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Material re Dwight D. Eisenhower's service with the
U.S. American Battle Monuments Commission, 1927-29

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The papers of the U.S. American Battle Monuments Commission: Records re Dwight D. Eisenhower's Service with the Commission, 1927-29 were deposited in the Eisenhower Library by Major General Thomas North, Secretary, American Battle Monuments Commission in April, 1960.

Approximate number of pages: 200

These records were gathered from the Washington and Paris Offices of the Commission by Maj. Gen. Thomas North "during the past couple of years" prior to January 1967. They were given by the Records of Administration Division of NARS to the Office of Presidential Libraries and then forwarded to the Eisenhower Library.

This file was reviewed in accordance with conditions in the letter of Dwight D. Eisenhower to Franklin Floete dated April 13, 1960, and opened for research at time of accession. No material was closed.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This file is referred to as the “Records of the American Battle Monuments Commission pertaining to Dwight D. Eisenhower collected by Maj. Gen. Thomas North, Secretary of the Commission.”

The file consists of correspondence, memoranda, special orders, and other types of material pertaining to General Eisenhower’s assignment to the American Battle Monuments Commission. The records pertain to: The preparation and revision of “A Guide to the American Battle Fields in Europe”, lists of persons reported as missing during World War I; General Eisenhower’s duties as Executive Officer of the Paris Office of the American Battle Monuments Commission; and related matters.

General Eisenhower (then Major) reported to the Commission’s Washington office on January 21, 1927, and was placed in charge, under the Secretary of the Commission, of preparing “A Guide to the American Battle Fields in Europe”. The book was published by the Government Printing Office in 1927. Upon relief from the Commission on August 15, 1927, General Eisenhower attended the War College. After graduation he returned to the Commission on July 1, 1928, and sailed for France, July 31, 1928. His stated function was to assist in revising the guidebook and to act as Executive of the Paris office. He sailed from France on September 17, 1929, and in the Washington office worked on miscellaneous historical matters in connection with the Commission’s business including supervision of the verification of names of the missing to be engraved in the chapels. He was relieved from duty with the Commission on November 8, 1929.

Maj. Gen. North destroyed records that he considered extraneous, in compiling this collection (see file).

Included are records concerning the file itself. Negatives of photos taken by General Eisenhower in France have been turned over to the audiovisual collection.

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