

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER LIBRARY
ABILENE, KANSAS

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE:
Communiqués, 1944-45

Accession 65-15, 09-07

Processed by: JL, TB, VJA

Date Completed: March 1993, January 2014

Estimated pages: 620

Number of reels of microfilm: 1

The microfilm copy of the communiqués issued by the Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Force (SHAEF), Public Relations Division, Executive Office was sent to the Eisenhower Library by the Modern Military Records Division of the National Archives in March 1965. Manuscript copies of the communiqués were donated by Peter H. Peters on August 11, 2009.

Literary rights to these communiqués are in the public domain. The communiqués were processed in accordance with the general restrictions on access to government records as set forth by the National Archives.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of communiqués issued by the Public Relations Office of the Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Force (SHAEF) from June 6, 1944 until May 8, 1945. The communiqués were transmitted to the British Ministry of Information and the U.S. Office of War Information for distribution to the British, Canadian, and U.S. press and radio. They consist of daily or twice-daily summaries of military operations. The first communiqué was issued on the day of the Normandy Invasion to announce the commencement of the attack. Special communiqués were issued at different times as events warranted.

Also included is an unattributed history of the Public Relation Division's communiqué section. The history relates the formation and activities of the section. It includes the names the personnel assigned to the section and highlights several communiqués of particular historical importance.

The documents are available on paper or on microfilm. The paper copies of the communiqués are arranged numerically in reverse chronological order from 1 to 394 and include Special Communiqué Number 8 (May 8, 1945) which announces the unconditional surrender of Germany's military forces. The microfilm copy, in which the documents were rearranged in a strict chronological order, was created at the National Archives in Washington, DC.

CONTAINER LIST

<u>Container</u>	<u>Folders</u>
Box 1	Public Relations Division History Communiqués, June 6-September 22, 1944 Communiqués, September 23-October 31, 1944 Communiqués, November 1-December 17, 1944 Communiqués, December 18, 1944-January 22, 1945 Communiqués, January 23-February 28, 1945 Communiqués, March 1-April 5, 1945 Communiqués, April 8-May 8, 1945
Microfilm Reel 1	Special Communiqués, June 17, 1944-May 8, 1945 [2-6] Communiqués, June 6, 1944-May 7, 1945 [8-497]