

George C. Marshall Research Foundation

Collection Summary Sheet

Collection: George M. Elsey Collection

Accession Number: 233

Donor: George M. Elsey

Date of Gift: 1999

Size: 4 boxes (3 linear feet)

Inclusive Dates: 1932-1957

Location: vault, lower level

The George M. Elsey Collection

Biographical Sketch

George M. Elsey was director of the White House Map Room during the Second World War. He had access to the President, the Chiefs of Staff, and various foreign dignitaries such as British Prime Minister Winston Churchill during those years. Later Elsey served as President of the American Red Cross.

Scope and Content Note

The Elsey Collection is arranged topically. Most of the collection materials pertain to the D-Day landings in Normandy, France in 1944 including dispatch telegrams from Allied commanders in Normandy on D-Day. Box 1 contains reports, diagrams, and charts regarding Allied and German preparations for the invasion of Western Europe. There are a number of reports from the Eleventh Amphibious Force detailing that unit's participation in the D-Day landings. Box 2 contains joint press statements issued by President Franklin D. Roosevelt and Prime Minister Winston S. Churchill in 1942, Minutes from Chiefs of Staff meetings in 1942, various memos, four booklets from the Campaign Study series, copies of the D-Day dispatch telegrams, and several sets of newspaper clippings. Box 3 contains sets of 8x10 inch and 4x5 inch photographs taken on the D-Day beachheads as well as the original D-Day dispatch telegrams. Box 4 contains various printed materials including a number of books, government issued manuals, language guides, and guides to foreign countries for visiting American troops.

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Container List

<u>Box/Folder</u>	<u>Description</u>
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1	Report entitled "German Plans for the Invasion of England 1940"
2	Report entitled "The Organization And Functions Of The Combined Chiefs of Staff And Supporting U.S. Agencies"
3	Roster of C.C.S Committees as of December 1, 1942
4	Report entitled "France-Changes In German Defence Technique"
5	Report entitled "The German Naval Defense Against The Allied Invasion Of Normandy" by Eberhard Weichold, Vice-Admiral of the former German Navy
6	Report entitled "The German Air Force And The Invasion Of Normandy, 1944" by W. Gaul, former German Air Force Colonel attached to Operations, German Naval High Command as Liaison Officer to the General Staff of the German Air Forces
7	Report on weather during Operation Neptune
8	Report entitled "Operation 'Overlord'"
9	Report entitled "The Coast Guard at War: Landings In France XI"
10	Operation Plan for Western Naval Task Force
11	Report on Observation Trip June 10, [1944]
12	After Action Report for the Eleventh Amphibious Force dated July 27, 1944
13	Report on NCDU participation in Operation Neptune dated June 18, 1944
14	Report on Conversation held with Admiral Deyo dated April 1945
15	Report from the Eleventh Amphibious Force dated June 5, 1944
16	Report from the Eleventh Amphibious Force dated June 7, 1944 by F.R. Cowles
17	Report from the Eleventh Amphibious Force dated June 7, 1944 by F.T. Litton
18	Intelligence Reports from the Eleventh Amphibious Force during Operation Neptune

19 Un-translated report in German dated December 15,
1932

20 Landing Diagram for Operation Neptune

21 Charts and Diagrams for Operation Neptune

22 Ships Present List, June 3, 1944

23 Operation Orders for Neptune

24 Notes on Captured Document, May 7, 1944

25 Layout #1 dated April 22, 1944

26 Plan entitled "Planning The Invasion 1940-1944"

27 Time-Space Diagram

28 Deployment Diagram for Operation Neptune

29 Assault Plan for Operation Neptune dated May 15,
1944

30 Landing Diagrams for Operation Neptune

31 Monthly Moonlight Diagram for April 1944

32 Plan entitled "Allied Expeditionary Force Western
Naval Task Force: 'Neptune' and 'Overlord'" dated
June 13, 1944

33 Memorandum for the Deputy Assistant Chief of Air
Staff, Intelligence dated September 5, 1944

34 OPD Information Bulletin Amphibious Supplement
No. 8 dated June 9, 1945 (Subject: Enemy
Obstacles on Omaha and Utah beaches)

35 Operation Orders for Naval Combat Demolition
Group dated May 31, 1944

36 OPD Information Bulletin Amphibious Supplement
No. 5 dated May 11, 1945 (Subject: Omaha Beach,
Normandy)

37 Task Group Organisation Plan

38 Omaha Assault Area Diagram

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1 Press statement issued by the President and the
Prime Minister dated June 22, 1942

2 Press statement issued by the President and the
Prime Minister dated June 27, 1942

3 Minutes of Combined Staff Conference dated
July 20, 1942

4 Memo concerning Operation Sledgehammer dated
July 21, 1942

5 Minutes of Combined Chiefs of Staff Meeting dated
July 24, 1942

6 Minutes of Combined Chiefs of Staff Meeting dated
July 25, 1942

7 Memo entitled "Memorandum For The President"
dated July 27, 1942 detailing Allied efforts in
Europe against Germany

8 Minutes of COSSAC Staff meeting dated
November 5, 1943

9 Memo from the Commander-in-Chief of the United
States Fleet to the Commander of the Twelfth Fleet
dated November 5, 1943

10 Memo entitled "German Air Effort Against
Shipping" dated May 14, 1944

11 Memo from F-48 to Secret Mail Room dated
August 12, 1944

12 Memo and notes dated April 11, 1946

13 Letter from President Franklin D. Roosevelt to
United States Army Expeditionary Forces

14 Map: Step-by-step layout of the Normandy Invasion

15 Maps of German Coastal Defenses at Normandy

16 Correspondence with Ellery Sedgewick 1947-48

17 Letter from Samuel Eliot Morison dated January 21,
1957

18 Campaign Study No. 2: The German Campaign In
Norway

19 Campaign Study No. 3: Japanese Land Operations

20 Campaign Study No. 4: The Libyan Campaign

21 Campaign Study No. 5: Notes And Lessons On
Operations In The Middle East

22 Photocopies of D-Day Telegram Dispatches
[June 4-5, 1944]

23 Photocopies of D-Day Telegram Dispatches
[June 6, 1944 Part 1]

24 Photocopies of D-Day Telegram Dispatches
[June 6, 1944 Part 2- June 7, 1944]

25 Booklet: Army Talks: Notes from Normandy dated
July 5, 1944

26 French and German Newspaper Clippings - 1944

27 Newspaper Clippings concerning General
Eisenhower - 1946

28 Translations of Chinese propaganda posters

29 Miscellaneous Materials

30 Photocopies of photographs of D-Day scenes from
"Action Infantry"

31 Compilation of photographs from D-Day from
Samuel Eliot Morison

32 Photograph of dead American soldier on D-Day
beaches from Samuel Eliot Morison

33 Newspaper Clippings from the "New York Times"
concerning General George C. Marshall - 1945

34 Photograph negatives

35 8x10 inch photographs from D-Day

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- 3.1 8x10 inch photographs of D-Day
- 3.2 Sedgewick photographs of LST's in Normandy on D-Day + 2
- 3.3 Sedgewick photographs of communication trenches on Green Beach on D-Day + 1
- 3.4 4x5 inch photographs of D-Day landings
- 3.5 4x5 inch photographs of D-Day landings
- 3.6 D-Day Dispatch Telegrams - June 4-6, 1944
- 3.7 D-Day Dispatch Telegrams - June 6, 1944
- 3.8 D-Day Dispatch Telegrams - June 6, 1944
- 3.9 D-Day Dispatch Telegrams - June 6, 1944
- 3.10 D-Day Dispatch Telegrams - June 6, 1944
- 3.11 D-Day Dispatch Telegrams - June 6-7, 1944

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Printed Materials

- 4.1 U.S. Navy War Photographs
- 4.2 Sunday Punch: In Normandy
- 4.3 Naval Commander Western Task Force: Pictorial Record of the Invasion of Normandy June 1944
- 4.4 Photographic Intelligence Summary: Invasion of Normandy, United States Naval Forces
- 4.5 General Marshall's Report: The Winning of the War In Europe and the Pacific
- 4.6 Report by the Supreme Commander to the Combined Chiefs of Staff on the Operations in Europe of the Allied Expeditionary Forces 6 June 1944 to 8 May 1945
- 4.7 Small Unit Actions
- 4.8 Omaha Beachhead
- 4.9 Atlas of the World Battle Fronts in Semimonthly Phases to August 15, 1945 (3 copies)
- 4.10 Biennial Report of the Chief of Staff to the Secretary of War July 1, 1943 - June 30, 1945

Language Guides

- 4.11 French Language Guide (2 copies)
- 4.12 Russian Language Guide
- 4.13 German Language Guide

Pocket Guides

- 4.14 Germany
- 4.15 A Pocket Guide to Anywhere
- 4.16 Great Britain (2 copies)
- 4.17 India
- 4.18 Iraq

- 4.19 North Africa
- 4.20 Egypt
- 4.21 New Caledonia
- 4.22 France
- 4.23 Australia
- 4.24 Northern Ireland

- 4.25 Booklet: Fighting on Guadalcanal (2 copies)
- 4.26 Booklet: Merchant Ship Identification

Basic Field Manuals

- 4.27 Military Intelligence: Identification of Soviet-Russian Aircraft (July 18, 1941)
- 4.28 Military Intelligence: Identification of Italian Aircraft (October 24, 1941)
- 4.29 Military Intelligence: Identification of U.S. Government Aircraft (February 21, 1942)
- 4.30 Military Intelligence: Identification of German Aircraft (March 11, 1942)
- 4.31 Military Intelligence: Identification of Japanese Aircraft (March 16, 1942)
- 4.32 Box containing unidentified film reel

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Separation Record

Maps (vault, lower level)

1. "Germany and its Approaches" July 1944 (2 copies)
2. "The Philippine Islands"
3. "Central Europe" 1936
4. "Cap de la Hague" September 1943
5. "St. Pierre Eglise" September 1943
6. "Cherbourg" July 1943

Oversized Materials (vault, lower level)

1. Horizontal Chinese propaganda poster with pictures of Chiang Kai-shek and Franklin D. Roosevelt
2. Vertical Chinese propaganda poster with picture of Franklin D. Roosevelt
3. Folder containing artistic rendition of D-Day landings with German captions