

**MILITARY (1940 - 1959)**

10.35 cu. ft.

Strom Thurmond began his military career when he was an R.O.T.C. cadet at Clemson College from 1919 - 1923. He enlisted in the Army on December 11, 1941. However, he did not actually enter the service until April 17, 1942. Thurmond performed various military duties in the United States until October 26, 1943, when he was assigned to the Civil Affairs Division (G-5 Section) of the headquarters, First Army which was formed on October 23, 1943. He worked in the European (England, France, Belgium, and Germany) and Pacific (Philippine Islands) theaters, and participated in the Normandy Invasion with the Eighty-Second Airborne Division. Strom Thurmond was awarded five battle stars, eighteen decorations, medals and awards, including the Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Bronze Star with "V," the Purple Heart, and the French Croix de Guerre. He took official leave on October 19, 1945 to return to the South Carolina circuit court and was officially discharged on January 20, 1946, with the rank of lieutenant colonel. He then joined the U.S. Army Reserve Corps and also became involved with the Reserve Officers Association and the Military Government Association. Thurmond served as the national vice-president (July, 1953 - June, 1954) and president (June, 1954 - July, 1955) of the Reserve Officers Association and the president (December, 1957 - c. December, 1958) of the Military Government Association. Strom Thurmond retired as a Major General of Army Reserves on January 1, 1963, after forty years of service in the armed forces.

The material in this series is divided into three subseries: Active Service, Reserve Service, and Military Associations. The material in each subseries is arranged alphabetically by folder-title and then chronologically and / or by code number within each folder.

The first subseries, Active Service (Subseries A, 1942 - 1945; 1.8 cu. ft.), contains the records concerning Thurmond's duties and responsibilities in the Civil Affairs Division during World War II. The division's mission was to occupy, govern, and to help restore devastated, war-torn countries and their economies, and usually arrived during large-scale combat operations. Thurmond studied and used this material in connection with his civil affairs / military government responsibilities. These materials cover numerous directives and rules dealing with civilians, displaced persons, welfare, finance, background information on Germany and France, etc. There are organizational charts of the Civil Affairs Division, some maps, some general army correspondence, and a folder of U.S. Naval Reserve correspondence. Also included is a report discussing the activities of the First Army Civil Affairs Division during the D-Day Invasion. Items of interest include Thurmond's original military service record, a copy of the victory order of May 9, 1945 by Dwight D. Eisenhower, and the manifest, dated June 3, 1944, which Thurmond used on his glider ride with the Eighty-Second Airborne on D-Day, June 6, 1944.

The second subseries, Reserve Service (Subseries B, 1946 - 1959; 4.275 cu. ft.), is divided into two sub-subseries: General File (1946 - 1959) and Correspondence (1943 - 1957). The General File contains civil affairs / military government training materials and manuals used by Thurmond when he taught basic and advanced officer courses. The material on the 352d and 360th Military Government Area Headquarters Units describes the duties and functions of these units. Also of interest is a civil affairs / military government textbook which discusses the first year of the occupation in Europe. The Correspondence sub-subseries contains material

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pertaining to the army, the military government, and the 360th Military Government Area Headquarters from 1946 - 1955.

The third subseries, Military Associations (Subseries C, 1948 - 1958; 4.275 cu. ft.), concerns Thurmond's involvement in the Reserve Officers Association and the Military Government Association. This subseries is divided into the Correspondence sub-subseries and the General File sub-subseries. A large part of the Correspondence sub-subseries covers the period of Thurmond's presidency of the South Carolina Department of the Reserve Officers Association to the end of his term as the organization's national president. The General File sub-subseries contains material that pertains to the Reserve Officers Association. These records include directories, minutes, convention data, memos, membership information, financial statements, and correspondence and statements by Strom Thurmond.

Important correspondents include Walter Brown, Dwight D. Eisenhower, Burnet R. Maybank, and Jean Thurmond. Related military correspondence can be found in the Subject Correspondence Series, 1954 - 1962.

## **Separation List**

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### Maps, Plans and Charts:

Map of France with its provinces (?), c. 1940's.

Military plan for Exercise CASCADE, sixth course, attached to CA/200/1, 1943.

Map of Eastern and Western Europe concerning a certain situation which accompanies Subject 6400/3, Command and General Staff College, issued in boxes with Section I, 946)3-0764, 1943.

Chart consisting of the Regional Administration of "Greater Germany," 1943.

Two maps showing the occupation zones in Germany with Military Government Subdivisions (Map A shows the whole country while Map B shows only the northern part), 1944.

Two functional charts of G-5 Section of the First U.S. Army which were drawn by Operations G-5 First U.S. Army, 1944.

Table of allotment of Civil Affairs Section, Headquarters First United States Army, 1945.

Table of organization of the G-5 Staff Section of the Army, 1945.

Two charts of proposed G-5 organization for planning purposes, approved by C of S, First Army, to be requested of the Theater Commander (Chart A is organizational while Chart B is operational), 1945.

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A.) Active Service, 1942 - 1945

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>
1		Army: Training; December, 1942 - August, 1943 Travel Orders and Assignments; September, 1927 -August 1933; April, 1942 - October, 1945 Cascade: Civil Affairs Military Exercise; December, 1943 - March, 1944 Civil Defense and Fire Prevention Course; December, 1943 Court Martials and Legal (not M.G.); 1940 - December, 1942; 1951 - 1952 Deployment Instructions; January, 1944 - May, 1945 Finance Course; December, 1943 First Army - Civil Affairs Division: Training, Exercises; March, 1944 - April, 1945 France: Background Information; December, 1943 General Army Correspondence; January, 1927 - December, 1945 Germany: Background Information; December, 1943 - November, 1944 G-5 Section -- Functions and Operations; c.1944 – 1945 Inspections: Instructions; July, 1944 - August, 1945 Military Government: Legal School, December 1943; February - March 1944 February - March 1944 Miscellaneous, February - December, 1944 January - September, 1945
2		Military Notes and Outlines December, 1943 January - September, 1945 Police Course; November, 1942 - c.1942 Miscellaneous; November, 1944 - March, 1945 Organization and Administration Course; December, 1943 Outline on Military Organization; n.d. Plans: Annex to Operations Plan for MG-Operations Plan Eclipse -- G-5 Annex; September, 1944 - August, 1945 Police and Security Course; December, 1943
3		Proposed Tables of Organizations for G-5: Sections of Army Staffs, September, 1944 - September, 1945 c. 1945 Report of Civil Affairs Sections: D-Day and Occupation; 1943 - 1944 Reports -- G-5 Section; January - August, 1945 School -- Miscellaneous; November - December, 1943 Self-Defense Instruction Course; July, 1943 Service Record; c. 1981 Supply -- Transportation Course; December, 1943
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<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>
4		Training (Military not Military Police); April, 1942 - August, 1943 U.S. Naval Reserve Correspondence; January - March, 1942 Welfare -- Road Transport Course; December, 1943

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- B.) Reserve Service, 1946 - 1959  
1. Correspondence, 1946 - 1959

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>
5		General Army Correspondence, February, 1946 - February 9, 1955 February 10, 1955 - September, 1959 Military Government Correspondence, May 29, 1952 - December, 1953 January - October, 1954 Area Headquarters 360th ORAAU Correspondence, December, 1948; June, 1950 - August, 1951
6		September, 1951 - July, 1952 August, 1952 - December, 1953 February, 1954 - August, 1955

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- B.) Reserve Service, 1946 - 1959  
 2. General File, 1943 - 1957

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>
6		Army Organized Reserve Corps (ORC), January 1927; April 1936; September 1943; May 1946 - April 1951 August 1951 - August 1954
7		Third Army Reserve Components Advisory Group; January 1955 - June 1956 Travel Orders and Assignments; February, 1948 - December, 1955 War College (Materials, Correspondences, Lecture by Thurmond); May, 1951 - April, 1955 (Materials); August, 1955 Civil Affairs Handbook AFFRESSITA; c. 1953 Civil Affairs/Military Government Advanced Course 41-0-17, Prepared November - December 1954 November - December, 1954; April 1956
8		November - December, 1954; January - February, 1956 November - December, 1954; January, 1955 November - December, 1954; January, 1955 November - December, 1954; January, 1956 c. 1955 - January, 1956 Civil Affairs/Military Government Advanced Course 41-0-17: <u>The Economics of Military Occupation, Civil Affairs / Military Government and Foreign Affairs, Rear Area Defense</u> ; c. 1953 -1954
9		Civil Affairs/Military Government School: Basic Officer Course 41-0-7, August 1953; July, November - December, 1953 July - November, 1955 September - October, 1955 August, 1954; July - October, 1955 October, 1955; January, 1956 September - October, December, 1955
10		October - December, 1955; January - February, 1956 Civil Affairs/Military Government School <u>Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict</u> ; c. 1956 Textbook: Military Government Operations (ST 41-10-1); February, 1953 Textbooks (ST 41-10-8; -62, -70; ST 41-20-69); 1947 and 1953 (ST 41-10-63) <u>The First Year of the Occupation (Europe)</u> Part 1; June, 1953 Part 2; June, 1953

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2. General File, 1943 - 1957

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>
10		Civil Affairs/Military Government School Textbooks, cont. (ST 41-26-59) <u>United States Military Government in Germany: Financial Policies and Operations</u> ; March, 1950
11		Textbooks: (ST 41-50-60; 41-51-55); 1947 - 1948; July, 1953 (ST 41-150) Military Government with Combat Troops; April, 1955 Training Packets (M G) #1,3,4,6,7 by Military Police School; December, 1949; April, 1950 (M G) #2,3,4,5 by Provost Marshal Generals School; April, 1950 (M G) #7,8,9 by Provost Marshal Generals School; April, 1950; April, 1951 (M G) #11,50 by Provost Marshal Generals School; 1947 (M G) #51,52,53 by Provost Marshal Generals School; 1947; June, 1950
12		(M G) #54,56,57,58 by Provost Marshal Generals School; 1950; February 1951 Textbooks: Other Manuals; June, 1949 - March, 1954 Survey of Civil Affairs/Military Government Educational System, June 1951 June 1956 June 1956 Civil Affairs/Military Government Training Memorandum and Training Schedule; June, 1948 - August, 1949 Training, August, 1950 - December, 1953 1954 - May, 1956
13		Far East Trip (with Assistant Secretary of Defense Carl Burgess); October, 1956 Maps: St. Michiel — Wiesbaden (and Four Overlay Maps); 1948 Military Government Area Headquarters Units: Proposed Tables of Organization; August, 1953 352nd (Georgetown University); March, 1954 - March, 1957 360th ORAAU; August, 1952 360th ARAAU; June, 1953 - August, 1954



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2. General File, 1943 - 1957

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>
13		Military Government Miscellaneous; December, 1948 - June, 1955 Reference Material From Military Government School (Using Mythical Nations AGGRESSOR and AGGRESSITA for Training Purposes), c.1953
14		c.1953 c.1953 Report of the Advisory Committee on Army Organization; December, 1953 - March, 1954 Report — Comments and Recommendations on Civil Affairs/Military Government Organization and Operations (by Colonel Strom Thurmond); December, 1953 Report of Maneuver Director, Logex 56; April - May, 1956 Reserve Training; December, 1949 - December, 1954

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- C.) Military Associations, 1945 - 1958  
 1. Correspondence, 1948 - 1958

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>
14		Military Government Association Correspondence, June, 1948 - December, 1957 January - April, 1958
15		May - July, 1958 August - September, 1958 October - November, 1958 Reserve Officers Association Correspondence Before President of South Carolina Department of ROA, September, 1931; November, 1945 - September, 1951 January - May, 1952 ROA Correspondence: President, United States Department, May - July, 1952 August, 1952
16		September, 1952 October, 1952 November, 1952 December 1-19, 1952 December 20, 1952 - January, 1953 February, 1953
17		March, 1953 April, 1953 May - June, 1953 National Vice-President, June 30 - July, 1953 August 1 - 14, 1953 August 15 - 31, 1953
18		September, 1953 October, 1953 November 1 - 20, 1953 November 20 - 30, 1953 December, 1953 January - February, 1954
19		March, 1954 April 1 - 26, 1954 April 27 - May 17, 1954 May 18 - June 17, 1954 National President, June 2 - 24, 1954
20		June 25 - 30, 1954 July 1 - 12, 1954 July 13 - 31, 1954

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1. Correspondence, 1948 - 1958

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>
20		ROA Correspondence: National President, cont. August 1 - 14, 1954 August 16 - 31, 1954
21		September, 1954 October, 1954 November, 1954 December, 1954 January - February, 1955 March - April 7, 1955
22		April 8 - 29, 1955 May - July, 1955; July, 1956 Letters by Colonel Boyer (Copies), June - December, 1954 January - August, 1955

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2. General File, 1952 - 1956

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>
22		ROA Convention — Boston 1955; April - June, 1955 Directories; June, 1953 - June, 1955 Minutes, October, 1953 - February, 1954
23		March - November, 1954 Records Coast Guard and Navy Material and Other Material; c. 1952 - January, 1955 Convention Brochures and Other Literature; May, 1952 - June, 1954; June, 1956 Financial Statements; 1953 - 1955 Letters and Statements of Strom Thurmond; July, 1952 - January, 1955 Memos, Other Information, August 1952 - December 1954 January - June 1955 President, South Carolina Department; January, 1952 - May, 1953 Report of National President; June, 1954 - June, 1955 Rosters, Membership Figures; 1953 - 1955