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Collection Summary

Title: George Van Horn Moseley Papers

Span Dates: 1855-1960

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1916-1959)

ID No.: MSS33712

Creator: Moseley, George Van Horn, 1874-1960

Extent: 4,250 items ; 49 containers plus 2 oversize ; 19.8 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Summary: Army officer. Correspondence, diary, military reports, statements, notes, speeches, scrapbooks, clippings, printed matter, and memorabilia covering Moseley's military career in the Philippines, on the Mexican border, with the American Expeditionary Forces in World War I, during the Bonus March on Washington, and extending into the period of his retirement.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

People

Eisenhower, Dwight D. (Dwight David), 1890-1969--Correspondence.

George, Walter F. (Walter Franklin), 1878-1959--Correspondence.

Harbord, James G. (James Guthrie), 1866-1947--Correspondence.

Hoover, Herbert, 1874-1964--Correspondence.

MacArthur, Douglas, 1880-1964--Correspondence.

McCarthy, Joseph, 1908-1957--Correspondence.

McCormick, Robert Rutherford, 1880-1955--Correspondence.

Moseley, George Van Horn, 1874-1960.

Pershing, John J. (John Joseph), 1860-1948--Correspondence.

Rankin, John E. (John Elliott), 1882-1960--Correspondence.

Reece, B. Carroll (Brazilla Carroll), 1889-1961--Correspondence.

Roosevelt, Franklin D. (Franklin Delano), 1882-1945.

Smith, Walter Bedell, 1895-1961--Correspondence.

Stilwell, Joseph Warren, 1883-1946--Correspondence.

Talmadge, Eugene, 1884-1946--Correspondence.

Organizations

Bonus Expeditionary Forces.

United States. Army--Foreign service--Philippines.

United States. Army--History.

United States. Army. American Expeditionary Forces.

United States. Congress. House. Special Committee on Un-American Activities (1938-1944)

Subjects

Communism.

Conservatism--United States.

International organization.

Labor unions--United States.

Military readiness.

New Deal, 1933-1939.

Places

Mexico--Boundaries--United States.

United States--Boundaries--Mexico.

United States--Emigration and immigration.

Occupations

Army officers.

Administrative Information

Provenance

The papers of George Van Horn Moseley, army officer, were given to the Library of Congress by Moseley in 1953 and 1956. Additional installments were received from his estate in 1960 and from H. K. Thompson, Jr., in 1985.

Processing History

The papers of George Van Horn Moseley were arranged and described in 1983. Additional material received in 1985 was incorporated into the collection in 1999. A description of Moseley's unpublished memoirs, "One Soldier's Journey," appeared in the *Library of Congress Information Bulletin*, Vol. 13, No. 21 (24 May 24 1954).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of George Van Horn Moseley are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Copyright Status

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Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
1874, Sept. 28	Born, Evanston, Ill.
1899	Graduated, United States Military Academy, West Point, N.Y.
1899-1900	Served in Ninth Cavalry in Arizona and Texas
1900-1907	Served in the Philippine Islands
1903	Married Alice A. Dodds (divorced 1924)
1907	Commander, I Troop, Fifth Cavalry, Fort Wingate, N.Mex.
1909	Graduated Army Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kans.
1911	Graduated Army War College, Washington, D.C. Member, general staff corps; assigned to duty in the Militia Division, War Department, and placed in charge of all cavalry matters

1916-1917	Stationed on Mexican border
1917	Stationed in France with Fifth Field Artillery, First Division, American Expeditionary Forces Member of general staff of John J. Pershing; assigned to Fourth Section, American Expeditionary Forces
1917-1919	Chief, Fourth Section, American Expeditionary Forces
1919	Member, Harbord Commission to the Near East
1919-1920	Rejoined general staff of John J. Pershing; accompanied him on tour of the United States
1920-1921	Commander, Second Field Artillery Brigade, Second Division, Camp Travis, Tex.
1921	Detailed by President Warren G. Harding as an assistant to Charles G. Dawes in organizing of the Bureau of the Budget
1922-1924	Commander, Fort Sheridan, Ill., and during the summers commander of a training camp at Camp Custer, Mich.
1924-1927	Commander, Eleventh Field Artillery Brigade, Schofield Barracks, Honolulu, Hawaii
1927-1929	Commander, First Division, Fort Bliss, Tex.; participated in operations during the Mexican revolution of 1929
1929-1930	Executive officer to assistant secretary of war
1930	Married Florence Du Bois
1930-1933	Deputy chief of staff of the army while Douglas MacArthur was chief of staff
1933-1934	Commander, Fifth Corps Area
1934-1938	Commander, Fourth Corps Area
1936-1938	Commander, Third Army
1938	Retired from military service
1960, Nov. 7	Died, Atlanta, Ga.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of George Van Horn Moseley (1874-1960) span the years 1855-1960, with the bulk of the papers concentrated in the period 1916-1959. The collection documents Moseley's military career, 1899-1938, and his interest in politics and international affairs from 1938 until his death in 1960. The papers consist of eight series: [Diaries](#), [Correspondence](#), [Military Papers](#), [Subject File](#), [Speeches and Writings File](#), [Printed Matter](#), [Scrapbooks](#), and [Oversize](#).

The [Diaries](#), 1916-1919, the [Correspondence](#) series, 1907-1957, and the [Military Papers](#), 1911-1942, relate primarily to Moseley's military career. The diaries document his activities on the Mexican border, his service in Europe during World War I, and his duties in France immediately after the war. The Correspondence, primarily letters between Moseley and

military colleagues, relates principally to administrative matters. The most significant correspondence is in the [scrapbooks](#), particularly Set 1 and the first three volumes of Set 2.

The [Military Papers](#) series is comprised chiefly of bound volumes that Moseley compiled about various aspects of his military career. Subjects documented are the American Expeditionary Forces (AEF), Armenia, the Mexican Revolution, and the Bonus March of World War I veterans on Washington, D.C. The American Expeditionary Forces files constitute the bulk of the Military Papers. As chief of the Fourth Section of the AEF, Moseley was in charge of preparation for combat, strategic supply, transportation, construction, and evacuation of the American army in France. Items in the Military Papers often include editorial notes by Moseley.

The [Subject File](#), 1855-1958, illustrates Moseley's interests in national and international affairs. Topics featured are communism, military preparedness and manpower, immigration, and world government. The files also reflect Moseley's attitude toward Jews, his dislike of Franklin Roosevelt and New Deal policies, and his opposition to communism and the world government movement.

The [Speeches and Writings File](#), 1915-1958, includes speeches, articles, notes, and other writings by Moseley. His unpublished memoirs, "One Soldier's Journey," comprise the bulk of the series. Written for his three sons, the memoirs chronicle some of Moseley's early days in Evanston, Illinois, his graduation from the United States Military Academy, and his service in the Philippines, 1900-1907, and on the Mexican border, 1916-1917. Also documented in the memoirs are his duties in Europe during World War I and later with the army of occupation, his work with the Harbord Commission, his tenure in the Bureau of the Budget, and his second tour of duty on the Mexican border, 1928-1929, and some of his activities from his retirement in 1938 through 1944, including his testimony in 1939 before the Dies Committee. Questions about his relationship with an anti-Semitic group and some of his speeches led to his appearance before the committee which was investigating un-American activities. After his testimony describing a Jewish-led communist plot to overthrow the government, the committee ordered his evidence stricken from the record.

The [Printed Matter](#) series, 1899-1955, is divided into two categories, books and miscellaneous. The majority of the books are army and War Department reports containing annotations by Moseley. The miscellaneous printed matter includes a variety of pamphlets, leaflets, and clippings. Among the prominent subjects featured in the publications are communism, Nazism, and anti-Semitism.

The papers in the [Scrapbooks](#) series, 1889-1960, include military and personal correspondence, military orders, writings, notes, and other material relating to Moseley's interests and activities. Scrapbooks in Set 1 contain notes in which Moseley commented on politics and international affairs. Volumes in Set 1 have an index in either the front or back listing the topics and correspondents appearing in each scrapbook. Some of the subjects most frequently documented are communism, immigration, Jews, labor unions, and presidential parties and elections. Some scrapbooks contain correspondence between Moseley and Douglas MacArthur and Dwight D. Eisenhower and printed matter about the generals. Moseley served with both officers in his capacity as deputy chief of staff of the army.

Among the most significant and frequent of Moseley's correspondents are Dwight D. Eisenhower, Walter George, James G. Harbord, Herbert Hoover, Douglas MacArthur, Joseph McCarthy, Robert Rutherford McCormick, John J. Pershing, John E. Rankin, Carroll Reece, Walter Bedell Smith, Joseph Warren Stilwell, and Eugene Talmadge.

Organization of the Papers

The collection is arranged in eight series:

- [Diaries, 1916-1919](#)
- [Correspondence, 1907-1957](#)
- [Military Papers, 1911-1942.](#)
- [Subject File, 1855-1958](#)
- [Speeches and Writings File, 1915-1958](#)
- [Printed Matter, 1899-1955](#)
- [Scrapbooks, 1889-1960](#)
- [Oversize, 1924-1946](#)

Description of Series

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BOX 1-4	<u>Correspondence, 1907-1957</u> Correspondence and memoranda between Moseley and friends, colleagues, acquaintances, and the public. Arranged by type of material, bound and unbound. Bound material is further divided alphabetically or chronologically. Unbound correspondence is arranged chronologically.
BOX 4-8	<u>Military Papers, 1911-1942</u> Reports, orders, lists, writings, notes, and other material relating to Moseley's military career. Arranged alphabetically by topic and type of material and therein chronologically.
BOX 8-12	<u>Subject File, 1855-1958</u> Correspondence, memoranda, writings, notes, reports, maps, biographical information, newspaper clippings, and printed matter. Arranged alphabetically by name of person or organization, topic, or type of material.
BOX 13-15	<u>Speeches and Writings File, 1915-1958</u> Speeches, notes, articles, and other writings. Moseley's writings are divided into two categories: bound and unbound. The bound material is further arranged alphabetically by type of material or title. Unbound items are chronologically arranged. Speeches and writings by individuals other than Moseley are filed last in the series.
BOX 16-26	<u>Printed Matter, 1899-1955</u> Books, pamphlets, leaflets, clippings, and other printed material. Arranged alphabetically by type of material and therein chronologically.
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Military Papers, 1911-1942

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Printed Matter, 1899-1955

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