

**RESOURCES IN THE DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER LIBRARY
RELATING TO AFRICAN-AMERICANS EXPERIENCES IN WORLD WAR II**

AURAND, HENRY S.: Commanding General, 6th Service Command, 1942-1944; Commanding Officer, Normandy Base Section, 1944-1945; Commanding General, Services of Supply, China Theater, 1945; Commanding General, 6th Service Command, 1946; Commanding General, U.S. Army, Pacific Theater, 1949-1952; Papers, 1873-1967

Box 11: Diary Sept. 8, 1942 – Oct. 29, 1944. Dates for meetings with Truman Gibson, Jr. on following dates, September 28, 1944, September 5, 1944 (Representatives of Colored Press and T.K. Gibson, Jr), August 21, 1944, July 24, 1944, Col. Potter Campbell to confer re hotel for returned Negro soldiers; July 12 preview of film "The Negro Soldier," February 21 T.K Gibson and showing of film "The Negro Soldier;" December 10, 1943 T.K. Gibson, Jr.

Box 13: Personal Correspondence, 1944 D-H. Letter from Truman, Gibson, Jr. to General Aurand re March 6 showing of film "The Negro Soldier" and mention of visit of Brigadier General B.O. Davis.

Box 14: Commanding General's Staff Conferences (1). Remarks of CG at Staff Conference March 6, 1944, last paragraph contains reference to General Aurand's favorable impression of film "The Negro Soldier."

Box 14: Remarks of CG at his Staff Conference in the Civic Theater 5/10/1943. General Aurand's statements to effect that "I and all people must be color blind. We must not in any way differentiate between the pigmented races and the White races."

Box 21: History of Normandy Base Section.

Box 21: History of Provost Marshall Section Normandy Base Section, Oct 1, 1944-May 9, 1945. Several statements regarding Blacks.

BUTCHER, HARRY C.: Naval Aide to General Eisenhower. Papers, 1919-1959

Box 1: Correspondence Files August 1942. Statement by Commanding General, ETO (Eisenhower) re 79th anniversary of Emancipation Proclamation, including DDE editing on a draft of the statement and transcript of conversation with a Black soldier for possible broadcast use.

Box 1: Correspondence September 1942. United Kingdom memorandum dated 9/28/1942 regarding American forces, includes a section on Black (Coloured) troops.

CLARK, MARK W.: Commander, Fifth U.S. Army, 1943-1944; Commanding General, Fifteenth Army Group, 1944-1945; High Commissioner, Austria, 1945-1947; Commander, 6th Army, 1947-1949; Commander, U.S. Army Field Forces, 1949-1952; Commander-in-Chief, U.N. Command, Korea, 1952-1953; Papers, 1918-1966 (Microfilm copies; originals deposited in the Citadel, Charleston, South Carolina)

Box 1, Reel 4, November 1944-July 1945: Includes April 15, 1945 letter from General Joseph McNarney to General Mark Clark re operation of recreational facilities without racial segregation; also letters from General Edward Almond, Commander, 92nd Division; brief report on retreat by elements of 92nd Infantry Division in February 1945; data on months overseas by infantry regiments including regiments of 92nd Division.

COLLINS, J. LAWTON: Commander, 25th Infantry Division, 1943; Commander, VII U.S. Corps, 1944-1945; Chief of Staff, U.S. Army 1949-1953; Special Ambassador to Vietnam, 1954-1955. Papers, 1896-1975

Box 3: 201 File - Personal Letter File 1944 (5). Correspondence exchanged between Generals J.L. Collins, M.S. Eddy, R.O. Barton & Lt. Col. Parker re racial troubles at Red Cross club in Winchester, England including comments on Ms. Elizabeth McDougald, Director of the Black service club.

Box 3: 201 File - Personal Letter File 1945 (2). Correspondence, Collins and General E.M. Almond, Commander, 92nd Infantry Division.

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER LIBRARY: Collection of 20th Century Military Records, 1918-1950

Series I: Historical Studies, Air University

Box 2: Legislation Relating to the AAF Training Program 1939-1945. A few references to legislation aimed at permitting Blacks to serve in AAF.

Box 4: Legislation Relating to the AAF Personnel Program 1939-1945. A few references to Blacks

Box 5: Pilot Transition to Combat Aircraft

Box 10: Participation of the Ninth and Twelfth Air Forces in the Sicilian Campaign. References to the 99th Fighter Squadron

Box 14: The Reduction of Pantelleria and Adjacent Islands 8 May -14 June 1943: References to 99th Fighter Squadron, see in particular note on page 76 which summarizes 99th's activities in area from April to June 1943.

Box 18: Development of AAF Base Facilities in the U.S. 1939-1945. References to Tuskegee Field

Box 19: Classification and Assignment of Enlisted Men in the Army Air Arm, 1917-1945. See particularly Chapter VI - Special Group Problems, pages 110-139, includes several pages of discussion on Black troops.

Box 21: History of Preflight Training in AAF, 1941-1953

Box 33: Air Phase of the Italian Campaign. Brief references to 99th Fighter Squadron and 332nd Fighter Group.

Series III:

Box 5: Study #36 - The Training of Negro Troops, Historical Section Army Ground Forces, 1946

EISENHOWER, DWIGHT D.: Papers, Pre-Presidential, 1916-1952

Box 1: American F- ANC (misc.). Memoranda re use of Black Amphibian trucks at Iwo Jima.

Box 71: John C.H. Lee. Draft statement issued by DDE re use of volunteers for combat 1/4/1945.

Box 80: Marshall, George C. Letters, DDE to Marshall. January 7 and February 9, 1945.

Box 149: Messages - Conference For Total Peace, July 12, 1944. DDE message re contribution of Negro troops.

EISENHOWER, DWIGHT D: Papers, Post-Presidential, 1961-1969

Secretary's Series

Box 20: Cha. DDE letter to General Bruce C. Clarke, May 29, 1967 regarding racial integration of the armed forces. DDE commented on winter of 1944-1945 and need for replacements, positive reports on performance of Black units including by George Patton.

1963 Principal File Series

Box 67: Wa (2). Report of the President's Committee on Equal Opportunity in the Armed Forces, June 1963, first review of policy on this area since Truman Administration.

GILLEM, ALVAN C. JR.: Chairman, Board of Officers on the utilization of Negro Manpower in the post-war Army, 1945. Collection of documents re Gillem Board and Negroes in the Armed Forces, 1945-1951.

Box 1: Contains copy of War Department Board Report on Negro Manpower, testimony and documents recording comments, critiques and observations on performances of Black infantry, artillery, aircraft and others during WWII, pamphlets, news releases, report evaluated combat performance in Mediterranean and European Theaters and performance of platoons and companies, comments on specific units such as 92nd Division, 332nd Fighter Group, 761st Tank Battalion and others.

HODGES, COURTNEY HICKS: Chief of Infantry, 1941-1942; Commanding General, Replacement and School Command, 1942; Commander 3rd Army and Southern Defense Command, 1942-1943; Deputy Commander, 1st Army, England, 1943-1944; Commanding General, 1st Army, 1944-1945: Papers, 1904-1965

Box 4: 1941-1944 Critique 93rd Division

Box 4: 1941-1944 Critique 85th and 93rd Divisions

Box 5: Subject File - Notes on Trips 1943. Trip to Camp Van Dorn re 364th Infantry.

Box 5: 1941-1944 Subject File – Visits. Brig Gen. B.O. Davis 4/3/1943

Box 5: Subject File – 201 - McNair, L.J. Correspondence re 92nd and 93rd Divisions and racial troubles at Camp Van Dorn.

Box 7: 1943-1944 Correspondence, Military File. Includes letter from Congressman Thomas Abernathy to Hodges re disturbance at Camp McCain; also letters exchanged between B.O. Davis and Hodges re maneuvers and cooperation.

JACKSON, C.D.: Executive, Time Incorporated, 1931-1964; President, Council For Democracy, 1940; Deputy Chief, Psychological Warfare Branch, Allied Forces Headquarters, 1943, Deputy Chief, Psychological Warfare Division, Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Force, 1944-1945, Special Assistant to the President, 1953-1954: Papers, 1937-1964

Box 6: Intelligence—Paris (1)–(4). French reaction to Negro troops.

Box 42: Council For Democracy-Angell, E. 1945 (1) (2). Black Americans in WWII.

Box 43: Council For Democracy-Executive Committee (1)-(3). Treatment of Black Americans during WWII.

Box 43: Council For Democracy-Fund Raising (1)-(3). Minority groups.

Box 44: Council For Democracy-Future Plans. Blacks in industry.

Box 44: Council For Democracy-Misc (1)-(4): Racial discrimination and skilled black labor.

Box 44: Council For Democracy-Pamphlets-Misc (1)-(7). Booklet, The Negro and Defense.

JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY PUBLICATIONS PROJECT: Manuscripts and related material, The Papers of Dwight D. Eisenhower, 1939-2001.

Box 29: Footnotes & Supplementary Documents 1942 March 16-31 (3). Includes War Department memorandum on "The Colored Troop Problem" and related documentation.

NORSTAD, LAURIS: Assistant Chief of Staff and Chief of Staff for Operations, 12th Air Force and Mediterranean Allied Air Forces, 1942-1944; Chief of Staff, 20th Air Force, 1944-1946, Director of Plans and Operations, War Department, 1946-1947; Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, USAF, 1947-1950; Commander in Chief, U.S. and Allied Air Forces, Central Europe, 1950-1953; Air Deputy, SHAPE, 1953-1956; Supreme Allied Commander, 1956-1963; Member, President's Commission on an All-Volunteer Force, 1969-1972: Papers, 1930-1987

Box 11: Operational and Intelligence Summaries, Nos. 101-108, June 1-8, 1943. Summary #102 dated 6/2/1943 contains reference to two aircraft from 99th Squadron participating in operations.

Box 12: Status of Aircraft and Combat Crews – Daily Reports - May 15-31, 1943. Reference to 99th Fighter Squadron.

Box 13: Status of Aircraft and Combat Crews Daily Reports June 1-19, 1943. Frequent mentions of status of 99th Fighter Squadron, brief information for each entry on number and types of aircraft and availability of crews.

Box 14: Air Force Participation in Operation Shingle Jan 1- Feb 15, 1944. Check Appendix B listing Provisional order of Battle including 79th Fighter Group (99th was attached and participated in this action).

WALTER BEDELL SMITH COLLECTION OF WORLD WAR II DOCUMENTS, 1941-1945

Box 50: Richardson Reports 1944-1945 (1)(2). Reports on Negro troops.

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, OFFICE OF SECRETARY, GENERAL STAFF: Records: 1943-1945

Box 1, Reel 7, File Folder: 201.22. Commendations Memoranda, Major Gen. W.B. Kean to Lt. General W.B. Smith attaching memorandum commending performance of 4042nd Quartermaster Truck Company on D-Day through D plus 35, July 15, 1944 (memo re 4042nd Quartermaster Truck Company dated July 14, 1944).

U.S. ARMY, U.S. FORCES, EUROPEAN THEATER, GENERAL BOARD, Reports, 1942-1946

Box 2: Study Number 11. Study of the Women's Army Corps in the European Theater of Operations, Volumes I-III, G-1 Section. Headings within the report include a particular section of "Utilization of Colored WAAC/WAC Personnel," (pages 126-130) under the subheading of "Theater Postal Directory Service Requisition." The 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion (Women's Army Corps) is specially mentioned.

Box 4: Study 30 - Service Troops Basis.

Box 9: Study 83 - Military Justice. Includes statistics on Blacks subjected to courts-martial.

Box 9: Study 84 - The Military Offender. Data on Blacks accused of various criminal offenses.

U.S. ARMY, U.S. FORCES EUROPEAN THEATER, HISTORICAL DIVISION: Records, 1941-1946 (Microfilm)

Box 5, Reel 30, File Folder: Negro Troops - Frames 644-798. Includes material re Blacks in United Kingdom; inspection of combat support wing installations of VIII Air Force; Statements on Policy on Negroes; itineraries of Brigadier General Benjamin O. Davis to United Kingdom; memo on retraining of Colored personnel as infantry riflemen; extracts on Negro Morale; British philosopher article on Colour Bar, and other material.

U.S. ARMY: UNIT RECORDS

Box 15: 101st Airborne Division Artillery-After Action Report December, 1944. References to 969th Field Artillery Bn and 333rd FA Bn.

Box 15: 101st Abn Div Artillery-Unit Journal-December 18, 1944-Feb. 1945. References to 969th FA Bn and 333rd FA Bn.

Box 185: 761st Tank Battalion. Includes copy of Come Out Fighting: The Epic Tale of the 761st Tank Battalion 1942-1945 plus after action reports and other data.

Box 296: 452nd AAA AW Bn. Includes report of inspection of unit for combat readiness.

Boxes 352-353: 333rd Field Artillery Group. Approximately 250 pages of detailed operations and after action reports dated 1944-1945.

Box 480: 77th Field Artillery Battalion

Box 487: 969th Field Artillery Battalion

Box 671: 810th Engineer Aviation Battalion

Box 671: 811th Engineer Aviation Battalion

Box 810: 8th Infantry Division Artillery After Operations Report July 4 1944- Feb. 28 1945. References to 969th FA Bn.

Box 843: Recommendations for Commendation for 761st Tank Bn

Boxes 1167-1171: Records of the 92nd (Buffalo Division)

Box 1173: Records of the 93rd Division

Box 1237: 784th Tank Destroyer Bn

Box 1274: 25th Inf Reg (93rd Div)

Box 1493: 364th Infantry. Approximately 50-75 pages, Amchitka operations In Aleutians and Alaska.

Box 1493: 365th Infantry Reg. – Italy

Boxes 1494-1495: 366th Infantry Reg. (92nd) Div.

Box 1495: 368th Infantry (93rd) Div

Box 1495: 369th Infantry (93rd) Div

Box 1496: 371st Reg (92nd)

Box 1496: 372nd

Boxes 1527-1529: 442nd Regiment (Nisei unit but operated at times with elements of 92nd Division)

Box 1548: 367th Infantry

Box 1559: 614th Tank Destroyer Bn

Box 1564: 679th Tank Destroyer Bn

WORLD WAR TWO PARTICIPANTS AND CONTEMPORARIES: Papers, 1939- 1950s

Bennett, Elfriede E.: Ms. Bennett was a German civilian who met Robert Bennett, a Black American enlisted man in December 1947. Her memoir relates the experiences and hassles which the couple encountered in getting married after obtaining assistance from General Eisenhower. The memoir relates further problems but also summarizes 50 years of marriage, children, grandchildren and Robert Bennett's death in 1998.

Brewer, Lottie: Contains 1992 newspaper article re segregation in U.S. Marine Corps during World War II.

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Fowle, Barry W., General Editor. Builders and Fighters: U.S. Army Engineers in World War II, Fort Belvoir, VA: Office of History, United States Army Corps of Engineers, 1992

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