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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	Brodie Landing System Film Collection
Identifier:	NASM.2013.0039
Date:	(bulk 1944-1947)
Extent:	0.15 cubic feet ((4 containers)
Language:	English

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

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Biographical / Historical

The Brodie System included a portable rig for landing and launching light planes from a tight, overhead cableway. It was devised, tested, and named for Lieutenant James H. Brodie, F.A. The U.S. Army and Navy became interested in the Brodie System in the early months of World War II as a means of providing daylight air observation of German U-boat packs preying on U.S. convoys in the North Atlantic.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of the following three 16 mm films: "Brodie Landing System for LST," approximately 20 minutes, color, silent, 1944 Kodachrome stock; "Brodie Landing System for OSS," approximately 22 minute, b&w, sound 1944 Kodak positive stock; and "Brodie Landing System of OSS

(edited)," approximately 18 minutes, b&w, sound, 1944 Kodak positive stock. The collection also included a pamphlet, entitled, "Introducing for Commercial and Private Aviation The Brodie System: A Cable Runway for Landing and Launching Airplanes."

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Aeronautics
Brodie System (Suspended Wire Landing System)

Types of Materials:

Motion pictures (visual works)
Publications