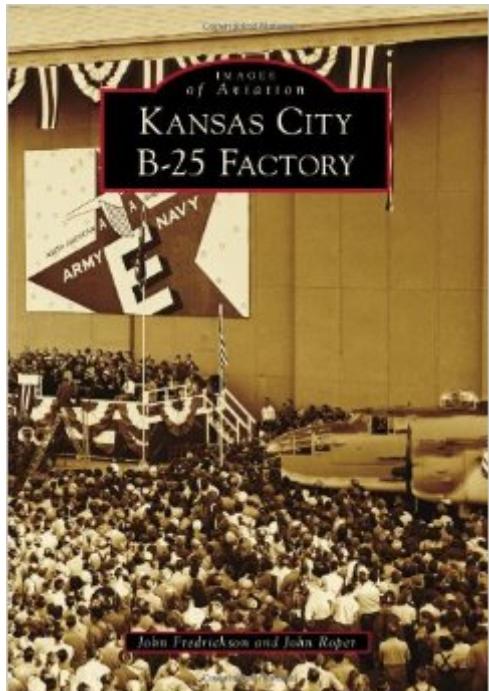


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# Kansas City B-25 Factory (Images Of Aviation)



## Synopsis

An industrial miracle took place at the Fairfax Airport, on the shores of the Missouri River, between 1941 and 1945. A massive factory was quickly built and a large modification center was soon added. At its peak, over 24,000 greater Kansas City area residents were employed by North American Aviation, Inc. Their goal was to build as many twin-engine B-25 Mitchell medium bombers for wartime service as possible. Their success was the construction of an unprecedented 6,608 aircraft. The B-25 Mitchell served with distinction in every theater of World War II, and significant numbers of them were provided to Allied nations. Many B-25s have been preserved, and some of them remain airworthy today. They can be seen on static display or in flight at air shows all across America.

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The only problem with this book is that it is too short! Wonderful account of the rush to build planes for our WWII effort. This factory transformed many families in the Kansas City, Kansas, area. My grandmother worked there throughout the war, and my mother joined her after serving in the Army Signal Corps. The book is well done and has many pictures and good accounts of the workflow, observed through the eyes of what we know now as preferred manufacturing practices. The author does not gloss over mistakes made and problems that were avoidable, but also clearly praises the designers' ability to put something this massive together without the help of computers. After the

war the plant was changed to the "BOP" GM plant (Buick, Oldsmobile & Pontiac) and my father worked there. Obviously I have connections to the plant and it was fascinating to be able to peek behind the scenes all these years later.

Good little book on the B-25 -Thanks!!

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