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LARKIN, THOMAS B.: Papers, 1910-67

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Linear feet shelf space occupied: 3.2
Approximate number of pages: 3,000
Approximate number of items: 500

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection spans the period from 1910-67 and consists of personal, military and business correspondence; notebooks; magazine articles, newspaper clippings, military awards, and related memorabilia.

About 30 percent of this material concerns the Fort Peck Dam project in Montana, 1933-37, and includes a notebook containing notes and figures pertaining to the Dam and a large bound volume of engineering articles relating to Fort Peck.

Approximately a third of the collection consists of correspondence. This concerns General Larkin's appointment to West Point in 1910; Fort Peck Dam; his work in the Canal Zone 1939-42; his retirement from the position of Director of the Mutual Weapons Security Team in 1960; and personal and business affairs. There is also some military correspondence which concerns primarily the Southern Line of Communications, Communications Zone, European Theatre of Operations, in World War II. Major correspondents for this period include Lieutenant General Jacob Devers, General Dwight D. Eisenhower, and Lieutenant General John C.H. Lee. Other correspondents include Senator Miles Poindexter of Washington (re Larkin's appointment to West Point), Ernie Pyle; Major General Edward King, Fourth Corps Area Commander, Atlanta, Georgia; Major General Lytle Brown, Chief of Engineers, U.S. Army; Harvey Couch, President of Arkansas Power and Light Company, and various other military officers and government officials.

The remainder of the collection includes General Larkin's "201" File, a published record of his awards, various awards and memorabilia, newsclippings pertaining to General Larkin's activities, and publications and lectures by the General. An additional item is a bound report entitled, A Long Range Transportation Plan for Argentina, printed in 1962 by the Argentine Transport Planning Group headed by Lt. General Larkin.

Over 350 photos in the collection were turned over to the audiovisual department while 5 books and 10 periodicals and pamphlets were turned over to the book collection.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Dec. 15, 1890 Born at Louisberg, Wisconsin

1910 B.A. Gonzaga University, Spokane, Washington

1915 Graduated from U.S. Military Academy, West Point

1916-17 Punitive Expedition to Mexico (with Second Engineers)

1917 Graduated from Engineer School, Washington Barracks, Washington, D.C.

1917-18 Duty in France

October 1918 Became Director of Second Corps Engineer School, Chatillon-sur-Seine

1919 Became instructor at Engineer School, Camp Humphreys, Virginia

1921-23 Assistant Military Attache, American Embassy, Tokyo, Japan

1927 Graduated from Army Industrial College, Wash. D.C.

1929 Graduated from Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas

1931 Engineer of Vicksburg, Mississippi, District

1933-37 Engineer of Fort Peck Dam construction, Montana

1938 Graduated from Army War College, Washington, D.C.

1939 Assigned to Panama Canal Zone as Supervisory Engineer in charge of Third Locks Project

January 1942 Special Assistant to Governor of Canal Zone in charge of special Civil Defense

May 1942 Became Chief of Staff, HQ, Services of Supply, U.S. Army Forces, British Isles

February 1943 Commanding General, Services of Supply, North African Theatre. Later Commander, Communications Zone, North Africa

November 1944	Command, Headquarters, Southern Line of Communications, Communications Zone, European Theater
January 1945	Chief of Staff - Communications Zone
October 1945	Commanding General, Second Service Command, Governors Island, N. Y.
January 1946	Appointed Quartermaster General
1952	Retired with grade of Lt. General
1953	Made economic survey of Dominican Republic, for American firm. Participated in economic survey of West Berlin.
1955-60	Director of Mutual Weapons Development Program, Headquarters, Paris, France
1960	Technical Director of a Transportation Survey of Argentina.
1968	Died

CONTAINER LIST

<u>Box No.</u>	<u>Contents</u>
1	“201” File for Gen. Larkin Biography of Gen. Thomas Larkin Published Record of Promotions Appointment to West Point Correspondence-Graduation Notebook pertaining to Fort Peck Dam construction Misc. items re construction of Fort Peck Dam Fort Peck Dam-Engineering Articles relating to Dam construction Photographs of Fort Peck Dam
2	Correspondence-Canal Zone 1940-41 Personal Correspondence 1944 Correspondence 1943-63 Military Correspondence-Cables-1944-47 [Southern Line of Communications, ETO] Retirement Notification 12/17/52 Records re Retirement Guest List for Retirement Reception 1952 Federal Forms re Gen. Larkin’s position in Paris as Director, Mutual Weapons Development Team 1960 Correspondence re retirement from Director, Mutual Weapons Development, Team, 1960 Personal Insurance Matters 1960 Correspondence between Larkin and Preston Slachmen, Calfax Chemical Corp re Reichold Chemical Co. 1962-64 Central American Bank for Economic Integration Notebook on salaries, personnel

matters 1962

Long Range Transportation Plan for Argentina Report by Ministry of Public Works and Services, Buenos Aires, 1962

Oceanography, Inc. (Incorporated on Oct. 25, 1967)

Invitations

Lecture delivered by Major Larkin at the Engineer School 1925-26

Lecture delivered by Larkin, "Energy and Matter"

Publications by Gen. Larkin

Reprints of Reader's Digest article "This Defense Program Saves Dollars" 1960

U.S. News and World Report Roster of Eminence: May 29, 1953

Clippings [West Point, President Roosevelt, Dominican Republic, Larkin's retirement from Army]

- 3 CONAD (Continental Advance Section) Affiliated Command Pictures of Staff, Watercolor prints [World War II scenes]

Awards

Memorabilia [Includes pamphlet, From the Sahara to the Rhine "A History of Army Supply Service"]

- 4 First Issue of Life Magazine, Nov. 23, 1936

Cartoon re visit of Gen. Pillsbury to Fort Peck Dam

Award from Pres. Truman to Gen. Larkin

- 5 Certificates [Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, 1929, Office of Chief of Engineers, Washington, D.C. 1921]

- 6 Orders "201" Material 1916-17
 - Correspondence, 1918-1944
 - Undated Correspondence
 - Awards and Decorations
 - Third Lock Project, Canal Zone 1940 [Clippings]
 - Clippings (1)-(2)
 - Memorabilia

- 7 History of AFHQ, Part One-Part Three, Section 4 (9 volumes)

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