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RYDER, CHARLES W., PAPERS, 1917-1950

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The Papers of Major General Charles Wolcott Ryder, Commanding Officer of the 34th Infantry Division and IX Corps during World War II, were deposited in the Dwight D. Eisenhower Library by his wife, Mrs. Ida Perrine Ryder, in September 1974.

Linear feet of shelf space occupied: 4.5
Approximate number of pages: 9,000
Approximate number of items: 3,600

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5. All other papers which contain information or statements that might be used to injure, harass, or damage any living person.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

January 16, 1892	Born, Topeka, Kansas
1915	Graduated from United States Military Academy
February 16, 1916	Married Ida Quinby Perrine
1917-1919	Served as Major and Lt. Colonel in 16th and 26th Infantry (1st Division) in France and Germany
1920-1921	Chief of Staff, G-3, 1st Infantry Division
1921-1924	Instructor in Department of Tactics at USMA
1924-1925	Infantry School, Ft. Benning
1925-1926	Command and General Staff School, Ft. Leavenworth
1926-1930	Instructor Infantry School, Ft. Benning
1930-1933	With 15th Infantry, Tientsin, China
1933-1934	Army War College (Ft. Humphreys, D.C.)
1934-1937	G-2 Section War Department General Staff
1937-1941	Commandant of Cadets, USMA
1941-1942	Chief of Staff, 6th Army Corps
1942-1944	Commanding General, 34th Infantry Division
1944-1948	Commanding General 9th Army Corps (including service in the occupation of Japan)
1948-1950	Special Assistant to the Chief of Staff for National Guard and Reserve Affairs, Department of the Army
1950	Retired, Major General
August 17, 1960	Died at the age of 68

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The papers of Charles W. Ryder span the years of his military career, 1917-1950. The bulk of the material originated during the period 1942-1948. Included in the papers of Major General Ryder are unit histories and records of the first Infantry Division during World War I. Aside from army training manuals and texts, there is little material that covers the inter-war period when Ryder served as an instructor at various army schools including the United States Military Academy. Of particular note within the World War II materials are records (correspondence, plans, field orders, and maps) of Operation Torch in which General Ryder served as commander of the Eastern Assault Force and the 34th Infantry Division. There is also a significant quantity of material on the Italian campaign with emphasis on the operations and activities of the 34th Division. General Ryder's duties as commander of the IX Corps during the occupation of Japan are reflected in the correspondence series, general records series, and the personal library series. There is a limited quantity of material in the collection that covers the last two years of his military career when he served in the Pentagon as Special Assistant to the Chief of Staff for National Guard and Reserve Affairs.

When received by the Library, the bulk of Ryder's papers were arranged in an official 201 file, a personal 201 file, and a general 201 file. Due to inconsistencies in this filing arrangement and the fact that similar material was filed outside of the 201 files, a staff archivist rearranged the collection according to types of documents. Personal and official correspondence has been placed in the correspondence series. Personnel materials have been filed in the personal 201 file series. The general records series consists of items relating to Operation Torch, training and combat operations of the 34th Infantry Division, IX Corps material concerning the occupation of Japan, and miscellaneous unit records and reports. Speeches, invitations, and memorabilia have been organized into separate series.

Roughly half of the collection consists of General Ryder's personal library. This series is composed of various publications, including army field manuals (Primarily from the inter-war period), unit histories and campaign reports from World War I and World War II, and miscellaneous army journals and newspapers.

Numerous photographs and maps have been removed from the collection and transferred to the Eisenhower Library Audio-visual and Map collections. Some books have been transferred to the Eisenhower Book Collection, but most of the books have been retained in the collection. A few items have also been transferred to the Eisenhower Museum.

DESCRIPTION OF SERIES

<u>Box No.</u>	<u>Series</u>
1-2	<p>I. CORRESPONDENCE. 1942-1950. 1 1/4 containers. Letters, telegrams, cards, and calendars concerning personal and official correspondence of General Ryder with various individuals and organizations. This series is divided into subseries A-General Correspondence, and subseries B-Special Name Correspondence. Arrangement within each subseries is alphabetical and chronological thereunder.</p>
2	<p>II. PERSONAL 201 FILE. 1918-1950. 1/2 container. Applications, authorizations, certificates, citations, commendations, commissions, evaluations, memoranda, messages, orders, promotions, receipts, and telegrams concerning the military personnel records of Charles W. Ryder. Arrangement is chronological.</p>
2-5	<p>III. GENERAL RECORDS. 1917-1949. 3 containers. Authorizations, charts, interviews, itineraries, journals, manuals, maps, map overlays, memoranda, messages, notes, plans, photographs, orders, regulations, reports, rosters, and vouchers relating to the operations and activities of U.S. Army units with which General Ryder was associated. Arrangement is chronological.</p>
5	<p>IV. SPEECHES. 1948-1950. 1/4 container. Speeches of Generals Ryder, Bolt, Vreeland, and Bradley concerning military topics. Arrangement is chronological.</p>
6	<p>V. INVITATIONS. 1946-1950. 1/4 container. Cards and letters of invitation received by General Ryder. Arrangement is chronological.</p>
6	<p>VI. MEMORABILIA. 1917-1919, 1944-1949. 1/4 container. Articles, cards, lists, maps, and programs, primarily of military activities in which General Ryder had a personal interest. Arrangement is chronological.</p>
6-11	<p>VII. PERSONAL LIBRARY. 1918-1949. 5 containers.</p>
6-9	<p>SUBSERIES A. U.S. ARMY FIELD AND INSTRUCTIONAL MANUALS. Books, instructions, manuals, and regulations relating to military procedures and training. Arrangement is chronological by publication date.</p>
9-10	<p>SUBSERIES B. UNIT HISTORIES AND CAMPAIGN REPORTS. Books, histories, and reports relating to military campaigns and the operations and activities of U.S. Army units during WWI, WWII, and the military</p>

occupation of Japan. Arrangement is chronological.

10-11 **SUBSERIES C. MISCELLANY.**

Bulletins, cartoons, clippings, drawings, magazines, pamphlets, programs, reports, and schedules relating to miscellaneous military activities and subjects. Arrangement is chronological.

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2	Fountain, Maj. Gen. Ray C. 1946-1949 Mueller, Maj. Gen. Paul J. 1945-1948

Swing, Maj. Gen. Joseph M. 1945-1948

34th Infantry Division Association, 1946-1948

USMA - Class of 1915, 1947-1948

Von Ripper, Rudolph Charles 1946-1947

Wolfe, Maj. Gen. Kenneth B. 1947

Woodruff, Maj. Gen. Roscoe B. 1947

Calendars (chronological list of papers) May 6 1944-Dec. 2 1948 [These calendars list papers in the order they appeared within Ryder's personal 201 files. The papers have subsequently been placed in the various series according to the type of document.]

SERIES II: PERSONAL 201 FILE

Personal 201 File, 1918-1941

Personal 201 File, 1942-1944

Personal 201 File, 1945-1950

SERIES III: GENERAL RECORDS

Field Message Books, Dec. 19, 1917 - February 1918, and November 1918 [carbon copies of messages sent]

GHQ-AEF, The Alleghany Code 1918

Miscellaneous Records 1st Inf. Div. American Expeditionary Forces, November 1918 - June 1919

General Records 1944-1945

General Records 1946

3 General Records 1947

General Records 1948

Operation Torch, Records Relating to, May-September 1942

- Operation Torch, Records Relating to, October 1942
- Operation Torch, Eastern Assault Force, Sept. 15- Oct. 20 1942
- Hq. 34th Inf. Div., Training Operations, July-August 1942
- 4 34th Inf. Div. Training Manual [maintained by General Ryder in notebook form], 1942-1943 (1)(2)
- 34th Inf. Div., Lessons Learned In Combat, November 1942-September 1944
- Factual Account of Operations 168th Inf., 34th Inf. Div., from Dec. 24 1942 to Feb. 17, 1943
- Hq. 34th Inf. Div., G-2 Historical Narrative and Journal, October 1943-January 1945
- Hq. 34th Inf. Div., G-2 Periodic Reports, January 14-February 12, 1945 (incomplete)
- Hq. 34th Inf. Div., G-3 Historical Narrative and Journal, Sept. 14 1943-April 30 1945 (Italian Campaign)
- 77th Inf. Div., Reports from Maj. Gen. A. D. Bruce (Pacific Area), May 27-Oct. 23 1945
- G-2 IX Corps, Data on Northern Japan, Aug. 25 1945
- Allied Geographical Section, SWPA Special Report No. 104 Otaru-Sapporo (Japan Series), August 31 1945
- U.S. War Department Organization Chart, 1947
- 5 Eighth Army, Military Government Organization and Activities (Japan), July 1947
- Public Information Office, GHQ Far East Command, "Two Years of Occupation," August 1947
- GHQ SCAP-FEC, Report to House of Representatives Armed Services Committee, September 1947
- Miyagi Prefectural Conference (report) 1948
- Allied Council For Japan, Reference List of Foreign Diplomatic Missions and Liaison Sections of GHQ, Nov. 24 1947

Hq. IX Corps, Questions and Answers Concerning The Functions Of The Staff Sections, February 7 1947

Hq. IX Corps, Questions and Answers Concerning The Functions Of The Staff Sections, September 1947

Interview of General Ryder by Dr. Howe, March 18, 1949

Hq. and Hq. Co. 411th Engineer Brigade, Completion report of CPX. June 10 1949

SERIES IV: SPEECHES

Speeches 1948-1950 (1)(2)

6 SERIES V: INVITATIONS

Invitations 1946-1947

Invitations 1948-1950

SERIES VI: MEMORABILIA

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SERIES VII: PERSONAL LIBRARY

SUBSERIES A: U.S. ARMY FIELD AND INSTRUCTIONAL MANUALS

Officers' Manual, by James A. Moss 1911

Military Protection 1919

Command, Staff, and Tactics 1923

Field Service Staff Manual 1925

7 Military Aid to the Civil Power 1925

The Solution Of Map Problems 1925

A Science of Infantry Tactics, by Capt. B. H. Liddel Hart 1926

- Staff Officers' Field Manual, Chapt. 1 Staff Principles and Functions 1928
- A Manual For Courts-Martial, U.S. Army 1928
- The Soldier's Mess (The QMC Subsistence School) 1929
- Elementary Machine-Gun Training 1931
- Basic Field Manual, Vol. 1 Chapt. 8 Defense Against Chemical Attack 1931
- Basic Field Manual, Vol. II Signal Corps Operations 1931
- Infantry Field Manual, Vol. II Tank Units 1931
- Basic Field Manual, Vol. III Basic Weapons, Part One Rifle Company, Chapters 1-6
1932
- Basic Field Manual, Vol. III Basic Weapons, Part Two Fire-Control Instruments 1932
- 8 Basic Field Manual, Vol. III Basic Weapons, Part Three Machine-Gun Company
1932
- Basic Field Manual, Vol. III Basic Weapons Part Four Howitzer Company 1932
- Basic Field Manual, Vol. III Basic Weapons, Part Five Combat Practice Firing 1932
- Basic Field Manual, Vol. IV Signal Communication 1931
- Basic Field Manual, Vol. V Transport 1929
- ROTC Manuals, Special Map and Protractors for use with, 1935
- The Soldier's Rations (The QMC Subsistence School) 1938
- Basic Field Manual (FM 21-30) Conventional Signs, Military Symbols, and Abbreviations 1939
- FM 100-5, Field Service Regulations-Operations 1941
- Fm 100-10 Field Service Regulations-Administration 1940
- FM 101-5, Staff Officers' Field Manual, The Staff and Combat Orders 1940
- FM 101-10, Staff Officers' Field Manual, Organization, Technical and Logistical Data 1941

9 A Military Encyclopedia - Based on Operations In The Italian Campaigns 1943-1945

Manual For Counter-Mortar Operations, Hq. 34th Div. Arty. 1944

FM 101-51, Department Of The Army Planning System 1949

SUBSERIES B: UNIT HISTORIES AND CAMPAIGN REPORTS

Story Of The Sixteenth Infantry In France, AEF 1919

The Twenty-Sixth Infantry In France, AEF 1919

The Libyan Campaign, May 27-July 27 1942 (campaign study No. 4, Jan. 18 1943)

From The Volturno to the Winter Line, Oct. 6-Nov. 15 1943

The Winter Line Fifth Army Nov.15 1943-Jan. 15 1944

Road to Rome, Fifth Army 1944

The Advance On Rome, 1944

Infantry Combat, Part Eight: New Georgia, Part Nine: Infantry-Engineer Team at Kwajalein 1944

Finito! The Po Valley Campaign, 15th Army Group

Hq. ETOUSA, Battle Experiences July 1944-April 1945

Report by The Supreme Commander To The CCS On The Operations In Europe,
June 6 1944 - May 8 1945

Biennial Report of the COS of the U.S. Army To The Secretary of War, July 1 1943 -
June 30 1945

10 Atlas Of World Battle Fronts to August 15, 1945 (Supplement to the Biennial Report
of the COS U.S. Army)

6th Army, Combat Notes, Vol. 10 (Luzon) 1945

Highlights In The History Of The 81st Infantry Division, August 15, 1945

Eighth U.S. Army In Japan, Aug. 30 1945 - Aug. 15 1946

The Amphibious Eighth (paper bound) 1945

The Amphibious Eighth (hard bound) 1948

Jeopard 87th Armored Field Artillery Bn. 1945

The History of the Ninth U.S. Infantry (regiment) 1946

1st Cavalry Division Souvenir Battle Diary 1945

The 1st Cavalry Division In World War II 1947

SUBSERIES C: MISCELLANY

Fragments From France Part Six, (Drawings of life in the trenches) 1918
Victory Parade Of The 1st Division, Official Souvenir Program 1919 [includes historical reports on the 1st Division during World war I]

Finance Dept. U.S. Army, Finance School, Schedule Of Course, June 14-26 1937

Atlantic War Bulletin 1942

- 11 Newspaper Clippings re Maj. Gen. Ryder and military operations in Europe and Japan, 1919, 1942-1945

Britain, Vol. 1 No. 3 January 1943

The American Society Legion of Honor Magazine, Winter 1943-1944

Star Spangled Banter, by Sgt. Bill Mauldin (cartoons of Army life) 1944

The Stars and Stripes (misc. issues of Mediterranean edition) July-August 1944

Blood On The Olives, by S. B. Baskin (sketches of life with the 34th Div. in Italy) 1945

Grenade (paper of the IX Corps), Misc. issues July 1945 - December 1948

Grenade Philippine Pictorial (edition)

Untold Story of Japanese-American Negotiations, by Tetsuma Hashimoto 1946

“...the First Year” (special edition of the Pacific Stars and Stripes re the occupation of Japan) Sept 2 1946

Puka Puka Parade (paper of the 100th Inf. Bn. Assoc. - Club 100) Miscl. issues May 1946 - April 1948

Bridgehead Sentinel, Society of the First Division Miscl. issues August 1946 - January 1950

Army Mutual Aid Association (annual reports), 68th (April 8 1947) and 70th (Dec. 31 1948)

West Point Its Objectives and Methods, by Maj. Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor November 1947

Miscellaneous Pamphlets re Japan and Military Affairs, 1945 and 1947

Newspaper Clippings of Articles on World War II by General Mark Clark 1947

The Iowa Guardsman January - June 1948

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