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PARKS, FLOYD L., Military Associate: Papers, 1913-65

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The personal papers of Lt. General Floyd L. Parks, a career military officer, were deposited in the Eisenhower Library in September 1969, by his children, Mrs. Edwynna Anne Parks Straine, William Robinson Parks, and Floyd L. Parks, Jr. A standard instrument of gift for these papers was signed in September 1969.

Linear feet shelf space occupied:	10.4
Approximate number of pages:	24,000
Approximate number of items:	10,000

Literary rights in the unpublished writings of Floyd L. Parks in these papers and in other collections of papers in the Eisenhower Library are reserved to Major William Parks until his death when they pass to his son, William Parks, Jr. Upon his death they revert to the United States.

By agreement with the donor the following classes of documents will be withheld from research use:

1. Papers relating to the family and private business affairs of the late Floyd L. Parks.
2. Papers relating to the family and private business affairs of other persons who have had correspondence with the late Floyd L. Parks.
3. Papers relating to investigations of individuals or to appointments and personnel matters.
4. Papers containing statements made by or to the late Floyd L. Parks in these papers in confidence unless in the judgment of the Director of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Library the reason for the confidentiality no longer exists.
5. All other papers which contain information or statements that might be used to injure, harass, or damage any living person.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The personal papers of Lt. General Floyd L. Parks, a career military officer, cover the years 1913-1965. The largest portion concerns the years 1920-1959.

The materials contained in these papers consist of sixteen diaries covering the years 1920-1962 (the diary was continued by Mrs. Parks for three years following the General's death in 1959), a military "201" file, 1918-1956, about 2,500 pieces of correspondence with family and friends, 1916-1965, a general subject series, an extensive speech series, 1943-56, several thousand clippings, and six large bound scrapbooks.

Of particular interest are the diaries and the correspondence maintained by General Parks. Throughout his life General Parks made entries in his diaries, which were often elaborated on in his letters to his family. His letters are descriptive of persons and events especially during his tours abroad. Major correspondents include his wife, mother, General Malin Craig, General Dwight D. Eisenhower, and General George S. Patton, Jr.

His subject series is arranged alphabetically and varies greatly. It includes folders on the 69th Division (1943-44), airborne operations, (1944-48), commendations, efficiency reports, invitations, and maps. In his role as the Chief Information Officer for the Army, General Parks was in charge of public relations. The speech file includes background material, drafts, and reading copies of his speeches and also suggestions for the speeches of others, including General Dwight D. Eisenhower, Chief of Staff from 1945 to 1948.

The clippings series, arranged chronologically, covers all aspects of the life of General Parks and his family. There are six large scrapbooks pertaining to his period as Aide-de-Camp to the Commanding General of West Point, 1928-32, Commanding General First Airborne Army, travels on an inspection trip of Army supply depots with Asst. Secretary of Defense Kenneth Royall, and his activities during the years 1942-47.

Over 5,600 photographs received with the collections were separated and transferred to the audiovisual collection of the Eisenhower Library. A small box of mementoes collected by General Parks was turned over to the Museum collection.

## BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

- February 9, 1896 Born, Louisville, Kentucky
- 1918 BS in Mechanical and Electrical Engineering, Clemson College
- 1918-23 Machine Gun Instructor under Captain Dwight D. Eisenhower, commanding Camp Colt, Pennsylvania
- Commanding Officer, Co. A, 333 Tank Battalion, Camp Colt, Pennsylvania
- Commanded Tank Corps Reserve Officers Training Camp, Camp Colt, Pennsylvania
- 1924 MS in Engineering, Yale Graduated from Tank School
- 1924 Married Molly Mitchel Trewbridge, divorced in 1927
- 1927 Commanding Officer, Company A, 21st Infantry, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii
- 1928-32 Aide-de-Camp to General William R. Smith Commanding General of U.S. Military Academy
- 1931 Married Harriet Marie Appleby-Robinson, 4 children: Edwynna Ann, William Robinson, Floyd Iavinius, Basil Manly (deceased)
- 1933 Graduated from Infantry School
- 1935 Graduated from Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas
- 1937-39 Aide-de-Camp to Chief of Staff of the Army, General Malin Craig
- 1940 Graduated from Army War College
- 1942 Chief of Staff, Army Ground Forces
- 1943-44 Assistant Division Commander, 69th Inf. Div [Camp Shelby, Mississippi, under Charlie Bolte]
- 1944-45 Chief of Staff, First Allied Airborne Army [under L. Brereton]
- 1945, May-Oct. Commander, First Airborne Army

1945, July-Oct. Commander, U.S. Sector and Military Governor, Berlin

1945-48 Chief, Public Information Division, Dept. of the Army [Washington, D.C.]  
1948-49 Deputy Commanding General, U.S. Army, Pacific Theater [Hawaii]

1949-53 Chief of Information for Dept. of Army [Washington, D.C.]

1953-56 Commanding General, 2nd Army

1956 Retired as Lt. General from the Army

March 1956- Exec. Director, National Rifle Assoc.

March 10, 1959 Died

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2	Diary, 1938-42
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	Address Book
	Letter Registers, 1920-29
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- 3      “201” Military File, Feb. 14, 1918-May 31, 1934
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- “201” Military File, Miscellaneous
- Biographical Miscellaneous
- Correspondence 1913-1935 [includes correspondence with Harry Woodring, Gov. of Kansas and Asst Secy. of the Army; some military correspondence]
- Correspondence 1937 [includes some correspondence re 15th Div. in China and re China and the Philippines]
- Correspondence 1938 [From Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Appleby-Robinson (Father-in-law letters describing trip to England)]
- Correspondence 1938-1940
- 5      Correspondence 1941-43 [includes material re Amer. Military Mission to China; Pearl Harbor; descriptions of the Pacific War and Mrs. FDR trip to Australia by R. Eichelberger; Patton correspondence re North Africa; Lemnitzer re Clark mission to North Africa; etc.]
- Correspondence 1944 [includes material re Italian campaign and Patton; FLP letters to wife and family re England; July-Dec. re Brereton, England, and airborne operations]
- Correspondence 1945-46 [Mostly letters to wife and family from Eng., France, and Germany re war and occupation. Other material re Big Three Conf. (July, 1945); unification; DDE speeches as Chief of Staff]
- Correspondence 1947-48 [Includes material re trip to Germany (April-May, 1947);

golf; occupation publicity; Drew Pearson; Universal Military Training; DDE and the 1948 election--Finder letter]

- 6 Correspondence 1949 [includes material re Hawaii; social life in the Army; unification. Also includes description of Morningside Drive home of DDE]

Correspondence 1950 [Mostly family and social life; some comments re Korean War and MacArthur; army public relations in general; DDE European trip plans (Jan. 1951)]

Correspondence 1951 [Includes same type of material as in 1950 folder; also trip to Europe in November with Secretary Pace]

Correspondence 1952 [Family and social life; trip to Korea, Japan, Oikinra, Formose, etc.; Army public relations]

Correspondence 1953 [Same as above in 1952 folder]

Correspondence 1954 [Same as above in 1952 folder material]

- 7 Correspondence 1955

Correspondence 1956, January - June [family and social life; retirement letters; army Public Relations in Korea; National Rifle Assoc.]

Correspondence 1956, July - December [family and social life; National Rifle Assoc.]

Correspondence 1957 [family and social life; National Rifle Assoc.]

Correspondence 1958 [family and social life; National Rifle Assoc.]

Correspondence 1959 [Includes family letters; sympathy on death of Floyd Parks]

Correspondence 1952-1965 [Mrs. Parks correspondence with children; correspondence re Johns Hopkins Press Publications Project]

- 8 Correspondence Gen. Malin Craig, 1937-1944 [Includes copies of Craig correspondence with Pershing, FDR]

Correspondence Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, 1945-1965 [MDE letters are included in this folder]

Correspondence Gen. George Patton, 1932-1946 [Includes description of how to do well at Leavenworth; the Tenn. Maneuvers (summer 1941); armored warfare; North Africa campaign]

Correspondence - Undated Miscellaneous

Subject File

Airborne Operations, 1944-48

Berlin Allied Command, 1945

Certificates re Basil Manly Parks, son of Gen. Floyd Parks, 1956-65

Commendations, 1919-52 [letters of]

Commissions, 1919-54

Construction of Fort Meade Golf Course, 1955-56

9 Decorations, 1938-56

Efficiency Reports, 1920-45

Examination Papers, 1918-25

Family History of Parks Family

Ft. Benning - 2nd Armored Brigade Notebook, 1941 [possibly for Tennessee Maneuvers]

Invitations and Guest Lists, 1937-59

Itineraries, 1930-62

Maps, Hawaii, 1927-49

10 Maps, Travel, Golf, Misc.

National Rifle Association, 1956

Press Releases of Statements of Dwight D. Eisenhower, 1944-47



Public Relations - "Genesis of a Press Release" 1950

Public Relations, 1946-50

Publication "Know Your Army" 1957

Recommendations - Received, 1916-20

Reports--School, College, Army, 1914-1933

Rosters, 1919-49

Sixty-Ninth Division, 1943-1956

Social Engagements, 1950-53

Testimonial Dinner - Floyd L. Parks, 1956

11 Speeches

Statement of Gen. Parks before a Special Subcommittee, July 10, 1956 Committee on Government Operations

29th Division Association, Jan. 8, 1956

Military Order of Foreign Wars of New Jersey, Dec, 7, 1955

Atomic Reorientation Course, Ft. Meade, Sept. 15, 1955

Armed Forces Management Association, Baltimore, Maryland, Sept. 15, 1955

Commemorative Services for 79th Division, Sept, 11, 1955

Command and General Staff School Course, Ft. Meade, Maryland, August 8, 1955

Commencement Exercises, Gettysburg College, Pennsylvania, June 5, 1955

Memorial Day Ceremonies, Cleveland, Ohio, May 30, 1955

Armed Forces Day, Lexington, Kentucky, May 21, 1955

Armed Forces Day Luncheon, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, May 18, 1955

Dept. of Maryland Reserve Officers Assoc. Convention, May 7, 1955

- Natural Resources Conf., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, May 6, 1955
- Dedication of the U.S. Army Reserve Training Center, Wilmington, Delaware, April 16, 1955
- National Strategy Seminar, March 29-31, 1955
- Command Management School, Ft. Belvoir, Virginia, March 4, 1955
- Civilian Employees Meeting, Feb. 28, 1955
- Women's Service Club, Bradenton, Florida, Feb. 1955
- 12 Armor Association Meeting - Ft. Knox, Kentucky, Jan. 29, 1954 to Jan. 27, 1955
- Management School, Ft. Belvoir, Virginia, Jan. 18, 1955
- Civilian Employees Meeting, Jan. 3, 1955
- Retirement Ceremonies for Gen. Norman Lack, Dec. 15, 1954
- 175th Infantry Regimental Day Ceremonies, Dec. 3, 1954
- Opening of Labor Conf., Ft. Meade, Maryland, Nov. 18, 1954
- Civic Leaders Conf., Ft. Meade, Maryland, Nov. 18, 1954
- Graduation Exercises - Officers, Candidate Class No. II, Ft. Benning, Georgia, Nov. 9, 1954
- Adjutant General's Conf., Ft. Meade, Maryland, Nov. 4, 1954
- Opening of Tobacco Leaf IV, Ft. Meade, Maryland, Oct. 30, 1954
- USAR School, Washington, D.C., Sept. 21, 1954
- 87th Division Association Conf., Philadelphia, Sept. 18, 1954
- Financial Management Seminar, Ft. Meade, Maryland, Sept. 12-13, 1954
- Presentation of 4th Star to Gen. Leonard T. Gerow, Sept. 11, 1954
- World War Tank Corps Reunion, Aug. 28, 1954

- Presentation of Commissions to ROTC Students, Ft. Meade, Maryland, July 30, 1954
- Luncheon for ROTC College Representatives, July 21, 1954
- ROTC Commencement Exercises, Lafayette College, June 11, 1954
- Honorary Degree at Clemson College, June 2, 1954
- Memorial Day meeting, Retired Officers Club, Bradenton, Florida, May 31, 1954
- Armed Forces Day Banquet, Military Order of World Wars, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, May 14, 1954
- Governor's Day, Ft. Meade, Maryland, May 4, 1954
- National Resources Conf., Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, April 16, 1954
- Introduction of Gen. Sir Frank Simpson, Ft. Meade, Maryland, March 8, 1954
- Draft of Speech before Clemson Alumni, March 3, 1954
- National Resources Conf., Ft. Meade, Maryland, March 1, 1954
- U.S.O.-G.I. Pal Dinner, Feb. 2, 1954
- 13 Ohio Fair Managers, Columbus, Ohio, Jan. 14, 1954
- Introduction of Gen. Sir Kenneth Crawford, Univ. of Pennsylvania, Jan. 7, 1954
- National Resources Conf., Cincinnati, Dec. 11, 1953
- Ohio Army Advisory Committee, Columbus, Ohio, Nov. 19, 1953
- Gen. George S. Patton Commemorative Stamp Ceremony, Ft. Knox, Kentucky, Nov. 10, 1953
- Television Broadcast, Oct. 1953
- Graduation of D.C. USAR Schools, Sept. 29, 1953
- Kentucky Armed Forces Advisory Committee, Ft. Knox, Kentucky, Sept. 25, 1953
- Second Army Staff, Sept. 1, 1953

Army Public Information School, June 18-20, 1953

Clemson Alumni, May 19, 1953

Advanced Infantry Graduates, Ft. Benning, Georgia, Jan. 30, 1953

Camp Gordon, Georgia, Nov. 13, 1952

Missouri-Arkansas District Conv. of Kiwanis International, Oct. 7, 1952

American Legion Convention, South Carolina, June 30, 1952

Army War College and National War College, April 25, 1952

Graduating Infantry Officers, Ft. Benning, Georgia, April 14, 1952

Armed Forces Information School, Jan. 11, 1952

12th Annual Conv. of South Carolina Dealers Assoc., Oct. 1, 1951

Army commanders - Troop Information and Education, June 6, 1951

National War College, May 28, 1951

Armed Forces Day, Monterey, California, May 7, 1951

Carlisle Barracks, April 4, 1951

Army Daughters, March 5, 1951

Command and General Staff School, Feb. 15, 1951

Radio Executives Club of New York, Jan. 11, 1951

Elizabeth, New Jersey, Dec. 11, 1950

Army Commanders, Dec. 4, 1950

National Assoc. of Radio News Directors, Chicago, Illinois, Nov. 16, 1950

Orientation for Newly Assigned Key Personnel, Sept. 19, 1950

American Public Relations Assn., April 17, 1950

Industrial College of Armed Forces, March 3, 1950

West Point Dinner, Honolulu, 1949

Conference of Army Commanders, Washington, Nov. 28-29, 1949

Armored School, Ft. Knox, Kentucky, Sept. 20, 1949

Opening of Schofield Civilian Components School, July 11, 1949

Kauai, July 4, 1949

Rotary Club, July 1, 1949

Rotary Club, Hilo, Hawaii, April 12, 1949

Orientation of Newly Assigned Officers in the Army, Sept. 23, 1948

National Defense Expansion Program, The Pentagon, Washington, D.C.,  
June 11, 1948

Command and General Staff School, Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, April 21, 1948

American Public Relations Assoc., Mar. 29, 1948

Interview of Gen. Parks by Mr. Halloran, 1948

Armed Forces Staff College, Dec. 2, 1947

V.F.W., Anderson, South Carolina, Nov. 11, 1947

Ft. Benning, Georgia, Sept. 29, 1947

Father-Son Dinner, Men of St. Johns, May 20, 1947

Economic Mobilization Course, Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Washington,  
D.C., May 12, 1947

European Command Public Information Conf., April 25, 1947

National Newspaper Promotion Assoc., Conv., Chicago, Illinois, April 8, 1947

Public Relations Seminar for Commanding Officers, Feb. 11, 1947

Army Information Program, 1946

- Post 209, American Legion, New York, New York, Dec. 2, 1946
- Clemson, YMCA, Oct. 6, 1946
- 14    Speeches
- 28th National Convention of American Legion, San Francisco, California, Oct. 1946
- Army Information School, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania, Aug. 21, 1946
- American Legion, Greenville, South Carolina, July 22, 1946
- Washington Chapter of Clemson Alumni Association, May 1, 1946
- Army Information School, Nov. 21, 1945
- Interview of Gen. Parks by Arthur Mann, July 23, 1945
- U.S. Newspaper in Berlin, June, 1945
- Interview of Gen. Parks on "The March of Time" Radio Broadcast, Sept. 1944
- 50th Anniversary Celebration of Clemson College, Dec. 1, 1943
- Anniversary of Army Information Service, Undated
- Anniversary Dinner--Post 545, Merion, Pennsylvania, Undated
- Conference for Air Observers, 2nd Armored Div., Undated
- Army Chaplain, Undated
- Misc. Untitled speeches - Undated
- Draft of Stock Speech
- Card Outlines and Misc. Materials for Speeches (1)
- 15    Card Outline and Misc. Materials for Speeches (2)
- Additional Memorial Ceremony Programs, Jan. 15, 1962
- Cars, Brochures, Misc.
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List of Items turned over to Museum Collection

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