Collection: F. Gorham Brigham, Jr.

Accession number: 350

Donor: F. Gorham Brigham III

Date of gift: May 3, 2018

Size: .5 lf

Inclusive dates: 1940-1945

Biographical and subject summar:

F. Gorham Brigham, Jr., was a graduate of Milton Academy, Harvard College in 1937, and Harvard Business School in 1939 and commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Field Artillery Reserves. Mr. Brigham was called to active duty in September 1940 as a Lieutenant, U.S. Army. He married Hester Amy Bull in 1942. Brigham served in the Secretariat of Chief of Staff George C. Marshall, who decorated him with the Legion of Merit in 1945. He returned to the Army Reserve in 1946 as a Lt. Colonel and retired as a Colonel in the Finance Corps in 1967.

Mr. Brigham’s long business career included service as Treasurer, Saco-Lowell Shops; Treasurer, Epsco, Inc.; Vice-President, Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Company; Vice-President, The Boston Five, and most recently, Senior Vice-President of Citizens Bank of Massachusetts. Mr. Brigham retired at age 90 in 2005.

F. Gorham Brigham, Jr., died on Sept. 1, 2016 in West Newton, MA, leaving behind his wife and four children.

The collection of WWII photos, CoS organizational charts, Secretariat photo w/ IDs, letters, signed portraits of several generals, AEF report 6 Jun 44 to 8 May 45 (book), Biennial CoS report 1 Jul 41 to 30 Jun 43 & 1 Jul 43 to 30 Jun 45; id card.

Physical description and arrangement:

The collection is contained in one box, with items in three folders, and three books. The Secretariat photos and generals photos will be removed to the oversized collection downstairs.

Restrictions: None

Location: Archives vault upstairs

Collection register available: yes
Scope and content note:

Items were collected by Major, then Lt. Col. F. Gorham Brigham, Jr., as he served in the Secretariat of the General Staff, U.S. Army, during World War II. Items include several organizational charts for the General Staff which include job title and names. Photographs include snapshots of Brigham and others in possibly a training environment; of Gen. George Marshall awarding a Legion of Merit to Brigham; signed and unsigned photos of general officers; and a group photo of the Secretariat, including names.

Container list:

Box 1

Folder 1 Charts
Folder 2 Correspondence, including orders
Folder 3 Photos

Books

Report by The Supreme Commanders to the Combined Chiefs of Staff on the Operations in Europe of the Allied Expeditionary Force 6 June 1944 to 8 May 1945

Biennial Report The Chief of Staff of the United States Army to the Secretary of War July 1, 1943 to June 30, 1945 (engraved Lieutenant Colonel F. Gorham Brigham, Jr.)

Biennial report of the Chief of Staff of the United States Army July 1, 1941 to June 30, 1943 (engraved Major F. Gorham Brigham, Jr.)