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EISENHOWER, JOHN S.D.: *Letters to Mamie* Manuscript Materials, 1942-45 & 1977

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The *Letters to Mamie* manuscript materials were deposited in the Dwight D. Eisenhower Library on April 10, 1978.

Linear feet: 1
Approximate number of pages: 1,000

John S.D. Eisenhower signed an instrument of gift for the papers on December 20, 1988. Literary rights in the writings of Dwight D. Eisenhower in this collection have been donated to the public. Under terms of the instrument of gift, the following classes of items are withheld from research use:

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of materials used by John S.D. Eisenhower (the second son of Dwight D. and Mamie Eisenhower) to edit and publish a collection of Dwight D. Eisenhower's personal letters entitled *Letters to Mamie*.

Eisenhower, Dwight D.: *Letters to Mamie*. Edited, and with commentary, by John S. D. Eisenhower. Garden City, NY: Doubleday, 1978.

The first half of the collection consists of reproductions of Dwight D. Eisenhower's handwritten letters to Mamie Doud Eisenhower dating from 1942 to 1945. A description of their history and content is available in the book's editor's note. The letters appear in their unedited entirety in this collection and show that in some cases multiple paragraphs were edited out of the published letter transcriptions. Paragraphs edited from the letters for publication include references to the immediate example of correspondence and how it is expected to be delivered, references to the

activities of family and friends, a desire for more frequent correspondence, and closings among other topics.

This collection of correspondence also contains letters that were not published in *Letters to Mamie*. Some appear among the folders titled “Eisenhower Letters” and are identified by date in the folder description. Over 40 additional letters appearing in this collection were considered for inclusion in the book and subsequently rejected. These additional letters are marked with an “X” and appear in the folders entitled “Eisenhower Letters Not Used in Book: 1942” and “Eisenhower Letters Not Used in Book: 1942-45.”

The second half of the collection consists of the book’s galley proofs, foundry proof, and final proof. These proofs contain corrections, notes, edits, and annotations on matters including everything from content to typeface.

CONTAINER LIST

<u>Box No.</u>	<u>Contents</u>
1	Eisenhower Letters: June 26 – September 23, 1942
	Eisenhower Letters: October 12 – November 17, 1942 [Unpublished letter of November 11]
	Eisenhower Letters: November 18 – December 31, 1942
	Eisenhower Letters: January 1943 [Unpublished letter of January 26]
	Eisenhower Letters: February 1943
	Eisenhower Letters: March 1943 [Unpublished “Spring 1943” letter]
	Eisenhower Letters: April – May 1943
	Eisenhower Letters: June 1943
	Eisenhower Letters: July – August 1943 [Unpublished letter of July 15]
	Eisenhower Letters: September – December 1943 [Unpublished letters of September 30 and November 22]
	Eisenhower Letters: January – April 1944 [Unpublished letter of April 27]
	Eisenhower Letters: May – August 1944 [No copy of August 9, 1944 letter appearing in <i>Letters to Mamie</i>]
	Eisenhower Letters: September – December 1944

Eisenhower Letters: January – March 1945

Eisenhower Letters: April – July 1945

Eisenhower Letters: August – October 1945

- 2 Eisenhower Letters Not Used in Book: 1942 [slowness of mail; John S.D. Eisenhower at West Point; Ruth Butcher; regrets for not writing more; reflection on feeling lonely due to Milton Eisenhower visit; value of Harry Butcher to Eisenhower; Eisenhower's health; church attendance and issue with company; wishes he could wear his summer uniform longer; asks to be sent a collection of phonograph records from West Point; Eisenhower self-censors even though he believes his letters are uncensored as they are sent in a special pouch; Eisenhower receives no mail that Mamie cannot read; regrets his poor handwriting and cannot understand why he cannot correct it; is "ruthless" about cancelling dates and appointments; issues surrounding correspondence with family; correspondence with Ida and David Eisenhower; food received as gifts; Eisenhower's pleasure in reading news stories about his family; telephone call from Mountbatten and the handling of "tricky problems"; Mamie Eisenhower illness; Eisenhower surprised at the cost of a gift for Mamie; difficulty of work and the "temptation just to blow up"]

Eisenhower Letters Not Used in Book: 1942-45 [Gifts purchased for Mamie; Eisenhower has difficulty recalling what he wrote longhand without a file copy; "headaches" and "nausea" caused by French officials; misses Mamie; visit from John Eisenhower; "George Patton is again in the headlines - if I could teach him to keep still it would be a real accomplishment"]

Letters to Mamie Galley Proofs, Pages 1 - 41

Letters to Mamie Galley Proofs, Pages 42 – 93

Letters to Mamie Galley Proofs, Pages 94 – 158

Letters to Mamie Galley Proofs, Pages 159 – 226

Letters to Mamie Galley Proofs, Pages 227 – 282

- 3 *Letters to Mamie Foundry Proof*

Letters to Mamie Final Proof

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