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GERHARDT, CHARLES H.:
Memoirs, 1913-67 (Partly Microfilm)

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Copies of the papers of Charles Hunter Gerhardt were deposited in the Eisenhower Library by Charles Hunter Gerhardt in Nov., 1968.

Linear feet:	-1
Approximate number of pages:	500
Approximate number of items:	30

The original documents were retained by Charles H. Gerhardt, with the exception of a military map that was been transferred to the Eisenhower Library. Literary rights in the unpublished writings of Charles H. Gerhardt in this collection remain with Gerhardt and his heirs. Under terms of the instrument of gift, the following classes of items are withheld from research use:

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Major General Charles Hunter Gerhardt (June 6, 1895 - October 9, 1976) commanded the U.S. 29th Infantry Division from 1943 until the end of World War II and during part of the occupation of Germany. The division's most famous combat operations were the Omaha Beach landings of June 6, 1944, D-Day and the taking of the French crossroads town of Saint-Lô in July 1944.

Gerhardt attended the United States Military Academy at West Point, graduating in 1917. He served with the 89th Division during World War I. served with the 89th Division until the end of World War I. After the war he served with the 8th, 11th and 14th Cavalry Divisions. His senior command prior to leading the 29th Infantry Division was as the commanding general of the 91st Infantry Division at Camp White, Oregon.

Following World War II Gerhardt served as the United States Defense Attaché to Brazil and in a post at Fort Meade, Maryland. He reattained the rank of brigadier general and retired in 1952 at his highest held rank of major general.

This collection consists of positive and negative microfilm copies of the memoirs of Major General Charles Hunter Gerhardt, USA (ret.), and of extracts of newspaper and magazine articles, letters, cables, copies of orders, lists and memoranda. The collection pertains to his life from prep school through retirement including: West Point; WWI; cavalry service period at Fort Riley, Kansas; education at the Command and General Staff School at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas; service in the Philippines; as Commanding General of the 29th Infantry Division in the Normandy invasion in World War II and in the Northwest European Campaign.

Manuscripts with the microfilm included a map of Germany (1944) turned over to the Map Collection and a carbon copy of extracts from an article by John Boylan on "The General Rode a Boat."

The original collection was loaned to the Library for microfilming on Oct. 31, 1968 and was returned to General Gerhardt. The Memoirs were dictated in July 1964 with a follow-up in May 1967. They are unedited and unrevised.

CONTAINER LIST

<u>Box No.</u>	<u>Contents</u>
1	Memoirs [ca. 1913-1966, includes transcripts of newsclippings, magazine articles, letter, cables, copies of order, lists and miscellaneous memorabilia]

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