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Descriptive Summary

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Unit ID

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Unit Date

1939-1971

Language

English

Creator

Irby, Richard L. (Richard Logan), 1918-2002

Extent

10 cubic feet 8 boxes, plus unboxed framed items and albums/scrapbooks

Physical Location

Manuscripts stacks

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Biographical / Historical

Richard Logan Irby (1918-2002) had a distinguished career in the United States Army and subsequently served as the VMI's tenth Superintendent. A native of Blackstone, Virginia, Irby graduated from VMI in 1939 with a degree in civil engineering. He commissioned in the cavalry branch of the United States Army. He was a decorated veteran of three wars and twice the recipient of the Silver Star for gallantry in combat.

Following the completion of his military career, Irby served as Superintendent of VMI from 1971 to 1981. He retired from VMI in 1981, and continued to live in Lexington, Virginia until his death on March 6, 2002.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of correspondence and memoranda, military orders, printed material, photographs, scrapbooks, speeches, and other material primarily documenting the United States Army career (1939-1971) of Major General Richard L. Irby. The collection also includes information about the activities of of the 1st Cavalry Division during the Korean and Vietnam Wars.

Related Materials

This collection is distinct from official VMI records that document Richard L. Irby's tenure as Superintendent.

Keywords

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1939
Vietnam War (1961-1975)
World War, 1939-1945—Campaigns—Burma
World War, 1939-1945
Orders (military records)
Photographs
Memoranda
Correspondence
Korean War (1950-1953)
United States. -- Army. -- Cavalry Division, 1st
Louisiana -- Fort Polk
Kentucky -- Fort Knox
Scrapbooks

Description of Subordinate Components

Military career chronological file

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/3941

Unit Date 1939-1971

Language English

Extent 1 cubic feet

Scope and Contents

This series consists of memoranda, correspondence, military orders, and other documents from Richard L. Irby's military career. The material begins with his commissioning as a 2nd Lieutenant and ends with his retirement in 1971.

History of the Executive Headquarters, Peiping China

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4682

Unit Date 1947 March 6

Language English

Biographical / Historical

The Executive Headquarters was established in Peiping (Peking), China on January 11, 1946 by order of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, as a tripartite organization of the Chinese Nationalist Government, the Chinese Communist Party, and the United States Government.

Keywords

China—History—Republic, 1912-1949

China—Military relations

Marshall, George C. (George Catlett), 1880-1959

Photographs, slides, and albums, Korean War and Vietnam War

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/3942

Unit Date 1942-1970

Language English

Extent 6 cubic feet

Scope and Contents

Photos, slides, and photograph albums from Richard L. Irby's military career. Topics include: Korean War (1st Cavalry Division, 5th Cavalry Regiment) Vietnam War (1st Cavalry Division) Fort Riley, Kansas (1942-1945) Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) camps (1949-1950) Tokyo and Chejudo, Japan (1950-1951) Hokkaido, Japan (1951-1952) Fort Hood, Texas (1950-1953) 3rd Armored Division (Frankfort, Germany, late 1950s) Fort Rucker, Alabama (1967) Fort Knox, Kentucky Fort Lewis Also included are official portraits and other images.

Notes, 1st Cavalry Division operations in Vietnam

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/3943

Unit Date 1967-1969

Language English

Scope and Contents

Various statistics, reports, and chronologies of operational events. Notes are both hand written and typed.