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HOWARD, EDWIN B.: Papers, 1937-63

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The papers of Brigadier General Edwin Britain Howard were deposited in the Dwight D. Eisenhower Library by General Howard in March 1957.

Linear feet of shelf space occupied: 0.8  
Approximate number of pages: 1,600  
Approximate number of items: 600

An instrument of gift for these papers was signed by General Howard in September 1974. Literary property rights are retained by the donor until his death. At that time such rights pass to the United States. Under terms of the instrument of gift the following classes of documents are withheld from research use:

1. Papers relating to the family and private business affairs.
2. Papers relating to the family and private business affairs of other persons who have had correspondence with General Howard.
3. Papers relating to investigations of individuals or to appointments and personnel matters.
4. Papers containing statements made by or to Edwin Howard in confidence unless in the judgment of the Director of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Library the reason for the confidentiality no longer exists.
5. 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 papers of Brigadier General Edwin B. Howard span the years from 1937 to 1963. The bulk of the material dates from the World War II years and the first half of the 1950's. The papers, when received at the Eisenhower Library, were filed in a large carton in no apparent order. The processing archivist rearranged the papers into two basic series.

The first series contains information on Howard's military and civilian career. Despite Howard's distinguished work in military intelligence his papers provide no details of his activities. During World War II Howard was Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence in the U.S. Fifth Army under General Mark Clark. The papers from this period pertain to the awards and commendations received by General Howard for his work.

From 1951 to 1954 Howard was Chief of Intelligence of the Allied Land Forces in Central Europe. The papers from this period consist primarily of movement orders and general orders which instructed General Howard where to go, how to travel, and which units he was to command.

Upon his retirement from the Army in 1954, Howard became a consultant for the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS). Due to his intelligence experience, the INS Commissioner, General J.M. Swing, wanted Howard to become Assistant Commissioner. This required a special bill from Congress because former military officers were prohibited by law from holding positions in the INS. The bill was passed, despite the opposition of some Congressmen who felt the INS was being taken over by the military. The Howard papers contain extensive information on the special bill. There are copies of the bill, issues of the Congressional Record which contain debates on the bill, and some correspondence, mostly written on behalf of General Howard, urging passage of the bill.

Howard's work at the INS is poorly documented. There is little information except for some personnel forms and letters of commendation written to thank Howard for his work. The file also contains a draft of his letter of resignation.

The second series of Howard's papers documents the relationship between Edwin and Jane Howard and Dwight and Mamie Eisenhower. The two families were close friends and exchanged gifts and greeting cards on many occasions. The series contains little of substance. There is large amount of printed material pertaining to the 1957 inauguration, which the Howards attended as guests of the Eisenhowers. Most of the correspondence is of a social nature. It is also one-sided, as Howard rarely kept copies of his letters to Eisenhower. For a more complete record of the correspondence between the two men the researcher should consult Eisenhower's pre-presidential papers, and also the Administration Series of Eisenhower's presidential papers (Ann Whitman File).

In addition to the papers, a large number of photographs were received with the collection. These have been transferred to the audiovisual collection of the Eisenhower Library.

## BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Dec. 26. 1901      Born Harlan, Kentucky

1923                Graduated from United States Military Academy

1929-1932         ROTC Instructor at Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, Virginia

1933-1935         Officer with Hawaiian Division, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii

1935-1937         Attended Infantry and Tank School, Fort Benning, Georgia

1937-1938         Attended Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas

August 1938       Married Jane Pluck of Decatur, Illinois

1938-1941         Assistant chief of staff, G-3 and G-2, 15th Infantry Regiment, Fort Lewis, Washington

1941-1942         Served at General Headquarters, U.S. Army, Washington, D.C.

June - Dec.  
1942                Assistant chief of staff, G-2, for II Corps

1943-1945         Assistant chief of staff, G-2, for Fifth Army

1945-1947         Assistant chief of staff, G-2, for Headquarters, U.S. Forces in Austria

1947-1948         Attended National War College

1948-1949         Commanded 23rd Infantry Regiment

1949-1951         Assistant chief of staff, G-2, in the Office of the Chief of Army Field Forces

1951-1954         Chief of Intelligence, Allied Land Forces, Central Europe

Sept. 30, 1954     Retired from army

April 1956         Appointed Assistant Commissioner, Immigration and Naturalization Service

Oct. 1, 1961       Resigned from Immigration and Naturalization Service

## DESCRIPTION OF SERIES

Box Nos. Series

- 1 I. MILITARY AND CIVILIAN RECORDS. 1937-1961. 1 Container.

Orders, correspondence, charts and printed material pertaining to the military career of Edwin B. Howard and his employment with the Immigration and Naturalization Service. Arrangement is chronological.

- 2 II. EISENHOWER CORRESPONDENCE. 1947-1963. 1 container.

Correspondence between Edwin Howard and Dwight D. Eisenhower and their wives. There is also some printed material concerning the 1957 Presidential Inauguration. Arrangement is chronological.

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