Collection Summary
Title: George Van Horn Moseley Papers
Span Dates: 1855-1960
Bulk Dates: (bulk 1916-1959)
ID No.: MSS33712
Creator: Moseley, George Van Horn, 1874-1960
Extent: 4,250 items ; 49 containers plus 2 oversize ; 19.8 linear feet
Language: Collection material in English
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
Summary: Army officer. Correspondence, diary, military reports, statements, notes, speeches, scrapbooks, clippings, printed matter, and memorabilia covering Moseley's military career in the Philippines, on the Mexican border, with the American Expeditionary Forces in World War I, during the Bonus March on Washington, and extending into the period of his retirement.

Selected Search Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

People
Eisenhower, Dwight D. (Dwight David), 1890-1969--Correspondence.
George, Walter F. (Walter Franklin), 1878-1959--Correspondence.
Harbord, James G. (James Guthrie), 1866-1947--Correspondence.
Hoover, Herbert, 1874-1964--Correspondence.
MacArthur, Douglas, 1880-1964--Correspondence.
McCarrory, Joseph, 1908-1957--Correspondence.
McCormick, Robert Rutherford, 1880-1955--Correspondence.
Moseley, George Van Horn, 1874-1960.
Pershing, John J. (John Joseph), 1860-1948--Correspondence.
Rankin, John E. (John Elliott), 1882-1960--Correspondence.
Reece, B. Carroll (Brazilla Carroll), 1889-1961--Correspondence.
Roosevelt, Franklin D. (Franklin Delano), 1882-1945.
Smith, Walter Bedell, 1895-1961--Correspondence.
Stilwell, Joseph Warren, 1883-1946--Correspondence.
Talmadge, Eugene, 1884-1946--Correspondence.

Organizations
Bonus Expeditionary Forces.
United States. Army--Foreign service--Philippines.
United States. Army--History.
United States. Congress. House. Special Committee on Un-American Activities (1938-1944)

Subjects
Communism.
Conservatism--United States.
International organization.
Labor unions--United States.
Military readiness.
New Deal, 1933-1939.

Places
Mexico--Boundaries--United States.
United States--Boundaries--Mexico.
United States--Emigration and immigration.

Occupations
Army officers.

Administrative Information

Provenance
The papers of George Van Horn Moseley, army officer, were given to the Library of Congress by Moseley in 1953 and 1956. Additional installments were received from his estate in 1960 and from H. K. Thompson, Jr., in 1985.

Processing History

Access and Restrictions
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Biographical Note

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<td>1874, Sept. 28</td>
<td>Born, Evanston, Ill.</td>
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<tr>
<td>1899</td>
<td>Graduated, United States Military Academy, West Point, N.Y.</td>
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<td>1899-1900</td>
<td>Served in Ninth Calvary in Arizona and Texas</td>
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<td>1900-1907</td>
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<td>1903</td>
<td>Married Alice A. Dodds (divorced 1924)</td>
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<td>1907</td>
<td>Commander, I Troop, Fifth Cavalry, Fort Wingate, N.Mex.</td>
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<td>1909</td>
<td>Graduated Army Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kans.</td>
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<td>1911</td>
<td>Graduated Army War College, Washington, D.C.</td>
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<td>Member, general staff corps; assigned to duty in the Militia Division, War Department, and placed in charge of all cavalry matters</td>
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1916-1917  Stationed on Mexican border

1917  Stationed in France with Fifth Field Artillery, First Division, American Expeditionary Forces  
      Member of general staff of John J. Pershing; assigned to Fourth Section, American Expeditionary Forces

1917-1919  Chief, Fourth Section, American Expeditionary Forces

1919  Member, Harbord Commission to the Near East

1919-1920  Rejoined general staff of John J. Pershing; accompanied him on tour of the United States

1920-1921  Commander, Second Field Artillery Brigade, Second Division, Camp Travis, Tex.

1921  Detailed by President Warren G. Harding as an assistant to Charles G. Dawes in organizing of the Bureau of the Budget

1922-1924  Commander, Fort Sheridan, Ill., and during the summers commander of a training camp at Camp Custer, Mich.

1924-1927  Commander, Eleventh Field Artillery Brigade, Schofield Barracks, Honolulu, Hawaii

1927-1929  Commander, First Division, Fort Bliss, Tex.; participated in operations during the Mexican revolution of 1929

1929-1930  Executive officer to assistant secretary of war

1930  Married Florence Du Bois

1930-1933  Deputy chief of staff of the army while Douglas MacArthur was chief of staff

1933-1934  Commander, Fifth Corps Area

1934-1938  Commander, Fourth Corps Area

1936-1938  Commander, Third Army

1938  Retired from military service

1960, Nov. 7  Died, Atlanta, Ga.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of George Van Horn Moseley (1874-1960) span the years 1855-1960, with the bulk of the papers concentrated in the period 1916-1959. The collection documents Moseley's military career, 1899-1938, and his interest in politics and international affairs from 1938 until his death in 1960. The papers consist of eight series: Diaries, Correspondence, Military Papers, Subject File, Speeches and Writings File, Printed Matter, Scrapbooks, and Oversize.

The Diaries, 1916-1919, the Correspondence series, 1907-1957, and the Military Papers, 1911-1942, relate primarily to Moseley's military career. The diaries document his activities on the Mexican border, his service in Europe during World War I, and his duties in France immediately after the war. The Correspondence, primarily letters between Moseley and
military colleagues, relates principally to administrative matters. The most significant correspondence is in the scrapbooks, particularly Set 1 and the first three volumes of Set 2.

The Military Papers series is comprised chiefly of bound volumes that Moseley compiled about various aspects of his military career. Subjects documented are the American Expeditionary Forces (AEF), Armenia, the Mexican Revolution, and the Bonus March of World War I veterans on Washington, D.C. The American Expeditionary Forces files constitute the bulk of the Military Papers. As chief of the Fourth Section of the AEF, Moseley was in charge of preparation for combat, strategic supply, transportation, construction, and evacuation of the American army in France. Items in the Military Papers often include editorial notes by Moseley.

The Subject File, 1855-1958, illustrates Moseley's interests in national and international affairs. Topics featured are communism, military preparedness and manpower, immigration, and world government. The files also reflect Moseley's attitude toward Jews, his dislike of Franklin Roosevelt and New Deal policies, and his opposition to communism and the world government movement.

The Speeches and Writings File, 1915-1958, includes speeches, articles, notes, and other writings by Moseley. His unpublished memoirs, "One Soldier's Journey," comprise the bulk of the series. Written for his three sons, the memoirs chronicle some of Moseley's early days in Evanston, Illinois, his graduation from the United States Military Academy, and his service in the Philippines, 1900-1907, and on the Mexican border, 1916-1917. Also documented in the memoirs are his duties in Europe during World War I and later with the army of occupation, his work with the Harbord Commission, his tenure in the Bureau of the Budget, and his second tour of duty on the Mexican border, 1928-1929, and some of his activities from his retirement in 1938 through 1944, including his testimony in 1939 before the Dies Committee. Questions about his relationship with an anti-Semitic group and some of his speeches led to his appearance before the committee which was investigating un-American activities. After his testimony describing a Jewish-led communist plot to overthrow the government, the committee ordered his evidence stricken from the record.

The Printed Matter series, 1899-1955, is divided into two categories, books and miscellaneous. The majority of the books are army and War Department reports containing annotations by Moseley. The miscellaneous printed matter includes a variety of pamphlets, leaflets, and clippings. Among the prominent subjects featured in the publications are communism, Nazism, and anti-Semitism.

The papers in the Scrapbooks series, 1889-1960, include military and personal correspondence, military orders, writings, notes, and other material relating to Moseley's interests and activities. Scrapbooks in Set 1 contain notes in which Moseley commented on politics and international affairs. Volumes in Set 1 have an index in either the front or back listing the topics and correspondents appearing in each scrapbook. Some of the subjects most frequently documented are communism, immigration, Jews, labor unions, and presidential parties and elections. Some scrapbooks contain correspondence between Moseley and Douglas MacArthur and Dwight D. Eisenhower and printed matter about the generals. Moseley served with both officers in his capacity as deputy chief of staff of the army.


**Organization of the Papers**

The collection is arranged in eight series:

- Diaries, 1916-1919
- Correspondence, 1907-1957
- Military Papers, 1911-1942
- Subject File, 1855-1958
- Speeches and Writings File, 1915-1958
- Printed Matter, 1899-1955
- Scrapbooks, 1889-1960
- Oversize, 1924-1946
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BOX 7
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Miscellany, 1916-1923, 1932, undated
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BOX 8-12
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Biographical information, 1916-1923, 1929-1943, undated
B’nai B’rith, 1926, undated
British empire, 1940-1941, undated
China, 1937-1951
Communism, 1936-1941, undated
Craig, Malin, 1924-1926, 1936-1938
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Freedom of speech, 1937-1942, undated
Government, cost of, 1940
Immigration, 1939-1944, undated
Infantry division maps, undated
Japan, 1940
Jesus Christ, crucifixion, 1941
Labor, 1927, 1937-1940, 1946, undated
Law, undated
League of Nations, 1933, undated
Lend-lease bill, 1941-1943
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Military
### Subject File, 1855-1958

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**Organization, 1932-1939, undated**
**Preparedness**
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**Mississippi River, flood, 1937**

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**Refugees, sterilization, 1937-1938**

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**Willkie, Wendell L., 1940**

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**Speeches and Writings File, 1915-1958**

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**BOX 13**
By Moseley

**Bound**

**Memoirs, "One Soldier's Journey," 1936-1944**
(2 folders)

**BOX 14**
(2 folders)

**BOX 15**

**Notes and speeches, 1915-1950**

"Operations Fightum," 1938-1958

**Unbound, 1934-1951, undated**

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**BOX 16-26**

**Printed Matter, 1899-1955**

Books, pamphlets, leaflets, clippings, and other printed material.
Arranged alphabetically by type of material and therein chronologically.

**BOX 16**

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Printed Matter, 1899-1955

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| 1900-1903 | (3 folders) |

**BOX 17**

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| 1924-1932 | (3 folders) |
| 1947-1949 | |

**BOX 18**

Miscellany

| 1917-1941 | (8 folders) |
| 1942-1944 | (7 folders) |
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| 1949-1952 | (9 folders) |
| 1953-1955 | (6 folders) |

**BOX 24**

Undated

| | (1 folder) |
| | (5 folders) |

**BOX 25**

**BOX 27-48** **Scrapbooks, 1889-1960**

Correspondence, memoranda, orders, writings, notes, photographs, newspaper clippings, and printed matter.

Arranged into two sets and therein numerically by volume number.

**BOX 27**

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| Vol. 3, 1944-1952 |
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| Vol. 5, 1946-1950 |
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| Vol. 7, 1907-1950 |
| Vol. 8, 1924-1951 |
| Vol. 9, 1941-1952 |
| Vol. 10, 1943-1953 |
| Vol. 11, 1935-1954 |

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| BOX 47    | Vol. 5, 1930-1939  
Vol. 6, 1931-1941  
Vol. 7, 1934-1947  
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Vol. 10, 1940-1945 See Oversize  
Vol. 11, 1944-1946 See Oversize |
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Arranged chronologically. |
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