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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	Wright/McCook Field Aircraft Project Books
Identifier:	NASM.XXXX.0058
Date:	1917-1926 (bulk 1920-1925)
Extent:	5.45 Cubic feet ((5 records center boxes))
Creator:	United States. Army. Air Service
Language:	English

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

No donor information, Gift, unknown, XXXX-0058, unknown

Restrictions

No restrictions on access

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Biographical / Historical

In 1917 the United States Army Air Service established an aviation engineering section at McCook Field in Dayton, OH. In 1927 the Engineering Division, as it was then known, moved to nearby Wilbur Wright Field and there remained as the Air Force Material Division (AFMD) and Air Material Command (AMC) until Wright Field combined with Patterson Field to become Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in 1948. The Engineering Division was in charge of research and development for the Army Air Services and was a clearinghouse for the Army Air Services on aviation development worldwide.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of the project books for aircraft tested by the Experimental Division in the early 1920s. Most project books contain photostats of the specifications and contracts for these aircraft as well

as Air Service inspection and test reports. The collection also includes an extensive negative collection documenting the project book aircraft.

General

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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:

- Aeronautics
- Aeronautics, Military
- Aeronautics, Military -- Research
- Airplanes -- Design and construction
- Airplanes, Military -- Flight testing

Types of Materials:

- Negatives
- Project files
- Reports

Names:

- McCook Field, Ohio
- United States. Air Force Material Division
- United States. Air Material Command
- United States. Army. Air Service
- Wright Field, Ohio
- Wright-Patterson Air Force Base (Ohio)