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## Werner Landmann Rohrbach Ro II Photo Album

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	National Air and Space Museum Archives
<b>Title:</b>	Werner Landmann Rohrbach Ro II Photo Album
<b>Date:</b>	1923-1924
<b>Identifier:</b>	NASM.XXXX.1150
<b>Creator:</b>	Landmann, Werner.
<b>Extent:</b>	0.05 Cubic feet (1 box)
<b>Language:</b>	While this collection is mostly photographic in nature, the majority of text that appears is in German. A small clipping on the back cover is in English.
<b>Summary:</b>	The collection consists of a small 7 x 10 inch photo album entitled "Ro II 1., Marz - Juni 1924 [March - June 1924]" which is believed to have belonged to Werner Landmann.
<b>Digital Content:</b>	<a href="#">Image(s): Werner Landmann Rohrbach Ro II Photo Album</a>

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Unknown, found in backlog, Gift, Unknown

### Processing Information

Preliminary description completed by NASM Archives staff in 2011. Further description and encoding by Amanda Buel, 2019.

### Preferred Citation

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### Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

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## Biographical / Historical

Early in his career, pilot Werner Landmann, flying as a civilian in an Albatros biplane, set a new world solo endurance record with a nonstop flight made June 28, 1914 (21 hours, 49 minutes) over Johannisthal Air

Field outside Berlin, Germany. Landmann became a military pilot following the outbreak of World War I; he was shot down over the Eastern Front in October 1914 and served time as a prisoner of war in Russia. After the war, Landmann became chief test pilot for the German aircraft company Rohrbach Metall Flugzeugbau G.m.b.H. In 1922, Rohrbach set up a Danish subsidiary, Rohrbach Metal Aeroplan Co., A/S, in order to circumvent a Treaty of Versailles provision barring Germany from producing military aircraft. Rohrbach Metal Aeroplan set up its company headquarters at Øresundsvej 142, Copenhagen, Denmark, and built a hangar at Kastrup Airport, south of Copenhagen. The first model produced by the Danish subsidiary was the Rohrbach Ro II Roche Flying Boat, a large all-metal 4-seat type designed as a reconnaissance and bomber aircraft. Landmann piloted the Rohrbach Ro II in its first successful test flight on November 11, 1923, near Kastrup Airport; Fédération Aéronautique Internationale (FAI) speed and load trials took place on October 24, 1924. In 1925 the Rohrbach Ro II was sold to Mitsubishi Shoji Kaisha Ltd. and delivered to Japan. The Japanese navy redesignated the aircraft as the Yokosho Experimental Type R 1 and used it in naval aviation trials. Landmann went on to test fly later Rohrbach aircraft but died August 28, 1928, of cancer.

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## Scope and Contents

The collection consists of a small 7 x 10 inch photo album entitled "Ro II 1., Marz - Juni 1924 [March - June 1924]" which is believed to have belonged to Werner Landmann. The album contains 54 small-format black and white photographs, some with handwritten notations in German. Subjects include the Rohrbach facilities at Copenhagen, numerous views of the Rohrbach Ro II Roche Flying Boat (in flight, on the water, on the ground on beaching gear, and crated for shipment to Yokohama), and informal views of Landmann and other Rohrbach staff (Adolf Rohrbach, Wada, Staiger, Kappe, Lotte Wilhelm, Lesch, Becher, Erhardt, and Finch). The inside front cover includes a German-language poem by Landmann about the Rohrbach Ro II:

Was deutscher Geist mit deutsch-dänischer Kraft

In rastlosem Streben erschaffen hat,

Wird nun den Elementen übergeben,

Um seine Schwingen zu erheben.

Trotze den Wogen, trotze dem Wind,

Ziehe dahin pfeilgeschwind.

Viel Glück auf den Weg durchs Weltenall

Der ersten fliegended ROHRBACH Metall!

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## Arrangement

The Werner Landmann Rohrbach Ro II Photo Album is in its 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

Aeronautics -- Germany

Rohrbach Ro II Roche Flying Boat

Names:

Rohrbach Metall-Flugzeugbau GmbH (Germany)