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EISENHOWER, DWIGHT D.: Personnel Records (a component of Records of the Office of the
Adjutant General: Record Group 407), 1910-73

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Dwight D. Eisenhower's Personnel Records ("201 File") span the years from 1910 to 1975. The records were sent to the Eisenhower Library arranged in six series: General Historical, Service File, Efficiency Reports, Medical File, Awards, and Miscellaneous.

The records document the former president's enlistment, promotions, military assignments, official travel, United States and foreign decorations and awards, honorary academic degrees, medical treatment, and efficiency evaluations. It also contains a statement of his military service and information about his funeral. While the bulk of the collection documents General Eisenhower's tenure as Supreme Commander of the Allied Expeditionary Force, there is also material from the other periods of his long military career, such as his participation in the Tank Corps Motor convoy in 1919.

The collection, which is now a component of Record Group 407, had been placed in storage at the National Personnel Records Center in Overland, Missouri, and was on deposit when, on July 12, 1973, fire broke out in the Center. Before the fire was extinguished on July 16, millions of gallons of water had been poured into the building. Several inches of water were standing in each of the six storage levels, shelving units were twisted by the extreme heat, and Federal Records Center cartons were reduced to small piles of ashes. After all the damage was assessed, it was determined that the Army records for 1912 to 1959 had suffered the greatest harm.

The personnel records of General Eisenhower sustained severe water damage. Many of the documents were damaged to the point that the ink nearly bled from the page and, in extreme cases, four or more documents became stuck together. After the fire, the Office of the Adjutant General recalled the personnel records of all general officers.

It was during the period when the records were in the custody of the Adjutant General that almost all of the documents in Eisenhower's "201 File" were laminated. In several instances two pages were laminated together. Those pages which were not laminated were badly deteriorated thermofax copies. The Office of the Adjutant General offered the personnel file to the National Archives in 1976, and the transfer was completed in 1977. The Army made two microfilm copies of the collection as security copies. On December 5, 1977, Eisenhower's "201 File" was deposited in the Eisenhower Library.

DESCRIPTION OF SERIES

Box Nos. Series

- 1-3 I. GENERAL HISTORICAL. 1915-73. 2-1/3 containers.

Orders, memoranda, telegrams, messages, letters, index sheets, daily staff journals, and disposition forms pertaining to the military career of Dwight D. Eisenhower from his graduation from West Point until his death in 1969. Included in this series are materials on Eisenhower's promotions, his assignments to duty stations, and letters of commendation from commanding officers. The documentation dating from 1969 to 1973 deals primarily with the closing of Eisenhower's official "210 File" and the Office of the Adjutant General's responses to inquiries concerning the career of General Eisenhower. Arranged chronologically.

- 3-4 II. SERVICE FILE. 1915-69. 1 container.

Commissions, service records, orders, memoranda, telegrams, messages, reports of change, preference statements, biographical sketches, and cross reference sheets concerning the commissions and duty assignments held by General Eisenhower. Arranged chronologically.

- 4 III. EFFICIENCY REPORTS. 1911-45. 6 folders.

Efficiency reports, letters, and extracts of reports pertaining to the evaluation of Eisenhower's performance of duties by his commanding officers. Arranged chronologically.

- 4 IV. MEDICAL FILE. 1910-57. 4 folders.

Reports of physical examination, medical histories, letters, memoranda, telegrams, and disposition forms concerning the medical history of Dwight D. Eisenhower. Arranged chronologically.

- 4-5 V. AWARDS. 1919-61. 1-1/3 containers

Memoranda, notes, reports, orders, messages, index sheets, letters, certificates, citations, summary sheets, disposition forms, congressional bills, and translations pertaining to the numerous foreign and domestic honors accorded to General Eisenhower. Arranged chronologically.

- 6 VI. MISCELLANEOUS. 1940-75. 5 folders.

Index sheets, handwritten notes, disposition sheets, routing slips, receipts, cover sheets, and memoranda relating to clerical maintenance of Eisenhower's "210 File" by the Office of the Adjutant General. Arranged chronologically.

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