

World War Two Bomb Damage Photographs

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	World War Two Bomb Damage Photographs
Date:	1945
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.1535
Source:	National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Mechanical and Civil Engineering
Extent:	1 Cubic foot (3 boxes)
Language:	English .
Summary:	Collection documents the destroyed city of Nagasaki, Japan, and bombing in Manila, Philippines, 1945.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Collection donated by Progressive Architecture, through managing editor, Rita R. Robinson, 1973.

Provenance

Collection transferred to the Archives Center from the Division of Work & Industry in February 2022.

Related Materials

Archives Center, National Museum of American History, Smithsonian Institution

Japanese American Documentary Collection, NMAH.AC.0305

Emilio Segre Collection, NMAH.AC.0691

Stephen A. Douglas World War Two Envelopes, NMAH.AC.0755

Anthony Lanza World War II Papers, NMAH.AC.0910

Bishop Mitsumyo Tottori Memorial Notebooks, NMAH.AC.0926

Archives of American Art, Smithsonian Institution

Yasuo Kuniyoshi Papers, 1906-2016, bulk 1920-1990, AAA.kuniyasu

George Leslie Stout Papers, 1855, 1897-1978, AAA.stougeor

Kamekichi Tokita Papers, circa 1900-circa 2010, bulk circa 1910-1948, AAA.tokikame

Freer Gallery of Art and Arthur M. Sackler Gallery Archives, Smithsonian Institution

Robert and Louise Koke Collection, FSA.A2019.05

National Air and Space Museum Archives, Smithsonian Institution

Japanese World War II Balloon Bombs Collection, NASM.XXXX.0558

World War II Japanese Bombing Collection, NASM.1995.0037

George Caron Family Photographs, NASM.2008.0037

Colonel William B. Hawkins Scrapbook Collection, NASM.2006.0023

William Jones World War II scrapbook, NASM.2006.0067

NOTSNIK Videotape and Hiroshima Photographs, NASM.2003.0022

Smithsonian Institution Archives

George W. Nace Papers, Accession 05-223

Processing Information

Collection processed by Vanessa Broussard-Simmons, archivist, 2023. Finding aid encoded by Audrey Willius, intern, 2023.

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Restrictions

Collection is open for research. Unprotected photographs must be handled with gloves.

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Scope and Contents

Collection contains black and white photographic prints, black and white negatives, and lantern slides of the destroyed city of Nagasaki, Japan and bombing in Manila, Philippines. Images document street scenes, destroyed buildings, and people injured or killed. Materials are arranged in two series. Series one is photographic prints and negatives dating from 1945 and series two is lantern slides from the same time period.

Arrangement

Collection is arranged into two series.

Series 1: Photographic Prints and Negatives, 1945

Series 2: Lantern Slides, 1945

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

Atomic bomb World War, 1939-1945 Types of Materials:

Lantern slides -- 1900-1950 Negatives Photographs -- Black-and-white photoprints -- 20th century

Names:

National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Mechanical and Civil Engineering

Places:

Manila (Philippines) Nagasaki (Japan)

Container Listing

Photographic Prints and Negatives, 1945

Scope and Contains the black and white photographic prints and film negatives documenting the detailed destruction and loss of life in Nagasaki, Japan and Manila, Philippines during World War II. Some of the images are stamped The Effects of Atomic Weapons which could be a publication. Others are marked the Engineering News-Record (ENR), an American weekly magazine, probably meaning that they were also used for publication. Materials are arranged in alphabetical order by subject.

Box 1	A-Bomb, Nagasaki, Japan, 1945
Box 1	The Effects of Atomic Weapons, Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan, 1945
Box 1	Engineering News-Record, Nagasaki, Japan, 1945
Box 1	Mitsubishi steel plant, Japan, 1945
Box 1	Nagasaki, Japan, 1945
Box 1	Manila, Philippines, 1945
Box 1	Pacific, 1945

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Lantern Slides, 1945

Scope and Consists of black and white images most likely of the photographs in series one. The slides were housed in two boxes and maintained in the order they came to the Archives Center.

Box 2 Part one, undated

Box 3 Part two, undated

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