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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	Historical Maps and Aerial Photographs [Gröschel]
Identifier:	NASM.2015.0046
Date:	(bulk 1884-1941)
Extent:	1.46 Cubic Feet ((8 containers))
Creator:	Roth, Dieter, 1930-1998
Language:	English

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Dieter H. M. Gröschel., Gift, 2015

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Scope and Contents

This collection consists of approximately 1.87 cubic feet of historical maps and photographs collected by Dieter Gröschel. The maps, which are various sizes, date from approximately 1884 to 1941 and were produced in Germany, France, and England. They show parts of Russia; Germany; France; Belgium; Holland; Bavaria; and Africa; and many have hand-drawn notations including battle lines, locations of troops, etc. Some of the maps are linen-backed and designed for use in an aircraft. The collection also contains numerous black and white historical photographs including aerial photographs of Germany and France taken in 1917 and 1918; photographs of personnel, facilities, and operations relating to Feldflieger-Abteilung Nr. 5 which date from 1915 to 1918; aerial photographs taken in 1918 of Flanders and Zeebrugge by Karl Keppler and Max Greiner of Fliegerabteilung 291 (A); a French set of 32 black and white aerial photographs on ten pages, with interpretation, used for training observers in World War

I; an unbound German World War I album containing black and white photographs and post cards; and a photo album belonging to a paymaster of the Jagdstaffelschule I during World War I. The album, which measures approximately 14 x 10 inches, is linen-covered and contains photographs of the front-lines in France and Italy; personnel, including members of the Lothringisches Infanterie-Regiment Nr. 144; aircraft, including crashes; and personal family photographs relating to the album's creator. Aircraft depicted in these photographs include an Albatros D Series Fighter and a captured Nieuport fighter. There is also a 3.5 x 5.5 inch color post card dating to 1915 with an illustration of French pre-World War I era infantry looking up at an Etrich Taube (Dove) type aircraft included in the collection. Finally, this collection contains a selection of manuals which includes the following titles: Instructions Concerning Battle Maps, U.S. Army War College, 1917 (Translated from French edition of 1916); List of Conventional Signs and Abbreviations in Use on French and German Maps, compiled by Second Section, General Staff (Topography), American Expeditionary Forces, 1918; Catalogue of Maps, General Staff, American Expeditionary Forces, 1918; List of Places in Argonne-Verdun District with their Locations, Supplement A, General Headquarters, American Expeditionary Forces, November 7, 1918; Notes on Map Reading for Use in Army Schools, His Majesty's Stationery Office, London, 1918; Basic Field Manual, Vol. 1, Chapter 5 - Map and Aerial Photograph Reading, U.S. War Department, 1938; Basic Field Manual, Conventional Signs, Military Symbols, and Abbreviations, U.S. War Department, 1939; Basic Field Manual, Military Intelligence, Military Maps, U.S. War Department, January 6, 1941; Basic Field Manual, Elementary Map and Aerial Photograph Reading, U.S. War Department, April 12, 1941; and Basic Field Manual, Advanced Map and Aerial Photograph Reading, U.S. War Department, September 17, 1941.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Aerial photography
Aeronautics
World War, 1914-1918 -- Aerial operations

Types of Materials:

Manuals
Maps
Photograph albums