Collection Summary
Title: Robert Lee Bullard Papers
Span Dates: 1881-1955
Bulk Dates: (bulk 1898-1941)
ID No.: MSS14290
Creator: Bullard, Robert Lee, 1861-1947
Extent: 3,200 items ; 17 containers plus 1 oversize ; 5 linear feet
Language: Collection material in English and Moro
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
Summary: Army officer. Correspondence, diaries, notebooks, speeches, writings, printed matter, maps, photographs, memorabilia, legal documents, and other material relating chiefly to Bullard's military career, activities as president of the National Security League, and work as an author.

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
Baker, Newton Diehl, 1871-1937--Correspondence.
Pershing, John J. (John Joseph), 1860-1948--Correspondence.

Organizations
National Security League.
United States. Army--Biography.
United States. Army--History--Punitive Expedition into Mexico, 1916.

Subjects
Generals--United States.
Lanao Moro dialect.
Morale.
Political science.
Strategy.
Tactics.
World War, 1914-1918.

Places
Mexico--Foreign relations--United States.
Philippines--History--Philippine American War, 1899-1902.
United States--Foreign relations--Mexico.

Occupations
Army officers.
Authors.

Administrative Information
Provenance
The papers of Robert Lee Bullard, army officer, were given in various installments to the Library of Congress in 1954-1955 and in 1961 by his wife, Ella Bullard. Additional material was transferred from the National War College in 1957 and 1958.
**Processing History**

The papers of Robert Lee Bullard were arranged and described in 1955. The collection was expanded and revised in 1958. Material received in 1961 was interfiled into the collection. The finding aid was revised in 2011.

**Additional Guides**


**Transfers**

Two volumes of *Don Quixote de la Mancha* (Paris, 1832) inscribed to Bullard were transferred to the Rare Book and Special Collections Division where they are identified as part of these papers.

**Copyright Status**

Copyright in the unpublished writings of Robert Lee Bullard in these papers and in other collections of papers in the custody of the Library of Congress has been dedicated to the public.

**Access and Restrictions**

The papers of Robert Lee Bullard are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

**Preferred Citation**

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Robert Lee Bullard Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

**Biographical Note**

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<td>Born, Youngsboro, Ala.</td>
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<td>1885</td>
<td>Graduated, U.S. Military Academy, West Point, N.Y.</td>
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<td>1898</td>
<td>Colonel, Third Alabama Infantry Regiment (volunteer)</td>
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<td>Colonel, Thirty-ninth Infantry, United States Volunteers, service in Philippine insurrection</td>
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<td>Major (permanent rank), Twenty-eighth Infantry, Moro Province, Mindanao</td>
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<td>1903-1904</td>
<td>Civil governor, District of Lanao, Moro Province, Mindanao</td>
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<td>1906-1909</td>
<td>Political aide to the American provisional governor of Cuba and secretary of public instruction and fine arts, Cuba</td>
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<td>1911</td>
<td>Graduated from National War College, Washington, D.C.</td>
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<td>1915-1916</td>
<td>Commanded Twenty-sixth United States Infantry and National Guard Brigade on Mexican border</td>
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<td>Brigadier-general, commanded First Division American Expeditionary Force, then Third Corps</td>
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<td>1918-1919</td>
<td>Major-general and lieutenant general, commanded Second Army American Expeditionary Force in France</td>
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1919-1925 Commander, Second Corps Area, Governor's Island, New York

1925 Retired

1927 Married Ella R. Wall

1925-1941 President, National Security League

1947, Sept. 11 Died, New York, N.Y.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Robert Lee Bullard (1861-1947) span the years 1881-1955, with the bulk concentrated in the period 1891-1941. The majority of the collection documents the main events in Bullard's military career from the Philippine American War through World War I until his retirement in 1925 and his subsequent activities as president of the National Security League. The papers are incomplete in documenting Bullard's activities; every few years he reviewed his papers and destroyed some portions (see volume 16 of the diaries in Container 3, 1937, Jan. 1-1945, Sept. 19, pages 42 and 70). Among those specifically mentioned as being destroyed were the files showing his part in the confirmation by the Senate of Leonard Wood, as major general of the United States Army in 1903-1904. In addition, some papers relating to the Philippines and the post-World War I period were thrown away. The papers are in English and Moro and are organized into the following series: Diaries, Notebooks, Correspondence, Speeches and Writings, Miscellany, Addition, and Oversize.

The Diaries document Bullard's military service including the campaign against Philippine insurgents, his confidential mission to Mexico in 1911, the Mexican border campaign from 1915-1916, and as commander of the Second Army in the American Expeditionary Force in World War I. The Diaries and Notebooks include sketches of military personalities. Also included in the Notebooks are observations on strategy, tactics, morale, and civil government.

The Correspondence series contains only a few letters relating to Bullard's early career and includes letters of John J. Pershing and Newton Diehl Baker. The Speeches and Writings contain articles, speeches, and material relating to Bullard's unpublished autobiography. Other published writings of Bullard are filed in the Miscellany series. Drafts, correspondence, and photographs relating to Fighting Generals are in located in the Addition series. Also filed in Miscellany are family papers and memorabilia, and letters, photographs, and a dictionary pertaining to the Moros and the Moro language.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged in seven series:

- Diaries, 1899-1947
- Notebooks, 1907-circa 1920
- Correspondence, 1900-1955
- Speeches and Writings, 1900-1945
- Miscellany, circa 1901-1955
- Addition, 1944
- Oversize, 1881-1939
Description of Series

**Container**  
**Series**

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Diaries also containing correspondence, military orders, maps, photographs, and memorabilia.  
Arranged chronologically.

**BOX 4**  
**Notebooks, 1907-circa 1920**  
Military notebooks containing observations on strategy, tactics, morale, civil government, and other topics.  
Arranged chronologically.

**BOX 5-6**  
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Letters, telegrams, and invitations sent and received by Bullard and his wife, Ella R. Bullard.  
Arranged chronologically.

**BOX 6-9**  
**Speeches and Writings, 1900-1945**  
Articles, speeches, and unpublished autobiographical material.  
Arranged by type and therein chronologically.

**BOX 10-15**  
**Miscellany, circa 1901-1955**  
Family and military documents, files relating to Moros and the Moro language, printed matter, photographs, books and book material, scrapbooks of letters, maps, clippings, and related material, and miscellaneous personal and family memorabilia.  
Arranged by type of material.

**BOX 16-17**  
**Addition, 1944**  
Drafts, photographs, and other material relating to the writing and publication of *Fighting Generals*  
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