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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	McCook Field Collection
Identifier:	NASM.XXXX.0569
Date:	1917-1977 (bulk 1918-1930)
Extent:	1.64 Cubic feet ((2 records center boxes))
Creator:	Boyne, Walter J., 1929-
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Walter J. Boyne, gift, unknown, XXXX-0569, unknown

Restrictions

No restrictions on access

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Biographical / Historical

McCook Field, established in Dayton, Ohio in 1917, was the first military aviation facility developed for research and experimentation in the United States. The testing of airplanes, including new experimental models, continued until 1927 when the facility was closed. Operations were subsequently moved to nearby Wright Field, which later evolved into the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in 1948.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of material collected by Walter J. Boyne in preparation for the writing of a series of articles about McCook Field. The collection consists of the following: numerous photographs, a small number of negatives, some technical notes and reports, correspondence, magazine clippings, a decal, publications, and several questionnaires. The photographic component consists of images of aircraft, both on the ground and airborne, as well as photos of parts of aircraft. In addition, there are photos of workers

in the process of constructing airplanes and of crash tests and their results. A few personal photographs of members of the air crew can also be found within the collection. The questionnaires in the collection were created by Boyne and were sent in 1977 to various individuals who were connected with McCook Field in various capacities.

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

Types of Materials:

- Clippings
- Correspondence
- Negatives
- Photographs
- Publications
- Questionnaires
- Reports

Names:

- Boyne, Walter J., 1929-
- McCook Field, Ohio
- Wright Field, Ohio
- Wright-Patterson Air Force Base (Ohio)