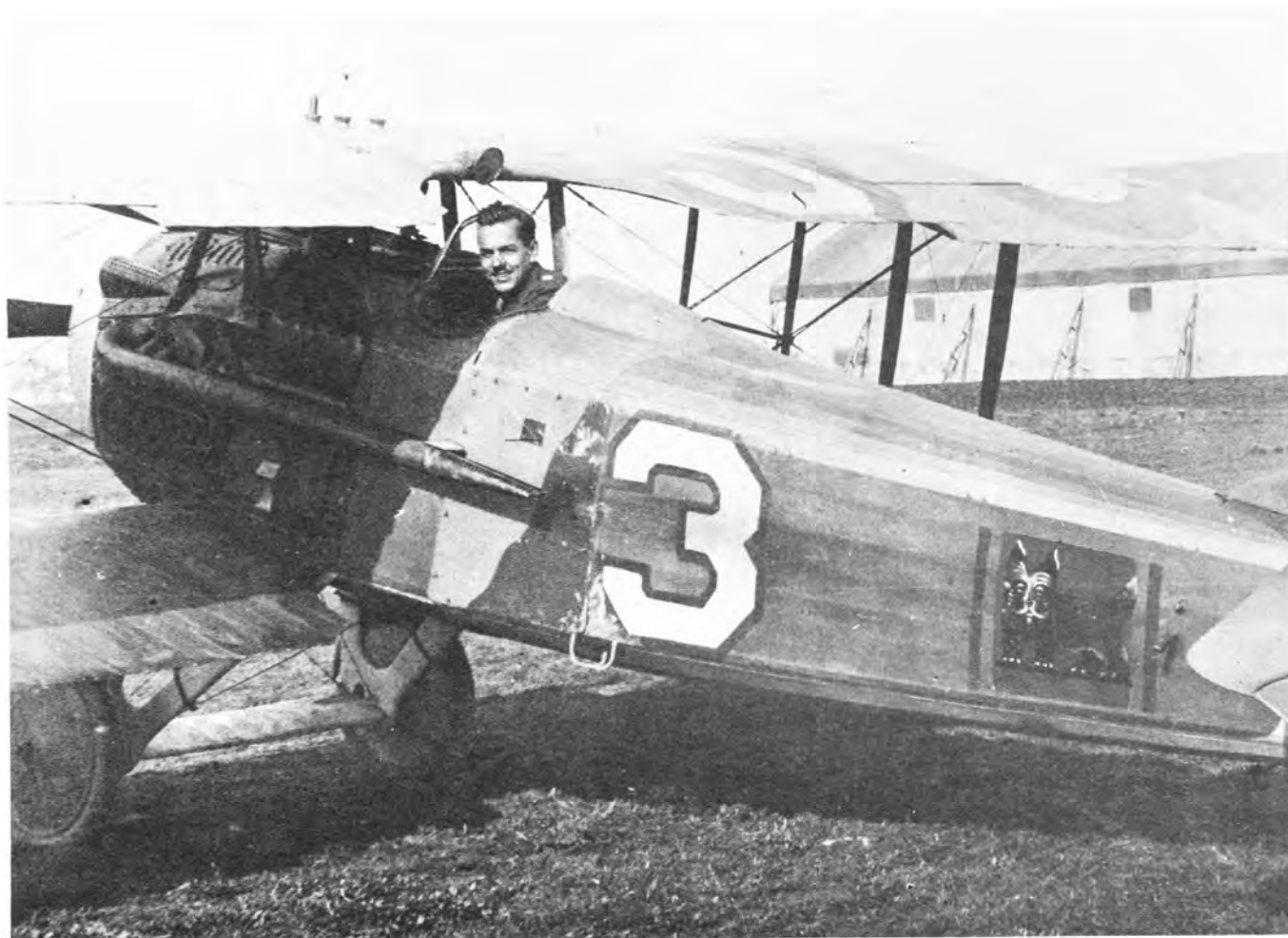




Capt George A. S. Robertson in cockpit of Spad XIII with insignia of 147th Aero Squadron on rear of the fuselage.

WORLD WAR I - PHOTO ALBUM

Contributed by J. P. KENNEDY



Lt James Meissner, 94th Aero Squadron, with Nieuport 28 bearing war bond poster on its lower right wing.

While researching for an article on Lt Frederick W. Niedermeyer, Jack Kennedy was informed that a former member of the "Lafayette Squadron" was residing in his town, Columbia, Missouri. Investigation proved that the man, George A. S. Robertson, had been a member of the 147th Aero Squadron in World War I and that he had passed away in 1939. However, his widow still retained two of his scrapbooks and when contacted she offered to make these available for copying.

The scrapbooks contained a number of photos but all were uncaptioned. More research was needed. Identification of the squadron recalled that a book on it, WHO SAID RATS by Kenneth Clendenin, had been reviewed in the JOURNAL. Mr. Clendenin was contacted and was able to give some helpful information. More help came from Mr. Royal D. Frey of the Air Force Museum who made identification of several men and places in the photos.

Mr. Robertson, then a Captain, had served with the 147th Aero Squadron in 1918, had suffered two crashes and had been credited with one enemy aircraft victory. Of considerable interest in two of the photos was the evidence that war bond posters had come into the possession of some units and had in some cases been affixed to the wings of their planes. It is thought that this was more of a fad than anything else.

A.A.H.S. JOURNAL



Lt George G. Willard, 147th Aero, and Nieuport 28 with war bond poster on left wing.



Lt Eddie Rickenbacker and Spad XIII with red, white and blue center-star-and-circle design on wheel covers.



De Havilland DH-4 with same center-star-and-circle design on wheel covers and just under the propeller hub.



Lt George A. S. Robertson in front of Nieuport 28 in France sometime during 1918.



147th Operations Office: Lt Tyler C. Bronson, Sgt Mueller, Lt Tracy Walker and Lt Edwin T. Harmon (l to r).