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## Paul Ernst World War I Photograph Album

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	National Air and Space Museum Archives
<b>Title:</b>	Paul Ernst World War I Photograph Album
<b>Date:</b>	1916-1918
<b>Identifier:</b>	NASM.2004.0030
<b>Creator:</b>	Ernst, Paul.
<b>Extent:</b>	0.66 Cubic feet (1 box)
<b>Language:</b>	Most of the collection is in German, but there is a leaflet in the scrapbook that is in printed in Hungarian, Croatian, and Czech.
<b>Summary:</b>	This collection consists of a scrapbook documenting all aspects of an Austro-Hungarian officer's experience on the Eastern and South Tyrol Fronts of World War I. It includes photographs as well as maps.

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Estate of Gertrud Ernst, Gift, 2004, NASM.2004.0030

### Processing Information

Arranged and described by Kate Igoe, 2004. Encoded by Jessamyn Lloyd, 2019.

### Preferred Citation

Paul Ernst World War I Photograph Album, NASM.2004.0030, National Air and Space Museum, Smithsonian Institution.

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## Biographical / Historical

Paul Ernst flew as an observer for the the Austro-Hungarian Army in World War I. His unit, Fliegerkompagnie 27, served on the Russian Front from June 1916 to December 1917. From March to October of 1918, Flik 27 flew on the South Tyrol front. Dr. Paul Ernst later taught at the Department of Applied Physics at the University at Glasgow, Scotland and in 1946 came to the United States, where he began work at Aberdeen Proving Ground

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## Scope and Contents

This scrapbook includes images of all aspects of an Austro-Hungarian officer's experience on the Eastern and South Tyrol Fronts of World War I. Photographs include images of such cities as Trieste and Venice, of informal celebrations, life in the field, artillery, a lighter than air hangar used for the assembly of heavier than air craft, aircraft wrecks, war dead and executions of soldiers, as well as air to air images of World War I aircraft and several of a laboratory with wind tunnel. Aircraft featured in the scrapbook include the Albatros B.I, Aviatik B.II, Aviatik B.III, Aviatik triplane fighter, Brandenburg C.I (U), Brandenburg D.I (Ph), Brandenburg G.I, Brandenburg KD, Fokker A.III, Knoller B.I (Th), Lloyd triplane bomber (Type LK 1), Lohner B.I, Oeffag C.I, Phonix C.I, Rumpler B.I and Von Mises bomber (Type Gr.I). Also included are maps of the Eastern front and of towns including Kovel, Trojanowka, Loboml and Mielnica.

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## Arrangement

This collection is in original order.

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## Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Albatros B.III
- Aviatik B.II
- Aviatik B.III
- Brandenburg C.I (U)
- Brandenburg D.I (Ph)
- Brandenburg G.I I
- Brandenburg KDW
- Knoller B.I
- Lohner B.I Series 11 Pfeilflieger (Arrow Flyer)
- Oeffag C.II
- Phonix C.1
- Rumpler B.I (Typ 4A)
- World War, 1914-1918
- World War, 1914-1918 -- Aerial operations
- World War, 1914-1918 -- Austria
- World War, 1914-1918 -- Campaigns -- Eastern Front

Types of Materials:

- Maps
- Photographs

## Container Listing

Box 1, Folder 1	[Scrapbook]
Box 1, Folder 2	[Loose Items]