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PARKS, FLOYD L., Military Associate: Papers, 1913-65

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The personal papers of Lt. General Floyd L. Parks, a career military officer, were deposited in the Eisenhower Library in September 1969, by his children, Mrs. Edwyna Anne Parks Straine, William Robinson Parks, and Floyd L. Parks, Jr. A standard instrument of gift for these papers was signed in September 1969.

Linear feet shelf space occupied: 10.4
Approximate number of pages: 24,000
Approximate number of items: 10,000

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By agreement with the donor the following classes of documents will be withheld from research use:

1. Papers relating to the family and private business affairs of the late Floyd L. Parks.
2. Papers relating to the family and private business affairs of other persons who have had correspondence with the late Floyd L. Parks.
3. Papers relating to investigations of individuals or to appointments and personnel matters.
4. Papers containing statements made by or to the late Floyd L. Parks in these papers in confidence unless in the judgement of the Director of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Library the reason for the confidentiality no longer exists.
5. All other papers which contain information or statements that might be used to injure, harass, or damage any living person.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The personal papers of Lt. General Floyd L. Parks, a career military officer, cover the years 1913-1965. The largest portion concerns the years 1920-1959.

The materials contained in these papers consist of sixteen diaries covering the years 1920-1962 (the diary was continued by Mrs. Parks for three years following the General's death in 1959), a military "201" file, 1918-1956, about 2,500 pieces of correspondence with family and friends, 1916-1965, a general subject series, an extensive speech series, 1943-56, several thousand clippings, and six large bound scrapbooks.

Of particular interest are the diaries and the correspondence maintained by General Parks. Throughout his life General Parks made entries in his diaries, which were often elaborated on in his letters to his family. His letters are descriptive of persons and events especially during his tours abroad. Major correspondents include his wife, mother, General Malin Craig, General Dwight D. Eisenhower, and General George S. Patton, Jr.

His subject series is arranged alphabetically and varies greatly. It includes folders on the 69th Division (1943-44), airborne operations, (1944-48), commendations, efficiency reports, invitations, and maps. In his role as the Chief Information Officer for the Army, General Parks was in charge of public relations. The speech file includes background material, drafts, and reading copies of his speeches and also suggestions for the speeches of others, including General Dwight D. Eisenhower, Chief of Staff from 1945 to 1948.

The clippings series, arranged chronologically, covers all aspects of the life of General Parks and his family. There are six large scrapbooks pertaining to his period as Aide-de-Camp to the Commanding General of West Point, 1928-32, Commanding General First Airborne Army, travels on an inspection trip of Army supply depots with Asst. Secretary of Defense Kenneth Royall, and his activities during the years 1942-47.

Over 5,600 photographs received with the collections were separated and transferred to the Audio-Visual collection of the Eisenhower Library. A small box of mementoes collected by General Parks was turned over to the Museum collection.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

- 1896, Feb. 9 Born, Louisville, Kentucky
- 1918 BS in Mechanical and Electrical Engineering, Clemson College
- 1918-23 Machine Gun Instructor under Captain Dwight D. Eisenhower, commanding
Camp Colt, Pa.
- Commanding Officer, Co. A, 333 Tank Battalion, Camp Colt, Pa.
- Commanded Tank Corps Reserve Officers• Training Camp, Camp Colt, Pa.
- 1924 MS in Engineering, Yale Graduated from Tank School
- 1924 Married Molly Mitchel Trewbridge Divorced in 1927
- 1927 Commanding Officer, Company A, 21st Infantry, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii
- 1928-32 Aide-de-Camp to General William R. Smith Commanding General of U.S.
Military Academy
- 1931 Married Harriet Marie Appleby-Robinson, 4 children: Edwynna Ann, William
Robinson, Floyd Iavinius, Basil Manly (deceased)
- 1933 Graduated from Infantry School
- 1935 Graduated from Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth,
Kansas
- 1937-39 Aide-de-Camp to Chief of Staff of the Army, General Malin Craig
- 1940 Graduated from Army War College
- 1942 Chief of Staff, Army Ground Forces
- 1943-44 Assistant Division Commander, 69th Inf. Div [Camp Shelby, Miss., under
Charlie Bolte]
- 1944-45 Chief of Staff, First Allied Airborne Army [under L. Brereton]
- 1945, May-Oct. Commander, First Airborne Army
- 1945, July-Oct. Commander, U.S. Sector and Military Governor, Berlin
- 1945-48 Chief, Public Information Division, Dept. of the Army [Washington, D.C.]
- 1948-49 Deputy Commanding General, U.S. Army, Pacific Theater [Hawaii]

1949-53	Chief of Information for Dept. of Army [Washington, D.C.]
1953-56	Commanding General, 2nd Army
1956	Retired as Lt. General from the Army
1956, March-	Exec. Director, National Rifle Assoc.
1959, March 10	Died

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5	<p>Correspondence 1941-43 [includes material re Amer. Military Mission to China; Pearl Harbor; descriptions of the Pacific War and Mrs. FDR trip to Australia by R. Eichelberger; Patton corres. re North Africa; Lemnitzer re Clark mission to North Africa; etc.]</p> <p>Correspondence 1944 [includes material re Italian campaign and Patton; FLP letters to wife and family re England; July-Dec. re Brereton, England, and airborne operations]</p> <p>Correspondence 1945-46 [Mostly letters to wife & family from Eng., France, and Germany re war and occupation. Other material re Big Three Conf. (July, 1945); unification; DDE speeches as Chief of Staff]</p>

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