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SMITH, THOR M.: PAPERS, 1934-1980

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The papers of Thor M. Smith, who served as press officer at General Eisenhower's advance headquarters in the European Theater, were donated to the Eisenhower Library in 1994 by his daughters, Suzane Smith Mueller and Marianne Smith Hubbard.

Linear feet shelf space occupied: 3.5
Approximate number of pages: 6,400
Approximate number of items: 3,000

In March 1994 Mr. Smith's daughters, Suzanne Mueller and Marianne Hubbard, executed an Instrument of Gift for the Thor Smith Papers. Copyright in the unpublished writings of Thor M. Smith in these papers and in other collections of papers deposited in the national archive system are retained by the donors during their lifetime. Upon the donors' deaths, all said rights shall pass to the Government of the United States.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The bulk of the Thor M. Smith Papers relate to World War II in Europe where he served as a public relations officer for General Eisenhower at SHAEF Advance Headquarters. About half of the collection consists of correspondence between Thor Smith and his wife, Mary Benton Smith, from 1942 to 1945, plus additional correspondence with relatives and friends. Thor Smith had worked for various newspapers and publishers from 1929 to 1942. Mary Benton Smith, also a journalist, worked as the AP Bureau Chief for Reno, Nevada from 1943 to 1945 and worked part-time for the Office of War Information. Besides correspondence, the papers include a diary, military records, clippings, transcripts, AP teletype messages, articles, speeches, a partial book draft, books, and photographs.

The first series contains information on the personal history and family background of Thor and Mary Smith. It includes biographical information on the Smiths, clippings on Thor Smith's career in the military and as a journalist after the war, and the 201 File or personal military records of Thor Smith. The clipping file sports newspaper articles he wrote in 1947 during a tour of Japan, Korea, and China, plus additional articles on Alaska and Indonesia. His 201 File has a paper he wrote while attending the Air War College. It is entitled, "Brainpower versus Firepower."

All of the materials in the second series relate to World War II, including the voluminous correspondence between Thor and Mary Smith as well as with other family members and friends. Thor Smith's letters tend to be both lengthy and filled with descriptive detail relating to the life of a military officer in England and later on the continent. He discusses the British people and their customs, his duties as a Public Relations Officer, well-known leaders, journalists, and celebrities that he meets, censorship, wartime humor, and bombing raids on London. Following the invasion of France, Smith moved with SHAEF Advance Headquarters to the continent, and his letters describe how the French people reacted to American troops, the work of the PR staff, "buzz bombs," the black market, prison camps, displaced persons, and the surrender at Cherbourg. The Battle of the Bulge, the Russian-U.S. linkup at the Elbe, his work on a wartime novel, and press-military relations are additional subjects covered in this correspondence.

The breaking of the German surrender story prematurely by Edward Kennedy, an AP reporter, and the subsequent furor and controversy that resulted are covered extensively in Thor Smith's letters and in a special file on the "Surrender Incident." Teletypes and press stories regarding the surrender, censorship guidelines, transcripts of meetings, and a SHAEF investigation of the Kennedy incident are all part of an extensive file on this event.

Besides describing the daily activities of the family, Mary Benton Smith's letters to her husband reflect many of the problems and adjustments required on the "home front," such as rationing of gasoline and tires, shortages of commodities, rent controls, the loneliness of war wives, difficulties in securing maid services, press censorship, and rumors and propaganda. Mrs. Smith comments frequently on her work as AP Bureau Chief and as a part-time publicist for the Office of War Information. As a reporter she covered such subjects as Reno social life, celebrity divorce

cases, and gambling operations in Nevada. Occasionally, she used material from Thor Smith's letters in articles that she wrote on the war effort.

In addition to the correspondence and the surrender materials, this series also contains a daily diary Thor Smith kept from June to September 1944. He describes the preparations leading up to D-Day, the daily activities of General Eisenhower, V-1's, Eisenhower's prediction the war would end by the end of 1944, the move of the Forward Headquarters to France, and the entry into Paris. Other interesting documents in the series include a list of accredited SHAEF war correspondents, a menu signed by Eisenhower, Zhukov, Tedder, and others, press conference transcripts and summaries, guidance for press censors, and the first and last communiques for Operation OVERLORD.

The third series is a miscellaneous subject file that includes correspondence between Dwight Eisenhower and Thor Smith, a draft of a partial book by Thor Smith, interviews and speeches regarding his wartime experiences, a memo describing in great detail an Eisenhower "stag dinner" he attended in 1954, and an extensive collection of articles written by Mary Benton Smith during her journalistic career from 1934 to 1966. The partial book draft by Thor Smith is entitled, A Yank in Britain, and it has chapters on the English language, austerity, pubs, food, security, and train travel in England. Salvaging, censorship, propaganda, shortages, and the background of the "short snorter" are all covered in this unpublished manuscript. Some of the topics illuminated in Mary Smith's articles include the Hauptmann trial and the Lindbergh kidnapping, marriages, "quickie" Reno divorces, drinking problems, social behavior, and travel information on Alaska, Hong Kong, Japan, and other areas in the Pacific.

The final series contains an Army song book, a World War II cartoon book, and lists of items transferred to the Book Collection, the Audiovisual Collection, and the Museum. One item transferred to the museum was a cloth napkin that had served as a surrender flag for German forces at the Cherbourg Arsenal.

The Thor Smith Papers offer some interesting insights into General Eisenhower's wartime leadership and the operations of SHAEF Headquarters in regards to press relations and censorship. Smith's correspondence and diary will be an excellent resource for historians studying General Eisenhower's activities and SHAEF operations for 1944-1945. Besides this Eisenhower connection, the Thor Smith Papers contain some of the most descriptive, detailed soldier-to-home front and home front-to-soldier correspondence in the Library. Thor and Mary Smith wrote often and in detail about what they and others were experiencing during the war. As trained journalists they reported to each other on many aspects of life in England and the U.S., including comments on social, cultural, economic, and political phenomenon, as well as the military side of things. Thor Smith's collection of material regarding the AP release of news of the German surrender prior to SHAEF release of this information is quite extensive. The entire collection offers considerable commentary on censorship and the role of the press during war. Mary Benton Smith's articles and writings provide insight into various social and cultural issues of the 1930s, '40s, and '50s. The entire collection is open and available to researchers.

One hundred and sixty-three photographs and seven audio tapes have been transferred to the Audiovisual Archives. Ten books and two bound volumes of Yank magazine have been

transferred to the Book Collection. One menu autographed by Eisenhower, Tedder, Zhukov, and others has been placed in our Preservation File, and fifty items of memorabilia have been transferred to the Museum.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

Nov. 13, 1906 Born in Reno, Nevada

1922 Graduated from Reno High School

1927 Graduated from the University of Nevada with an A. B. Degree

1927-1928 Production clerk for H. K. McCann Advertising Agency, San Francisco, California

1929-1930 National Advertising Manager for Long Beach Sun, Long Beach, California

1930 Married Mary Clay Benton

1930-1932 Promotion Manager for Los Angeles Examiner, Los Angeles, California

1932-1937 Assistant Classified Manager, New York American and New York Journal, New York City

1937-1939 Assistant Promotion Manager, Chicago Herald and Chicago American, Chicago, Illinois

1939-1942 Promotion Manager, San Francisco Call-Bulletin, San Francisco, California

May 1942 Commissioned a Captain in the Army

Nov. 5, 1942 Promoted to Major and served as intelligence officer to the 8th Air Force Service Command in England

July 1943 Placed on temporary duty to ETOUSA and appointed as the sole American representative on the COSSAC planning staff for Public Relations and Psychological Warfare

Nov. 1, 1943 Promoted to Lt. Col.

Jan. 1944-
May 1945 Chief of U.S. Press Policy Section and Public Relations Representative at the SHAEF Advance Command Post

May 15, 1945 Promoted to Colonel

July 1945 Returned to the U.S. On assignment to HQ, USAAF and China Theater

Nov. 20, 1945 Left active duty

1945-1966	Colonel, USAF Reserve
1945-1951	Assistant to Publisher and Associate Business Manager, San Francisco <u>Call-Bulletin</u>
1952	Graduated from Air War College
1952-1959	Vice-President and Director of Publisher Services, <u>The American Weekly</u> , New York City
1960-1961	Assistant to Publisher, Santa Barbara <u>News-Press</u>
1962-1964	Executive Vice-President and General Manager, San Francisco Convention and Visitors Bureau
1965-1972	Vice-President and Associate Director of Development, Mills College, Oakland, California
1972	Retirement
April 22, 1980	Died, Santa Barbara, California

CONTAINER LIST

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SERIES I. PERSONAL HISTORY AND FAMILY BACKGROUND, 1940-1973

- 1 Inventory and Identification of Abbreviations and Nicknames [list of dates of importance in Smith's military career]

Biographical Information [obituaries for Thor Smith and Mary Benton Smith; resume for Thor Smith; information on Mary Benton Smith's background and writing experience; family chronology, 1930-1988; copy of 1941 family Christmas card]

Personal Clipping File, 1942-1965 (1)-(5) [promotion to major; press liaison for General Eisenhower; book review for book, Wake of Glory, by Jack Redding and Thor Smith; series of newspaper articles by Thor Smith in 1947 during tour of Orient, including articles on occupation of Japan, threat of communism, Korea, and struggle in China; 1948 articles by Smith on Alaska; articles by Smith on Indonesia, 1949; article on Korea; DDE visit to San Francisco, July 20, 1950; 1950 article re Thor Smith as Assistant to Publisher of San Francisco Call-Bulletin; article re 1957 "get well" letter from DDE; 1960 move to Santa Barbara paper; Thor Smith appointed executive vice president and general manager of the San Francisco Convention and Visitors Bureau, 1962; 1965, Thor Smith became associate director of development at Mills College]

Personal Military Records (201 File), Orders, 1940-1962 [orders; promotions]

Personal Military Records (201 File), Basic Papers, 1942-1963 (1)(2) [appointed captain in Air Force in 1942; 1945 memo re civilian and military background of Thor Smith and present duties and responsibilities; SHAEF public relations officer, 1944-45; Nov. 1945, Col. Smith appointed to Officers' Reserve Corps; personal history records; list of decorations; paper written by Thor Smith at Air War College, Maxwell AFB, "Brainpower versus Firepower;" military training mission to Saudi Arabia in 1957]

Personal Military Records (201 File), Correspondence, 1942-1963 [report of medical exam; correspondence with Alfred Merritt Smith, father of Thor Smith; statement of service and training, 1942-1952; commander of 9215 Air Reserve Squadron]

Personal Military Records (201 File), Medical, 1942-1959 [reports of physical exams and medical history; certificates of immunization and inoculation]

Personal Military Records (201 File), Retirement, 1961-1973 (1)(2) [certificate of retirement, 12-1-66]

Personal Military Records (201 File), Passports, 1942-1966 (1)(2) [passports dated 1942, 1947, 1956, 1964]

- 2 Personal Military Records (201 File), Service Record, 1929 [service record for seaman; made one voyage in Jan. 1929]

Personal Military Records (201 File), Miscellaneous and Photos [I.D. cards; tour booklet for Hiroshima]

SERIES II. WORLD WAR II, 1942-1945

Correspondence, TMS to MBS, 1942 (1)-(7) [letters from Thor Smith to his wife, Mary Benton Smith; list of “Don’ts” for his military career; train trip from California to Washington, D.C.; Langley Field, Virginia; work as a Public Relations Officer; letter from father, Alfred Smith to Thor Smith; star insignia—represents Office of the Chief of the Air Forces; overseas assignment; plans for code between Thor and Mary Smith; trip to Ireland and England; relations with the British people and learning about their customs and “slang;” censorship; detailed descriptions of London neighborhoods, trains, clubs, food, customs, English women, etc.; rationing; shortages; explanation of “SNAFU” and “Short Snorter;” blackouts in London; RAF “There I was...” gag; outline for Smith’s lecture to officers, “Getting Along with the British;” soccer match; promotion to major; North African campaign; visit by Mrs. Roosevelt to England; article by Smith, “Cross-ways of the World”—the eastern terminus of the Air Transport Command in England; security; duties of PROs; Gen. Spaatz; Montgomery-Churchill anecdote; Major Wm. Wyler, Hollywood director; V-Mail Christmas card]

Correspondence, TMS to MBS, 1943 (1)-(5) [description of Cornwall; camouflage; life in London; RAF intelligence school; RAF slang or lingo; names of English pubs; V-mail; 8th Air Force Intelligence School; 13th wedding anniversary; entertainment; “Short Snorter” gag; plane crash and death of PR officer, Morrow Krum; numerous anecdotes, jokes, and wartime humor; members of press in England; censored letters. duties of Public Relations officers; meeting John Steinbeck and Bob Capa; Bob Hope; WAACs; Smith to be PRO at Hq. ETOUSA; Tower of London tour; promotion to Lt. Col.]

- 3 Correspondence, TMS to MBS, 1943 (6)(7) [leave in Scotland; bombing raids on London; thoughts on future world peace and isolationism; Assault Training Center; DUKW; anecdotes re military chaplains; living quarters in London; article reviewing book, Skyways to Berlin, the story of American flyers in England; costs of war; home front; 1944 presidential election; Henry and Claire Booth Luce; Gen. Robert McClure; Christmas plans; ETOUSA patch; Ruth Thompson, WAC; liaison job]

Correspondence, TMS to MBS, 1944 (1)-(4) [anecdotes re wartime life in London; Gen. Eisenhower's press conference; Supreme Headquarters Allied Forces; Gen. McClure, Col. Dupuy, and Lt. Col. Smith responsible for all PRO for Supreme HQ and all U.S. units in theater; travels with DDE on special train, "The Alive" and reaction of British public to Eisenhower; air raids on London; Allied raids on Germany; SHAEF patch; DDE christens B-17, "General Ike"; writing a wartime novel; Herb Caen; meals; opinion re "cashing in" on wartime experiences and contacts; drinking song; Ernie Pyle; Smith is Public Relations Officer for SHAEF Advance Command Post on D-Day; some description of Gen. Eisenhower and his activities; work of the PR staff; trip to France and tour of beaches; 500 correspondents accredited to SHAEF; description of Advance Camp; German V-1's; John S. D. Eisenhower; trip with DDE to Normandy, rocket-launching site; Cherbourg-surrender flag; Kenneth Davis-working on biography of DDE; Gen. Fred Morgan, Dep. Chief of Staff; visit to France and reaction of French people; Colmar pocket; entry into Paris; visit back to U.S.; reorganization of PR staff; situation in Paris after liberation; tour of France, Luxembourg, Holland, Belgium, and Germany; Dale Smith, brother to TMS and bomber pilot, to return to U.S.; precautions taken after German offensive]

Correspondence, TMS to MBS, 1945 (1)-(3) [buzz-bomb assembly sites; tour of Southern France; Battle of Bulge; war news and anecdotes; food supply in France; movies and entertainment; black market; French cognac; Remagen bridge; front line action; Aachen; Gen. Patton prediction re Rhine River; press activity and correspondents in Europe; trip into Germany; German autobahns; Pat Morin, AP; German people; displaced persons; post-war plans; atrocities and need to bring in witnesses; trip to Elbe to witness linkup between U.S. and Russian troops; visit to Buchenwalde Prison Camp; visit to Stalag VIIA, Moosburg POW camp; looting of German establishments; book written by Smith and Jack Redding; ref. to story by Ed Kennedy and AP; V-E Day; surrender negotiations; 650 press correspondents in Europe; promotion to Colonel; investigation of AP leaking of surrender story, damage to press-military relations; list of news agencies and correspondents; fraternization; trip to Berlin; Smith replaced as Chief of U.S. Operations; possible redeployment in China; visit to Bavarian Alps and Berchtesgaden; return to U.S. and separation from Army]

Correspondence, TMS to MBS, V-E Day 1945 [surrender negotiations and V-E Day; Ed Kennedy of AP broke surrender story ahead of schedule; SHAEF press releases for 5-8-45; list of official press party for 5-6-45; Smith describes events in Rheims on 5-6-45; Smith comments on book manuscript by Col. Dupuy; article by Smith, "Surrender Snafu"]

Correspondence, MBS to TMS, 1942 (1)-(4) [letters from Mary Benton Smith to her husband, Thor Smith (some of her letters are signed "EmClay" or "M Clay"—a nickname used between the two of them) ; letters, cards, and drawings from daughters; letters regarding daily activities of family; letters from Thor Smith's father to MBS; corres. involving Thor's sister, Jean; Mary Smith's work as a journalist;

home front; letters from Drew Smith and Dale Smith, brothers to Thor; references to various press stories; move from California to Reno, Nevada; rationing of bicycles and auto tires and tubes; Office of Price Administration; instructor in journalism at the Univ. of Nevada; OWI press release re seizure of Japanese property on West Coast; Dale Smith, CO over five squadrons of Atlantic Patrol; children's comments on war; supplies sent to Thor Smith]

- 4 Correspondence, MBS to TMS, 1942 (5)(6) [Dale Smith-Anti-Submarine Command, C.O. of 2nd Bombardment Group (Heavy); daily activities; paying bills; gas rationing; Thanksgiving; shortages of commodities; Christmas cards; MBS comments on her role as wife, mother, and teacher/writer; press stories; memo on problems with the Office of Price Administration]

Correspondence, MBS to TMS, 1943 (1)-(8) [MBS teaching journalism classes at Univ. of Nevada; work with OPA; letters and cards from daughters and brothers, Dale and Drew, to Thor Smith; Weldon Smith-stories of air war in Pacific: letter from Thor Smith describing life and work in London; Rumor Clinic; MBS applies for OWI position; Red Cross motor canteen work; war ration books; meeting of officers' wives; WAACS; OWI; rumors and propaganda; Mickey Rooney movie, Diane Smith had a part; MBS learns to use teletype for UP job; use of press releases in news stories; code; visits to Reno by Gen. Hershey and Gen. Somervill, TMS promoted to Lt. Col.; recapped tires and gas rationing; frequent references to loneliness of a war wife; rumors that Gen. Marshall will be Supreme Allied Commander; MBS becomes AP Bureau Chief of Nevada; shortages and rationing on Home Front; daughter burned at party; anecdote re Claire Booth Luce; references to numerous news stories and divorce cases; Ruth Mitchell re communism, Balkans, and Nazi prison camps; comment on Patton incident and PRO staff; AP rules of censorship; columnist Inez Robb critical of Thor Smith's new boss; account of Doris Duke Cromwell divorce case; family financial affairs]

Correspondence, MBS to TMS, 1944 (1)-(5) [OPA and gas rationing; comments on Roosevelt, Stalin, and W. Wilkie; UP scoops AP on story re Thor Smith being named liaison officer for invasion forces and American press; article re Alfred Merritt Smith; article on OWI; stories on Japanese atrocities; Eisenhower press conference; Dale Smith letter recounts bombing raids over Germany; OPA and housing rent; "home front" problems; radio script for OPA; difficulties getting maids; comments on Thor Smith's association with Eisenhower and Churchill; Ernie Pyle; Dale Smith awarded Distinguished Flying Cross; effect of Second Front on 1944 elections; invasion speculation; women reporters in U.S.; Drew Smith graduating from West Point; news of D-Day invasion; excerpts from Thor Smith's letters re D-Day activities; Gov. Earl Warren; execution in Nevada; D-Day teletypes]

- 5 Correspondence, MBS to TMS, 1944 (6)-(9) [Reno social life; Eisenhower visit to Manhattan, Ks.; death of Mary Smith's mother; draft of novel; letters to Thor Smith from his mother and father; Drew Smith letter with comments on B-17; predictions

on when war will end; AP story filed from Eisenhower's Advanced HQ; movie exhibition situation in Reno, Sam Goldwyn; Dale Smith returns to states; fire in home; GI haircut; MBS used information in TMS's letters to write article on liberation of Paris; MBS meets well-known members of the press; Thor Smith visits family, Sept. 1944; train travel; campaign tour with Bricker for Governor; Mary Pickford; AP columns regarding Doris Duke Cromwell divorce; press dispatches from SHAEF; movie rights to book by Thor Smith and Jack Redding; food rationing]

Correspondence, MBS to TMS, 1945 (1)-(5) [Christmas message to troops surrounded at Bastogne; cartoon on cigarette shortage; MBS is correspondent for Life; cancer operation for Thor's mother; comments on divorces due to wartime separation; war news stories re Philippines and Germany; publishing of Thor's book; Gloria Vanderbilt in Reno; gambling situation in Nevada; comments on Patton and Eisenhower; article re TMS crossing the Rhine and staying in Goebbel's castle; death of Pres. Roosevelt; atrocity tours; daughters' report cards; Western Governor's conference; speculation about when war in Europe would end; Ed Kennedy surrender story; V-E Day quotes; TMS promoted to Colonel; list of people accompanying Gen. Eisenhower to Berlin; AP stories on Eisenhower in Berlin and Kennedy surrender story controversy; Eisenhower returns to U.S.; TMS may be sent to China Theater; Thor Smith returns to U.S.]

Correspondence, Friends and Relatives to MBS, 1942 (1)(2) [letters to Mary Benton Smith; anti-Japanese feelings;]

Correspondence, Friends and Relatives to MBS, 1943, (1)(2) [gag ad re "war chest;" training in anti-aircraft division; personal wartime activities]

Correspondence, Friends and Relatives to MBS, 1944 (1)(2) [newsletter for Journalism Department, Univ. of Nevada; Ty Redding re book by Thor Smith and Jack Redding]

- 6 Correspondence, Friends and Relatives to MBS, 1945 [description of international conference in San Francisco; publication of novel by Thor Smith and Jack Redding]

Cartoons, 1944 [3 color cartoons, "Careless Talk Costs Lives"]

Commendation and Orders, Dale O. Smith, 1944 [Distinguished Flying Cross awarded for B-17 mission; commendation from Gen. Doolittle for bombing mission of 41st "B" Combat Wing, 8th Air Force; Oak Leaf Cluster; 384th Bomb Group]

Diary, June-Sept. 1944 (1)(2) [preparations and meetings prior to D-Day; daily activities of Thor Smith and General Eisenhower; visits to France; flying bombs, V-1s; Sec. of War Stimson visits; DDE thinks Germans can be beaten by end of 1944; Forward HQ moves to France; Kenneth Davis; Glenn Miller concert; train to

Dorchester and review of 82nd Airborne; Capt. Butcher; Gen. De Gaulle; Sec. James Forrestal; entry into Paris; copies of occupation money for Japan]

List of Accredited SHAEF War Correspondents, 1945 [list dated Feb. 10, 1945; U.S., British, Canadian, Allied, and French correspondents listed under such categories as wire services, press services and radio networks, newspapers, magazines, and still photo and newsreels]

Map of TMS Trips [Thor Smith's travels in Western Europe by plane, auto, rail, and sea]

Meeting of Allied Powers at Frankfurt, June 10, 1945 [menu with autographs of DDE, Zhukov, Tedder, Vasilev, Vishinsky, and Ismay; background information on meeting for press]

Order, May 1945 [order authorizing visit of U.S. personnel to Berlin; autographed by Capt. Harry Butcher and several members of press]

Press Conference, Gen. Walter Bedell Smith, April 21, 1945 [transcript of statement and questions and answers; reviews campaign from January to April]

Press Conferences, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, 1944-1945 [transcripts or approved summaries for press conferences for 8-31-44, 10-13-44, 11-21-44, 2-24-45, 3-27-45, and 4-17-45; guidance for press censors]

"Relax and Enjoy It," n.d. [text for various songs applicable to wartime setting—some appear to be "bawdy" drinking songs; text of speech by Gen Patton to 3rd Army on June 5, 1944]

SHAEF Communiques, 6-6-44 and 5-8-45 [original copies of first and last communiques for Op. OVERLORD]

Surrender Incident, 1944-1949, 1959 (1)-(6) [regulations for war correspondents accompanying Allied Expeditionary Force in field, 1944; transcript of DDE's press conference to SHAEF correspondents on May 22, 1944; teletypes re D-Day; British Ministry of Information memo re censorship and foreign source news; memo re discussion between AP Bureau Chief Ed Kennedy and TMS re AP demands and SHAEF PRD; teletypes from late April 1945 re upcoming German surrender; Operation 'Jackplane' re coverage of surrender event by PRD and press; list of official press and pictorial parties in War Room on May 6, 1945; SHAEF investigation of AP transmission of surrender news stories before release; Victory Order of the Day; criticism of Ed Kennedy's reporting tactics; statement by Kennedy; other correspondents protest against AP; transcript of correspondents' meeting on 5-8-45; newspaper front pages announcing German surrender on 5-8-45; text of military surrender; press stories re surrender]

- 7 Surrender Incident, 1944-1949, 1959 (7)-(12) [press stories re surrender and Kennedy incident; statements and articles re SHAEF investigation; text of DDE press conference on June 15, 1945; teletypes re Japanese surrender in August 1945; members of press in Command Post on day before D-Day; correspondence with Col. R. Ernest Dupuy re Kennedy incident and press activities during war; TMS comments on manuscript by Dupuy; Kennedy article, "I'd Do It Again," in The Atlantic, August 1948; drafts of article on incident by Thor Smith]

Surrender Stories (AP), 1944-1945 (1)-(3) [three issues of The AP Inter-Office, a staff news bulletin, April-Sept. 1944; issue of The AP World, June 1945; teletypes re surrender incident; newspaper front pages-5-7-45, 8-10-45]

SERIES III. MISCELLANEOUS SUBJECT FILE, 1934-1980

Air Force Charts, 1947-1948 (1)(2)

Certificate from Government of France, 1950

Certificates, 1956 and 1958

Correspondence. DDE and Thor Smith, 1944-1961 [DDE memo on correct writing of military stories]

Draft of Book, A Yank in Britain, by Thor Smith [unpublished partial book manuscript—first seven chapters of a proposed 19 chapter book; many references in manuscript were taken from letters Thor Smith wrote to his wife; chapter titles: First Impressions, English Language, Austerity, Pubs, Food, Security, Train Travel; "short snorter;" salvaging; shortages; censorship; propaganda]

Interview re General Eisenhower and WW II, 1979 [notes for interview with Ralph Titus of Kansas State University Extension Department re General Eisenhower]

- 8 Radio and TV Shows, Correspondence, Notes, and Texts of Talks, 1950-1980 [1950 radio talk on Korea and Indochina; talk on D-Day and VE-Day]

San Francisco Press Club Gang Dinner, 7-19-50 [Thor Smith and Gen. Walter Sweeney were co-hosts and Gen. Eisenhower attended]

Speech re OVERLORD, 1980 [notes and text of speech intended for delivery to Cosmopolitan Club on 5-1-80 re D-Day and VE-Day—Thor Smith died 4-22-80; speech was read to club by another member]

Stag Dinner, Feb. 10, 1954 [memo describing the dinner, people attending, menu, and issues discussed; Bricker Amendment; Indochina; "New Look;" report on visit to

presidential press conference, 2-10-54; partisan politics; Indochina; transcript of Eisenhower press conference, 2-10-54]

Teletype Reports re DDE Visit to Normandy, July 1944 [teletype by Merrill Mueller, "pool" correspondent for combined U.S. press]

Writings of Mary Benton Smith with Related Correspondence, 1934-1966 (1)-(9) [passes for U.S. House and Senate, 1934; pass for Hauptmann trial, 1935; article by MBS on Hauptmann trial and Lindbergh kidnapping case; article on Acapulco, Mexico; 1937 article on breakfast honoring Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt; article, "Marriages That Last;" clippings of newspaper articles by MBS; articles written as a UP correspondent; staff news bulletin for AP, Nov. 1943-lists MBS as acting correspondent for Reno, Nevada; 1944 newsletter for OPA information specialists; memo to Life correspondents; information on and correspondence re Reno divorces; draft of book chapter, "Reno is My Beat;" Capt. Harry Butcher to speak at banquet; article on Oregon and California trails; article on "quickie" divorces; camellia growing in San Mateo County, California; series of articles on Alaska; correspondence about various writing projects; office emotions; social behavior; evaluation or appraisal of MBS; Juarez the new divorce capital; drawing of MBS; MBS resume; articles on Hong Kong, Japan, and other areas in the Pacific]

SERIES IV. PRINTED MATERIALS, PHOTOS, AUDIO TAPES, AND MEMORABILIA

Army Song Book, 1941 [some autographs of fellow servicemen]

Books and Periodicals Transferred to the Book Collection

Drawing, 1946 [inscribed portrait of Lt. Gen. Frederick Morgan]

Items Transferred to the Museum

Photographs and Tapes Transferred to the Audiovisual Collection

World War II Cartoon Book [paperback cartoon book with some handwritten annotations by Thor Smith]

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