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Guide to the Paul W. Kendall Papers

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Paul W. Kendall Papers

Dates: 1917-1963

Bulk Dates: 1939-1950

Collection number: MSS-2010-08-30

Collector: San José State University

Creator: Kendall, Paul Wilkins (1898-1983)

Collection Size: 25 boxes, 45.75 linear feet

Repository: San José State University. Library.

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Abstract: The Paul W. Kendall Papers, 1917-1963 (bulk 1939-1950), documents Kendall's military service from World War II to the 1950's. Included in the collection are scrapbooks depicting military personnel, military bases, and non-combat military activities. The Kendall collection includes other military material such as topographical maps of Europe featuring military order of battle and other information for European powers including Germany, Italy, and France during World War I. The collection also includes military propaganda, publications, correspondence, newspaper articles, and military handbooks concerning Eastern Russia and Siberia. This collection is arranged into three series; Series I: Military Maps, 1917-1918; Series II: Military Materials, 1918-1963 (bulk 1939-1945); Series III: Scrapbooks, 1937-1950.

Physical location: For current information on the location of these materials, please consult the Library's online catalog.

Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English

Access

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Biographical History

Paul Wilkins Kendall was born in Baldwin City, Kansas in 1898. Kendall attended the United States Military Academy at West Point and graduated in 1918 as a Second Lieutenant of Infantry. From 1918 to 1919 Kendall attended the Infantry School of Arms at Fort Benning, Georgia. Kendall was assigned to the 27th Infantry Unit after graduating and was sent to Russia during the Siberian Intervention where he received the Distinguished Service Cross in 1920. Kendall went on to several different postings in the 1920s and 1930s in the U.S. and abroad. Kendall graduated from the Command & General Staff College in 1936 and in the 1940's served in a staff assignment at the Office of the Chief of Staff of the United States Army at Washington, D.C. At the start of World War II Kendall was assigned as Chief of Staff for the 85th Infantry Division. He then served as Assistant Division Commander of the 84th Infantry Division, receiving promotion to Brigadier General.

From September 1944 to July 1945 Kendall was commander of the "Blue Devils" of the 88th Infantry Division, receiving promotion to Major General. The division's second World War II commander, he led the 88th Infantry during its assault through Italy, including the capture of Vicenza and Verona. During the Korean War Kendall commanded I Corps and was promoted to Lieutenant General in 1952. Kendall continued to serve in the military as Deputy Commanding General in Manila, Philippines and in 1954 as Commander of the Allied Land Forces Southeastern Europe in Izmir, Turkey. Kendall retired from the military in 1955 and moved to Palo Alto, California where he died in 1983.

Scope and Content of Collection

The Paul W. Kendall Papers, 1917-1963 (bulk 1939-1950), documents Kendall's military service from World War II to the 1950's. Included in the collection are scrapbooks depicting military personnel, military bases, and non-combat military activities. The Kendall collection includes other military material such as topographical maps of Europe featuring military order of battle and other information for European powers including Germany, Italy, and France during World War I. The collection also includes military propaganda, publications, correspondence, newspaper articles, and military handbooks concerning Eastern Russia and Siberia.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged into 3 series; Series I: Military Maps, 1917-1918; Series II: Military Materials, 1918-1963 (bulk 1939-1945); Series III: Scrapbooks, 1937-1950.

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Kendall, Paul Wilkins (1898-1983)

Siberian Intervention -- History

Siberian Intervention, 1918-1919 -- History

World War I -- History

World War II -- History

World War, 1914-1918 -- History

World War, 1939-1945 -- History

World War, 1914-1918 -- Maps

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Series I: Military Maps 1917-1918**Physical Description:** 3 boxes**Series Scope and Content Summary**

The materials in this series include topographical maps depicting parts of Europe during World War I. Subjects include the French army, the British front, the German army's order of battle, and maps of famous World War I battlefields. Famous World War I battlefields include the South Picardy front, which was part of the "Race to the Sea" where French and German armies moved towards the North Sea in several different flanking maneuvers. Another famous battle site found in this series is the map of the Flanders sector. The Flanders sector included the village of Ypres which, while strategically unimportant, hosted battles for almost the entire duration of the war and was the site of fierce trench warfare.

Arrangement

This series is arranged chronologically by date range.

Box 1**WWI German Order of Battle 1917-1918**

Box 2**WWI Battle Maps, Battle of Flanders, South Picardy Front 1917-1918**

Box 3**WWI Battle Maps, Situation Maps, French Army 1917-1918****Series II: Military Materials 1918-1963 (bulk 1939-1945)****Physical Description:** 11 boxes**Series Scope and Content Summary**

The materials in this series include publications such as pamphlets, newspapers, war posters, and other war propaganda concerning the U.S. military, the war in the Philippines, the Italian campaign, Europe, and U.S. Civil Defense. Much of the propaganda concerns the effort to free the Philippine Islands from the Japanese. Other subjects for propaganda include Nazi influence in neutral or allied nations, Italy and the Italian front, as well as propaganda material concerning the American home front. The American propaganda includes information on civil defense such as camouflaging large installations and the "abc's of incendiaries".

Other material in the collection includes photographs of Paul W. Kendall and others in non-combat activities, such as an officer's dinner and an inspection of an army troop. Also included in this series are materials from Kendall's post-World War II service including a daily operations log, reports on marine operations in Korea, and a World War II Axis soldier's deposition. This series also includes material from Kendall's service during the Siberian Intervention. The Siberian Intervention (1918-1922) involved the Entente nations from World War I. The United States, the United Kingdom, and Japan dispatched troops to support the White Army in Russia against the Bolshevik Red Army during the Russian Civil War. Materials from this campaign include some military intelligence books detailing Eastern Russian and Siberian cities, transportation, clothing, services, and customs.

Arrangement

This series is arranged chronologically by date range.

Box 4**Siberia and Eastern Russia 1918**

Box 5**War Propaganda - Europe, Asia 1937-1943**

Box 6**Photos: Kendall, Military; Le Piton 1937-1955**

Box 7

War Propaganda Concerning Italy 1939-1941

Box 8

Maps of Italy, LIFE Magazine, Operation Smack 1939-1944

Box 9

American War Posters 1939-1945

Box 10

Axis Soldier's Deposition, LA Evening Herald 1939-1952

Box 11

U.S. Civil Defense Pamphlets 1942-1944

Box 12

Free Philippines, Hiroshima Bombing, Pacific Theater Related News 1943-1945

Box 13

Diary, Military Reports, Correspondence, Orders 1950-1955

Box 14

Kennedy Assassination 1963

Series III: **Scrapbooks 1937-1950**

Physical Description: 11 boxes

Series Scope and Content Summary

This series includes photographs with captions and various articles and newspaper clippings concerning Paul W. Kendall, military personnel, and non-combat military activities including pictures of amphibious practice maneuvers, Kendall's service on various military bases, and General Eisenhower's visit to Fort Lewis. Also included in this series are scrapbooks organized by country and include many of the European and Asian nations involved in World War II. These scrapbooks contain articles from magazines and newspapers that document the countries war effort and internal politics during World War II.

Arrangement

This series is arranged chronologically by date range.

Boxes 15-16

Scrapbooks - European Countries 1937-1946

Box 17

Scrapbooks - Germany 1940-1946

Box 18

Scrapbooks - Asia and Oceania 1940-1946

Box 19

Scrapbooks - Africa, Americas, Antarctica, Europe 1940-1946

Box 20

Scrapbooks - War (General) 1940-1946

Box 21

Scrapbooks - U.S. Defense, Atomic Energy, Vatican 1940-1946

Box 22

Scrapbooks - Kendall and U.S. Military 1946-1947

Box 23

Scrapbooks - Kendall, Eisenhower Visit, Operation Oilskin 1946-1947

Boxes 24-25

Scrapbooks - Kendall and U.S. Military 1948
