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## Collection Summary

**Title:** Frank Maxwell Andrews Papers

**Span Dates:** 1920-1943

**Bulk Dates:** (bulk 1935-1942)

**ID No.:** MSS11015

**Creator:** Andrews, Frank Maxwell, 1884-1943

**Extent:** 5,500 items

**Extent:** 19 containers

**Extent:** 8 linear feet

**Language:** Collection material in English

**Location:** Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

**LC Catalog record:** <https://lcn.loc.gov/mm78011015>

**Summary:** Air force officer. Correspondence, memoranda, speeches, articles, military service and flight records, reports, financial records, and newspaper clippings relating chiefly to Andrews's career in the military and the organization and administration of the air arm of the War Department and operations of the Caribbean Defense Command at the beginning of 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

Andrews, Frank Maxwell, 1884-1943.

Arnold, Henry Harley, 1886-1950--Correspondence.

Bell, Lawrence Dale, 1894-1956--Correspondence.

Brant, Gerald C. (Gerald Clark), 1880-1958--Correspondence.

Brett, George H. (George Howard), 1886-1963--Correspondence.

Chaney, James Eugene, 1885-1967--Correspondence.

Craig, Malin, 1875-1945--Correspondence.

De Seversky, Alexander P. (Alexander Prokofieff), 1894-1974--Correspondence.

Fleet, Reuben Hollis, 1887-1975--Correspondence.

Foulois, Benjamin D., 1879-1967--Correspondence.

Johnson, Louis Arthur, 1891-1966--Correspondence.

Kenney, George C. (George Churchill), 1889-1977--Correspondence.

Knerr, Hugh Johnston, 1887-1971--Correspondence.

Lackland, Frank Dorwin, 1884-1943--Correspondence.

Lane, Arthur Bliss, 1894-1956--Correspondence.

Long, Boaz Walton, 1876-1962--Correspondence.

Marshall, George C. (George Catlett), 1880-1959--Correspondence.

McNair, Lesley James, 1883-1944--Correspondence.

Pratt, H. C. (Henry Conger), 1882-1966--Correspondence.

Robins, Augustine Warner, 1882-1940--Correspondence.

Spatz, Carl, 1891-1974--Correspondence.

Stimson, Henry L. (Henry Lewis), 1867-1950--Correspondence.

Talbot, Ralph, 1897-1918--Correspondence.

Weaver, Walter Reed, 1885-1944--Correspondence.

Westover, Oscar, 1883-1938--Correspondence.

Woodring, Harry Hines, 1887-1967--Correspondence.

Wright, Burdette S. (Burdette Shields), 1893-1961--Correspondence.

### Organizations

United States. Army--History--World War, 1939-1945.

United States. Army. Air Corps.

United States. Army. Air Service.  
United States. Army. Caribbean Defense Command.  
United States. War Department.

### **Subjects**

World War, 1939-1945--Aerial operations, American.  
World War, 1939-1945--Caribbean Area.

### **Occupations**

Air Force officers.

## **Provenance**

The papers of Frank Maxwell Andrews, air force officer, were given to the Library of Congress by his widow, Jeanette A. Andrews, in 1949.

## **Processing History**

The papers of Frank Maxwell Andrews were arranged and described in 1950.

## **Additional Guides**

The Frank Maxwell Andrews Papers are described in the Library's *Quarterly Journal of Current Acquisitions*, vol. 7, no. 3 (May 1950), pp. 28-29 and further described in in vol. 7, no. 4 (August 1950), pp. 37-40.

## **Copyright Status**

Copyright in the unpublished writings of Frank Maxwell Andrews in these papers and in other papers in the custody of the Library of Congress has been dedicated to the public.

## **Access and Restrictions**

The papers of Frank Maxwell Andrews 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, Frank Maxwell Andrews Collection, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

## **Biographical Note**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
1884, Feb. 3	Born, Nashville, Tenn.
1906	Graduated, United States Military Academy, West Point, N.Y. and commissioned a second lieutenant, cavalry
1906-1917	Served with the cavalry in the Philippines, Hawaii, and the continental United States
1914	Married Jeannette Allen
1917	Assigned to the Aviation Division of the Signal Corp

1920-1923	Served with Allied occupation forces in Germany
1923-1935	Commanded various Air Corp stations and units
1935-39	Commanded Air Force, General Headquarters
1940-41	Promoted successively to major and lieutenant general and commanded the Caribbean Air Force and the Caribbean Defense Command
1942	Commanded United States Army Forces, Middle East
1943	Commanding general, European Theater of Operations, United States Army
1943, May 3	Died, Iceland, in an airplane crash

## Scope and Content Note

The papers of Frank Maxwell Andrews (1884-1943) span the years 1920-1943, with the bulk of the material from 1935 to 1942. The collection consists of [family correspondence](#), [general correspondence](#), and copies of [official correspondence](#); [financial records](#); [reports and memoranda](#); [manuscript and near-print copies of speeches and articles](#); [memorabilia](#); [newspaper clippings](#); [a few other printed items](#); and [additional material](#), mostly correspondence. Except for Andrews's military service record (201 File) and flight record, which begin in 1920 and 1921 respectively, there are no materials dated before 1924. There are almost no papers dated after November 1942 when Andrews left the Caribbean Defense Command for the Middle East at Cairo.

The main subjects in the collection are the organization and administration of the air arm of the War Department and the operation of the Caribbean Defense Command as World War II threatened and broke over the western hemisphere.

Andrews's efforts to prepare an effective and modern air force in the late 1930s is recorded in correspondence, memoranda, and reports. Notable are the files of Andrews's correspondence as commander of the General Headquarters, Air Force, Langley Field, with successive chiefs of the Air Corps, Generals Benjamin Delahauf Foulois, Oscar Westover, and Henry Harley Arnold. Correspondence with Secretaries of War Harry Hines Woodring and Henry L. Stimson, Assistant Secretary Louis Arthur Johnson, and General Malin Craig, chief of staff from 1935 to 1939, reflect the views of the War Department concerning air force policy as well as within the air arm itself. From June 1939 until November 1940, Andrews was designated by General George C. Marshall as assistant chief of staff, G-3 (training and operations) of the War Department, the first instance of the appointment of an air officer to a staff position of overall responsibilities within the army. When war began in Europe, Andrews was sent to Panama as chief of the Caribbean Defense Command in charge of all military forces in that area. Except for a few items concerning his death, the papers end at the termination of this assignment.

Other correspondents in the papers include George H. Brett, Gerald C. Brant, Lawrence Dale Bell, James Eugene Chaney, Ruben H. Fleet, Hugh J. Knerr, George C. Kenney, Frank Dorwin Lachland, Boaz Walton Long, Arthur Bliss Lane, Leslie James McNair, Henry Conger Pratt, Augustine Warner Robins, Alexander P. De Seversky, Carl Spaatz, Ralph Talbot, Jr., Burdett S. Wright, Oscar Westover, and Walter Reed Weaver.

## Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged in eight series:

- [General Correspondence and Other Papers, 1924-1943](#)
- [Family Correspondence, 1924-1942](#)
- [Official Papers, 1920-1943](#)
- [Financial Papers, 1929-1942](#)
- [Speeches and Articles File, 1925-1942](#)
- [Miscellany, 1929-1943](#)
- [Printed Matter, 1930-1943](#)
- [Addition, 1930-1942](#)

## Description of Series

<b>Container</b>	<b>Series</b>
BOX 1-7	<p><b><u>General Correspondence and Other Papers, 1924-1943</u></b> Letters sent and received with a few copies of official documents. Arranged alphabetically.</p>
BOX 8	<p><b><u>Family Correspondence, 1924-1942</u></b> Letters sent and received with a few genealogical and biographical notes scattered throughout. In rough chronological order.</p>
BOX 9-12	<p><b><u>Official Papers, 1920-1943</u></b> Correspondence, reports, orders, memoranda, bulletins, personnel and flight records, and printed matter. Arranged alphabetically by subject or type of material.</p>
BOX 13-15	<p><b><u>Financial Papers, 1929-1942</u></b> Correspondence, bills, and receipts. Arranged alphabetically.</p>
BOX 16	<p><b><u>Speeches and Articles File, 1925-1942</u></b> Manuscript, typescript, and near-print copies of speeches and articles by Andrews and others. Arranged in approximate chronological order.</p>
BOX 17	<p><b><u>Miscellany, 1929-1943</u></b> Social correspondence, calling cards, photographs, biographical material, and memorabilia. Arranged alphabetically by type of material.</p>
BOX 18	<p><b><u>Printed Matter, 1930-1943</u></b> Newspaper and magazine clippings, and miscellaneous printed matter. Arranged alphabetically by type of material.</p>
BOX 19	<p><b><u>Addition, 1930-1942</u></b> Personal correspondence and speeches. Arranged chronologically.</p>

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<b>BOX 1</b>	"A-B" miscellaneous, 1924-1942 (10 folders)
<b>BOX 2</b>	Craig, Malin, 1935-1939
<b>BOX 2</b>	"C" miscellaneous, 1929-1942 (3 folders)
<b>BOX 2</b>	Daedalians, Order of, 1936-1942
<b>BOX 3</b>	"D-F" miscellaneous, 1930-1942 (4 folders)
<b>BOX 4</b>	"G-J" miscellaneous , 1929-1942 (9 folders)
<b>BOX 5</b>	"K-M" miscellaneous, 1929-1942 (12 folders)
<b>BOX 6</b>	"M-S" miscellaneous, 1929-1942 (10 folders)
<b>BOX 7</b>	"S-V" miscellaneous, 1930-1942
<b>BOX 7</b>	Westover, Oscar, 1935-1938
<b>BOX 7</b>	"W-Z" miscellaneous, 1929-1943 (5 folders)
<b>BOX 7</b>	Unidentified, 1942-1943
<b>BOX 8</b>	<b>Family Correspondence, 1924-1942</b> Letters sent and received with a few genealogical and biographical notes scattered throughout. In rough chronological order.
<b>BOX 8</b>	1924-1942 (2 folders)
<b>BOX 9-12</b>	<b>Official Papers, 1920-1943</b> Correspondence, reports, orders, memoranda, bulletins, personnel and flight records, and printed matter. Arranged alphabetically by subject or type of material.
<b>BOX 9</b>	Adjutant general, 1935-1942
<b>BOX 9</b>	Air Defense Command, 1941
<b>BOX 9</b>	Airplanes, 1938-1940
<b>BOX 9</b>	Caribbean Defense Command, 1941
<b>BOX 9</b>	General Headquarters, air force
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## Official Papers, 1920-1943

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BOX 9	Data for final report, 1938
BOX 9	Organizations and operations, 1935-1938 (2 folders)
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BOX 10	Office memoranda, 1935-1938
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BOX 11	Record flights, 1935-1936
BOX 11	Secretary of war, 1938-1942
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BOX 11	Visiting dignitaries, 1942
BOX 11	War Department, General Staff, 1935-1942
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BOX 12	Military service record (201 file), 1920-1943 (5 folders)
BOX 12	Flight record, 1921-1943
BOX 13-15	<b>Financial Papers, 1929-1942</b> Correspondence, bills, and receipts. Arranged alphabetically.
BOX 13	A-E, 1929-1942 (7 folders)
BOX 14	F-O, 1929-1942 (19 folders)
BOX 15	P-Z, 1929-1942 (15 folders)
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BOX 16	1925-1942 (6 folders)
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## Miscellany, 1929-1943

<b>Container</b>	<b>Contents</b>
BOX 17	Awards and decorations, 1935-1942
BOX 17	Biographical material, 1940-1943 (2 folders)
BOX 17	Calling cards, 1941 (2 folders)
BOX 17	Christmas cards, 1942
BOX 17	Invitations and programs, 1941-1942
BOX 17	Memorandum receipts, 1929-1942
BOX 17	Photographs, 1935-1941
BOX 18	<b>Printed Matter, 1930-1943</b> Newspaper and magazine clippings, and miscellaneous printed matter. Arranged alphabetically by type of material.
BOX 18	Clippings, 1930-1943 (5 folders)
BOX 18	Miscellany, 1930-1941
BOX 19	<b>Addition, 1930-1942</b> Personal correspondence and speeches. Arranged chronologically.
BOX 19	Personal correspondence and speeches, 1930-1942 (13 folders)