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BARKER, RAY W.: Papers, 1942-46

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The Papers of Ray W. Barker, World War II associate of Dwight D. Eisenhower, were deposited in the Eisenhower Library in August, 1972, by Major General Ray W. Barker. There were no restrictions placed on this collection.

Linear feet: 1.3
Approximate number of pages: 1200
Approximate number of items: 600

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The papers of Major General Ray W. Barker generally span the years 1942-1946. During this period, General Barker served in the European Theater of Operations. He was ordered to London in 1942 to work with British planners for the upcoming cross-channel invasion of the European continent. During the next two years he was attached to the combined United States-British group, which became known as COSSAC (Chief of Staff to Supreme Allied Commander), and planned Operation Overlord, the D-Day invasion at Normandy on June 6, 1944.

The bulk of the collection relates to the planning of Operation Overlord. Documents include a review of factors affecting the return to the continent. This review was prepared by General Barker and Sir John Alexander Sinclair and formed, in large measure, the basis of Operation Overlord. Additional documents include deliberations of Combined Commanders meetings, minutes of COSSAC staff meetings, the initial directive to COSSAC and the first directive relating to planning for operations in northwest Europe. An item of major importance is the three-part final draft of "Operation Overlord Administrative Appreciation," which details policies for handling the administrative aspects of the planned invasion. The "Operation Overlord Appendices" include valuable information on plans for the construction of artificial harbors that were necessary for a successful European invasion. Within the folder "Papers pertaining to COSSAC & SHAEF, 1942-1945" are materials on psychological warfare used against the Cherbourg garrison and information on the civil government of France.

Additional materials include operational cables between SHAEF and the War Department in Washington, the report of the ETOUSA Judge Advocate, newspaper clippings covering the German surrender and the transcript of an interview with General Barker on the materials within the collection. There are also copies Office of War Information propaganda leaflets in several languages to be air-dropped. A photograph album relating to air support for the Normandy invasion was transferred to the Audiovisual Collection, but photocopies of the images remain in the manuscript collection.

Finally, there is a partial set of the Cassini *Carte de la France* slip-cased maps of France. These maps were originally a gift from Emperor Napoleon to Marshal Jacque Etienne Joseph Alexandre McDonald. They came into General Barker's possession by way of gift from T. Bentley Mott, who was utilized in a mission to save Marshal Petain's life at the time of the Allied victory in France. These maps are fragile and subject to restrictions in to their use due to their condition.

The collection's arrangement and folder titles were devised by a staff archivist.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Dec. 10, 1889	Born, New York state
1910	Enlisted U.S. Cavalry as private
1913	Commissioned 2nd lieutenant
1917	Transferred to Field Artillery
1920	Graduated Cavalry School
1927	Graduated Advanced Field Artillery School
1928	Graduated Command and General Staff School
1940	Graduated Army War College
1942-43	Assistant Chief of Staff, War Plans Division, U.S. Forces in British Isles
1943-44	Deputy Chief of Staff, Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, European Theater of Operations
1944	Deputy Chief of Staff, SHAEF
1945	Director of Army division to supervise demilitarization of Germany
June 28, 1974	Died

CONTAINER LIST

<u>Box No.</u>	<u>Contents</u>
1	<p>Combined Commanders Meetings, September, 1942</p> <p>Review of Certain Factors Affecting Preparations for a Return to the Continent, March 18, 1943</p> <p>Joint Chiefs of Staff Corrigendum to Minutes of J.C.S. 105th August 26, 1943</p> <p>Amend Directive to COSSAC as to its mission, 1943</p> <p>Operation Overlord Administrative Appreciation, Part III, Third Draft, October 25, 1943 (1)-(2)</p> <p>Operation Overlord Administrative Appreciation, Part III, Third Draft, October 27, 1943 (1)-(2)</p> <p>Operation Overlord Administrative Appreciation, Part III, Third Draft, November 6, 1943</p> <p>Operation Overlord Administrative Appreciation, Parts I and II, Final Draft, November 24 and December 14, 1943</p> <p>Operation Overlord Administrative Appreciation, Part III, Final Draft, January 7, 1944</p> <p>Operation Overlord Appendices (1)-(2)</p> <p>Minutes of COSSAC Staff Meetings, 1943-44 (1)-(2)</p> <p>Papers pertaining to COSSAC and SHAEF, 1942-1945 (1)-(3) [Documents relating to the organization of COSSAC and SHAEF, the planning & execution of Operation Overlord and to military operations in Europe following the Normandy invasion.]</p>
2	<p>Papers pertaining to COSSAC and SHAEF, 1942-1945 (4)</p> <p>SHAEF Minutes of Chief of Staff meetings, January-March, 1944</p> <p>Leaflets dropped into occupied countries (1)-(2)</p>

Newspaper Clippings dealing with surrender May 9, 1945

Miscellaneous clippings

Operations Cables, 1944-1945 (1)-(2)

Correspondence 1945-46

Report of the Theater Judge Advocate European Theater of Operations,
United States Army, April 4, 1942 to April 3, 1946 (1)-(2)

Interview of General Barker by Dr. Maclyn Burg regarding the papers

Photographic record of the Allied Air Effort in Support of the invasion of
the Continent of Europe [*Photographs transferred to AV*]

3-5 Slip cases for Carte de la France maps by Cassini [*Note: maps and*
slipcases are stored in secure storage. Due to their fragile condition,
slip cases will not be provided for researcher use.]

Secure Oversized Cabinet, Drawer 3

Folder 1 (from slipcase No. 13) includes:

No. 97 La Val
No. 98 Angers
No. 130 Pimbeuf
No. 159 Belle Isle
No. 129 Rennes
No. 158 Vannes
No. 172 Quimper

Folder 2 (from slipcase No. 14) includes:

No. 156 Triguier
No. 128 Dinant
No. 170 St. Paul de Leon
No. 174 Isle D'Quessant
No. 175 Brest
No. 171 Carhaix
No. 157 Uzel

Folder 3 (from slipcase No. 15) includes:

No. 96 Mayenne
No. 95 Avranches
No. 126 Coutances
No. 125 Cherbourg
No. 93 La Hougue
No. 94 Bayeux
No. 127 St. Malo

Folder 4 Propaganda posters [withdrawn from *Leaflets dropped into occupied countries (2)*]

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