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Aerial Bomb Division, Marlin-Rockwell Corporation Photograph Album

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	Aerial Bomb Division, Marlin-Rockwell Corporation Photograph Album
Identifier:	NASM.1991.0090
Date:	1918
Creator:	Marlin-Rockwell Corporation
Extent:	0.13 Cubic feet (1 flat box)
Language:	English .
Summary:	<p>Marlin-Rockwell Corporation of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania produced various aerial bombs and aircraft machine guns under contract for the US Army Air Service during World War I. This collection contains a photograph album documenting the Aerial Bomb Division of the company including exterior views of the building and images of men and women at work.</p> <p>This collection is in English.</p>
Digital Content:	Image(s): Aerial Bomb Division, Marlin-Rockwell Corporation Photograph Album

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

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Processing Information

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Biographical / Historical

Marlin-Rockwell Corporation of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania was awarded a contract by the US Army Air Service, American Expeditionary Force (AEF) in June 1917 to produce 5,000 Barlow-type aerial bombs. The order was increased to 28,000 by April 1918 before being canceled in June 1918 after 9,000 were produced due to production delays because of modifications needed with the firing mechanism. The company was also awarded a contract to produce Mark II type demolition bombs in December 1917 and produced more than 36,000 by November 1918. The company also produced a large number of aircraft machine guns under various contracts for the US Army Air Service during World War I.

Scope and Contents

This photograph album contains twenty-one 8 by 10 inch black and white photographs of the Aerial Bomb Division of Marlin-Rockwell Corporation taken in 1918. The photographs show the following: exterior views of the buildings; interior views showing both men and women working and shipping the bombs; and close-up views of the different aerial bombs and parts produced by the company. The last photograph in the album shows employees at a Liberty Bonds assembly.

Arrangement

Collection is in original order.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

- Aeronautics
- Bombing, Aerial
- World War, 1914-1918

Types of Materials:

- Photograph albums