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Collection Summary

Title: Charles L. Scott Papers

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ID No.: MSS39289

Creator: Scott, Charles L. (Charles Lewis), 1883-1954

Extent: 3,000 items

Extent: 12 containers

Extent: 4.8 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

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Summary: Army officer. Correspondence, reports, orders, speeches, articles, memoranda, photographs, and other military papers concerning the 2nd Armored Division of the United States Army, which Scott organized, and military tactics and history.

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

Scott, Charles L. (Charles Lewis), 1883-1954.

Organizations

Armored Replacement Training Center (Fort Knox, Ky.)

United States. Army--Armored troops.

United States. Army. Armored Division, 2nd.

Subjects

Mechanization, Military.

Military art and science.

Tactics.

World War, 1939-1945--Campaigns--Africa, North.

World War, 1939-1945--Tank warfare.

World War, 1939-1945.

Occupations

Army officers.

Acquisition Information

The papers of Charles L. Scott, army officer, were given to the Library of Congress by his wife, Helen Patterson Scott, via the Office of Chief of Military History in 1955.

Processing History

The papers of Charles L. Scott were processed in 1958. The finding aid was revised in 2012. The finding aid was updated in 2023 by Maria Farmer as part of a division-wide remediation project by the Inclusive Description Working Group.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Charles L. Scott is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Charles L. Scott 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, Charles L. Scott Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Charles Lewis Scott (1883-1954) consist of correspondence, memoranda, reports, orders, speeches and articles, photographs, and other papers spanning Scott's military service from 1940 to 1945. The focus of the collection is on his role as a military tactician and the development and employment of mechanized armored units in World War II.

A graduate of the United States Military Academy in 1905, Scott's early career as an army officer was in the cavalry. He became a noted horseman and was the manager of the 1931 United States Olympic equestrian team. Turning to mechanized cavalry, Scott was a pioneer in the development and use of armor in war. In 1940 he organized the 2nd Armored Division ("Hell on Wheels") of the United States Army, which he commanded at its formation in Fort Benning, Georgia, with George S. Patton in charge of training. The 2nd Armored Division served with the First, Seventh, and Ninth Armies. Scott was an observer in the North African campaigns in World War II, and in 1942 he took command of the Armored Replacement Training Center (ARTC) at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

Arrangement of the Papers

The papers are organized by topic or type of material as arranged and described before their receipt by the Library. Some formerly classified items are filed at the end of the collection.

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