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PAUL, WILLARD S.: Papers, 1912-61

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Lt. Gen. Willard S. Paul deposited his papers in the Dwight D. Eisenhower Library in 1965. A small accretion was received from his son Richard Irving Paul in 1989.

Linear feet: 3  
Approximate number of pages: 1,400  
Approximate number of items: 400

Richard I. Paul signed an instrument of gift for his father's papers on May 11, 1969. Literary rights in the writings of Willard S. Paul in this collection and in all other collections of papers donated to the Eisenhower Library were retained by Richard I. Paul until his death, at which time such rights pass to the public. Under terms of the instrument of gift, the following classes of items are withheld from research use:

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3. Papers relating to investigations of individuals or to appointments and personnel matters.
4. Papers containing statements made by or to Willard S. Paul in confidence unless in the judgment of the Director of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Library the reason for the confidentiality no longer exists.
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## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Willard S. Paul (1894-1966) was a native of Massachusetts. He served in the Colorado National Guard and was commissioned a lieutenant in the regular army at the start of World War I. During World War II he commanded the 26<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division which served in the Ardennes and Central Europe campaigns and played a major role in reducing the German salient during the Battle of the Bulge. After the war he served as Assistant Chief of Staff (G-1) and retired from the army in December 1948 as a Lieutenant General. Following his retirement he was a consultant to the American National Red Cross (1948-1950), an assistant to Director of Defense Mobilization Arthur S. Flemming (1954-56), and a member of a special subcommittee of the Hoover Commission which studied personnel problems of the Defense Department (1955-56). In 1956 he became president of Gettysburg College in Pennsylvania, from which he retired in 1961.

The papers of Willard S. Paul consist largely of reports, memorabilia and printed material relating to his career during and after World War II. Of particular importance is a journal containing a brief daily account of General Paul's activities while serving as commander of the 26<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division in Europe during 1944 and 1945. The entries are written in the third person and were probably made by an aide. The collection also contains copies of some of General Paul's speeches and articles that indicate his interest in military personnel matters.

The bulk of the collection consists of six oversized scrapbooks. These contain photographs, newspaper clippings and memorabilia relating to General Paul. The material is arranged chronologically, starting in late 1943 when he took command of the 26<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, and continuing until 1950 when he resigned from the Red Cross.

## CONTAINER LIST

<u>Box No.</u>	<u>Contents</u>
1	<p>Items removed from collection – List [books, photographs, museum objects, etc]</p> <p>Journals – 3 October 1944 thru 8 June 1945 (Maj. Gen. Willard S. Paul) [brief entries, probably by an aide, re Paul's work as commander of 26<sup>th</sup> Inf. Div.]</p> <p>Personal Correspondence – Willard S. Paul</p> <p>VIP Correspondence</p> <p>American National Red Cross, Letters upon leaving</p> <p>Career Executive Program</p> <p>Commission on Organization of the Executive Branch of the Government (Hoover Commission) 1954-55</p> <p>Gettysburg College</p> <p>National Presbyterian Church</p> <p>Personnel Management Material</p> <p>1952 Presidential Campaign</p> <p>Yankee Division (26<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division)</p> <p>Speeches and articles by W.S. Paul [1946-56, re personnel management]</p> <p>Hamline University, St. Paul, Minn. Speech (April 29, 1954) and Correspondence</p> <p>Maps, World War II</p> <p>Eisenhower, Dwight D. – Clippings and Mementos</p> <p>Clippings – Willard S. Paul</p> <p>Miscellaneous Memorabilia (1) (2)</p>
2	<p>Scrapbook #1 [1943-November 1944; 26<sup>th</sup> Inf. Div. training in U.S.; in action in Europe]</p>

- Scrapbook #2 [November 1944-March 1945; 26<sup>th</sup> Inf. Div. in action in Europe]
- 3 Scrapbook #3 [March-April 1945; 26<sup>th</sup> Inf. Div. in action in Germany]
- Scrapbook #4 [May-October 1945; end of war in Europe; occupation duty]
- 4 Scrapbook #5 [October 1945-August 1948]
- Scrapbook #6 [August 1948-May 1950; work for Red Cross]
- United Christian Action Conference February 4, 1954 [booklet]

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