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PULLMAN STANDARD CAR MANUFACTURING COMPANY PHOTOGRAPH ALBUM, 1941

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Pullman Standard Car Manufacturing Company – Hammond, Indiana

In 1906 the Standard Steel Car Company built a plant at Hammond, Indiana that produced both passenger and freight cars. During WWI this facility turned out military railway cars, shell forgings, and 240 mm Howitzer carriages. By 1929, the Standard Steel Car Co. and the Pullman Car Co. merged and the Pullman-Standard Car Manufacturing Co. was created. The company had plants in Hammond and Michigan City, Indiana, as well as other U.S. locations.

At the start of WWII in Europe, American firms were contracted under the Lend-Lease Act to build British designed tanks, ships, planes, guns, and ammunition for shipment to England. Beginning in 1941 the British Tank Commission contracted with the Pullman Company in Hammond to manufacture M-3 tanks for Great Britain.

Sources:

www.encyclopedia.chicagohistory.org

www.pullman-museum.org

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection is comprised of one photograph album that documents the manufacture of the M-3 Tank by the Hammond, Indiana plant of the Pullman Standard Car Manufacturing Company. The images show plant interior views, workers, machinery, tanks in different stages of assembly, the first completed tank in July 1941, tanks undergoing tests, and tanks and other armaments ready for shipment on trains.

The 98 photographs are dated, numbered and described in typed script at the bottom or along the side of each photo. The dates range from February 3 to November 29, 1941.

The photographs are not in chronological or numerical order. The processors numbered each page from 1 to 98 for ease of access. The text, page numbers, dates, and descriptions from each page are transcribed in the Contents section of the collection guide.

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