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Manuscript of *Ace of the Iron Cross*, 1970.

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Ernst Udet was German flying ace during World War I. His sixty-two confirmed kills ranked him second only to Manfred Albrecht *Freiherr* von Richthofen (also known as "The Red Baron"). He later served as a general in the Luftwaffe, but committed suicide in 1941, partly as a result of Hermann Göring's attempts to make him a scapegoat for the Luftwaffe's defeat in the Battle of Britain.

The collection contains a foundry proof (publishing term for a proof pulled for final checking before printing plates are made) of the manuscript of the 1970 edition of Ernst Udet's autobiography *Ace of the Iron Cross*. This book was originally published in German under the title *Mein Fliegerleben* in 1935. It was later translated into English by Kenneth Kirkness and published under the title *Ace of the Black Cross* in 1938. Renewed interest in World War I aviation resulted in Doubleday and Company, Inc.'s publishing of the 1970 edition, which was translated by Richard Rien and edited by Stanley Ulanoff. Each page of the proof is 24" x 6" and contains what would become three individual pages of the finished book. Many of the pages include proofreader's notes, which were written in red pencil.

SUBJECTS

Names:

Udet, Ernst, 1896-1941.

Titles:

Ace of the Iron Cross.

Subjects:

Aeronautics, Military--Germany--History--World War, 1914-1918.

Air Pilots--Germany--Biography

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World War I, 1914-1918--Personal narratives, German

Places:

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Box and Folder Listing

<u>Box/ Folder</u>	<u>Description</u>
1-1	Manuscript (foundry proof) of <i>Ace of the Iron Cross</i> , pages i-xviii, 1970.
1-2	Manuscript (foundry proof) of <i>Ace of the Iron Cross</i> , pages 1-45, 1970.
1-3	Manuscript (foundry proof) of <i>Ace of the Iron Cross</i> , pages 46-90, 1970.
1-4	Manuscript (foundry proof) of <i>Ace of the Iron Cross</i> , pages 91-135, 1970.
1-5	Manuscript (foundry proof) of <i>Ace of the Iron Cross</i> , pages 136-178, 1970.
1-6	Manuscript (foundry proof) of <i>Ace of the Iron Cross</i> , pages 179-215, 1970.