Collection Summary

Title: Everett Strait Hughes Papers
Span Dates: 1903-1975
Bulk Dates: (bulk 1903-1929 and 1942-1945)
ID No.: MSS26716
Creator: Hughes, Everett Strait, 1885-1957
Extent: 3,500 items
Extent: 13 containers
Extent: 5.2 linear feet
Language: Collection material in English
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
LC Catalog record: https://lccn.loc.gov/mm78026716
Summary: Army officer. Correspondence, diaries, and orders concerning Hughes’s career in ordnance and general staff work in the United States Army, including during the Mexican Punitive Expedition, World War I, and World War II.

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
Campbell, Levin Hicks, 1886- --Correspondence.
Clark, Mark W. (Mark Wayne), 1896-1984--Correspondence.
Coffey, John W.--Correspondence.
Eisenhower, Dwight D. (Dwight David), 1890-1969--Correspondence.
Franklin, Curtis--Correspondence.
Goodspeed, Charles Barry--Correspondence.
Huebner, C. Ralph--Correspondence.
Hughes family--Correspondence.
Hughes, Bob P.--Correspondence.
Hughes, Bob W.--Correspondence.
Hughes, Everett Strait, 1885-1957.
Hughes, W. F. (William F.)--Correspondence.
Keyes, Geoffrey, 1888-1967--Correspondence.
Kutz, H. R.--Correspondence.
Littlejohn, Robert McGowan, 1890-1982--Correspondence.
Lucas, John Porter, 1890-1949--Correspondence.
McCullough, Frank--Correspondence.
Moseley, George Van Horn, 1874-1960--Correspondence.
Patton, Beatrice Banning Ayer, 1886-1953--Correspondence.
Patton, George S. (George Smith), 1885-1945--Correspondence.
Peterson, Virgil L.--Correspondence.
Rogers, George--Correspondence.
Storey, Woodrow Wilson--Correspondence.

Organizations
United States Military Academy.
United States. Army--History--Punitive Expedition into Mexico, 1916.
United States. Army--Ordnance and ordnance stores.
United States. Department of the Army. General Staff.

Subjects
Universities and colleges--New York--West Point.
World War, 1914-1918--France.
World War, 1939-1945--Africa, North.
World War, 1939-1945--Europe.

Occupations
Army officers.

Provenance
Part I of the papers of Everett Strait Hughes, army officer, was given to the Library of Congress in 1958 by Mrs. Hughes. Part II was given to the Library in 1995 by Sean Kelly.

Processing History
The papers of Everett Strait Hughes were processed in 1968 and expanded and revised in 1996.

Transfers
Maps have been transferred to the Library's Geography and Map Division, where they are described in a finding aid at https://hdl.loc.gov/loc.gmd/eadgmd.gm016006.

Copyright Status
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The papers of Everett Strait Hughes 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, Everett Strait Hughes Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

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<td>1885, Oct. 1</td>
<td>Born, Dakota Territory</td>
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<td>1908</td>
<td>B.S., United States Military Academy, West Point, N.Y.</td>
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<td>1908-1948</td>
<td>Commissioned second lieutenant, field artillery, United States Army, and advanced through the grades to major general</td>
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<td>1910</td>
<td>Married Kate Murphy (died 1980)</td>
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<td>1912</td>
<td>Graduate, Ordinance School of Technology, Watertown, Mass.</td>
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<td>1912-1915</td>
<td>Quartermaster, Ordnance Department, Manilla, Philippines</td>
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<td>1915-1916</td>
<td>Ordnance officer, Mexican Punitive Expedition</td>
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<td>1916-1917</td>
<td>Commander, Ordnance Depot, Harlington, Tex.</td>
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<td>1918</td>
<td>Colonel, Ordnance Department, National Army Office</td>
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1920 Ordnance officer, Sixth Corps Area
1922 Graduate, School of the Line, Fort Leavenworth, Kans.
1923 Graduate, General Service Schools, Fort Leavenworth, Kans.
1923-1927 Instructor, General Services Schools, Fort Leavenworth, Kans.
1928 Graduate, Army War College, Washington, D.C.
1928-1932 General staff corps, War Department
1932-1935 Gun Testing Division, Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md.
1935-1939 Chief, Manufacturing Group, Picatinny Arsenal, Dover, N.J.
1939-1940 Executive assistant, chief of Field Service, Office of the Chief of Ordnance
1940-1942 Chief, Equipment Division, Office of the Chief of Ordnance
1942 Chief ordnance officer, Services of Supply, European Theater of Operations
Chief of staff, Services of Supply, European Theater of Operations
Deputy chief of staff, European Theater of Operations
1943 Deputy theater commander, North African Theater of Operations
Received Distinguished Service Medal
1944 Special assistant to commander in chief, European Theater of Operations
1945 Inspector general, European Theater of Operations
Received Bronze Star medal
Received Legion of Merit
1946 Received Legion of Merit (Oak Leaf Cluster)
Commandeur, de la Legion d'Honneur
1946-1949 Chief of Ordnance
1948 Commandeur, l'Ordre de la Couronne avec Palme
1949 Retired from United States Army
1950 Director, Office of Energy and Utilities, National Security Resources Board
1957, Sept. 5 Died, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

Part I

Part I of the papers of Everett Strait Hughes (1885-1957) spans the years 1903-1956, with the bulk of the material dated between 1903 and 1929. Part I consists of correspondence, reports, and special orders supplemented by diaries, unpublished writings, and miscellaneous material. The material is organized into the following series: Diaries, Family Correspondence, General Correspondence, Special Orders, and Writings and Miscellany.

Hughes's diaries, though irregularly kept, are fairly comprehensive for the years covered. Diaries for the years 1940-1946, for example, used in conjunction with correspondence and orders for the same period, depict Hughes's activities during World War II. Prominent correspondents for this period include Mark W. Clark, Dwight D. Eisenhower, and George Van Horn Mosely.

The series of family correspondence is extensive for 1903 to 1908, but becomes sporadic after that period, diminishing to only a few letters in the 1920s. Letters describe cadet life at West Point in the early years of the twentieth century. Diaries for 1904 and 1906, together with special orders for this period, supplement the family correspondence. The remainder of the correspondence documents Hughes's various assignments and military procedures, especially during World War II.

Part II

Part II of the Hughes Papers spans the years 1910-1975, with the bulk of the material dated during the periods 1918-1919 and 1942-1945. The papers consist chiefly of correspondence documenting Hughes's military service during World Wars I and II. Most of the letters were addressed to his wife, Kate, some with enclosures of newspaper clippings, magazine articles, and letters that he received from individuals while stationed abroad. The material is organized into the following series: Correspondence and Miscellany.
Near the end of War War I Hughes was dispatched to France as a member of the American Expeditionary Forces. Correspondence for this period, 1918-1919, generally pertains to his assignment to dispose of surplus military supplies and ordnance as the European war operation ended.

The bulk of the correspondence in Part II was written from 1942 to 1945 when Hughes was assigned to command positions in the European and North African Theaters of Operations. The letters illuminate many personal and administrative situations witnessed by Hughes in the course of directing the supply operations for the Allied forces and serving as special assistant to the Allied supreme commander, Dwight D. Eisenhower. They include numerous references to the wartime activities of George S. Patton.


**Arrangement of the Papers**

This collection is arranged in two parts consisting of seven series total:

**Part I:**
- Diaries, 1904-1956
- Family Correspondence, 1903-1929
- General Correspondence, 1908-1956
- Special Orders, 1905-1949
- Writings and Miscellany, 1903-1949

**Part II:**
- Correspondence, 1910-1975
- Miscellany, 1918-1943
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(4 folders)  
BOX I:2   | 1943-1949  
(4 folders)  
BOX I:2   | Diary notes, 1942-1956 |
| BOX I:3-4 | **Part I: Family Correspondence, 1903-1929**  
Letters, telegrams, and postcards.  
Arranged chronologically. |
| BOX I:3   | 1903, July-1907, June  
(43 folders)  
BOX I:4   | 1907, July-1929, Dec.  
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| BOX I:5-6 | **Part I: General Correspondence, 1908-1956**  
Letters, memoranda, telegrams, and attachments organized in separate categories of unclassified documents and formerly classified material.  
Arranged chronologically within each grouping. |
| BOX I:5   | Unclassified, 1908-1956, undated  
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BOX I:6   | Declassified, 1942-1945  
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| BOX I:7-8 | **Part I: Special Orders, 1905-1949**  
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BOX I:8   | 1932-1949  
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**Part II: Correspondence, 1910-1975**

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