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REINHARDT, EMIL F.: Papers, 1940-69

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The papers of Major General Emil F. Reinhardt were deposited in the Eisenhower Library by his daughter Mrs. W.G. Stevenson in January 1971.

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Approximate number of pages: 400
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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Emil F. Reinhardt, U.S. Army officer, was born in Michigan in 1888. He graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in 1910 and held a number of command and staff positions in the army, eventually rising to the rank of Major General. In September 1944 he was appointed commander of the 69th Infantry Division at Camp Shelby, Mississippi. The Division was sent to Europe in December 1944 and entered combat in January 1945 when it relieved the 99th Division in Belgium. The Division attacked rapidly eastward. It crossed the Rhine River on March 27, 1945, and captured the city of Leipzig in mid-April. On April 25, 1945, elements of the Division reached the Elbe River and became the first American unit to contact the Russian army. After the end of the war the Division was placed on occupation duty in Germany. General Reinhardt returned to the United States in August 1945 and retired from the army in 1946. He died at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, in 1969.

The papers of General Reinhardt pertain almost solely to the encounter with Russian troops on April 25, 1945. Most of the material consists of newspaper clippings and magazine articles describing the encounter. Of particular importance is a file of transcripts of interviews of U.S. soldiers involved with the encounter. The interviews were conducted by Captain William Fox, a military historian, shortly after the events occurred.

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