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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	Wright/McCook Field Still Photograph Collection
Date:	1918-1971
Identifier:	NASM.XXXX.0172
Creator:	Wright-Patterson Air Force Base (Ohio)
Extent:	899.25 Cubic feet ((825 records center boxes))
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

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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 contains the file of still photographs taken by the Air Force Material Division at McCook Field, Wright Field, and Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. The material consists of over 340,000 black and white and color photographs illustrating the design, development and testing of military aircraft; structural components; and personal, emergency, and survival equipment. The collection also contains documentation of unsatisfactory materials and components, aircraft accident investigations, publicity, and development of McCook Field facilities to the present day Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. The majority of the photos were taken as integral parts of the testing or investigation procedure for inclusion in resulting reports.

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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
- Aircraft accidents
- Aircraft survival equipment
- Airplanes -- Design and construction
- Airplanes, Military -- Flight testing

Types of Materials:

- Photographs

Names:

- McCook Field, Ohio
- United States. Air Force
- United States. Air Force Materiel Division
- United States. Air Materiel Command
- United States. Army Air Forces
- United States. Army. Air Corps
- Wright Field, Ohio
- Wright-Patterson Air Force Base (Ohio)