

In April 1942 Lieutenant Commander Thorne Donnelley USNR reported for duty in the Naval Bureau of Aeronautics and was assigned duty as the officer in charge of the U.S. Naval Photographic Science Laboratory, then under the direct responsibility of Chief Photographer George Carroll, who had a small office facility in the Navy Department Building on Constitution Ave., Washington D.C.

LCDR. Donnelley was provided a desk in Chief Carrolls office, where he operated in close harmony with Chief Carroll in the development of the plans, specifications and organization for the project U.S. Naval Photographic Science Laboratory.

Thorne Donnelley in 1918 served in the U.S. Naval Service as an Ensign who completed his flight training at the U.S. Naval Air Station, Miami, Florida, and was designated as a Naval heavier than air pilot in World War One.

After the war was over in November 1918, Donnelley was released from active Naval Service and returned to his former employment at the Donnelley Corporation in Chicago, which was a professional printing business that had been established by Thorne's grandfather in 1880.

During the years 1919 to 1942, Thorne Donnelley held a number of administrative positions with the Donnelley Corporation advancing to the position of Corporate Secretary.

Thorne Donnelley was thoroughly acquainted with the professional uses of photography as used in the printing- publishing business.

He held membership in a number of professional clubs in Chicago, New York City, Miami and Palm Beach, and was well known in the business world of the United States.

Thorne Donnelley's acquaintances in the business- professional-political fields were a great help to the U.S. Navy in the procurement of qualified professional personnel to man the operational divisions of the U.S. Naval Photographic Science Laboratory.

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