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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.

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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. Army. American Expeditionary Forces.
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

Copyright in the unpublished writings of Everett Strait Hughes 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 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

Date	Event
1885, Oct. 1	Born, Dakota Territory
1908	B.S., United States Military Academy, West Point, N.Y.
1908-1948	Commissioned second lieutenant, field artillery, United States Army, and advanced through the grades to major general
1910	Married Kate Murphy (died 1980)
1912	Graduate, Ordnance School of Technology, Watertown, Mass.
1912-1915	Quartermaster, Ordnance Department, Manilla, Philippines
1915-1916	Ordnance officer, Mexican Punitive Expedition
1916-1917	Commander, Ordnance Depot, Harlington, Tex.
1918	Colonel, Ordnance Department, National Army Office

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 World 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.

Correspondents include Levin Hicks Campbell, John W. Coffey, Dwight D. Eisenhower, Curtis Franklin, Charles Barry Goodspeed, C. Ralph Huebner, Bob P. Hughes, Bob W. Hughes, W. F. Hughes, Geoffrey Keyes, H. R. Kutz, Robert McGowan Littlejohn, John Porter Lucas, Frank McCullough, Beatrice Banning Ayer Patton, George Patton, Virgil L. Peterson, George S. Rogers, and Woodrow Wilson Storey.

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](#)

Description of Series

Container	Series
BOX I:1-2	<p><u>Part I: Diaries, 1904-1956</u></p> <p>Pocket diaries and diary notes. Arranged chronologically.</p>
BOX I:3-4	<p><u>Part I: Family Correspondence, 1903-1929</u></p> <p>Letters, telegrams, and postcards. Arranged chronologically.</p>
BOX I:5-6	<p><u>Part I: General Correspondence, 1908-1956</u></p> <p>Letters, memoranda, telegrams, and attachments organized in separate categories of unclassified documents and formerly classified material. Arranged chronologically within each grouping.</p>
BOX I:7-8	<p><u>Part I: Special Orders, 1905-1949</u></p> <p>Letters, memoranda, telegrams, printed matter, lists, and photographs. Arranged chronologically.</p>
BOX I:9	<p><u>Part I: Writings and Miscellany, 1903-1949</u></p> <p>Typed, printed, and handwritten copies of writings arranged alphabetically, and miscellaneous material including drawings, football schedules, forms, invitations, letters, lists, magazine articles, maps, memoranda, newspaper clippings, programs, and reports. Copies of writings arranged alphabetically</p>
BOX II:1-4	<p><u>Part II: Correspondence, 1910-1975</u></p> <p>Aerograms, letters, memoranda, telegrams, V-mail, and attachments, including calling cards, invitations, magazine articles, newspaper clippings, photographs, programs, and speeches. Arranged chronologically.</p>
BOX II:4	<p><u>Part II: Miscellany, 1918-1943</u></p> <p>Calling cards, newspaper clippings, poems, postcards, and programs. Arranged chronologically.</p>

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BOX I:1-2	Part I: Diaries, 1904-1956 Pocket diaries and diary notes. Arranged chronologically.
BOX I:1	Diaries
BOX I:1	1904-1906, 1918-1919, 1934-1942 (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. (33 folders)
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 (28 folders)
BOX I:6	Declassified, 1942-1945 (8 folders)
BOX I:7-8	Part I: Special Orders, 1905-1949 Letters, memoranda, telegrams, printed matter, lists, and photographs. Arranged chronologically.
BOX I:7	1905-1931 (1 vol.)
BOX I:8	1932-1949 (1 vol.)
BOX I:9	Part I: Writings and Miscellany, 1903-1949 Typed, printed, and handwritten copies of writings arranged alphabetically, and miscellaneous material including drawings, football schedules, forms, invitations, letters, lists, magazine articles, maps, memoranda, newspaper clippings, programs, and reports. Copies of writings arranged alphabetically

Part I: Writings and Miscellany, 1903-1949

Container	Contents
BOX I:9	Writings
BOX I:9	Efficiency reports, 1920-1935, undated
BOX I:9	"Military Education," 1928-1929
BOX I:9	"Problem Solving," 1927
BOX I:9	Miscellany, 1903-1908, 1919-1926, 1945-1949
BOX II:1-4	Part II: Correspondence, 1910-1975 Aerograms, letters, memoranda, telegrams, V-mail, and attachments, including calling cards, invitations, magazine articles, newspaper clippings, photographs, programs, and speeches. Arranged chronologically.
BOX II:1	1910, Jan.; 1918, Jan.-1924, Oct.; 1934, Sept.; 1942, June-1943, July (17 folders)
BOX II:2	1943, Aug.-1944, Mar. (8 folders)
BOX II:3	1944, Apr.-1944, Dec. (9 folders)
BOX II:4	1945, Jan.-1951, June; 1975, Jan.; undated (13 folders)
BOX II:4	Part II: Miscellany, 1918-1943 Calling cards, newspaper clippings, poems, postcards, and programs. Arranged chronologically.
BOX II:4	1918-1919, 1942-1943, undated (4 folders)