

**Tasker Howard Bliss collection of World War I maps and other related
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Collection Summary

Title: Tasker Howard Bliss collection of World War I maps and other related graphic materials

Span Dates: 1815-1920

Call No.: G5701.S65 coll .B5

Creator: Bliss, Tasker Howard, 1853-1930

Extent: 270-plus pieces, chiefly maps : some colored ; various sizes

Language: Collection material in English, French, German, Italian and Turkish

Location: Geography and Map Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

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Summary: The map collection was amassed by General Tasker Howard Bliss (1853-1930) during his World War I military service and then as a U.S. representative to the Paris Peace Conference of 1919.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

People

Bliss, Tasker Howard, 1853-1930.

Subjects

Ethnology--Europe--Maps.

Territory, National--Europe--History--Maps.

World War, 1914-1918--Territorial questions--Europe--Maps.

Places

Asia--Maps.

Asia.

Europe--History--1871-1918--Maps.

Europe--Maps.

Europe.

Turkey--Maps.

Turkey.

Form/Genre

Maps.

Provenance

The collection was acquired in 1937.

Processing History

In 2003, the collection was inventoried and placed in numbered folders by volunteer Herb Gilder. In 2014, the collection was intellectually organized and described in a finding aid by Ryan Moore.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright of the collection is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The collection is open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Geography and Map 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

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Biographical Note

Date	Event
1853, Dec. 31	Born, Lewisburg, Pa.
1875	Graduated, U.S. Military Academy, West Point, N.Y.
1875-1902	Served in 1st U.S. Artillery
1882	Married Eleanora E. Anderson
1885-1888	Professor of military science, U.S. Naval War College
1897-1898	Military attaché, U.S. Legation, Madrid, Spain
1898-1902	Collector of customs, Havana, Cuba, and chief, Cuban Customs Service
1902	Appointed special envoy to Cuba to negotiate treaty of reciprocity between Cuba and the U.S.
1903	Commandant, Army War College
1909	Member, Army General Staff, and president, Army War College
1909-1910	Assistant and then acting chief of staff, U. S. Army
1911	Commander, provisional brigade on Mexican border
1915	Appointed member, Army General Staff, and assistant chief of staff, U. S. Army
1917	Member, Allied Council
1917-1918	Chief of staff, U.S. Army, with rank of general
1918-1919	Member, Supreme War Council and U.S. American Commission to Negotiate the Peace
1930, Nov. 9	Died, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The collection primarily concerns maps from WWI, the Allied intervention in Russia, and the Paris Peace conference of 1919. All maps were collected and/or used by General Bliss.

Arrangement of the Collection

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