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Collection Overview

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| Repository: | National Air and Space Museum Archives |
| Title: | Adlershof R-Plane Drawings |
| Date: | [ca. 1918] |
| Identifier: | NASM.XXXX.0541 |
| Extent: | 0.1 Cubic feet ((1 oversized folder)) |
| Language: | German . |

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Unknown, possibly USAF Museum, unknown, XXXX-0541, Unknown

Restrictions

No restrictions on access

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Biographical / Historical

The R-planes of World War I were German giant bombers - the largest aircraft of World War I. The 'R' was an abbreviation for 'Riesenflugzeug,' which meant 'giant aircraft.' The R-plane was conceived as a long-range strategic weapon for attacking objectives deep within enemy territory. The aircraft were only produced in small numbers.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of ten linen drawings and two microfilm drawings of the Adlershof R-Planes. Six of the drawings depict a twin fuselage configuration. The drawings originated at Adlershof, Germany, but there is no other information on these drawings.

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:

- Adlershof R-plane projects
- Aeronautics
- Aeronautics, Military
- Aircraft drafting
- Riesenflugzeug
- Siemens-Schuckert Steffen R-Planes
- World War, 1914-1918
- Zeppelin-Staaken R-Plane Projects

Types of Materials:

- Drawings