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Dear Colonel Pappas:

I congratulate you on your effort to ensure the preservation of military memorabilia.

While my files are primarily personal in nature, I would be more than willing to turn them over to the War College at an appropriate time.

I wish you continued success in your worthwhile endeavor.

Most sincerely,

RICHARD T. KNOWLES  
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Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff  
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Dear General Knowles:

Preservation of historical materials is a matter of interest to every college and university. Over a period of years, libraries of academic institutions have developed extensive collections of historical memorabilia, including books, periodicals, photographs and original papers. In some instances, these collections are general in nature; in others, specialized in purpose and content.

No such collection was devoted exclusively to the military history of the United States until the United States Army established the Military History Research Collection in July, 1967. The primary purpose of this Collection is to preserve for posterity the heritage and traditions of the United States Army.

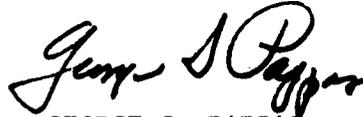
In the two years since its establishment, the Research Collection has grown to almost 200,000 books, over 25,000 bound volumes of periodicals, and the personal papers of many individuals. General Harold K. Johnson, Lieutenant General Paul W. Caraway, and Lieutenant General Arthur G. Trudeau are among those who have entrusted their personal records to the Research Collection.

I ask your assistance in improving this important Military History Research Collection. Many of us have collected items of historical interest during our years of service. Others have documents and books handed down from father to son. Some have letters, personal records, and other original source materials which will be of great historical value in years to come. Would you be willing to donate your own personal papers, records and military literature to this Military History Research Collection?

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I am attaching a Prospectus which will provide you with more information regarding the aims and purposes of the US Army Military History Research Collection. I shall welcome your comments on our efforts and I assure you that your assistance will be most welcome.

Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George S. Pappas". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "G".

GEORGE S. PAPPAS  
Colonel, US Army  
Director

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Prospectus

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**US ARMY  
MILITARY HISTORY  
RESEARCH COLLECTION**

*Aide Mémoire*



THIS BROCHURE IS INTENDED TO PROVIDE MORE DETAILED INFORMATION REGARDING DOCUMENTARY MATERIALS SUITABLE FOR THE US ARMY MILITARY HISTORY RESEARCH COLLECTION. IT ALSO PROVIDES SHIPPING INSTRUCTION.

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## DOCUMENTARY MATERIALS FOR THE COLLECTION

A wide variety of materials can be used in the Military History Research Collection. Although it is obvious that a complete listing cannot be provided in a small brochure such as this, the following information can be used as a guide.

1. Printed materials: books, magazines, posters, and other published items related to the military profession, military campaigns and engagements, individuals, and military units. Although this collection is primarily concerned with the military history of the United States, material pertaining to the military backgrounds of other nations will be included.

2. Official publications such as field manuals, charts, and tables of organization.

3. Personal papers of an individual. These include diaries, letters, and personal records reflecting any observations, opinions, or facts relating to the individual's military service.

4. Photographs of all types relating to the individual's military service or to military activities.

5. Battle maps, briefing notes, unit histories, unit newspapers, scrapbooks, and other official or semi-official documents.

6. Art work with a military motif.

7. Taped recordings of speeches, interviews, conversations, conferences, or reminiscences related to some phase of military service.

8. Miscellaneous items such as sheet music of martial nature and mementos directly related to military activities. Also needed are diplomas, citations and other items concerning education, decorations, and awards.

The above list is far from complete. If you have items which are not on this list, we must rely upon your judgment to determine their suitability and value to the Research Collection. Detailed information on specific items will be provided upon request.

## SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS

Most items can be sent to the US Army Military History Research Collection by mail, either in envelopes or boxes. The following instructions relate to such shipments:

1. Department of the Army mailing labels will be provided to cover the costs of your shipment.

2. Materials should be packed in cardboard boxes with the weight per box not exceeding 30 pounds. Boxes can be provided if required.

3. To insure safe arrival, you are requested to use CERTIFIED MAIL on all shipments. Cost will be defrayed by Department of the Army.

4. Any items which might be broken or damaged in transit should be carefully packed. Ask your local post office to stamp the boxes "FRAGILE."

For shipments which are too large to be forwarded through the mail, individual arrangements will be made for shipment. The US Army Military History Research Collection will contact a military transportation officer near you to coordinate the shipment. Again, all costs will be defrayed by Department of the Army.

SHIPPING INFORMATION FOR  
THE ARMY WAR COLLEGE

A form is included with this brochure to provide the US Army Military History Research Collection with information regarding the assistance you may require. It is requested that you complete the applicable portions of this form and return it in the inclosed self-addressed envelope. Mailing materials and additional information will then be forwarded to you.

For any further information required, please contact:

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