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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	Operation Crossroads Scrapbook
Date:	1946
Identifier:	NASM.XXXX.0302
Creator:	United States. Army Air Forces
Extent:	0.83 Cubic feet ((1 flatbox))
Language:	English .
Digital Content:	Image(s): Operation Crossroads Scrapbook

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Col. Donald Putt, Gift, unknown, XXXX-0302, unknown

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No restrictions on access

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Biographical / Historical

Operation Crossroads was an atmospheric nuclear weapon test series conducted in the summer of 1946 at Bikini Atoll in the Marshall Islands. The series consisted of two detonations, a low altitude test and a shallow water test. The series was intended to study the effects of nuclear weapons on warships, equipment, and material.

Scope and Contents

This scrapbook is a photo and documentary history of the Task Group T-2 which was given the responsibility of the overall supervision of the AAF Airborne installation and large part of the photography. It mostly contains what appears to be photograph prints for briefing boards. Included are statistics and supply requirements, charts of types of cameras, film requirements and costs, personnel requirements and costs, personnel involved and the natives of Bikini Atoll. It closes with a series of the five color photographs taken during the tests.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Nuclear weapons
- Nuclear weapons -- Marshall Islands -- Bikini Atoll -- Testing
- Nuclear weapons -- Testing
- Nuclear weapons -- United States
- Operation Crossroads, 1946

Types of Materials:

- Charts
- Financial records
- Photographs
- Scrapbooks

Names:

- United States. Army Air Forces

Places:

- Bikini Atoll (Marshall Islands)