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Consolidated Vultee Fort Worth Photograph [Spitler]

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	Consolidated Vultee Fort Worth Photograph [Spitler]
Date:	Circa 1942
Identifier:	NASM.2024.0042
Creator:	United States. Army Air Forces
Extent:	0.02 Cubic feet (1 map folder)
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Summary:	During World War II, Woodhull I. "Woodie" Spitler (1916--2001) served with the US Army Air Force Reserve, assigned as a production engineering officer to the Consolidated Vultee Fort Worth, Air Force Plant 4, also known as the Forth Worth bomber plant. In this capacity, Spitler was engaged in organizing the production line, which is shown in the photograph in this collection.
Digital Content:	Image(s): Consolidated Vultee Fort Worth Photograph [Spitler]

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Douglas Spitler, Gift, 2024, NASM.2024.0042.

Processing Information

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Biographical / Historical

Woodhull I. "Woodie" Spitler (1916--2001) graduated from Purdue University in 1937 with a degree in engineering focused on industrial settings. Spitler worked with Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company on a number of postings,

including assignment to set up the tire plant in Sao Paulo, Brazil. During World War II, Spitler served with the US Army Air Force Reserve, assigned as a production engineering officer to the Consolidated Vultee Fort Worth, Air Force Plant 4, also known as the Fort Worth bomber plant. In this capacity, Spitler was engaged in organizing the production line. After the War, Spitler was involved in a number of business ventures in the Fort Worth area, including organizing Air Accessories, Incorporated which later merged with the TexStar Corporation, subsequently serving as president of TexStar, and founding Airco Industries, Incorporated which later was sold to Cypress Industries in Arkansas.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of a 20 by 16 inch reprint of a US Army Air Force photograph showing the production line at the Consolidated Vultee Fort Worth, Air Force Plant 4 ("Forth Worth bomber plant"). Two lines showing Consolidated B-24 Liberator aircraft in various stages of assembly are visible in the photograph. Some of the aircraft are in coastal patrol markings. Numerous employees, both male and female, can be seen at work.

Arrangement

Collection is a single item.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Aeronautics, Military
- Aircraft industry
- World War, 1939-1945

Names:

- Convair (Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Corp)