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William F. Meggers Aerial Photography Collection

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	William F. Meggers Aerial Photography Collection
Identifier:	NASM.XXXX.0280
Date:	1918
Extent:	1.34 cubic feet ((1 records center box) (1 flatbox))
Creator:	Meggers, William F., 1888-1966
Language:	English

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

William Meggers, gift, 1967, XXXX-0280, NASM

Restrictions

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Biographical / Historical

Dr. William F. Meggers (1888 - 1966) was a noted physicist and spectroscopist at the National Bureau of Standards (NBS). In 1918, Meggers conducted a NBS research project on sensitizing glass plates and the effectiveness of certain aerial cameras. The glass plates were aerial shots of the Washington, D.C. area taken from a Fairchild aircraft. The flights were made from Bolling Field and a field near Port Comfort, Virginia. The results from Meggers' study were published in 'The Journal of the Optical Society of American,' 1920.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of one photograph album and glass plates consisting of aerial photography of Washington D.C., 1918. There are also shots of the pilots and the 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:

Cultures:

- Aerial photography
- Aerial photography -- Equipment and supplies
- Spectrum analysis

Types of Materials:

- Aerial Photographs
- Scrapbooks

Names:

- Meggers, William F., 1888-1966
- United States. National Bureau of Standards