

COLLECTION: OTTO L. NELSON Papers

MANUSCRIPT NUMBER: 126

INCLUSIVE DATES: 1937 - 1985

ACCESSION NUMBER:

RESTRICTIONS: None

DONOR: Mrs. Otto L. Nelson

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DATE OF GIFT: April 30, 1987

COLLECTION REGISTER AVAILABLE: Yes

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## BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL FEATURES:

Otto L. Nelson (1902-1985) was instrumental in the reorganization of the Army and the War Department during WWII. Following the war he served as Deputy Theater Commander in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations. He received two Distinguished Service Medals and was awarded the Knight of the Grand Cross of the Order of the Crown of Italy. During his retirement from public service he organized and was in charge of the Department of Housing for New York Life Insurance Company

## FORMS OF MATERIAL:

Correspondence

Reports

Speeches/Statements

Photographs

Memorabilia

Office Records

## MAJOR CORRESPONDENTS:

Joseph T. McNarney

Henry L. Stimson

James E. Chaney

Leslie J. McNair

Dwight D. Eisenhower

Thomas T. Handy

George C. Marshall

## SUBJECTS:

Army Reorganization &amp; Organization

Civil Defense

## ARRANGEMENT:

The collection is arranged chronologically within each series. Monographs appropriate to the library collection have been separated; and the photographs have been added to the photo collection. Films and slides have been added to the audio-visual archives.

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NELSON, OTTO L., 1902-1985  
Papers 1937-1985

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Biographical Sketch

Otto L. Nelson (1902-1985) was born in Omaha, Nebraska on November 2, 1901. There is no documentation of his childhood in his papers, which do not begin until 1937. He received a B.S. degree from the United States Military Academy, West Point, New York in 1924; an M.A. in Economics from Columbia University in 1932; and a Ph.D. in Political Economy from Harvard in 1940. He also attended the Command and General Staff School and the Infantry School (1936) while in the U.S. Army.

Nelson's military service began at Fort Omaha, Nebraska with the 17th Infantry. May 1926 he transferred to the 65th Infantry at San Juan, Puerto Rico. July 1927 he became Post and Personnel Adjutant for the 65th Infantry at San Juan. Nelson returned to the United States in 1929 and became an instructor at the United States Military Academy in the fields of History, Economics and Government.

During 1936-1937 Nelson became Adjutant and Supply Officer for the 3rd Battalion, 17th Infantry at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. In August 1937 he was assigned to the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth. He graduated in June 1938 and returned to the United States Military Academy. While working on his Ph.D. degree, he taught at the Academy as an Assistant Professor in Economics and Government until the end of 1941.

Nelson was ordered to Washington, D.C. on temporary duty to help with reorganization of the Air Force, and then in 1942 was assigned to the War Department reorganization. January 1943 Nelson was assigned as Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff, United States Army. Finally, in 1944-1945 he served as Deputy Theater Commander, Mediterranean Theater of Operations.

During Nelson's military service he received the following promotions:

1st Lieutenant	28 August 1929
Captain	1 August 1935
Major (temporary)	31 January 1941
Major (permanent)	12 June 1941
Lieutenant Colonel (temporary)	24 December 1941
Colonel (temporary)	1 February 1942
Brigadier General (temporary)	17 January 1944
Major General (Temporary)	13 November 1944

Nelson received his first Distinguished Service Medal for War Department reorganization in 1945. The same year he was awarded the Knight of the Grand Cross of the Order of the Crown of Italy, and in 1963 he received his second Distinguished Service Medal from the War Department.

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NELSON, OTTO L. (continued)

Following his retirement from active service, Nelson became Vice President in charge of Housing for New York Life Insurance Company. During his first year he was responsible for organizing this new department. He was responsible for all housing projects, which totalled in excess of \$150 million. Projects under his direction included Fresh Meadows in Queens, New York and Lake Meadows in Chicago, Illinois.

Nelson was very active in a number of outside activities. They are too numerous to name them all, but a few include:

Executive Director of Construction--Lincoln Center  
of the Performing Arts  
Project East River--Department of Defense  
Program Advisory Committee--Executive Office of the  
President--Office of Emergency Planning  
Trustee--Carnegie Endowment of International Peace

Major General Otto L. Nelson (retired) died in ~~July~~ 1985

Scope and Content

The Otto L. Nelson Papers cover the period 1937-1973. The collection is broken into four groups: military, civil defense, Papers and Speeches, and miscellaneous papers. The military papers are further divided into minutes-general council, correspondence, personnel, Army Air Force, Divisions and Sections, Miscellaneous and reorganization. The civil defense papers are divided into Program Advisory Committee and Emergency Preparedness. The Papers and Speeches heading is divided into those by Nelson and those by others. The Miscellaneous papers are divided into Project East River, Carnegie Endowment for Peace, and Awards and Testimonials.

The chronology of the collection starts with Nelson's application for Littleaur Fellowship for graduate studies. Most of the material covers the years 1937-1973, while the most recent document is a sympathy letter from President Reagan to Mrs. Nelson regarding Nelson's death in late June of 1985.

The minutes of the General Council of the War Department is an extensive, fairly complete, record of issues that the council dealt with. Issues include the WAC's, prisoners of war, various campaigns, black soldiers and other problems. The minutes begin March 13, 1942 and continue until December 26, 1944.

The correspondence consists of letters and memos relating to topics of military concern. Included are letters to or from such key figures as Joseph T. McNarney, James E. Chaney, Dwight D. Eisenhower, George C. Marshall, Henry L. Stimson, Leslie J. McNair, and Thomas T. Handy. The correspondence is arranged chronologically.

Personnel, Army Air Force, Divisions and Sections and Miscellaneous papers cover narrow subjects that fall within the respective heading. Each group is arranged chronologically within the respective grouping.

The Reorganization papers document how and why the restructuring took place, follow-up studies on the new organization, and post-war evaluations. This group consists of minutes of reorganization meetings, circular #138, a Marshall press conference on new structure, and modifications made as the war progressed. Arrangement is chronological.

The Program Advisory Committee papers consist of minutes, correspondence, hearings, and reorganization. Arrangement is chronological.

The Emergency Preparedness papers cover aspects of organization, disaster assistance, state of preparedness for an emergency, law enforcement, and how the Soviets were prepared for emergencies. Arrangement is chronological.

## Nelson

### Scope and Content (cont'd)

Papers and Speeches is divided into Papers by Nelson, Speeches by Nelson, and Papers and Speeches by others. Arrangement is chronological within respective headings.

Miscellaneous papers briefly cover Nelson's connection with Project East River, Carnegie Endowment for Peace, and awards received by Nelson for his military, public service, and private careers. Arrangement is chronological within respective headings.

Oversize material has been placed at the end of the collection. This material consists of charts covering various aspects of the War Department, reorganization, supply of material, and tactical organization of the military. Also included are oversize awards received by Nelson.

THE OTTO L. NELSON PAPERS, #126  
CONTAINER LIST

Box/Folder(s)	Description
<b>MILITARY PAPERS</b>	
<u>Minutes – General Council</u>	
1	1-51 March 13, 1942 – May 10, 1943
2	1-32 May 31, 1943 – January 10, 1944
3	1-25 January 17, 194 – July 24, 1944
4	1-23 July 31, 1944 – December 26, 1944
<u>Correspondence</u>	
5	1-10 1937-1946
<u>Personnel</u>	
	11 Air Staff, November 1941
	12 Construction U.K. December 1941
	13 General Officers March 1943
	14 Troop Basis Control April 1944
	15 Military Personnel June 1944
	16-17 Officer Classification August 1944
	18 Psychiatric Disorders September 1944
	19-21 Strength Accounting 1944
	22 Overseas Personnel December 1944
	23 Negro Personnel December 1944
<u>Army Air Force</u>	
6	1 Organization January 1942
	2 Training Statistics February 1942
	3-4 Scheduling and Control May 1942
	5 Communication/Photos of Aircraft, 1944
<u>Divisions &amp; Sections</u>	
	6 Construction, February 1941
	7 Geopolitical, October 1942
	8-11 Services of Supply, 1942-44
<u>Miscellaneous</u>	
	12 Chronology of Aggression, November 1941
	13 Hickam Field, Hawaii, March 1941
	14-15 Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, 1941-1942
	16 Intelligence on Germany, April 1941
	17 Domestic Intelligence, December 1942
	18-19 Pre-Induction Training, December 1941

20-21 Senate Military Affairs 1943-45  
 22 Communication June 1942  
 23 Strategic Surveys August 1942  
 24 Operations Analysis September 1942  
 25 Army – Mission October 1942  
 26 Demobilization Planning June 1943  
 27 History – General HQ July 1943  
 28 Roles – Army/Navy August 1943  
 7 1 Observations – Overseas Commanders September  
 1943  
 2-3 Post War Planning 1941-44  
 4 Military Occupation September 1944  
 5 Program Planning September 1944  
 6 Organization Publication October 1944  
 7 Army Mutual Aid Association 1942-44

Reorganization

8 Minutes February 1942  
 9 Circular #138 1942  
 10 Notes and Transcripts 1942-43  
 11 Reorganization 1942  
 12 Press Conference March 1942  
 13 Army Service Forces 1943  
 14-17 Organization 1943  
 18 Modifications October 1943  
 19 Fiscal Organization June 1944  
 8 1 National Defense October 1944  
 2 Research and Development July 1947  
 3 Evaluation September 1947

CIVIL DEFENSE

Program Advisory Committee

4-6 Minutes 1969-72  
 7-11 Correspondence 1965-77  
 12-13 Management 1951 & 1969  
 14 Hearings – House of Representatives October 1970  
 15-18 Industrial Mobilization 1971-72  
 19 Reorganization October 1970

Emergency Preparedness

20-22 Office of EP 1970-73  
 23 Presentation December 1970  
 24 Soviet Handbook for CD January 1971  
 25-29 Federal Disaster Assistance 1970-71  
 9 1 Federal Natural Disaster Organization March 1971

2	Preparedness & Response Consultant Group, n.d.
3	Emergency Preparedness, n.d.
4-5	Contingency Impact Analysis January 1971
6	Natural Disasters 1960-67
7	Federal Disaster Relief Assistance, n.d.
8	Civil Defense Program April 1970
9	Mission Statement June 1970
10	Senate Bill #3619 July 1970
11	National Governors Conference on Law Enforcement August 1970
12	Organizational Place of CD August 1970
13	Gov. Warren E. Hearnes, November 1970
14	Disaster Assistance Act 1970
15	Oil Import Program February 1971
16	Sixth Industry-Government Seminar March 1971

#### PAPERS, SPEECHES, & MISCELLANEOUS

##### Papers by Nelson

17	War Department – Army Relationships, February 1942
18	War Department Organization, December 1944
19	Interview with Nelson, September 1945
20	The Impact of War, December 1971
21	Administrative Planning for Civil Defense, n.d.

##### Speeches by Nelson

22	Memorial Day Talk May 1947
23	American Political Science Assoc., December 1947
24	League of Women Voters April 1949
25	American Society of Planning Officials October 1953
26	Military-Industrial Conference February 1956
27	The National War College May 1956
28	American Society for Public Administration October 1956
29	Building Research Institute April 1957
30	Air Power Banquet May 1957
31	Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts August 1958
32	National Conference on Government September 1958
33	Building Trades Employer's Association January 1960
34	Industrial Conference on Civil Defense Mobilization March 1960
35	Atlanta Chamber of Commerce Luncheon September 1960
36	Chicago Building Congress October 1960



37 Midwest Assembly on the Secretary of State  
"Wingspread" November 1960  
38 Jones Beach July 1962  
39 Role of the Armed Forces n.d.

Papers and Speeches By Others

10 1 Administrative Principles Exemplified August 1936  
2 Defense of the United States October 1940  
3 National Archives Speech April 1942  
4 Concerning Discipline May 1942  
5 High Command in War January 1943  
6 Unity of Command October 1944  
7 Where does the Free Enterprise System Go From  
Here? January 1950  
8 Plan for Emergency Preparedness May 1969  
9 Domestic Situation in the 70's August 1970  
10 Civil Defense Speech October 1970  
11 National Strategies May 1971  
12 Industry Advisory Council June 1971  
13 National Security and National Strength June 1971  
14 Historical Roots of Continuity of Government  
Program June 1971  
15 OEP Programs and Activities August 1971  
16 House and Armed Services Committee December  
1971  
17 Decision Making in the Dept. of Defense January  
1972  
18 Emergency Preparedness February 1972  
19 CD in the Coming Years n.d.  
20 Evaluation of Program Options 1977  
21 Armored Forces Problems in European Theatre n.d.  
22 Legal Basis for Conscription n.d.  
23 War – A Middle Viewpoint n.d.  
24 A Concept of Planning n.d.  
25 General Staff as an Instrument for Planning n.d.

MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS

Project East River

26 Press Release January 1953  
27 Georgetown University Radio Forum January 1953  
28 Background Information n.d.

Carnegie Endowment for Peace

29-31 Minutes 1972-73  
32-34 Correspondence 1971-73

- 35 International Fact Finding Center n.d.
- Awards, Testimonials and Miscellaneous
- 36 Distinguished Service Medal 1945
- 37 Knight of the Grand Cross of the Order of the Crown of Italy 1945
- 38 Slum Clearance Advisory Committee 1950
- 39 Presidents Advisory Committee on Managements 1953
- 40 Project East River 1953
- 41 Office of Civil and Defense Mobilization 1959
- 42 Nikita Khrushchev Luncheon 1959
- 43 Office of Emergency Planning 1962
- 44 Distinguished Service Award 1963
- 45 National Research Council 1968
- 46 Presidential Letter 1971
- 47 Harvard University Foundation for Advanced Studies and Research 1973
- 48 National Research Council 1970
- 49 Presidential Sympathy Letter to Mrs. Nelson 1985

- Oversize Material
- 11 1 Office of Economic Warfare
- 2 War Department Staff
- 3 Army Air Force
- 4 Services of Supply
- 5 Combined Chiefs of Staff
- 6 SARO
- 7 Army
- 8-9 Miscellaneous
- 10 Secretary of State
- 11 Tactical Organization: U.S.
- 12 Tactical Organization: Overseas
- 12 One folder of oversized awards received by Otto Nelson

*ADDITIONS TO THE COLLECTION*

- Published Books
- 13 Unfolded *The Governments of the Major Foreign Powers.* 1941 edition, Department of Economics, Government and History, U.S. Military Academy, West Point, NY
- Unfolded Fredrich, Carl J. and Edward S. Mason (eds). *Public Policy.* Cambridge, Mass.: Graduate School of Public Administration, Harvard University, 1941.

Unfolded *International Commitments and National Administration. A Collection of Papers by Arthur Holcombe, George McGhee, Otto Nelson, Paul Hoffman, Walter Sharp.* Charlottesville, VA: Bureau of Public Administration, University of Virginia, 1949.

Unfolded *Final Report of General John J. Pershing, Commander in Chief, American Expeditionary Forces.* Washington D.C.: Government Printing Office, 1920.

#### Magazine

Unfolded *U.S. News Special Edition: "The U.S. and Peace, Part 1. A collection of documents August 14, 1941 – March 5, 1945."* Documents include: The Atlantic Charter; Declarations of: Moscow, Teheran, Dumbarton Oaks, Yalta, Mexico City; Statements by government officials.

#### Bound Manuscripts

Unfolded Nelson, O. Lauren. *The Control of Industry in the U.S. during the World War.* Master's Thesis – Political Science, Economics Department, Columbia University, May 1932.

Unfolded Nelson, Otto Lauren. *The War Department General Staff – A Study in Organization and Administration.* Doctoral Dissertation – Division of History, Government and Economics, Harvard University, March 1940.

#### Loose Leaf Binders: Addresses given by Otto L. Nelson Jr.

Unfolded (3 binders) 1946-1953; 1954-1958; 1959-1968: Variety of topics, mainly on organization given at a variety of places such as Air War College, Industrial College, etc.

#### Manuscript (unbound)

1 Report by Otto Nelson to General McNarney, in 2 parts, with cover memo, September 7, 1943 – visit to UK, North Africa, and Sicily  
Part A: Factual observations and comments of overseas commanders and combat officers  
Part B: Personal opinion on overseas activities and practices believed to be faulty

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Letters from General Eisenhower to General McNarney  
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Activities/problems in setting up headquarters outside London, July 13, 1942

Problems re commanders and assignment of troops in HUSKY, March 2, 1943

Armistice in Italy, performance of 5<sup>th</sup> Army, Air Corps, his promotion, and recommendation of Smith & Handy promotion, September 6, 1943

Request for pictures of McCloy & McNarney, note saying pictures were being sent, April 29, 1944

Unfoldered

Photographs and Miscellaneous Media

Rolled large photo – Second Class National War College, 1947

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5 mounted proofs, 322 views, China, India, etc.

4

Insert

1

Cornerstone ceremony – Carnegie Endowment International Center, December 7, 1952 (5 views)

2

Fresh Meadows, Flushing NY – Larry's Men's Store – cutting ribbon, cutting cake. Ernest Neufeld, Meyer Waldman, Otto Nelson, Robert Wagner Jr. (2 views)

3

Manhattan Apartments – exterior and interior, April 1951 (6 views)

4

Lake Meadows, Chicago, no date (18 views)

5

Artist's Conception – Lincoln Center

6

Building Trades Employer's Association dinner, no date (4 views)

7

CBS Don Goddard interviews Otto Nelson, October 26, 1953 (3 views)

8

National Housing Council Meeting, May 6, 1959

9

Morning session of the PAC, May 23, 1963

10

D.D. Eisenhower lifts shovel at groundbreaking – no id of the site, date, or others in photo

11

Otto Nelson, no id of sites/dates

12

Bound packet of 22 views – USS Intrepid cruise of National Defense Committee of Chamber of Commerce March 1955

13

President Truman with unidentified group – no date

14

Unidentified church and formal garden (2 views)

15

Unidentified military reviews, meetings, etc., General Nelson in one, may be in others (5 views)

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Group photograph signed by Nelson A. Rockefeller

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Signed photograph of Van Dusen

- 18 Signed photograph of Wes Posvar (11/2/1982)
- 19 Signed photograph of Ronald Regan
- 20 Group photograph signed by Martin H. Kennelly  
(7/1/1949), with newspaper clipping
- 21 Signed photograph of Robert Lovett
- 22 Signed photograph of John J. McCloy
- 23 Photograph of Nelson teaching at West Point
- 24 Drawing of Nelson by Constance J. Naar
- 25 Photograph of Nelson receiving medal
- 5
- 1 8X10 glossy portrait General G.C. Marshall, US  
Army Photo
- 2 Fifth Army, Florence Italy, February 1945  
General G.C. Marshall, Lt. Gen. J. McNarney,  
Lt. Gen. M. Clark  
Gen. Marshall, McNarney, Clark inspect Red  
Cross women (2 views)  
Bagpipe band of Innskilling Fusiliers parade  
for Marshall, McNarney, and Clark  
Gen. Marshall, McNarney, Clark  
Gen. Marshall, McNarney, Clark saluting  
Gen. Marshall, McNarney, Clark in Clark's  
briefing room  
Gen. Marshall, McNarney, Clark in Clark's  
briefing room  
Gen. Marshall, McNarney, Clark in Clark's  
briefing room  
Bagpipers/drummers pass Gen. Marshall,  
McNarney, Clark  
Gen. Marshall, McNarney, Clark  
Gen. Marshall, McNarney, Clark review  
troops (2 views)  
Gen. Marshall and Gen. Clark  
Lt. Gen. Lucian Truscott Jr. addresses 88<sup>th</sup>  
Division – with Gen. Marshall, McNarney,  
Clark, Kendall, and Yongue  
Gen. Marshall, McNarney, Clark, Kendall,  
Truscott, look at German lines near Loiano,  
Italy  
Gen. Marshall, Maj. Gen. Crittenberger, Lt.  
Gen. Truscott, Lt. Gen. McNarney by staff car
- 3 8X10 studio portrait of Maj. Gen. Otto Nelson, 1945  
(2 views)
- 4 Regular Class 1935-36 First Platoon; Regular Class  
1935-36 Second Platoon (names listed)
- 5 Farewell luncheon Caserta Italy – given by US

- political advisor, AFHQ, for Honorable Harold MacMillan, British Minister, May 24, 1945 (4 views)
- 6 Lt. Gen. McNarney, Secretary of State Edward Stettinius, Harry Hopkins at dinner at Generals Club, Naples, Italy, January 30, 1945 (2 copies)
- 7 Jean Brunner VFW commander, Gen. Otto Nelson, Gen. Ben Lear, Col. J. Bastion, Caserta Italy, July 2, 1945 (2 copies)
- 8 Dinner given by Gen. Nelson in honor of Maj. Gen. Joao Bastista Mascarenhas de Moraes, Brazilian commander, Caserta Italy, July 3, 1945 (10 views)
- 9 Maj. Gen. Otto Nelson, Governor Herbert Lehman, Maj. Gen. C. Magruder, Caserta Italy, July 13, 1945
- 10 US Officers receive Medalha de Guerra from Maj. Gen. Mascarenhas de Moraes, Brazilian CG, Caserta Italy, July 2, 1945
- 11 Jean Brunner VFW, Gen. Otto Nelson, Gen. Ben Lear, Grotto Club Caserta Italy, July 2, 1945
- 12 Brazilian troops leaving Italy, July 1945 (8 views)
- 13 Gen. Nelson pins Croix de Guerre on Brigadier Gen. Thoburn Brown, Caserta Italy, July 10, 1945; Gen. Nelson congratulates B. Gen. Thoburn Brown
- 14 Lt. Gen. J. McNarney, B. Gen. Robert Young, B. Gen. Millard White, Col. Otto Nelson, no date.
- 15 Maj. Gen. Otto Nelson awards Legion of Merit to Col. William Burns, Caserta Italy, June, 28, 1945; Maj. Gen. Otto Nelson DSM to B. Gen. Chas. Spofford, Caserta Italy, July 9, 1945
- 16 Signed picture of H.R. Alexander – no date or location
- 17 Snapshots of various tourist attractions – Naples, Pompeii, Egypt, Israel, Ceylon, India, misc. (82 views)
- 18 Gen. O. Bradley, Gen. Millard White, Gen. Reynolds at Bradley's HG (2 copies); Gen. Bradley with 2<sup>nd</sup> Corps sign; Gen. G. Patton (3 views); Gen. Otto Nelson, Gen. Millard White, 2 unidentified; Gen. Alfred Gruenther, 2 unidentified
- 14 Unfolded 2 film canisters containing 3 films (Not available for use)
- Unfolded VHS: "Organization of the Army, reels 1-5"
- Unfolded Slides from trip around the world (2 boxes)

#### Private Life

- 15 1 Awards and Honors, 1919-1916
- 2 Biographical Sketch

3 Personal Papers (childhood) 1907-1916  
 4 City and State of NY Public Service 1954-1961  
 5 Personal Correspondence 1945-1969  
 6 Personal Correspondence 1970-1979  
 7 Personal Correspondence 1980-1989  
 8 Lincoln Center NYC, 1958-1960  
 9 Mrs. Otto Nelson (Milrae Jensen Wirsig) 1918-1944  
 10 Nelson Estate, Princeton, NJ  
 11 NYS Private Volunteer Work (news articles) January  
 1959 – December 1959  
 12 NYS Private Volunteer Work (news articles) January  
 1960 – October 1960  
 13 Obituaries/Funeral Services November 1902 – June  
 25, 1985  
 14 Photographs, 1958-1960 (Middle Income Housing  
 Program)  
 15 Photographs, Post WWII (unidentified)  
 16 Report: State of NY, task force on Middle Income  
 Housing, 1959  
 17 Sympathy letters, June 1985 – December 1986  
 18 Vice President New York Life Insurance, 1946-1968

Military and Government Work

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Photographs (folders 1-15):  
 1 Italy, 1945 (16 photos with descriptions on back)  
 2 Italy, 1945, slides (7)  
 3 Mediterranean, 1944-1945 (27)  
 4 General Omar Bradley, n.d. (1)  
 5 Hotel Ritz, n.d. (2)  
 6 Pompeii, n.d. (2)  
 7 Unidentified (12)  
 8 Unidentified Military (11)  
 9 Unidentified Military (10)  
 10 Italy, n.d. (16)  
 11 McNarney, Marshall, Nelson, n.d. (4)  
 12 Nelson – Military, n.d. (9)  
 13 Unidentified, Mediterranean, n.d. (21)  
 14 Unidentified Military, c.1944, (18)  
 15 Unidentified Military Ceremony, n.d. (5)  
 16 81<sup>st</sup> Division Mascot, 1944  
 Correspondence:  
 17 Federal Emergency Management Agency,  
 1980-1983  
 18 Nuclear Weapons, 1983-1984  
 19 Reorganization of Joint Chiefs of Staff, 1981-  
 1982

20	U.S. Government Committees, 1948-1979
21	U.S. Government Committees, "Armed Forces General Staff," 1981
22	U.S. Military, 1942-1945
23	Government Employee Papers, 1969-1981
24	National Currency
25	National Defense Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, 1958-1961
26	Newspaper Articles, Military Service, 1941-1945
27	Project East River, 1954-1956
28	Special Letters: Marshall, Truman, Order of the Crown, 1945-1949
29	Miscellaneous

Miscellaneous

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Artifacts:

Passports – Otto Nelson and Milrae Jensen Nelson  
 Otto Nelson's Dog Tags  
 West Point 50 year pin  
 Order of the Crown of Italy, Cross of Grand Officer

Commissions & Recognitions:

Citations:

National Civil Defense Administration  
 National Defense Executive Reserve  
 Distinguished Service Medal

Commission U.S. Army:

Major General (retired)  
 First Lieutenant of Infantry  
 Second Lieutenant  
 Captain  
 Major  
 Brigadier General

Commission of U.S. Military Academy

Diplomas:

U.S. Military Academy Diploma, 1924  
 U.S. Military Academy Diploma, 1937  
 Infantry School Diploma

Photographs:

Portraits of Nelson, Floyd Parks, McNarney, and Marshall  
 Nelson family photograph  
 West Point photograph of Nelson, 1920



Miscellaneous Items:  
Omaha High School yearbook, 1919  
Lake Meadows project book  
Oversized photos for the Lake Meadows project