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BRERETON, LEWIS H., Military Associate:
Papers, 1918-67

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SERIES DESCRIPTION

The personal papers of Lieutenant General Lewis H. Brereton, pioneer in aviation warfare, consist of personal correspondence, messages, lectures and articles, orders, commissions, commendations, awards and decorations, a military map of WWII, and other material.

Also included are a copy of "General Brereton's Headquarters Diary, Summary of Activities for the Period from 8th December 1941-24th February 1942;" and Lewis H. Brereton's Scrapbook of newspaper and magazine articles and pictures covering the period from 1942 to 1946.

Major subjects covered: The congratulatory message on accomplishment of specific air missions; transfer orders; invitations; holiday greetings; letters pertaining to the publication of his Diary; mail from the general public after retirement; copies of articles on aviation; lectures by Lewis Brereton on aviation and leadership, etc.

The Diary consists of the daily events between December 8, 1941 and February 24, 1942, while Lewis Brereton was Commander of FEAF. It deals with the preparedness of the Far East Air Force for U.S. participation in World War II, giving times (by hour and minute) of phone messages, commands from headquarters, reports of sightings of Japanese planes, bombings, summaries of staff meetings, and other matters. Major correspondents include George C. Marshall, Sir Richard N. Gale, and B.A. Schriever.

Lt. General Lewis H. Brereton (born June 21, 1890; died July 20, 1967) graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1911 and was one of the first graduates of the Signal Corps Aviation School (1913). In WWI, he commanded the 12th Aero Squadron, one of the first American flying units on the front; at the beginning of World War II he was commander of the Far East Air Force in the Philippines; then Deputy Air Commander-in-Chief, Allied Air Forces, in Java (January-June 1942); Commander, Middle East Air Forces (9th Air Force) June 1942-October 1943); Commanding General of the Ninth Air Force in the European Theater (October 1943-August 1944); and Commander of the First Allied Airborne Army (August 1944-May 1945). After the war until his retirement in 1948 he was Chairman of the Military Liaison Committee to the Atomic Energy Commission in Washington, D.C.

The material in this collection was arranged alphabetically by subject by a staff archivist. Note: Photos and books in collection were removed and sent to the photo collection and book collection, respectively.

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