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Collection Summary
Title: James G. Harbord Papers
Span Dates: 1886-1938
Bulk Dates: (bulk 1917-1919)
ID No.: MSS24844
Creator: Harbord, James G. (James Guthrie), 1866-1947
Extent: 24,000 items ; 38 containers ; 14 linear feet
Language: Collection material in English
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
Summary: Army officer and business executive. Correspondence, personal diary, confidential cables, administrative
memoranda of General John J. Pershing, records of conversations, clippings, scrapbooks, operational maps, barrage charts,
 roughly, records of the United States Army 2nd Division, a portrait, translations of war diaries of the German army, and
other papers pertaining to Harbord's service in the American military, principally during World War I.

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.
Bandholtz, Harry Hill, 1864-1925--Correspondence.
Bliss, Tasker Howard, 1853-1930--Correspondence.
Degoutte, Jean, 1866-1938--Correspondence.
Haig, Douglas Haig, Earl, 1861-1928--Correspondence.
Harbord, James G. (James Guthrie), 1866-1947.
Harts, W. W. (William Wright), 1866-1961--Correspondence.
Hoover, Herbert, 1874-1964--Correspondence.
Johnson, Hugh S. (Hugh Samuel), 1882-1942--Correspondence.
March, Peyton Conway, 1864-1955--Correspondence.
McCoy, Frank Ross, 1874-1954--Correspondence.
McIntyre, Frank, 1865-1944--Correspondence.
Palmer, John McAuley, 1870-1955--Correspondence.
Pershing, John J. (John Joseph), 1860-1948--Correspondence.
Pétain, Philippe, 1856-1951--Correspondence.
Roosevelt, Theodore, 1858-1919--Correspondence.
Taft, William H. (William Howard), 1857-1930--Correspondence.
Wood, Leonard, 1860-1927--Correspondence.

Organizations
Germany Heer.
Philippine Constabulary.
United States. Army--Supplies and stores.
United States. Army.
United States. Army. Division, 2nd. United States Army 2nd Division records.

Subjects
Château-Thierry, Battle of, Château-Thierry, France, 1918.
World War, 1914-1918--Campaigns--France.
World War, 1914-1918.
Administrative Information

Provenance

The papers of James G. Harbord, army officer and business executive, were given to the Library of Congress by Harbord in 1945. An earlier gift had been received in 1923.

Processing History

The collection was processed prior to 1960. The finding aid was revised in 2014.

Transfers

Photographs have been transferred to the Library's Prints and Photographs Division where they are identified as part of these papers.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of James G. Harbord is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of James G. Harbord 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, James G. Harbord Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of James Guthrie Harbord (1866-1947) span the years 1886-1938, with the bulk of the material concentrated in the period 1917-1919. The collection consists of correspondence, personal diary, confidential cables, administrative memoranda of General John J. Pershing, records of conversations, clippings, scrapbooks, operational maps, barrage charts, sketches, a portrait, records of the United States Army 2nd Division, a portrait, translations of war diaries of the German army, and other papers pertaining to Harbord's career in the United States Army. Featured are Harbord's service as Pershing's chief of staff during World War I; as commander of a marine brigade during the battle of Chateau-Thierry, France, in 1918; commander of the 2nd Division in the Soissons offensive; and commander of the American Expeditionary Forces Service of Supply, 1918-1919. Also documented is Harbord's service as chief of the American Military Mission to Armenia in 1919 as well as his postings prior to World War I, especially as assistant chief of the Philippine Constabulary. The papers are organized by topic or type of material.

Subjects include political and administrative issues within the military, Newton Diehl Baker's activities as secretary of war during World War I, and the relationship between Harbord and Baker until the latter's death in 1938. Secretary Baker's two visits to Europe, one during the war in 1918 and one in 1919 while the Peace Conference was in session at Paris, are briefly described, with accounts by Harbord on his conversations with the secretary. Contained in a volume of Harbord-Pershing correspondence are copies of Pershing's administrative memoranda as well as Harbord's own letters and communications.
A volume of personal miscellany contains a note from J. C. Grew, enclosing to Harbord a ticket of admission to the Salle des Glaces in the Palace at Versailles, to witness the signing of the treaty of peace with Germany on June 28, 1919.


**Arrangement of the Papers**

This collection is arranged alphabetically by type of material.
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| BOX 1     | Private letters, 1886-1916  
            | Letters sent and received. Vol. 1 includes a typewritten diary of a trip by Harbord through parts of Russia and Europe, June 2, 1906- Sept. 8, 1906. The correspondence is arranged in chronological order. Included are letters from Leonard Wood, John J. Pershing, William H. Taft, and Frank McIntryre. The largest body of correspondence is with Harry Hill Bandholtz. |
| BOX 1     | Vol. 1, 1886-1906 |
| BOX 2     | Vol. 2, 1907-1908 |
| BOX 3     | Vol. 3, 1909-1910 |
| BOX 4     | Vol. 4, 1911-1912 |
| BOX 5     | Vol. 5, 1913-1916 |
| BOX 6     | Military records, 1889-1916  
            | Scrapbook containing newspaper and magazine clippings, original letters, commissions, certificates, orders, etc. |
| BOX 7     | World War I |
| BOX 7     | Promotions and decorations, 1917-1919  
            | Congratulatory letters and official notices on the promotions of Harbord. Arranged alphabetically. |
| BOX 8     | Military activity |
| BOX 8     | I, Official war activity  
            | Introduction |
| BOX 8     | Liberty Loan, 1917 |
| BOX 8     | Military unification, Allied Services of Supply, 1918 |
| BOX 8     | 2nd Division victory in Meaux District, 1918 |
| BOX 8     | Château-Thierry, Buresches, and Bois de Belleau, 1918 |
| BOX 8     | Harbord’s appeal for decorations for soldiers, 1918 |
| BOX 8     | American Red Cross, 1919 |
| BOX 8     | Services of Supply inspection tour, 1919 |
| BOX 8     | Armenian Mission, 1919 |
| BOX 8     | Retirement of Harbord, 1922 |
| BOX 8     | II, Army correspondence, including letters, telegrams, orders, and memoranda, 1917-1921 |
| BOX 9     | Personal miscellany, 1917-1919  
            | Scrapbook containing pictures, memoranda, menus, programs, invitations, etc. |
| BOX 10    | Personal war letters, 1917-1919  
            | Preface, dated Dec. 1936, by Eleanor Kay Abrams. Included are letters or telegrams from Tasker Howard Bliss, John McAuley Palmer, John J. Pershing, and others. A typewritten copy of Newton Diehl Baker’s letter of Feb. 25, 1919 constitutes the introduction. Letters are arranged alphabetically with index at the beginning. |
| BOX 11    | Pershing-Harbord letters, 1917-1922  
            | Letters, telegrams, memoranda exchanged by John J. Pershing and Harbord. Harbord’s letters being for the most part in the form of carbon copies. |
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| BOX 12    | Personal letters, Newton Diehl Baker, 1918-1938  
Letters, telegrams, and related matter exchanged by Baker and Harbord. Harbord’s letters  
being for the most part in the form of typewritten copies signed. The last letter, Jan. 12,  
1938, is from Mrs. Baker. |
| BOX 13    | American Expeditionary Forces |  
CONFIDENTIAL |
| BOX 13    | Cables sent, July 2, 1917-Aug. 30, 1919  
Six books of cables, bound as one volume. Largely from Pershing to adjutant general,  
War Department, or the adjutant general for the chief of staff, secretary of war, etc.  
(marked “3rd copy”) |
| BOX 14    | Cables received, July 23, 1917-Aug. 30, 1919  
Largely addressed to Pershing Amexforces (marked “3rd copy”) Five books of cables  
bound as one volume. |
| BOX 15    | 2nd Division at Belleau Wood, 1918, June  
Carbon copies of orders sent by messenger, summaries of intelligence, resumes of activities,  
handwritten reports and memoranda, signed papers. Arranged in general chronological  
order with maps at the front of the volume. Includes General Order No. 1, June 6, 1919,  
mistakenly bound as part of this volume. |
| BOX 16    | Records of the 2nd Division [Regular], 1917-1918  
Operation maps, barrage charts and sketches. Index at front. |
| BOX 17    | Translations of war diaries of German units opposed to the 2nd Division [Regular], 1918  
Typewritten material. A foreword, June 20, 1930, bearing the heading “Second Division  
Historical Section, Army War College, Washington, D.C.,” signed by Captain C.O.  
Mattfeldt, explains the preparation and handling of the material in the volume. Includes a  
word of appreciation to the Deutsches Reicharchiv, Potsdam, Germany, for its courtesy in  
making available to the section the original war diaries of the German units that engaged  
the 2nd Division. |
| BOX 17    | Vol. 1, Toulon-Troyon, Château-Thierry |
| BOX 18    | Vol. 2, Château-Thierry |
| BOX 19    | Vol. 3, Château-Thierry |
| BOX 20    | Vol. 4, Château-Thierry |
| BOX 21    | Vol. 5, Soissons |
| BOX 22    | Vol. 6, Marbache, Saint-Mihiel |
| BOX 23    | Vol. 7, Blanc Mont [Part I] |
| BOX 24    | Vol. 8, Blanc Mont [Part II] |
| BOX 25    | Vol. 9, Meuse-Argonne |
| BOX 26    | Records of the 2nd Division [Regular]  
Typewritten material “copied literally from original documents and most carefully compared,”  
according to a note at the front of vol. 1 by Brigadier General Preston Brown. This series  
was done under the direction of Captain C. O. Mattfeldt. |
| BOX 26    | Vol. 1, 1918-1919, Field orders |
| BOX 27    | Vol. 2, 1919-1919, Field orders (3rd and 4th Brigades) |
| BOX 28    | Vol. 3, Field orders (9th Infantry-23rd Infantry, 5th Marines-6th Marines and 2nd Engineers) |
| BOX 29    | Vol. 4, 1918 , Field messages (Headquarters 2nd Division, 2nd Field Artillery Brigade, 3rd  
Brigade Marines) |
| BOX 30    | Vol. 5, 1918, 9th-23rd Infantry, 5th-6th Marines, 12th-15th and 17th Field Artillery, 2nd  
Engineers, 4th-5th-6th Machine Gun Battalions |
| BOX 31    | Vol. 6, 1918, Operation Reports War Diaries Journal of Operations, (2nd Division, 2nd Field  
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| BOX 34    | Services of Supply  
| BOX 35    | Memoranda, 1919. Carbon copies. Arranged chronologically |
| BOX 36    | Clippings, 1917-1920, 1931 |
| BOX 37    | Scrapbook, circa 1923-1929  
Pictures, clippings, menus, articles, etc. Pocket of loose material at the back of the volume. |
| BOX 38    | Maps showing operations of American divisions on Western Front  
Map room G-3, General Headquarters. Includes loose material consisting of maps, commissions, a portrait, a report, and a memorial of women of Armenia to Harbord, 1919. |