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The personal papers of General Courtney H. Hodges, a career army officer, were deposited in the Eisenhower Library in March, 1970 by his widow, Mildred Lee Hodges. In December 1969, Mrs. Hodges executed an instrument of gift for these papers.

Linear feet of shelf space occupied: 12.8

Approximate number of pages: 25,600

Approximate number of items: 8,500

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1. Papers relating to private business affairs of individuals and to family and personal affairs.
2. Papers relating to investigations of individuals or to appointments and personnel matters.
3. Papers containing statements made by or to Courtney H. Hodges in confidence unless in the judgement of the Director of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Library the reason for the confidentiality no longer exists.
4. All other papers which contain information or statements that might be used to injure, harass, or damage any living person.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The personal papers of Courtney H. Hodges span the years 1904 to 1965 but the bulk and most significant parts cover the period from 1938 to 1949 particularly while he was head of Third Army and the Southern Defense Command at Fort Sam Houston, Texas controlling the Louisianan Maneuver area (February 1943-March 1944); while Deputy Commander to General Omar Bradley, First Army (March- August 1944); and as Commanding General of the First Army (August 1944-January 1949).

The pre-World War II portion of the Hodges papers also generally concern his Military career and consist of orders, awards, reports, diaries (1912-1913); 1914; 1916-1917--all fragmentary), General Service School Manuals (1924), A flight log book (1926-1929), Army War College lectures (1933-1934), some correspondence, and other materials. About half of this deals with his World War I service in France with the Allied Expeditionary Force.

Approximately five-sixths of the papers concern the period from 1938 to 1949 including various chronological and/or subject series of personal and official correspondence, orders, notes, memoranda, reports, problem maps, appointment calendar, speeches, commendations, critiques, personnel files, diary (of inspection trip to North African Theater of Operation, October 25-November 23, 1943), War Diary of the First Army Headquarters (June 2, 1944-May 7, 1945), training memorandum, telegrams, data handbook of First Army (1949), G-2 Periodic Reports (December 1944-May 1945), Situation Reports (December 1944-May 1945), G-2 Estimates (December 1944-April 1945), G-3 Summaries (December 1944-May 1945), First Army After Action Reports (August 1944-February 1945), loose newsclippings and bound scrapbooks of correspondence and newsclippings of role in World War II (1944-45) and on his retirement (1949), and other materials.

Prominent subjects in these files are infantry training, field artillery, airborne and ground forces maneuvers, operations of various corps, the First Army, World War II in European Theater of Operations in general, and post-war operations and training. The several hundred items in the collection dated from 1950 to 1965 are congratulatory letters, a diary of his trip to India, Kashmir and Padistan as Military Adviser to the UN Mediator for Kashmir (June 16-August 23, 1950), personal correspondence, and other miscellaneous memorabilia.

Approximately 2,200 photographs, 15 records, and 2 films were turned over to the audio-visual collection. 143 books and numerous magazines were turned over to the book collection and included numerous operations, style, field, and command manuals, histories of battles, histories of corps and divisions, Reports of Operations, and other works.

Maps were turned over to the map collection including WWI operations maps (both Allied and German), fire control maps from Ft. Benning, GA (1928-1929). Command and General Staff School problem maps (1924-25), G-2 sketch maps of enemy order of battle (January 1945), and of 1st Army and USSR meeting in (April 1945), a captured German map (December 1944)and others.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

January 5, 1887 Born, Perry, Georgia

1904-1905 Attended U.S. Military Academy, West Point

1906 Enlisted in the Army, 17th Infantry, Ft. McPherson, GA

1906-1917 Commissioned 2nd Lt.; served with Gen. Pershing's Punitive Expedition into Mexico, January 1- February 4, 1917

1917 Promoted to Captain

1918-1920 World War I, in France with 6th U.S. Infantry Regiment, 5th Division. He was a Battalion Commander in the Lorraine, Meusc-Argonne, and St. Mihiel offensives, then later served with occupation forces. Was promoted to Major (June 1918) then Lt. Col. (1918)

1920 Reduced to permanent rank of Major

1920-1936 Various duty tours and service schools, Promoted to Lt. Col. in 1934

June 22, 1928 Married Mildred Lee Buchner

1936-1938 G-3 General Staff Corps Officer in the Philippine Division and Philippine Department.

1938-1941 Assistant Commandant and later then Commandant, Infantry School Ft. Benning, GA, was promoted to Col. (October, 1938)

1941-1942 Office of the Chief of Infantry, as Brig. Gen. became Acting Chief, then Chief of Infantry

1941, May Promoted to Maj. Gen.

Mar.-May 1942 Commanding General of the Replacement and School Command, Army Ground Forces, With headquarters at Birmingham, Alabama

1942-1943 Activated X Corps as part of the Third Army

Feb. 1943-
March 1944 Succeeded Gen. Walter Krueger in Command of Third Army and the Southern Defense Command, Ft. Sam Houston, Texas as a Lt. Gen. while here, he controlled the Louisiana Maneuver area

March 1944 Ordered to England as Deputy Commander to Gen. Omar Bradley, CG., First Army

August 1, 1944 Succeeded Bradley as Commanding General of the First Army

May 1945 Returned to U.S. after capitulation of Germany, on route with planning staff to the Philippines to plan the invasion of Japan

September 1945 Witnessed Japanese surrender aboard the USS Missouri

1945-1946 Ft. Bragg, N.C. with First Army controlling the Army Ground Forces along the Atlantic seaboard and the Eastern Defense Command

1946-1949 Commander, First Army Area, Governors Island, New York

January 31, 1949 Retired

June-Sept. 1950 Military Advisor to Sir Owen Dixon, United Nations Mediator to Kashmir

January 16, 1966 Died, San Antonio, Texas

SERIES DESCRIPTION

Box Nos. Series

- 1-22 Chronological Files, 1904-1965, 22 containers. Correspondence; diaries; reports; invitations declined, accepted and extended; speeches; lectures; manuals, citations, awards, and other materials. Arranged chronologically by year and subject. For the period 1941-1944 and again for 1946-1948 this is a sub-series of alphabetically arranged subject files. For the period 1950-1965, this is a sub-series of personal correspondence arranged alphabetically by name of correspondent.
- 23-24 Newspaper Clippings and Periodical Tear-Sheets, 1941-1951, 2 containers. Chronologically arranged by year with dated materials at end of file.
- 25-29 Reports, 5 containers. Published, near-print and Manuscripts of reports and studies arranged by Army, Army level Staff Organization, and Corps.
- 30 Miscellaneous oversize material, 1944-61--one outside container. Unarranged.
- 31-32 Scrapbooks, 1944-1945; 1949. 2 half suit containers. Two albums of newspaper and magazine clippings, invitation, and photographs kept by Mrs. Hodges. The materials within the volumes are in rough chronological order.

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| | 1914, Jan. - Feb. Diary |
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| | 1918 Allied Expeditionary Force |
| 2 | 1919 Allied Expeditionary Force |
| | 1920-1929 |
| | 1924 Manuals, General Service School, Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas (1)-(2) |
| | 1924-25 Situation maps, Command and General Staff School, Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas |
| | 1926-1929 Pilot's book (Flight log book as an observer) |
| 3 | 1930-1935 |
| | 1933 Army War College Lectures |
| | 1934 Army War College Lectures |
| | 1936-1939 |
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1941, Jan. 13-25 Problem maps, Refresher Course, Infantry School, Ft. Benning, Ga.

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4 1941-1944, Commendations, 1942-44

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1941-1944, Critique, 85th and 93rd Div., Apr. 28-May 7, 1943

1941-1944, Critique, 8th phase, Louisiana Maneuvers (11-13 May, 1943)

1941-1944, Inspections, 1943

1941-1944, Subject File, Invitations, 1942-43

1941-1944, Miscellaneous

5 1941-1944, Notes on trips, 1943

1941-1944, Pensions--Benefit Guide, 1942

1941-1944, Promotion Status Report Forms, 1942

1941-1944, Rosters 1943

1941-1944, Station Lists, 1943

1941-1944, "Thank You" letters, 1943

1941-1944, Visits, Brig. Gen. Benjamin O. Davis, Apr. 3, 1943

1941-1944, Visits, Review of 84th Div. Apr. 8, 1943

1941-1944, Visits, Gen. Peterson, May 9, 1943

1941-1944, Visits, Mr. R. L. Biggers, May 30, 1943

1941-1944, Visits, Gens. Urquizo and Limon of Mexico, July 17-23, 1943

1941-1944, Visits, Maj. Gen. Dutra Minister of War, Brazil, Aug. 28-30, 1943

1941-1944, 201, Alston, Philip--civilian

1941-1944, 201, Anderson, John B. --Officer

1941-1944, 201, Anderson, Jonathan W. -- officer

1941-1944, 201, Clarkson, P.W. --Officer

1941-1944, 201, Collins, Harry J. -- officer

1941-1944, 201, CriHenberger, Willis D. --Officer

1941-1944, 201, Griswold, Oscar W. -- officer

1941-1944, 201, Haislip, Wade H. -- officer

1941, 201, Hession, John W. -- civilian

1941, 201, Hildring, John W. -- officer

1941, 201, McCloy, John J. -- civilian (Asst. Secretary of War.)

1941. 201. McNair, Leslie J. -- officer

1941, 201, Perkins, Clell B. -- officer

1941, 201, Persons, John C. --Officer

1941, 201, Peterson, Virgil L. -- officer

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1941, 201, Reinhart, Stanley E. -- officer

1941, 201, Sloan, J. E. -- officer

1941, 201, Stimson, Henry L. -- civilian (Sec. of War)

1941, 201, Solton, Danial I. -- officer

1941, 201, White, C. H. -- officer

1941, 201, Whitman, Leroy -- civilian

1941, 201, Zwink, Adalbert T.

1942-1943 Personal Correspondence

1942-1943 Speeches on C.H. Hodges

6 1942-1943 X Crops Training Tests, 16th Field Artillery Brig., Sept. 1942-Jan.1943
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1943, (Oct. 25 - Nov. 23) Diary Trip to North African Theater of Operations

1943, (Oct. 28 - Nov. 23) Report of visit to North African Theater of Operations

1943, Lists -- addresses, birthday, hotels

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1943-1944 Office files of C.H. Hodges

1943-1944 Travel Orders (Aug. 3, 1943 - Jan. 4, 1944)

1944 Awards

- 1944, (Mar. - May) Inspection trips to the United Kingdom
- 1944, (Nov. 16-30) Operation "Q" and the offensive by First and Ninth Armies, Narrative Report
- 1944-1945 Personal Correspondence
- 1944-1948 Universal Military Training
- 8 1945 Album, "The Cyclops", North Ga. State (Dedicated to C.H. Hodges)
- 1945 Appreciation and congratulatory letters, WWII, VIPs
- 1945 Ft. Bragg, North Carolina, Rosters of Units, Officers Charts and Maps
- 1945 Correspondence, Military file
- 1945 Japanese surrender ceremony
- 1945 Requests for autographs, photos, patches, and fan mail
- 1945 Requests for information on soldiers missing and/or dead
- 1945 "Thank you" letters
- 1945 War Department Board on Reserves of Supplies and Equipment
- 1945-1946 Correspondence re military personnel
- 1945-1946 Correspondence with relatives of the First Army personnel
- 1945-1946 Correspondence with miscellaneous civilians
- 1945-1946 Correspondence with organizations, Invitations to speak
- 9 1945-1946 Doriot, George F. (Brig. Gen., QMC)
- 1945-1946 Military Personnel, miscellaneous
- 1945-1946 Orders
- 1945-1946 Personal financial records
- 1945-1946 Decorations

- 1946 "Ardennes Campaign" (article)
- 1946 Fronk, Dr. Clarence E. (re hunting)
- 1946 Hession, Maj. John W. (Winchester Repeating Arms Company)
- 1946 Mexican file
- 1946 National Rifle Association
- 1946 (May 27) Organization and Functional Chart, Headquarters First Army
- 1946 Personal Correspondence
- 1946, (Jan.- Apr.) Pre-Ft. Jay Official Files
- 1946 Press Conferences
- 1946 Requests for autographs, photos, patches and fan letters
- 1946, (June 11) Review of 25th Combat Team, Ft. Benning Georgia
- 1946 Speeches
- 10 1946, (July 1) Training memorandum for Army Ground Forces
- 1946 War Department Board on Reserve Supplies and Equipment
- 1946-1947 Experimental Targets, Army Ground Forces Bd. #3, Ft. Benning, Ga.
- 1946-1948 Personal Correspondence (1)-(3)
- 1946-1948 Name and Subject Correspondence "A", Vol. I (1)
(This sub-series maintained by C.H.H.'s aides deals with Commanding Gen. 1st Army, Governors Island, New York - subj. includes redeployment, UMT, unification of armed services, negro soldiers, and other aspects of commanding an army are in the post-war period.)
- 11 1946-1948 Name and Subject Correspondence "A", Vol. I (2)
- 1946-1948 Name and Subject Correspondence "A", Vol.II
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- 1946-1948 Name and Subject Correspondence “B”, Vol. II
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- 19 1946-1948 Speeches (2)-(3)
1946-1948 Telegrams received and sent.
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1947-1948 Christmas Cards and Lists

- 1947-1948 Press manuals, Operation Snowdrop, Pine Camp, NY (505 Abn. Bn. Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division)
- 1948 Medal for Merit presentations
- 1948 Reduction in rank, Correspondence on
- 20 1948 Survival in the Air Age: A report by the President's Air Policy Commission (with comments)
- 1948-1949 Material on real estate re retirement plans
- 1948-1949 Personal Correspondence, Vol. II (Vol. I is missing) (1)-(2)
- 1948-1949 Personal Correspondence, Vol. III
- 1949 Data Handbook, First Army (1)
- 21 1949 Data Handbook, First Army (2)
- 1949, (Apr. 11) Golden Deeds banquet
- 1948 "Remagen: The Bridge that Changed the War" (article)
- 1949 Retirement letters
- 1949 Retirement Correspondence, further
- 1949-1956 Welch, Lt. Col. G.P. (Patrick), Letters from (re service in Japan, Korea, Pentagon (office of Chief of Information) and with the 3rd Army in Florida)
- 1950, (June 16 - Aug.23) Diary of trip for U.N. to India, Kashmir, and Pakistan
- 1950 Kashmir, printed material on
- 1950 Military Advisor to the United Nations Mediator for Kashmir
- 1950, United Nations, personnel
- 22 1950-1965 Personal Correspondence "A"- "F"
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1954, (May 1) Big X Korea, history of

1954-1960 Armed Services, miscellaneous

1956-1964 World War II histories, correspondence and articles on 1961,
(Mar. 9) "First Army Achievements in World War II" Address by Sen. Strom
Thurmond

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- First U.S. Army, memorabilia, Invasion of Europe June- October 1944
- First U.S. Army, AIS Belgium, Sept. 1944 (Artillery Information Service)
- First U.S. Army, War Dairy, (this “maintained by aides” goes in WW Diary entry)
- June 2, 1944-May 7, 1945
- First U.S. Army, Combat Operations Data, Europe, 1944-1945
- 26 First U.S. Army, G-2 Report, (#192-#210) and AAA Reports (#137-#156), Dec. 19, 1944-Jan. 6, 1945
- First U.S. Army, G-2 Periodic Report, (#211-#231), Jan. 6-26, 1945
- First U.S. Army, G-2 Periodic Report, (#232-#253) Jan. 27,-Feb. 18, 1945
- First U.S. Army, G-2 Periodic Report, (#254-#280), Feb.19-Mar. 17, 1945
- 27 First U.S. Army, G-2 Periodic Report, (#281-#315) Mar. 18-Apr.2 1, 1945
- First U.S. Army, G-2 Periodic Report, (#316-#331) Apr. 22,-May 7, 1945
- First U.S. Army, G-2 Estimates (#38-#81) Dec. 20, 1944-Apr. 28,1945
- First U.S. Army, G-3 Sitreps (#390-#600) Dec. 18, 1944-Apr. 2, 1945
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- First U.S. Army, Artillery Information Service, Dec. 1944
- First U.S. Army, Artillery Information Service, Dec. 1945
- XVIII Corps (Airborne) Operations, Reduction of the Ruhr Pocket, Apr. 1-18, 1945
- XVIII Corps (Airborne) Operations, The Elbe... to the Baltic, Apr. 27-May 3, 1945
- XIX Corps German Organization of Deliberate Defense in Depth South of La Meauffe, Normandy France, Aug. 13, 1944

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- Album: Dedication Ceremony IBM Employees War Memorial, Sept. 27, 1947
- Autographed Booklet, First Army Association, San Antonio, Texas, Mar. 1961
- Album: "Clippings, General Hodges" Reception," Atlanta, GA, May 24, 1945

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