

PIERPONT L. STACKPOLE DIARY

Introduction

The Pierpont L. Stackpole Diary was kept by Lieutenant Colonel Stackpole from January 1918 to August 1919 while he was aide-de-camp to General Hunter Liggett in World War I. The diary is in both script and typescript; photocopies of the original forms have been placed within the collection for use by researchers.

The Boston law firm of Chapin, E. Barton, Warner, Stackpole, Stetson, and Bradlee donated the diary in 1966. Stackpole was a member of that firm from 1900 until his death in 1936.

A brief biography of Stackpole (1875-1936) as well as a photocopy of a letter sent by George C. Marshall on the occasion of Stackpole's wedding are in the Stackpole donor file in the Foundation's main office.

Access to the diary, which occupies four document boxes, is unrestricted.

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Biographical Sketch

- 1875 - born in Brookline, Massachusetts on February 16.
- 1897 - graduation from Harvard University.
- 1900 - received his degree from Harvard Law School and joined firm of Joseph and Henry Warner.
- 1917 - May - attended Officers Training Camp at Plattsburg, New York; commissioned in the Field Artillery.
- 1918 - January - appointed aide-de-camp to Lieutenant General Hunter Liggett, First Army; attained rank of Lieutenant Colonel; awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, the Order of the Crown (Belgium), and the Cross of the Black Star (France); participated in the Champagne-Marne defensive, the Marne-Aisne, Saint-Mihiel and Meuse-Argonne offensives.
- 1919 - continued serving as aide-de-camp to General Liggett; August 28 - discharged from U.S. Army.
- 1919-1936 - continued law partnership at Warner Stackpole and Bradlee.
- 1922 - married Laura McGinley.
- 1936 - died December 26.

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Scope and Content Note

The Pierpont L. Stackpole Diary was kept by Stackpole while he was aide-de-camp to General Hunter Liggett, Commanding Officer of the First American Army. Entries in the diary cover January 25, 1918 to August 2, 1919 with a final entry of August 27, 1919. The diary is arranged into four series according to physical form - handwritten, photocopy of same, typescript and photocopy of same. The photocopies are available for use by researchers in order to preserve the originals.

The diary gives a detailed daily account of activities and meetings at General Liggett's various headquarters such as Neufchateau, Ligny-en-Barrois, and Coblenz. Troop movements, dispositions, and results of the St. Mihiel (August-September 1918) and Meuse-Argonne (September-October 1918) campaigns are recorded by Stackpole. Also documented are opinions on military and political matters of several leading French and American army officers and statesmen including Premier Georges Clemenceau, Marshall Ferdinand Foch, General Hunter Liggett, Colonel George C. Marshall, General John Pershing, Marshall Henri Pétain, and President Woodrow Wilson.

The quarrels between the various chief of staffs and officers of the First Army recorded by Stackpole present a valuable picture of the ambition and duty of officers during the war. Stackpole gives his frank opinion of American, British, French, and German officers, soldiers, politicians and civilians. He also expresses his opinions on blacks in First Army, Franklin Roosevelt, Y.M.C.A women, and politicians.

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