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SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, and CHIEF OF STAFF, SUPREME ALLIED COMMAND, OFFICE of G-3 (Harold R. Bull): Records, 1943-46 [microfilm]

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The microfilm of the records of the Office of G-3 (Harold Bull), Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Force, was sent to the Eisenhower Library by the Modern Military Records Division of the National Archives in August 1969.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Force (SHAEF) was a joint U.S.-British military organization created in England in February 1944 to carry out the invasion of western Europe. Dwight D. Eisenhower, an officer of the United States Army, was appointed Supreme Allied Commander. Eisenhower organized his staff along U.S. military lines with separate staff sections devoted to personnel (G-1), intelligence (G-2), operations (G-3), logistics (G-4) and civilian affairs (G-5).

General Harold R. Bull, a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, had gone to England in October 1943 to assist in initial planning for the invasion. After SHAEF was created, Bull was appointed Assistant Chief of Staff for Operations (G-3). Bull served in the position until the end of the war. Bull and his staff compiled extensive files on planning for the Normandy Invasion and the post-war occupation of Germany.

After the conclusion of hostilities in May 1945, SHAEF staff began to close down its activities and SHAEF was formally dissolved in July 1945. A small joint U.S.-British organization, the Combined Administrative Liquidating Agency (CALA), was created to finish disbanding the SHAEF organization. Because both the U.S. and British governments had an interest in SHAEF, arrangements were made so that both countries could have copies of the SHAEF records. The Combined Chiefs of Staff decided that all the original records of SHAEF would be given to the U.S., while microfilm copies of the records would be given to the British.

The CALA staff organized the SHAEF records by office of origin, and then by whatever filing scheme had been used in the office. After the arrangement was complete, inventories were prepared of all the files. These were usually lists of file titles and contained no information on individual documents or the administrative nature of the office that created the files. The files were then microfilmed, except for a few routine items and some personnel files. The film was sent to the British government while the original records and a duplicate copy of the film were sent to the U.S. government. The records are now at the National Archives as part of Record Group 331, Records of Allied Operational and Occupation Headquarters.

This collection consists of a duplicate copy of the microfilm of the records that were maintained in Bull's office at SHAEF. Most of the material consists of cables, correspondence, reports and maps. The first three reels (consisting of 16mm film) contain the bulk of the records. While filming the records, oversized maps and charts were removed from the files and filmed separately on a reel of 35mm film, which comprises reel number four. Cross-reference sheets were filmed with the records to show the locations from which the oversized items had been removed. Paper copies of these microfilm records were produced by the Library staff in October 2004. A few of these microfilm frames did not reproduce well. In these cases the researcher will need to consult the microfilm reels.

Additional information on the work of the G-3 staff section is in several other collections at the Eisenhower Library. These include the personal papers of General Harold Bull, the SHAEF Selected Records, the Walter Bedell Smith Collection of World War II Records, and the microfilm of the records of the Secretary of the General Staff of SHAEF.

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