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This collection of drafts and other material from John S. D. Eisenhower's book, *The Bitter Woods*, was deposited in the Eisenhower Library by John S. D. Eisenhower in separate accessions in 1970 and 1971.

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BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

August 3, 1922	Born in Denver, Colorado
June 6, 1944	Graduated from the U. S. Military Academy
1944-63	Active duty, U. S. Military
1947	Married Barbara Thompson
1953-61	Served on President Dwight D. Eisenhower's staff in various capacities
1961-?	Assisted President Eisenhower with the writing of his memoirs
1963-75	Army Reserves
1969	Publication of <i>The Bitter Woods</i>
1969-71	U. S. Ambassador to Belgium
1975	Retired from the Army Reserves as Brigadier-General
1986	Divorced
1988	Married Joanne Thompson
December 21, 2013	Died in Trappe, Maryland

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of a series of drafts and other materials pertaining to John S. D. Eisenhower's book, *The Bitter Woods*, a history of the Ardennes Campaign in the Battle of the Bulge. A substantial proportion of the background material concerns events at Lanzerath, St. Vith, and the Malmedy massacre. John S. D. Eisenhower interviewed or corresponded with a number of senior American and British commanders, as well as some lower-ranking soldiers, and a few German officers. Some of the most noteworthy persons he consulted include Omar Bradley, Norman Cota, J. Lawton Collins, Walter Cronkite, Dwight D. Eisenhower, Sir Francis de Guingand, Bernard Law Montgomery, Matthew Ridgway, Kenneth Strong, Maxwell Taylor, Hasso von Manteuffel, Jachen Peiper, and Otto Skorzeny. He also used contemporary military records and interviews of captured German officers.

Perhaps the most notable item is an unpublished interview John S. D. Eisenhower conducted with his father, Dwight D. Eisenhower. The subject was Eisenhower's impressions of and relationship with Charles DeGaulle; however, it veered into a discussion of the French experience in Vietnam and the danger of Communist advance in Southeast Asia. The transcript contains uncommonly candid remarks by Dwight Eisenhower.

Eisenhower also provided occasional comments on drafts of chapters that JSDE sent him for review.

SERIES: Records Relating to *The Bitter Woods*, 1944 - 1968

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<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder Title</u>
1	Prospective Interviews and Contacts Abrams, Gen. Creighton W. Blumenson, Martin Bouck, Dr. Lyle J., Jr. (1)-(5) [action at Lanzerath] Bradley, Omar N. Carter, Amon J. Chappuis, Brig. Gen. Steve A. Carroll, Frank Clarke, Bruce C. Cota, Norman Collins, Joseph Lawton [origin of "Lightning Joe" nickname;] Cronkite, Walter Danahy, Paul De Gaulle / David Schoenbrun WNEW Radio [interview of DDE by JSDE regarding DDE's personal relationship with De Gaulle, De Gaulle's personality and

- worldview; French involvement in Vietnam; danger of Communist advance in Southeast Asia]
- de Guingand, Maj. Gen. Sir Francis
- Descheneaux, Col. G. L., Jr. USA (Ret.)
- Desobry, Col. William R.
- Dickson, Col. Benjamin A.
- Dwight, Col. William A.
- Dwight D. Eisenhower (Insert)
- Ewell, Brig. Gen. Julian J.
- Ferriss, Captain Franklin
- Monsieur Theo Galle [SS war crimes against French civilians and American troops]
- Garlow, William J.
- Glines, Col. C. V. – Re Book
- 2 Magazine and Book Branch, OASD / PA (Col. Glines and Lt. Col. Webb, Corres.)
- Goodpaster, Lt. Gen. A. J. [JSDE's visit to Europe; interview with Manteuffel]
- Green, Seymour [contains Green's comments on section of JSDE's manuscript dealing with Green's experiences; Green was in the vicinity of the Malmedy Massacre]
- Groves, Lt. General Leslie R. [1944 meeting with President Franklin Roosevelt regarding the Battle of the Bulge]
- Hall, Robert F.
- Hansen, Col. Chester B.
- Harper, Maj. Gen. Joseph J. [Harper's account of German surrender demand and "Nuts" reply]
- Hart, Lt. Gen. Charles E. USA (Ret) (re Monk Dickson's alleged "It's the Ardennes!" remark and the First Army's employment of artillery prior to the Ardennes counteroffensive on December 16, 1944]
- Hasbrouck, Robert W. [Hasbrouck's recollection of the withdrawal from St. Vith]
- Helfers, Col. M. C. [pamphlet, *The British Military Tatoo*, in German; softcover book, *Die Wahrheit uber Malmedy*, by Lothar Greil, in German, with handwritten notation by Helfers]
- Hoefker, John H.
- General J. E. Hull, USA (Ret.)
- James, William (I & R Platoon, 394th Infantry, 99th Division) (1)-(3) [action at Lanzerath]
- Jones, Alan W.
- Kean Diary [12 December 1944 – 4 January 1945]
- Kinnard, Maj. Gen. H. W. O.
- Lincoln, Col. G. A.
- McAuliffe, Gen. Anthony C.
- McCowan, Fuller
- McCown, Brig. Gen. H. D.
- MacKenzie, Fred
- Marshall, Brig. Gen. S. L. A.

- Merriam, Robert E.
 Middleton, Lt. Gen. Troy H.
 Mollers, M. Erich
 Montgomery, Field Marshal Bernard
 Natalis, Professor Ernest
 Nigh, Wilbur
 Patton, Lt. Col. Oliver B. Interview
- 3 Peiper, Colonel Jachen [Hugh Cole, Ardennes, Stavelot, Dr. Lyle J. Bouck, Jr.,
 Brigadier General Hal D. McCown, General von Manteuffel, 3rd Parachute
 Division, Ambleve River]
 Peterman, Ivan H.
 Pogue, Dr. Forrest C. [The Supreme Command]
 Reichhelm, Colonel Guenther
 Ridgway, Matthew B. [CCB, 9th Armored Division, 28th Division, 112th Infantry, IG
 Report on Manhay incident,
 Riggs, Thomas J.
 Roberts, Col. William L.
 Ryan, Cornelius
 St. Clair, Howard B.
 Sampson, Chaplain (Maj. Gen.) Francis L.
 Skorzeny, Otto
 Smith, Helena Huntington
 Stack, Col. James R.
 Strong, Maj. Gen. Sir Kenneth
 Sutherland, Col. Edwin V. V.
 Taylor, General Maxwell D.
 Tennow, Daniel E.
 Thorne, Zelma S. (Mrs.)
 Tompkins, Colonel Francis P. USA (Ret.)
 Umstatted Diary [Pfc. William Umstatted, 423rd Infantry Regiment, 106th Division]
 Toland, John
 Von der Heydte [Friederich]
 Von Manteuffel, General Hasso (1)-(3)
 Whiteley, Sir John
 Wilson, Gen. Robert W.
 Teddy Roosevelt Quote
 Index
 Editorial Corrections (Arthur Fields)
 First Editorial Meeting (re: Arthur Fields)
 Items for Possible Future Use in Bitter Woods [empty]
 Sixteenth of December – General
 Dante’s Inferno Quote
 Miscellaneous Correspondence – 16th of December

- 4 Ardennes – European Trip [correspondence regarding travel arrangements of
 John and Barbara Eisenhower for 1966 trip]
 Permissions Needed [for use of quotations]
 Biographies [drafts of biographies of commanders]
 Book Plate Picture for *The Bitter Woods*
 Acknowledgements
 Miscellaneous Photos
 Photographs and Biographies
 The Road to the Ardennes
 I Only Want to See Cheerful Faces, Chapter I, Original Rough Copy
 The Results Will Be Incalculable, Chapter II, Original Rough Copy
 From the Seine to the Reich, Chapter III, Original Rough Copy
 Grim Autumn, Chapter IV, Original Rough Copy
 Preparations [empty]
 Hansen Footnotes [empty]
 Watch on the Rhine, Chapter V, Original Rough Copy (Hansen) (1)-(3)
 Hitler Overrides His Generals, Chapter VI, Original Rough Copy (Hansen) (1)-(3)
- 5 The Fog and Mists of the Eifel, Chapter VI-A, Original Rough Copy (Hansen)
 Allied Intelligence is Befuddled, Chapter VII, Original Rough Copy
 Assault
 The Sixteenth of December, Chapter VIII, Original Rough Copy (1)-(2)
 Breakthrough, Chapter IX, Original Rough Copy
 Crisis
 St Vith Stems the Tide, Chapter X, Original Rough Copy
 I'm Mighty Glad to See You, Chapter XI, Original Rough Copy (1)-(2)
 High Water Mark, Chapter XII, Original Rough Copy (1)-(2)
 Reduction
 Crisis in the Allied High Command, Chapter XIII, Original Rough Copy
 DeGaulle and Strasbourg, Chapter XIV, Original Rough Copy
- 6 Meeting at Houffalize, Chapter XV, Original Rough Copy (1)-(2)
 Denouement
 Aftermath of the Ardennes, Chapter XVI, Original Rough Copy (1)-(2)
 Critique, Chapter XVII, Original Rough Copy
 Only Cheerful Faces, Chapter I (2nd draft and Glines' revised copy)
 The Results Will Be Incalculable, Chapter II (2nd draft and Glines' revised copy)
 (1)-(3)
 The Liberation of Paris, Chapter III, (2nd draft and Glines' revised copy)
 From the Seine to the Reich, Chapter IV (see folder for final draft)
 Grim Autumn, Chapter V (see folder for final draft)
 Watch on the Rhine, Chapter VI (see folder for final draft)
 Hitler Overrides His Generals, Chapter VII (see folder for final draft)
 The Fog and Mists of the Eifel, Chapter VIII (see folder for final draft) (1)-(2)
- 7 Allied Intelligence is Befuddled, Chapter IX (see folder for final draft)

- Breakthrough, Chapter XI, 2nd and 3rd drafts (1)-(3)
 St. Vith Stems the Northern Tide, Chapter XII, 2nd and 3rd drafts (1)-(3)
 High Water Mark, Chapter XIV, 2nd draft
 Crisis in the Allied High Command, Chapter XV, 2nd draft
 DeGaulle and Strasbourg, Chapter XVI, 2nd draft
- 8 Meeting at Houffalize, Chapter XVII, 2nd draft
 Aftermath of the Ardennes, Chapter XVIII, 2nd draft
 Assessment, Chapter XIX, 2nd and 3rd draft
 The Road to the Ardennes, first draft
 I Only Want to See Cheerful Faces, Chapter I, first draft
 The Results Will Be Incalculable, Chapter II, first draft (1)-(2)
 From the Seine to the Reich, Chapter III, first draft (1)-(2)
 Grim Autumn, Chapter IV, first draft (1)-(2) [folder (2) contains a draft edited by
 DDE and a summary of a JSDE interview with Field Marshal Montgomery]
 Preparations [empty]
 Watch on the Rhine, Chapter V, first draft (revised Hansen)
 Hitler Overrides His Generals, Chapter VI, first draft (revised Hansen)
 The Fog and Mists of the Eifel, Chapter VI-A, first draft (revised Hansen)
 Allied Intelligence is Befuddled, Chapter VII, first draft
- 9 Assault [empty]
 The Sixteenth of December, Chapter VIII, first draft
 Breakthrough, Chapter IX, first draft (1)-(2)
 Crisis [empty]
 St Vith Stems the Northern Tide, Chapter X, first draft (1)-(2)
 I'm Mighty Glad to See You, Chapter XI, first draft (1)-(2)
 High Water Mark, Chapter XII, first draft (1)-(2)
 Reduction [empty]
 Crisis in the Allied High Command, Chapter XIII, first draft
 DeGaulle and Strasbourg, Chapter XIV, first draft
 Meeting at Houffalize, Chapter XV, first draft
 Denouement [empty]
- 10 Aftermath of Ardennes, Chapter XVI, first draft
 Assessment, Chapter XVII, first draft
 German Manuscripts and Information (1)-(6)
 Only Cheerful Faces, Chapter I (final)
 The Results Will Be Incalculable, Chapter II (final)
 The Liberation of Paris, Chapter III (final)
 From the Seine to the Reich, Chapter IV (final)
 Grim Autumn, Chapter V (final)
- 11 Watch on the Rhine, Chapter VI (final)
 Hitler Overrides His Generals, Chapter VII (final)
 The Fog and Mists of the Eifel, Chapter VIII (final)

- Allied Intelligence is Befuddled, Chapter IX (final)
 We March! Chapter X (final copy) (1)-(2)
 Breakthrough, Chapter XI, (final copy) (1)-(2)
 St Vith Storms the Northern Tide, Chapter XII, final copy and Glines' edited copy
 (1)-(2)
- 12 I'm Mighty Glad to See You, Chapter XIII, final copy and Glines' edited copy (1)-(2)
 High Water Mark, Chapter XIV, final copy and Glines' corrected draft (1)-(3)
 Crisis in the Allied High Command, Chapter XV, final draft
 DeGaulle and Strasbourg, Chapter XVI, final draft
 Meeting at Houffalize, Chapter XVII, final draft (1)-(3)
 Aftermath, Chapter XVIII (1)-(2)
 Assessment, Chapter XIX, final draft
- 13 Post Recast – Book I (1)-(4)
 Note on Official Sources
 In Self-Defense [correspondence with Sir Francis de Guingand over correction to
 text]
 Recast Biographies
 Maps
 Foreward (1st and 2nd Drafts) (1)-(2)
 Acknowledgments Recast
 Foreward [epilogue]
 Recast Bibliography
 Recast Principal Interviews
 Recast Correspondence
 Recast Chapter I Only Cheerful Faces
 Recast Chapter II “The Results Will Be Incalculable” (1)-(2)
- 14 Recast Chapter III “From the Seine to the Reich”
 Recast Chapter IV “Antwerp is the Key”
 Recast Chapter V “We Can Still Lose the War in Europe”
 Recast Chapter VI Watch on the Rhine
 Recast Chapter VII Hitler Overrides His Generals
 Recast Chapter VIII The Fog and Mists of the Eifel
 Recast Chapter IX Allied Intelligence Is Befuddled
 Recast Chapter X We March
 Recast Chapter XI Breakthrough
 Recast Chapter XII St. Vith Storms the Northern Line (1)-(2)
 Recast Chapter XIII “I'm Mighty Glad to See You” (1)-(2)
 Recast Chapter XIV High Water Mark
 Recast Chapter XV Strain in the Allied High Command
 Recast Chapter XVI DeGaulle and Strasbourg
 Recast Chapter XVII Meeting at Houffalize
- 15 Recast Chapter XVIII Aftermath

- Recast Chapter XIV “The Final Analysis”
 Recast Chapter XIV Recast
 Source Material 2(a) (1) (a) [articles, etc., on German preparation for the Ardennes offensive]
 Source Material 2(a) (1) (b)
 Source Material 2(a) (2)
 Source Material 2(b) [14th Cavalry Group’s part in battle]
 Source Material 2(c) [copies of records from the National Archives]
 Source Material 2(d) (1)-(2) [draft of Chapter X, etc.]
- 16 Source Material 2(e) [correspondence and other materials regarding various generals]
 Source Material 2(f) Articles, Reports, etc. Pertaining to Battle of the Bulge-for future reference [American Legion magazine articles]
 Source Material 2(g) [photos transferred to AV]
 Source Material 2(h) [[photos of DDE transferred to AV]
 Source Material 2(i) (1)-(2) [portions of Columbia Pictures screenplay re. Sir Francis de Guingand]
 Source Material 2(j) [1945 newspaper clippings]
 Source Material 2(k) [*Company I, 289th Infantry in Combat* booklet]
 Source Material 2(l) [copies of military records]
 Source Material 2(m) [“Clarke interview” notes, February 9, 1966; possibly General Bruce Clarke]
 Source Material 2(n) [“The Battle of St. Vith” by Captain Allen D. Raymond III]
 Source Material 2(o) [military map overlays]
 Source Material (from Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower re “leaves from Tedder book”)
 Source Material (from Wilbur J. Nigh-NARS) [copies of records from the National Archives]
 Manuscript: *The Bitter Woods* commencing with title page through page 100 of text [beginning of accession A71-81]
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 Manuscript: *The Bitter Woods* pp. 501 – 600 of text
 Manuscript: *The Bitter Woods* pp. 601 – 700 of text
 Manuscript: *The Bitter Woods* pp. 701 – 808 of text
 Bibliography (Listings of books, intelligence reports, periodicals, combat interviews, after action reports, German manuscripts, miscellaneous items)
 Maps No. 1-25 used in *The Bitter Woods* showing positions and progress of Allied and German forces in the Battle of the Ardennes, World War II
 Maps, original tracings of, used in *The Bitter Woods*
 Maps, correspondence re, from John S. D. Eisenhower; reference copies of maps
 Photographs [contents transferred to Audiovisual]
 [Front and back endpaper maps] [Accession A71-81]

18 Author's Notes [notecards; arranged by chapter]

19 Author's Notes [notecards]
Bibliography [notecards]