

Guide to the Egbert Green Aviation Collection

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COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

This collection contains aviation documents belonging to Egbert T. Green between 1940 and 1944. During this time, Green was enrolled in the U. S. Civil Training Program and subsequently became an instructor in the U. S. War Training Service.

In 1939, the newly created U. S. Civil Aeronautical Administration (CAA) began the Civil Pilots Training program (CPT) to train pilots for the growing commercial air transport industry, and, with war likely, for the military. The CAA contracted with colleges to provide both ground school and basic flight training to qualified students. Cornell University was one of the initial institutions to contract with the CAA to provide a flight training program. Cornell conducted the ground school on campus and contracted with the Ithaca Flying Service to provide flight training. The Flying Service operated out of the Ithaca Airport, located at the south end of Cayuga Lake.

In the fall semester of 1940, having finished ground school, Egbert Green enrolled in the CPT primary flight course. In December 1941, he was awarded his Private Pilot Certificate.

In December 1942, the CPT program was renamed the War Training Service (WTS). With the change of the program to focus on war training, the Cornell program was dedicated to providing pilots for the U.S. Navy.

Between March 1942 and August 1944, Green's logs show that he flew over 1,200 hours as an instructor. In July 1943, he became Chief Pilot for the Ithaca WTS, and, at the program's peak, supervised 27 flight instructors and almost 100 students. All WTS flight programs were discontinued in mid-1944, and, thereafter, military flight training was conducted by military personnel at U. S. Army or Navy facilities. After completing the Navy's flight instructor programs, he was promoted to the rank of ensign. In September 1945, he ferried a Stearman N2S

trainer to be mothballed and returned to his base by train. This was the last time he ever flew in an airplane, either as a pilot or passenger.

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