *Bulaero* Magazine, 1943-1945

### Collection Overview

**Title:** *Bulaero*

**Dates:** 1943-1945

**ID:** BM

**Primary Creator:** Curtiss-Wright Technical Institute

**Extent:** 0.62 linear feet, 2 boxes

**Arrangement:** This collection is arranged chronologically.

**Forms of Material:** Paper Records

**Language of materials:** English

### Abstract

*Bulaero* magazine was published for distribution to employees, instructors, and students connected with Glendale area flight schools, Grand Central Airport, and local aviation industry workers during World War II. It provides insight into the Glendale and greater Los Angeles aviation industry during wartime, and includes information and many images featuring specific individuals engaged in this area of industry.

### Administrative History

Curtiss-Wright Technical Institute was a professional trade school started by aircraft manufacturer Curtiss-Wright in Glendale. It was later associated with a group of aviation training schools comprised of Aircraft Industries Co., Cal-Aero Academy, Mira Loma Flight Academy, Polaris Flight Academy and Aero Commissary Co. The school's director Major C.C. Moseley was one of a small number of flight school directors that set the national standards for civilian pilot training. The Institute was located in the Grand Central Air Terminal in Glendale and served as a major training facility during World War II. After the war, the Institute merged with other entities and became part of Cal-Aero Technical Institute, continuing training of U.S. Air Force pilots. The vocational school closed in 1954 after the U.S. Air Force training contract ended in 1952. The magazine, *Bulaero*, was published under Major C.C. Moseley as President and General Manager, with Harry C. Donoho as Editorial Director.

## Scope and Contents

The *Bulaero* magazine was an official publication of companies associated with aviation schools in the Glendale area. It was generally published monthly, with some issues having combined numbers to create one bimonthly issue. This collection consists of runs of volumes 1 and 2, with some issue numbering discrepancies in volume 2 resulting in two number 4 issues. The publication began with a specific publication date each month, but shifted to a general monthly date convention with the November 1943 issue. The magazine appears to have paused publication in the months between January 1945 and May 1945, picking up publication again after victory in Europe was declared in May. The cover of the first issue is missing.

Magazine content was directed with an eye toward an audience of aviation students and employees of Curtiss-Wright Technical Institute, Cal-Aero Flight Academy, Mira Loma Flight Academy, Polaris Flight Academy, Aircraft Industries Corporation of Glendale, Aero Commissary Company, and Grand Central Airport. The articles often have a playful, irreverent tone that documents World War II era humor and celebrations. Holidays are acknowledged and celebrated with items such as a Christmas dinner menu in a December issue. The magazine retains a generally positive tone throughout its run, and is an example of a World War II morale boosting publication.

Many articles feature content related to specific employees, instructors, and students engaged with the school and related aviation industry activities. Noteworthy happenings in aviation are recorded with articles and photographs related to companies and locations such as Boeing Aircraft Company, War Eagle Field, and Western Air Lines Incorporated, formerly Western Air Express. Although famous visitors are noted, with actress Martha Vickers featured on one cover, the focus of the magazine is on the local individuals working in the aviation industry. Articles and photographs of local events and happenings, like an article on a local Cub Scout Pack sponsored by Grand Central Airport, include a wealth of information on specific Glendale individuals.

*Bulaero* is foldered by individual issue numbers. These issues are arranged chronologically by date. The entire collection consists of photocopied originals.

## Subjects/Access Terms

**Corporate Name(s):** Curtiss-Wright Technical Institute

Aircraft Industries Co.

Cal-Aero Academy

Mira Loma Flight Academy

Polaris Flight Academy

Aero Commissary Co.

**Topical Term(s):** Aircraft industry

Aeronautics, Military

Aviation

**Geographic Name(s):** Glendale (Calif.)

Los Angeles County (Calif.)

## Administrative Information

**Processing Information:** Mallory Furnier, 2019

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**Conditions Governing Access:** The collection is open for research use.

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**Acquisition:** Unknown

## Collection Contents

### Box 1

- Folder 1:** *Bulaero* volume 1, number 1, 1943 July 1
- Folder 2:** *Bulaero* volume 1, number 2, 1943 August 1
- Folder 3:** *Bulaero* volume 1, number 3, 1943 September 1
- Folder 4:** *Bulaero* volume 1, number 4, 1943 October 1
- Folder 5:** *Bulaero* volume 1, number 5, November 1943
- Folder 6:** *Bulaero* volume 1, number 6, December 1943
- Folder 7:** *Bulaero* volume 1, number 7, January 1944
- Folder 8:** *Bulaero* volume 1, number 8, February 1944
- Folder 9:** *Bulaero* volume 1, number 9, March 1944
- Folder 10:** *Bulaero* volume 1, number 10, April 1944
- Folder 11:** *Bulaero* volume 1, number 11, May 1944
- Folder 12:** *Bulaero* volume 1, number 12, June 1944
- Folder 13:** *Bulaero* volume 2, number 1, July 1944
- Folder 14:** *Bulaero* volume 2, number 2, August 1944
- Folder 15:** *Bulaero* volume 2, number 3, September 1944
- Folder 16:** *Bulaero* volume 2, number 4, October-November 1944
- Folder 17:** *Bulaero* volume 2, number 4, December 1944-January 1945
- Folder 18:** *Bulaero* volume 2, number 5, May 1945

### Box 2

- Folder 1:** *Bulaero* volume 2, number 6, June 1945
- Folder 2:** *Bulaero* volume 2, numbers 7-8, July-August 1945
- Folder 3:** *Bulaero* volume 2, numbers 9-10, September-October 1945
- Folder 4:** *Bulaero* volume 2, numbers 11-12, November-December 1945