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Dresser, Paul

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Scope and Contents

Correspondence, papers, photographs, newsletters, and publications of Paul Dresser from his service in the Fifth Army during World War II. As a member of the Officer leadership of the Army Group, Dresser worked closely with General Clark, Commander of the Fifth Army throughout the war. Dresser participated in the landing of American forces in North Africa (Operation Torch) and served briefly under General Patton during this campaign. Included in his papers is a sign that served as written communication for the landing forces under the leadership of Patton. Dresser sent home carbon copies of Patton's immediate correspondence with Generals Eisenhower and Montgomery to his wife for safe keeping. A letter to require the complete surrender from the Sultan of Morocco is included in the messages Dresser kept.

Keywords

World War, 1939-1945

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Operation Torch, 1942

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Patton, George S. (George Smith), 1885-1945

Arrangement

The first series of the Paul Dresser papers reflect his personal correspondence with his wife, and papers concerning his Army career. Subsequent series follow movement as Dresser fought in operations with the Fifth Army during World War II starting in Africa, then to Italy, and finally Vienna. During Dresser's tour in Vienna, his wife and two children were permitted to visit and temporarily live with him at this duty station. Photographs were created into a sparate series based on their general subject matter. Those phtotgraphs that were annotated are documented clearly within this series. Dresser kept many field pamphlets and publications concerning the Fifth Army and the war in general in Europe. This includes a large amount of travel guides and otherwise ephemeral documentation. Together, they serve as a vivid snapshot of the life of Army soldiers in Occupied Europe following World War II. Dresser also kept most of the Stars and Stripes publications he recieved while serving overseas. The Algiers, African, and Italian Stars and Stripes have been cataloged separately.

Description of Subordinate Components

Personal Papers

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Correspondence

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Unit Date 1943

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Correspondence

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Unit Date 1944 March- September

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Correspondence

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Unit Date 1944 October- December

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Correspondence

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Unit Date 1945 January- February

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Unit Date 1945 March

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Field Artillery Papers

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Farewell Party Program

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Unit Date 1942 July 3

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Power of Attorney

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Provisions for Dependents

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Detail Orders for Court

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Special Orders

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Retirement Papers

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Army Officer's Notebook with enclosures

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Ration cards and money

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United States Flag Armband and Fifth Army Patch

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Miscellaneous Papers and keepsakes

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African Front

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General Patton message to soldiers prior to commencement of Operation Torch

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General Patton letter to Sultan of Morocco

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General Patton letter to General Eisenhower

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General Patton letter to General Eisenhower

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General Patton letter to General Marshall

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Headquarters Western Task Force Report

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Headquarters Western Task Force News Releases

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Headquarters Guidelines on Censorship

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African Front Booklets

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Victory Across North-Africa Souvenir with enclosures

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