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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	National Air and Space Museum Archives
<b>Title:</b>	Wright Field Technical Documents Library
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<b>Creator:</b>	Wright-Patterson Air Force Base (Ohio)
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<b>Language:</b>	English .

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

United States Air Force Museum, Transfer, 1962, XXXX-0428, unknown

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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 world. Throughout its history the Engineering Division/ Material Division maintained a library of relevant documents, which was turned over to the Air Force Museum at Wright-Patterson and was later donated to the National Air and Space Museum.

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## Scope and Contents

The collection consists of reports and other documents on a variety of aviation-related topics, including general science (aeronautics, physics, chemistry, etc); military air service personnel, organization, and equipment for both US and foreign air forces; as well as operations, and so on. Information on foreign services and equipment is usually from military intelligence reports, although some foreign documents or translations are included. The material also includes a large section of test reports from the Material Division itself.

## 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, Military -- Flight testing
- Military intelligence

### Types of Materials:

- Correspondence
- Photographs
- Publications
- Reports

### Names:

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