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Collection Summary

Title: George S. Patton Papers

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ID No.: MSS35634

Creator: Patton, George S. (George Smith), 1885-1945

Extent: 26,100 items

Extent: 78 containers plus 23 oversize

Extent: 40 linear feet

Extent: 10 microfilm reels

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Summary: United States Army officer. Correspondence, memoranda, diaries, journals, writings, speeches and lectures, military papers, scrapbooks, military publications, maps, photographs, and other papers relating primarily to Patton's military career as a student at the U.S. Military Academy (1904-1909), member of John J. Pershing's Punitive Expedition into Mexico (1916), aide-de-camp to Pershing and later tank commander in Europe during World War I, and commander of forces in Europe and North Africa during World War II.

Online Content: Diaries in the papers of George S. Patton are available on the Library of Congress website at <https://hdl.loc.gov/loc.mss/collmss.ms000047>. *To promote preservation of the originals, researchers are required to consult the online edition.* A transcription dataset from the diaries is available online at <https://hdl.loc.gov/loc.gdc/gdcdatasets.2021386762>.

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

Allen, Terry de la Mesa, 1888-1969--Correspondence.
Arnold, Henry Harley, 1886-1950--Correspondence.
Ayer, Charles Fanning, 1865-1956--Correspondence.
Ayer, Frederick, 1917?-1974--Correspondence.
Bradley, Omar Nelson, 1893-1981--Correspondence.
Brown, Arvin H.--Correspondence.
Clark, Mark W. (Mark Wayne), 1896-1984--Correspondence.
Clay, Lucius D. (Lucius DuBignon), 1897-1978--Correspondence.
Codman, Charles R.--Correspondence.
Crittenberger, Willis Dale, 1890-1980--Correspondence.
Devers, Jacob L. (Jacob Loucks), 1887-1979--Correspondence.
Dillingham, Walter Francis, 1875-1968--Correspondence.
Doolittle, James Harold, 1896-1993--Correspondence.
Eddy, Manton S. (Manton Sprague), 1892-1962--Correspondence.
Eisenhower, Dwight D. (Dwight David), 1890-1969--Correspondence.
Ennis, Riley Finlay, 1897- --Correspondence.
Flint, Harry Albert, -1944--Correspondence.
Gay, Hobart R. (Hobart Raymond), 1894-1983--Correspondence.
George, Charles P., 1886-1946--Correspondence.
Gillem, Alvan Cullom, 1888-1973--Correspondence.
Grow, Robert W., 1895-1985--Correspondence.
Haislip, Wade H. (Wade Hampton), 1889-1971--Correspondence.
Handy, Thomas T. (Thomas Troy), 1892-1982--Correspondence.
Harbord, James G. (James Guthrie), 1866-1947--Correspondence.

Harmon, Ernest Nason, 1894-1979--Correspondence.
Henry, Guy Vernor, 1839-1899--Correspondence.
Hodges, Courtney H., 1887-1966--Correspondence.
Joyce, Kenyon Ashe, 1879-1960--Correspondence.
Juin, Alphonse, 1888-1967--Correspondence.
Keyes, Geoffrey, 1888-1967--Correspondence.
Lee, John Clifford Hodges, 1887-1958--Correspondence.
Lodge, Henry Cabot, Jr., 1902-1985--Correspondence.
Lucas, John Porter, 1890-1949--Correspondence.
Marshall, George C. (George Catlett), 1880-1959--Correspondence.
McNair, Lesley James, 1883-1944--Correspondence.
Merrill, Keith, 1887-1959--Correspondence.
Middleton, Troy H. (Troy Houston), 1889-1976--Correspondence.
Miles, Sherman, 1882-1966--Correspondence.
Noguès, Charles, 1876-1971--Correspondence.
Oliphant, Elmer Q. (Elmer Quillen), 1893-1975--Correspondence.
Parks, Floyd Lavinius, 1896-1959--Correspondence.
Patton, Beatrice Banning Ayer, 1886-1953--Correspondence.
Patton, George S. (George Smith), 1885-1945--Correspondence.
Patton, George S. (George Smith), 1885-1945.
Paul, Willard Stewart, 1894-1966--Correspondence.
Pershing, John J. (John Joseph), 1860-1948--Correspondence.
Pershing, John J. (John Joseph), 1860-1948.
Scott, Charles L. (Charles Lewis), 1883-1954--Correspondence.
Simpson, William H. (William Hood), 1888-1980--Correspondence.
Smith, Walter Bedell, 1895-1961--Correspondence.
Somervell, Brehon Burke, 1892-1955--Correspondence.
Spatz, Carl, 1891-1974--Correspondence.
Stimson, Henry L. (Henry Lewis), 1867-1950--Correspondence.
Summerall, Charles Pelot, 1867-1955--Correspondence.
Surler, Alexander D. (Alexander Day), 1886-1947--Correspondence.
Truscott, Lucian King, 1895-1965--Correspondence.
Ulio, James Alexander, 1882-1958--Correspondence.
Walker, Walton Harris, 1889-1950--Correspondence.
Wallace, Frederick C.--Correspondence.
Williams, J. J. Bethurun--Correspondence.
Wood, John Shirley, 1888-1966--Correspondence.

Organizations

United States Military Academy.
United States. Army--History--Punitive Expedition into Mexico, 1916.

Subjects

Cavalry.
Denazification.
Refugees.
Sabers.
Tank warfare.
War casualties.
World War, 1914-1918--Europe--Tank warfare.
World War, 1939-1945--Africa, North.
World War, 1939-1945--Campaigns--Africa, North.
World War, 1939-1945--Campaigns--France--Normandy.
World War, 1939-1945--Campaigns--Germany.
World War, 1939-1945--Campaigns--Italy--Sicily.

World War, 1939-1945--Europe.

Titles

George S. Patton Papers: Diaries, 1910 to 1945, at the Library of Congress

Occupations

Army officers.

Acquisition Information

The papers of George S. Patton, army officer and author, were given to the Library of Congress in 1955 by Mrs. Samuel J. Graham and in 1964 by George S. Patton IV, Mrs. James W. Totten, John Knight Waters, Jr., and George Patton Waters. Additional material was received from the Patton family, some via Martin Blumenson, and from Culbreth Sudler, Jr., from 1970 to 1986.

Processing History

The papers of George S. Patton were arranged and described in 1964 by Allen Kitchens and Esther Coles. Additional material was incorporated into the collection in 1979 and 1995 by various staff members of the Manuscript Division. The collection description was expanded and revised in 1998 by Connie L. Cartledge.

Transfers

Duplicate maps have been transferred to the Library's Geography and Map Division where they are identified as part of these papers.

Copyright Status

Copyright in the unpublished writings of George S. Patton 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 George S. Patton 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.

Microfilm

A microfilm edition of a portion of these papers is available from the Library's Photoduplication Service for purchase subject to the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.). A microfilm copy of one volume of Patton's diary on one reel may be requested on interlibrary loan through the Library's Loan Division. The United States Department of the Army's two reels of microfilm containing Patton's personnel file and the microfilm of the scrapbooks on seven reels are not available for interlibrary loan. To promote preservation of the originals, researchers are required to consult the microfilm edition as available.

Online Content

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Biographical Note

Date	Event
1885, Nov. 11	Born, San Gabriel, Calif.
1903-1904	Attended Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, Va.
1909	Graduated, United States Military Academy, West Point, N.Y. Assigned to Fifteenth United States Cavalry, Fort Sheridan, Ill., and Fort Myer, Va.
1910	Married Beatrice Banning Ayer
1912	Member, American team, XII Olympiad, Stockholm, Sweden, finishing fifth in modern pentathlon
1912-1913	Attended French cavalry school, Saumur, France
1913	Graduated, United States Cavalry School, Fort Riley, Kans.
1913-1915	Instructor in weapons, United States Cavalry School, Fort Riley, Kans.
1915-1916	Assigned to Eighth United States Cavalry, Fort Bliss, Tex.
1916-1917	Aide-de-camp to General John J. Pershing, Mexican Punitive Expedition
1917	Aide-de-camp to General John J. Pershing, Commander-in-Chief, American Expeditionary Forces Commanded Headquarters Troop, American Expeditionary Forces
1917-1918	Detailed as first member of American Tank Corps and attended French Tank School, Compiègne, France Organized American Tank School, Langres, France
1918	Promoted to temporary rank of lieutenant colonel
1918-1921	Commander, 304th Tank Brigade
1919-1921	Invented a coaxial gun mount
1921-1922	Commander, First Squadron, Third United States Cavalry, Fort Myer, Va.
1923-1928	United States Army General Staff, Boston, Mass., 1923-1924; Hawaii, 1924-1928
1928-1931	Served in Office of the Chief of Cavalry, United States Army
1932	Graduated, United States Army War College
1932-1935	Executive officer, Third United States Cavalry, Fort Myer, Va.
1934	Promoted to lieutenant colonel
1935-1937	G-2, United States Army General Staff, Hawaiian Department
1938	Promoted to colonel Commander, Fifth United States Cavalry, Fort Clark, Tex.
1938-1940	Commander, Third United States Cavalry, Fort Myer, Va.
1940	Promoted to brigadier general
1940-1941	Commander, Second Armored Brigade, Second Armored Division, Fort Benning, Ga.
1941	Promoted to major general
1941-1942	Commander, Second Armored Division, Fort Benning, Ga.
1942	Commander, I Armored Corps, First and Second Armored Divisions
1942-1943	Commanded Western Task Force during Allied landings and subsequent campaign in North Africa Transferred to command of United States II Corps
1943	Promoted to lieutenant general Relinquished command of II Corps to Omar Nelson Bradley Resumed command of I Armored Corps in preparation for invasion of Sicily
1943-1944	Commanded Seventh United States Army in Sicilian campaign
1944	Ordered to England to take command of Third United States Army in preparation for invasion of France

1944-1945	Commanded Third United States Army in drive across France, Germany, Czechoslovakia, and Austria
1945	Commander, Fifteenth United States Army
1945, Dec. 21	Died, Heidelberg, Germany

Scope and Content Note

The papers of George Smith Patton (1885-1945) span the years 1807-1979, with the bulk of the papers concentrated from 1904 to 1945. The collection documents Patton's military career, including his attendance at the United States Military Academy at West Point, 1904-1909; his service on the Mexican border as a member of John J. Pershing's Mexican Punitive Expedition, 1916-1917; his service as an aide-de-camp to Pershing and later as a tank commander in World War I, 1917-1919; and his military career from 1938 to 1945. The majority of the papers chronicle Patton's World War II service and his success as one of America's most skillful combat commanders of armored troops. The papers consist of eleven series: [Diaries](#), [Chronological File](#), [Family Papers](#), [Correspondence](#), [Military Papers](#), [Military Library](#), [Maps](#), [Photographs](#), [Speeches and Writings File](#), [Miscellany](#), and [Oversize](#). Most of the series relate to Patton's personal and military activities and his leadership in the development and tactical use of the tank as a combat weapon. Additional papers concerning Patton's service in World War I are in the Chester Fritz Library of the University of North Dakota located near Grand Forks, North Dakota.

The [Diaries](#), 1910-1945, illustrate Patton's activities during the Mexican Punitive Expedition, World War I, and World War II. The volumes, particularly from 1942 to 1945, document Patton's daily activities and observations and reveal his candor about himself, personally and professionally. They include information about American ground combat operations in the campaign for North Africa, the invasion of Sicily, the liberation of France, and the final assault on Germany. Annotated volumes covering World War II often contain additional detail expanding on the original volume entries. The original diaries are dated through 24 March 1945, while annotated transcripts continue to 3 December 1945. The Library did not receive the latter portion of the original diaries. Additional topics include Patton's honeymoon trip to Europe in 1910 and his fox hunting activities, 1932-1935.

The [Chronological File](#), 1901-1977, provides an overview of Patton's life, serving as a combination diary-scrapbook consisting mainly of diary entries, correspondence, memoranda, and reports. Approximately one half of the series is in transcript form. The originals of these transcripts are located in other series. This series also contains original items, primarily correspondence, that do not appear in any other series.

The [Family Papers](#), 1857-1979, consist mainly of Patton's letters to his wife, Beatrice Banning Ayer Patton, and his father, George S. Patton (1856-1927). Early letters chronicle Patton's struggle as a student at West Point. His letters to his wife are detailed and, like the diaries, contain frank assessments of commanders, subordinates, and military operations. Patton shared not only his achievements with his wife but also some of the negative incidents that affected his career, such as the reaction in November 1943 when the press reported that he had slapped two soldiers suffering battle fatigue in Sicily and his remarks in a speech in Knutsford, England, in April 1944 omitting inclusions of Russia as one of the countries likely to rule the postwar world with the United States and Great Britain. Both incidents threatened his career and almost resulted in his removal from the war. Also in the Family Papers are correspondence of Beatrice Patton and an autobiographical account of Patton's memories of his father. There is a significant amount of printed matter of George H. Smith, Patton's step-grandfather, concerning the Civil War battle of New Market, Virginia.

Papers in the [Correspondence](#) series, 1903-1945, include incoming and outgoing correspondence between Patton and his staff, commanders, government officials, friends, and the general public. Because many of Patton's friends and colleagues were in the military, there is a significant amount of material in the chronological correspondence that relates to military matters. The official correspondence documents the planning of various combat operations, particularly for the Allied invasion of Sicily and D-Day planning for France and reflects Patton's varied duties as a commander. The topical correspondence includes fan mail, inquiries on casualties, furloughs and discharges, the slapping incidents in Sicily, and Christmas and get-well letters sent to Patton after his automobile accident in December 1945.

The [Military Papers](#), 1903-1976, consist of administrative files, Patton's personnel file, and a subject file. The bulk of the series illustrates Patton's duties while a combat commander from 1942 to 1945. The files include orders, citations, memoranda, speeches, training instructions, policy and procedural material, and reports concerning units Patton

commanded. Speeches made by Patton to his troops during World War II were originally filed in the Military Papers, and this order has been retained. Duplicates of some of these speeches are filed in the [Speeches and Writings File](#). Documents relating to Patton's personnel file include both personal and official papers. The official papers are included in a microfilm copy of Patton's file in the records of the Department of the Army. Prominent topics featured in the subject file are the cavalry, casualty information, denazification of Germany, displaced persons, and tanks. Much of the material relating to tanks concerns the development of that vehicle and the tactics of armored warfare. The series also contains material relating to Patton's death and funeral.

The [Military Library](#) series, 1907-1947, includes class publications from West Point, intelligence and campaign reports, and other material relating to military tactics. The majority of the series consists of campaign reports pertaining to France and Germany.

Items in the [Maps](#) series, 1906-1945, reflect Patton's interest in cartography. Most of the items are situation maps of the European theater and commemorative maps of the United States Third Army's operations in Europe. A map of Western Europe, marked by Patton in March 1944 prior to the development of campaign plans, illustrates with remarkable accuracy the projected route that the Third Army would take in its advance across France and Germany.

The [Photographs](#) series, 1864-1958, consist primarily of items relating to Patton's military career, although there are a few family photographs in the "Miscellaneous" folders. Locations featured in the World War II pictures include North Africa, Sicily, England, France, and Germany. Also well represented are Patton's years at the military academy at West Point, his tenure at Fort Meade, Maryland, and his service with the Mexican Punitive Expedition. World War II "Miscellaneous" folders include photographs, some autographed, of Patton's superiors and fellow officers.

Papers in the [Speeches and Writings File](#), 1900-1947, consist chiefly of articles, speeches, reports, lectures, book reviews, memoranda, poetry, and memoirs. A few writings of others interfiled in this series with Patton's texts are listed in a partial index compiled by Patton. Prominent topics featured in Patton's writings include the saber, the cavalry, mechanization, tanks, and tank tactics. Patton's writings illustrate his early interest in armored warfare and indicate his belief in the tank as an important combat weapon long before its success in World War II. A 1937 paper entitled "Surprise" includes Patton's prediction of an attack by Japan on Pearl Harbor.

The [Miscellany](#) series, 1911-1966, includes biographical information, certificates and citations, reports, and printed matter relating chiefly to Patton's participation in the pentathlon in the 1912 Olympics in Stockholm, his interests in fencing and swordsmanship, and his attendance at the Mounted Service School, Fort Riley, Kansas. Also documented in the series are the various medals and honors awarded Patton during his lifetime and posthumously. The [Oversize](#) series, 1807-1951, consists principally of maps, overlays, photograph albums, and scrapbooks of newspaper clippings, correspondence, photographs, and other printed matter.

Prominent among Patton's correspondents are Harold Alexander (Earl Alexander of Tunis), Terry de la Mesa Allen, Henry Harley Arnold, Charles Fanning Ayer, Frederick Ayer, Omar Nelson Bradley, Arvin H. Brown, Mark W. Clark, Lucius D. Clay, Charles R. Codman, Willis Dale Crittenger, Jacob L. Devers, Walter Francis Dillingham, James Harold Doolittle, Manton S. Eddy, Dwight D. Eisenhower, Riley Finlay Ennis, Harry Albert Flint, Hobart R. Gay, Charles P. George, Alvan Cullom Gillem, Jr., Robert W. Grow, Wade H. Haislip, Thomas T. Handy, James G. Harbord, Ernest Nason Harmon, Guy Vernor Henry, Courtney H. Hodges, Kenyon Ashe Joyce, Alphonse Juin, Geoffrey Keyes, John Clifford Hodges Lee, Henry Cabot Lodge, John Porter Lucas, Lesley James McNair, George C. Marshall, Keith Merrill, Troy H. Middleton, Sherman Miles, Charles (August Paul) Noguès, Elmer Q. Oliphant, Floyd Lavinius Parks, Willard Stewart Paul, John J. Pershing, Charles L. Scott, William H. Simpson, Walter Bedell Smith, Brehon Burke Somervell, Carl Spaatz, Henry Lewis Stimson, Charles Pelot Summerall, Alexander D. Surles, Lucian King Truscott, James Alexander Ulio, Walton Harris Walker, Frederick C. Wallace, J. J. Bethurun Williams, and John Shirley Wood.

Throughout his papers, Patton used nicknames, abbreviations, and code words to denote certain persons and operations. The following names and words are found primarily in his World War II diaries and correspondence and the chronological file for those years:

- "Ike," "d," "D," "Destiny"--Dwight D. Eisenhower
- "Brad," "tent maker"--Omar Nelson Bradley
- "P"--John Shirley Wood
- "Hap"--Henry Harley Arnold
- "Critt"--Willis Dale Crittenger

- "Jake"--Jacob L. Devers
- "Tody"--Charles P. George
- "Van"--Alvan Cullom Gillem, Jr.
- "Beadle"--Walter Bedell Smith
- "Tooy"--Carl Spaatz
- "Day"--Alexander D. Surles
- "Paddy"--Harry Albert Flint
- "Husky"--Allied invasion of Sicily, 10 July 1943
- "Bigot"--D-Day planning, 1944

Organization of the Papers

The collection is arranged in twelve series:

- [Diaries, 1910-1945](#)
- [Chronological File, 1901-1977](#)
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- [Correspondence, 1903-1945](#)
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- [Oversize, 1807-1951](#)

Description of Series

Container	Series
BOX 1-3	<p><u>Diaries, 1910-1945</u></p> <p>Holograph and typewritten diaries, bound and unbound. Arranged in two groups, original and annotated transcripts, and therein chronologically. The diary for Sept. 24-Mar. 5, 1943, is available on microfilm. Shelf no. 20,613.</p>
BOX 4-14	<p><u>Chronological File, 1901-1977</u></p> <p>A collection of diary entries, correspondence, school papers, memoranda, reports, photographs, articles, speeches, lectures, maps, notebooks, orders, citations, newspaper clippings, printed matter, and other material. Arranged chronologically.</p>
BOX 14-24	<p><u>Family Papers, 1857-1979</u></p> <p>Correspondence between Patton and family members with attachments and enclosures, genealogical material, printed matter, and miscellaneous papers relating to the family. Arranged alphabetically by type of material and therein by name of family member.</p>
BOX 25-45	<p><u>Correspondence, 1903-1945</u></p> <p>Chronological, official, and topical correspondence, with attached and appended material, between Patton and his staff, army officials, friends, acquaintances, and the general public. Arranged alphabetically by type of correspondence and therein chronologically, although the topical correspondence is arranged alphabetically by topic and therein chronologically.</p>
BOX 45-55	<p><u>Military Papers, 1903-1976</u></p> <p>Correspondence, memoranda, reports, orders, citations, speeches, photographs, training instructions, policy and procedural material, Patton's personnel file, and printed matter. Arranged alphabetically into three categories: administrative file, personnel "201" file, and subject file. The files within the categories are further arranged alphabetically by name of person, topic, or type of material, with the exception of the administrative file which is arranged chronologically. Includes two reels of microfilm of Patton's official personnel file, the originals of which are not in the collection. Shelf no. 17,250.</p>
BOX 56-58	<p><u>Military Library, 1907-1947</u></p> <p>Reports, printed matter, near-print material, and typed notes. Arranged chronologically.</p>
BOX 59-60	<p><u>Maps, 1906-1945</u></p> <p>Maps from various phases of Patton's military career. Arranged alphabetically by topic and therein chronologically.</p>
BOX 60-64	<p><u>Photographs, 1864-1958</u></p> <p>Bound and unbound photographs. Arranged alphabetically by topic or type of material and therein chronologically.</p>
BOX 64-74	<p><u>Speeches and Writings File, 1900-1947</u></p> <p>Holograph, typescript, near-print, and published copies of articles, speeches, lectures, book reviews, memoranda, reports, field manuals, instructional material, poetry, and memoirs.</p>

Arranged alphabetically by type of material and therein chronologically.

BOX 74-75

Miscellany, 1911-1966

Memoranda, reports, biographical information, citations, certificates, photographs, near-print and printed matter, notes and notebooks, postcards, and newspaper clippings.

Arranged by name of person or organization, topic, or type of material and therein chronologically.

BOX 76-78

Manuscript Material Removed from Scrapbooks After Microfilming, 1807-1950

Correspondence, photographs, certificates, calling cards, and other material retained after microfilming. Once the scrapbooks were microfilmed, the volumes, OV 23-OV 49, were destroyed.

BOX OV 1-OV 50

Oversize, 1807-1951

Oversize material consisting of maps, diagrams and blueprints, overlays, photographs, charts, posters, a report, and scrapbooks.

Organized and described according to the series from which the items were removed.

Scrapbooks constitute a separate grouping within the oversize series.

Scrapbooks OV 23-OV 49 are available only on microfilm. Shelf no. 21,850.

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BOX 1	Original 1910 Digital content available 1914 , 1916 , and 1917 Digital content available 1918-1919 Digital content available 1942, Aug. 5-17 Digital content available 1942, Sept. 24-1943, Mar. 5 Diary available on microfilm. Shelf no. 20,613 Digital content available 1943, Mar. 5-May 21 Digital content available 1943, May 21-July 2 Digital content available 1943, July-Nov. 12 Digital content available 1943, Nov. 13-1944, May 31 Digital content available 1944, May 31-Oct. 2 Digital content available 1944, Oct. 3-1945, Feb. 5 Digital content available 1945, Feb. 5-Mar. 24 Digital content available
BOX 2	Annotated transcripts 1916 Digital content available 1916 Digital content available 1917, May-July Digital content available 1917, Aug.-Dec. Digital content available 1918, Jan.-Mar. Digital content available

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 - [Digital content available](#)
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 - [Digital content available](#)
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 - [Digital content available](#)
- 1934-1935 (2 of 2)
 - [Digital content available](#)
- 1942, Aug.-1943, Jan. 25
 - [Digital content available](#)
- 1943, Jan. 26-Apr. 8
 - [Digital content available](#)
- 1943, Apr. 8-July 1
 - [Digital content available](#)
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 - 1944, Feb. 10-July 31 (1 of 2)
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 - 1944, Feb. 10-July 31 (2 of 2)
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 - 1944, Aug. 1-Nov. 29 (1 of 2)
 - [Digital content available](#)
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Diaries, 1910-1945

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BOX 4	1901-1906 (16 folders)
BOX 5	1907-1913 (17 folders)
BOX 6	1914-1916 (12 folders)
	1917 1917, Jan.-Aug. (5 folders)
BOX 7	1917, Sept.-Dec. (6 folders)
	1918 1918, Jan.-Mar. (7 folders)
BOX 8	1918, Apr.-Sept. See also Oversize (17 folders)
BOX 9	1918, Oct.-Dec. See also Oversize (7 folders)
	1919-1920 See also Oversize (12 folders)
BOX 10	1922-1942 See also Oversize (12 folders)
	1943 1943, Jan.-Apr. (5 folders)
BOX 11	1943, May-Dec. (13 folders)
	1944 1944, Jan.-Apr. (4 folders)
BOX 12	1944, May-Dec. See also Oversize (17 folders)
	1945 1945, Jan. (2 folders)
BOX 13	1945, Feb.-Oct. (17 folders)
	1945, Nov. 1-11 (2 folders)

Chronological File, 1901-1977

Container	Contents
BOX 14	12-29 (2 folders) 1945, Dec. <i>See also Oversize</i> (2 folders) 1946-1963 , 1970-1971 , 1977, undated (9 folders)
BOX 14-24	Family Papers, 1857-1979 Correspondence between Patton and family members with attachments and enclosures, genealogical material, printed matter, and miscellaneous papers relating to the family. Arranged alphabetically by type of material and therein by name of family member.
BOX 14	Correspondence Ayer, Charles Fanning (brother-in-law), 1917 , 1943-1945 Ayer, Ellen Barrows Banning (mother-in-law) and Frederick (father-in-law), 1908-1918 (3 folders) Ayer, Frederick, (bother-in-law), 1930 , 1942-1945 (2 folders) Patton, Anne ("Nita") (sister), 1909 , 1918-1919 , 1931 , 1941-1945 Patton, Beatrice Banning Ayer (wife) Original 1903-1907 (2 folders)
BOX 15	1908-1915 (15 folders) 1916 1916, Jan.-Aug. (6 folders)
BOX 16	1916, Sept.-Dec. (4 folders) 1917-1919 (20 folders)
BOX 17	1922-1943 (21 folders)
BOX 18	1944 (14 folders) 1945 1945, Jan.-Feb. (2 folders)
BOX 19	1945, Mar.-Dec. (8 folders) Annotated typescripts Set A, 1942-1944 (10 folders)
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Family Papers, 1857-1979

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BOX 21	1918-1920 , 1926-1927 (2 folders) Patton, George S. (1923-) (son), 1939-1945 (4 folders) Patton, Ruth Wilson (mother), 1904-1919 Wilson, Annie (aunt), 1904-1919 , 1926-1928 (4 folders) Other family members, 1905 , 1917-1918 , 1941-1945 , undated (2 folders) Miscellany Genealogical material, 1913 , 1928 , undated Oddments, 1859-1860 , 1918 , 1943-1945 Patton, Beatrice Banning Ayer (wife) Correspondence Ayer, Ellen Barrows Banning and Frederick, 1916-1917 Condolence letters re Patton's death Bound, 1945
BOX 22	Unbound, 1945-1946 (5 folders) General 1914-1919 , 1925 , 1943-1946 (15 folders)
BOX 23	1947-1953, undated (6 folders) Patton, George S. (1856-1927) and Ruth Wilson, 1912-1919 Patton, George S. (1923-), 1943-1946 Waters, Beatrice Patton (daughter), 1946 Wilson, Annie, 1902-1920 (3 folders) Miscellany, 1910 , 1942-1950 , undated Patton, George S. (1833-1864) (grandfather), 1864 Patton, George S. (1856-1927) (father) Correspondence, 1902-1908 (2 folders) "My Memories of Papa," by Patton, 1927 Patton, George S. (1923-) (son), 1943-1949 , 1972 , 1979 (3 folders)
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BOX 25-45	Correspondence, 1903-1945 Chronological, official, and topical correspondence, with attached and appended material, between Patton and his staff, army officials, friends, acquaintances, and the general public. Arranged alphabetically by type of correspondence and therein chronologically, although the topical correspondence is arranged alphabetically by topic and therein chronologically.

Correspondence, 1903-1945

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BOX 27	S-Y (4 folders) 1943 A-S (19 folders)
BOX 28	T-W <i>See also Oversize</i> 1944 A-P (16 folders)
BOX 29	Q-Y (6 folders) 1945 A-F (12 folders)
BOX 30	G-P (16 folders)
BOX 31	Q-Z (13 folders) Official 1942 A-D (4 folders)
BOX 32	E-W (6 folders) 1943 A-K (14 folders)
BOX 33	L-W (7 folders) 1944 A-K (13 folders)
BOX 34	L-W (15 folders) 1945 A-C (6 folders)
BOX 35	D-W (17 folders) Topical

Correspondence, 1903-1945

Container

Contents

	Casualty inquiries, 1943-1945
	A-D
	(3 folders)
BOX 36	E-Z
	(12 folders)
BOX 37	Christmas and get-well greetings after automobile accident, 1945
	(3 vols.)
BOX 38	(3 vols.)
BOX 39	(1 vol.)
	Crank file, 1944-1945
	Fan mail
	1943
	(2 folders)
	1944
	1944, Jan.-Aug.
	(4 folders)
BOX 40	1944, Sept.-Nov.
	(11 folders)
BOX 41	1944, Dec.
	(3 folders)
	1945
	1945, Jan.-Apr.
	(11 folders)
BOX 42	1945, May-Oct.
	(18 folders)
BOX 43	1945, Nov.-Dec.
	(3 folders)
	Undated
	Furloughs and discharges, 1943-1945
	(3 folders)
	Miscellaneous inquiries and requests, 1943-1945
	(5 folders)
	Slapping incidents, Sicily
	Originals, 1943-1944
	A-L
	(4 folders)
BOX 44	M-W
	(4 folders)
	Unidentified, 1943
	Typescripts, 1943-1944
	(4 folders)
	Thank you letters and acknowledgments
	1943
	(3 folders)
	1944
	1944, Jan.-Oct.
	(3 folders)
BOX 45	Topical

Correspondence, 1903-1945

Container

Contents

Thank you letters and acknowledgments

1944

1944, Nov.-Dec.

(2 folders)

1945

(9 folders)

BOX 45-55

Military Papers, 1903-1976

Correspondence, memoranda, reports, orders, citations, speeches, photographs, training instructions, policy and procedural material, Patton's personnel file, and printed matter.

Arranged alphabetically into three categories: administrative file, personnel "201" file, and subject file. The files within the categories are further arranged alphabetically by name of person, topic, or type of material, with the exception of the administrative file which is arranged chronologically.

Includes two reels of microfilm of Patton's official personnel file, the originals of which are not in the collection. Shelf no. 17,250.

BOX 45

Administrative file

1941-1942

(5 folders)

1943

1943, Jan.-June

(4 folders)

BOX 46

1943, July-Dec. *See also Oversize*

(10 folders)

1944 *See also Oversize*

(7 folders)

BOX 47

1945, undated *See also Oversize*

(10 folders)

Personnel "201" file

Personal file kept by Patton

1903-1932

(7 folders)

BOX 48

1937-1943

(20 folders)

BOX 49

1944-1945 *See also Oversize*

(11 folders)

REEL 1

United States Department of the Army records

Available only on microfilm. Two reels, shelf no. 17,250. Documents damaged in the St.

Louis fire were placed in polyester film envelopes and interfiled chronologically before filming.

Evaluations

Citations, commendations, decorations

1918-1945, 1970, undated

Efficiency reports and efficiency file, 1918-1945

Ratings and memorandum records, 1917-1940

General

1917-1957

REEL 2

1961-1976, undated

Military Papers, 1903-1976

Container

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	Punch cards change, International Business Machine Corp. records, 1938-1945
	Report of change slips, 1919-1942
	Medical records, 1904-1948, undated
	Subject file
	Airborne troops, investigation into friendly fire incident by ground troops, 1943
	Bastogne operation, 1944-1945 <i>See also Oversize</i>
	Casualty information
	General, 1944-1945
	(3 folders)
	Reports
	1944
	1944, Aug.
	(2 folders)
BOX 50	1944, Sept.-Dec.
	(8 folders)
	1945
	(9 folders)
	Cavalry, 1926-1931 , undated
	(2 folders)
BOX 51	Citations, 1944-1945
	(5 folders)
	Death and funeral of Patton, 1945-1946
	(2 folders)
	Denazification of Germany, 1945
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	Displaced persons, 1945
	(3 folders)
BOX 52	Financial papers
	1917
	(8 folders)
	1943-1945
	(3 folders)
	Flint, Harry Albert ("Paddy"), 1944
	French Second Division, 1944, undated <i>See also Oversize</i>
	(2 folders)
	G-3 (operations)
	Overlays, 1943 <i>See Oversize</i>
	Reports, 1943
	(2 folders)
	German generals, captured, interviews, 1944-1945
BOX 53	Liberation of Paris, France, and other cities and towns, 1944-1945
	Maneuver impressions, 1940
	Miscellany
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	(4 folders)
	Press, 1944-1945 , undated
	(2 folders)
	Second Armored Division

Military Papers, 1903-1976

Container

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	General, 1940
	Training memoranda, 1940-1942
	Tanks
	Christie tank and tactical papers notebook, 1926-1929
BOX 54	Drawings, 1919
	General, 1917-1920 , 1930-1931 , 1941-1944, undated <i>See also Oversize</i> (9 folders)
	Mechanical features, 1918-1919
	Photograph albums <i>See also Container 61, World War I</i> 1916-1931 (3 folders)
BOX 55	1918-1919
	Reports
	General, 1917-1919 (3 folders)
	Officer reports from personal experience, 1918 (2 folders)
	Tactics, 1929-1931 , 1941-1942 (4 folders)
BOX 56-58	Military Library, 1907-1947 Reports, printed matter, near-print material, and typed notes. Arranged chronologically.
BOX 56	1907-1927 (9 folders)
BOX 57	1930-1944 <i>See also Oversize</i> (10 folders)
BOX 58	1945-1947 , undated (9 folders)
BOX 59-60	Maps, 1906-1945 Maps from various phases of Patton's military career. Arranged alphabetically by topic and therein chronologically.
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	European theater
	Situation maps
	1944 (12 folders)
BOX 60	1945 (8 folders)
	Third army unit, operations, 1944-1945 <i>See Oversize</i> Germany, road maps, 1944-1945 <i>See Oversize</i> Miscellany, 1943-1945 , undated <i>See also Oversize</i>
BOX 60-64	Photographs, 1864-1958

Photographs, 1864-1958

Container

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Bound and unbound photographs.
Arranged alphabetically by topic or type of material and therein chronologically.

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Early career
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Fort Meade, Md., 1919-1920 *See also Oversize*
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Miscellany, 1920-1925
Olympics, 1912
United States Military Academy, West Point, N.Y., 1909

BOX 61

Miscellaneous
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(7 folders)
World War I, 1917-1918 *See also Containers 54-55, Photograph albums*
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World War II
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Unbound photographs
Concentration camps, 1945
(3 folders)
Europe, 1944-1945
(15 folders)

BOX 63

Miscellaneous, 1943-1945 , undated
(6 folders)
North Africa, 1942
Sicily
1943
(6 folders)

BOX 64

(2 folders)
circa 1943-circa 1944
(3 folders)

BOX 64-74

Speeches and Writings File, 1900-1947

Holograph, typescript, near-print, and published copies of articles, speeches, lectures, book reviews, memoranda, reports, field manuals, instructional material, poetry, and memoirs.
Arranged alphabetically by type of material and therein chronologically.

BOX 64

Book, *War As I Knew It* (1947)
Appendices and notes
Corrected typescript
(4 folders)
Draft
(3 folders)

BOX 65

(5 folders)
General
Published copy

BOX 66

General
Index, partial, undated

Speeches and Writings File, 1900-1947

Container

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	Texts
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	(12 folders)
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	1919, Jan.
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	(3 folders)
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	By Patton
	Notebook of texts, 1916-1921
	Unbound texts, 1903-1927 , 1943-1945 , undated
	(5 folders)
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BOX 74-75	Miscellany, 1911-1966
	Memoranda, reports, biographical information, citations, certificates, photographs, near-print and printed matter, notes and notebooks, postcards, and newspaper clippings.
	Arranged by name of person or organization, topic, or type of material and therein chronologically.
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	Fencing, swordsmanship, Mounted Service School, Fort Riley, Kans., 1911-1915 , undated
	(4 folders)
BOX 75	Koch, Oscar W., 1966
	Medals and other honors, 1918 , 1925 , 1943-1951, undated <i>See also Oversize</i>
	(2 folders)
	Oddments, 1918 , 1928-1931 , 1943-1947 , 1961-1966, undated <i>See also Oversize</i>
	(4 folders)

Miscellany, 1911-1966

Container	Contents
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BOX 76-78	Manuscript Material Removed from Scrapbooks After Microfilming, 1807-1950 Correspondence, photographs, certificates, calling cards, and other material retained after microfilming. Once the scrapbooks were microfilmed, the volumes, OV 23-OV 49, were destroyed.
BOX 76	Vols. OV 23-OV 27, 1807 , 1877 , 1899 , 1908 , 1917-1919 , 1932-1934 , 1944-1950 , undated <i>See also Oversize</i> (7 folders)
BOX 77	Vols. OV 28-OV 34, 1941-1942 <i>See also Oversize</i> (8 folders)
BOX 78	Vols. OV 35-OV 49, 1939-1946 <i>See also Oversize</i> (14 folders)
BOX OV 1-OV 50	Oversize, 1807-1951 Oversize material consisting of maps, diagrams and blueprints, overlays, photographs, charts, posters, a report, and scrapbooks. Organized and described according to the series from which the items were removed. Scrapbooks constitute a separate grouping within the oversize series. Scrapbooks OV 23-OV 49 are available only on microfilm. Shelf no. 21,850.
BOX OV 1	Chronological File 1918 1918, Apr.-May (Container 8) 1918, Sept. (Container 8) 1918, Nov. (Container 9) 1919 1919, Jan. (Container 9) 1936 (Container 10) 1942 1942, Oct. (Container 10) 1944 1944, July-Aug. (Container 12) 1944, Oct. (Container 12) 1945 1945, Dec. (Container 14)
BOX OV 2	Correspondence Chronological 1943 T-W (Container 28) Military Papers Administrative file 1943

Oversize, 1807-1951

Container

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	1943, July (Container 46)
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	1944, Sept. (Container 46)
	1945
	1945, Jan.-Mar. (Container 47)
	1945, Nov.-Dec. (Container 47)
	Personnel "201" file
	Personal file kept by Patton
	1945, Jan. (Container 49)
	Subject file
	Bastogne operation, 1945 (Container 49)
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	Overlays
	1943
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Oversize, 1807-1951

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