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## Seversky Bombing Control for Aircraft Photographs

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	National Air and Space Museum Archives
<b>Title:</b>	Seversky Bombing Control for Aircraft Photographs
<b>Date:</b>	Circa 1923
<b>Identifier:</b>	NASM.XXXX.1141
<b>Extent:</b>	0.35 Cubic feet (1 flat box)
<b>Language:</b>	English .
<b>Summary:</b>	This collection consists of ten black and white photographs of bombing control instruments and equipment designed and manufactured by Alexander de Seversky and the Sperry Gyroscope Company, circa 1923.
<b>Digital Content:</b>	<a href="#">Image(s): Seversky Bombing Control for Aircraft Photographs</a>

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Donor unknown, material found in collection, NASM.XXXX.1141

### Processing Information

Arranged and described by Allan Janus, 2011. Updated and encoded by Jessamyn Lloyd, 2021.

### Preferred Citation

Seversky Bombing Control for Aircraft Photographs, NASM.XXXX.1141, National Air and Space Museum, Smithsonian Institution.

### Restrictions

No restrictions on access

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## Biographical / Historical

In the years following World War I, the US Army Air Service Engineering Division at McCook Field, Ohio worked to develop improved bombsights. One such project, undertaken with the Sperry Gyroscope Company and Alexander de Seversky (the designer), produced the Sperry Type C-1 bombsight, which used a gyroscopic stabilizer.

## Scope and Contents

This collection consists of ten black and white photographs of bombing control instruments and equipment designed and manufactured by Alexander de Seversky and the Sperry Gyroscope Company, circa 1923. The mounted photographs, which measure 12 by 10 inches including the mount and are labeled, include views of the sight cradle, the gyroscopic stabilizer mechanism, the pilot director mechanism, automatic machinery for logarithmic spiral drums, and the installation of the complete Sperry Type C-1 bombsight in a Martin bomber.

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## Arrangement

Collection is in original order.

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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, Military  
Avionics

Types of Materials:

Photographic prints

Names:

De Seversky, Alexander P. (Alexander Procofieff), 1894-1974  
Sperry Gyroscope Company  
United States. Army Air Forces