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A portion of this collection is available in full-text format on the VMI Archives website at:

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Biographical Information

Chronology 1888 Jul 13 Born Petersburg, Virginia. Parents: Leonard Rogers Gerow and Annie Eloise Saunders. 1911 Graduated from Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, Virginia. Commissioned 2nd Lieut., United States Army. 1911-1918 Served with 19th Infantry and subsequently 37th and 57th Infantry. Stationed in Kansas, South Dakota, Texas, and Vera Cruz, Mexico. 1918 Apr - 1919 Oct. Signal Corps officer, AEF, France. Officer in Charge of Purchasing and Disbursing. 1919-1921 Commanding officer, Signal Corps School, Ft. Sam Houston, Texas 1921-1941 Dec Served successively in Washington DC, the Phillippines, China and Washington DC. During this period he was graduated from the Advanced Course, Infantry School, Ft. Benning (1925); the Command and General Staff School (1926) and the Army War College (1931). 1941 Dec - 1942 Feb Named Chief of War Plans Division and Assistant Chief of Staff. 1942 Feb Named commander of the 29th Infantry Division, Ft. George Meade, Maryland. 1942 Oct 29th Division to England. 1943 Jul Named Commanding General, Fifth (V) Corps. 1945 Jan 15 Assumed command of the Fifteenth Army, European Theater. 1945 Oct Returned to the United States and was assigned as Commandant of the Command and General Staff School, Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas. 1948 Jan Assumed command of the Second Army, with headquarters at Fort George Meade, Maryland. 1950 Jul 31 Retired as Lt. General 1954 Jul By Act of Congress, Appointed General (4 star). 1972 Oct 12 Died at age 84, Ft. Lee Army Hospital, Petersburg, VA.

Scope and Content Information

The collection consists of documents and photographs (ca. 120 items) from the military career of U.S. Army General Leonard Townsend Gerow (b. 1888 d.1972). It includes correspondence with General Dwight D. Eisenhower, autobiographical material, speeches (1945-1948), and photographs. Material complementary to this collection is located in his student/alumni file, also located in the VMI Archives.

Contents List

Correspondence- Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower 1940-1945; 1950-1964

Folder 1

Gerow (G) to Eisenhower (E) 1940 Nov 18

G to E 1940 Nov 22

G to E 1940 Nov 25

G to E 1941 Jan 2

E to G 1941 Jan 9

Extent telegram

E to G 1941 July 18

G to E 1941 July 28

G to E 1941 Sept 29

G to E 1942 April 19

G to E 1942 July 6

G to E 1942 July 16

G to E 1942 Sept 12

G to E 1942 Nov 16

G to E 1943 Feb 15

E to G 1943 Feb 24

G to E 1943 May 11

G to E 1943 July 26

G to E 1943 Sept 10

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Contains enclosure (Sept 9 from Gen. Sir Hugh Ellis to Gerow).

E to G 1943 Sept 19

E to G 1944 April 3

G to E 1944 June 27

G to E 1945 Feb 9

E to G 1945 March 6

E to G 1945 April 1

E to G 1945 July 13

Largely social notes, birthday greetings, from E to G 1950-1964

Extent 21 items

Datebook 1911-1925

Folder 1A

Scope and Content

Very brief entries noting assignments, promotions etc.

Subject File: Mark S. Watson 1947-1949

Folder 2

Military career summaries and Commissions

Folder 3

Typescripts of addresses given by Lt. Gen. Leonard T. Gerow Nov 1945 - Jan 1948

Folder 4

Clippings and printed materials

Folder 5

Miscellaneous

Folder 6

Memorabilia

Folder 7

Photographs

Folder 8