
Register of the William J. Niederpruem papers

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Abstract: The William J. Niederpruem papers document the career of an American military officer who served in the United States Army during both World War I and World War II, and who was part of the American occupation authority in Japan after the end of the Second World War. As a staff officer with the 32nd Division, American Expeditionary Forces, Niederpruem served in France and Germany during 1918-1919. His collection includes orders and reports relating to this period, as well as a number of photographs and postcards depicting battlefield scenes from World War I. Much of the collection consists of printed matter, including pamphlets published by the American military during both world wars and serial issues with articles relating to World War II. There are also copies of newspapers with coverage of the ouster of General Douglas MacArthur during the Korean War.

Physical Location: Hoover Institution Archives

Creator: Niederpruem, William J.

Access

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Arrangement Statement

The collection is arranged into 6 series: Military career file; Declassified U.S. government publications; Photographs; Postcards; Printed matter; and Oversize materials

1887

November Born

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1918-1919 Staff officer, American expeditionary forces

1930s-1940sColonel, U.S. Army

1945-1946 Official with U.S. occupation authority in Japan

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Scope and Content of Collection

The William J. Niederpruem papers document the career of an American military officer who served in the United States Army during both World War I and World War II, and who was part of the American occupation authority in Japan after the end of the Second World War. As a staff officer with the 32nd Division, American Expeditionary Forces, Niederpruem served in France and Germany during 1918-1919. His collection includes orders and reports relating to this period, as well as a number of photographs and postcards depicting battlefield scenes from World War I. Much of the collection consists of printed matter, including pamphlets published by the American military during both world wars and serial issues with articles relating to World War II. There are also copies of newspapers with coverage of the ouster of General Douglas MacArthur during the Korean War.

The Military career file contains orders, reports, and intelligence summaries, as well as a translation done by Niederpruem of a study of World War I strategy by William Groener. The collection contains numerous maps pertaining to the Western Front during World War I and the Philippines during World War II. There are also a number of regional maps of Japan in the papers.

Subjects and Indexing Terms

United States. Army--Officers.
United States. Army. American Expeditionary Forces.
United States. Army. Infantry Division, 32nd.
Japan--History--Allied occupation, 1945-1952.
Military government.
World War, 1914-1918--Campaigns--France.
World War, 1939-1945--United States.

Military Career File 1918-1946

Box/Folder 1 : 1 **Article and clipping 1919-1946**
Box/Folder 1 : 2 **Correspondence 1919**
Box/Folder 1 : 3 **Intelligence summaries prepared for the Army Air Forces 1944-1945**
Box/Folder 1 : 4 **Leaflets produced by Psychological Warfare Branch, U.S. Army Forces, Pacific Area 1945**

Box/Folder 1 : 5 **Orders issued by General John J. Pershing 1918**
Box/Folder 1 : 6 **Reports relating to the 32d Division, American Expeditionary Forces 1918**
Box/Folder 1 : 7 **Telegram 1918**
Box/Folder 1 : 8-10 **Translation by William J. Niederpruem of text by Wilhem Groener, "A Field Marshall against His Will - Strategical Studies Based Upon World War I" 1931**
Declassified U.S. Government Publications 1917-1918

Box/Folder 1 : 12 **American Expeditionary Forces 1918**
Box/Folder 1 : 13-15 **Army War College 1917**

Photographs 1918-1945

Box/Folder 2 : 1 **8 prints depicting aerial views of World War I battlefields 1918**
Box/Folder 2 : 2 **1 print depicting American prisoners of war under German escort 1918**
Box/Folder 2 : 3 **16 prints depicting American soldiers in France 1918**
Box/Folder 2 : 4 **3 prints depicting French soldiers 1918**
Box/Folder 2 : 5 **1 print depicting German soldiers in a trench 1918**
Box/Folder 2 : 6 **8 prints depicting scenes of wartime devastation in France 1918**
Box/Folder 2 : 7 **1 portfolio of 26 photographic reproductions depicting General Douglas MacArthur, American forces, and surrendering Japanese troops in the Philippines 1945**
Box/Folder 2 : 8 **1 portfolio of 34 photographic reproductions depicting General Douglas MacArthur and scenes in Japan and Korea. 1945**

Postcards 1916-1919

Box/Folder 2 : 9 **24 cards depicting German and French soldiers 1916-1918**
Box/Folder 2 : 10 **5 cards depicting dead soldiers 1918**
Box/Folder 2 : 11 **11 cards depicting wartime devastation in France and Germany 1918**
Box/Folder 2 : 12 **7 cards depicting tanks, artillery pieces, and a barrage balloon 1918**
Box/Folder 2 : 13 **1 card depicting a military hospital 1918**
Box/Folder 2 : 14 **17 cards with illustrations depicting scenes of military and civilian life 1918-1919**

Printed Matter 1916-1951

Brochures and pamphlets 1916-1952

Japan 1929-1952
Box/Folder 2 : 15 **1929-1935**
Box/Folder 2 : 16 **1936-1940**
Box/Folder 2 : 17 **1952**
World War I 1916-1919
 General 1917-1919

Box/Folder 2 : 18	1917
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Box/Folder 2 : 20	American Expeditionary Forces 1918-1919
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	General Staff, British Army 1916-1918
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Box/Folder 2 : 23	1917-1918
	World War II 1942-1946
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Box/Folder 3 : 3	1944-1945
Box/Folder 3 : 4	1946
	Bulletins and newsletters 1918-1949
Box/Folder 3 : 5	<i>Bulletin for Field Officers</i> 1918 December 1
Box/Folder 3 : 6	<i>Current Affairs</i> 1942 April-August
Box/Folder 3 : 7	<i>Daily Radio Digest</i> 1941 December 8-9
Box/Folder 3 : 8	<i>Publications Analysis</i> 1948 August-September
Box/Folder 3 : 9	<i>Spot News</i> 1941 December 8-9
Box/Folder 3 : 10	<i>TIPS</i> 1949 January 3
Box/Folder 3 : 11	<i>WAR</i> 1942 April-August
Box/Folder 3 : 12	Calendar published for the German military 1937
Box/Folder 3 : 13	Clippings relating to the Munich Crisis and World War II 1938-1941
	Monographs 1917-1946
Box/Folder 3 : 14	<i>Anleitung für den Unteroffizier-Unterricht</i> 1917
Box/Folder 3 : 15	<i>Hitler Doomed to Die</i> 1939
Box/Folder 3 : 16	<i>Japan: Its People, Its History, Its Land, Its Work</i> 1942
Box/Folder 4 : 1	<i>Guide to Japan</i> 1945
Box/Folder 4 : 2	<i>Grauer, Alvin, So I Went to Japan</i> 1946
Box/Folder 4 : 3	<i>Tokyo Fall of 1945</i> 1946
Box/Folder 4 : 4	<i>Nouët, Noël, Tokyo</i> 1946
Box/Folder 4 : 5	Programs 1945-1948
	Serial issues 1930-1951
Box/Folder 4 : 6	<i>Army Information Digest</i> 1948 January
Box/Folder 4 : 7	<i>Facts in Review</i> 1940-1941
Box/Folder 4 : 8	<i>Fortnight</i> 1951 April 2
Box/Folder 4 : 9	<i>Newsweek</i> 1951 April 30
	<i>Time</i> 1939-1951
Box/Folder 4 : 10	1939 May 1-October 30
Box/Folder 4 : 11	1951 April 23
Box/Folder 4 : 12	<i>The Tourist</i> 1930 November
	Oversize Materials 1914-1951
	Maps 1914-1948
	Miscellaneous 1925-1945
Box/Folder 5 : 1	<i>Africa</i> 1940
Box/Folder 5 : 2	<i>England (southern coast)</i> 1934
Box/Folder 5 : 3	<i>Europe and the Near East</i> 1940
Box/Folder 5 : 4	<i>Germany</i> 1940
Box/Folder 5 : 5	<i>Italy and the Balkan States</i> 1940
Box/Folder 5 : 6	<i>Melbourne, Australia</i> 1934
Box/Folder 5 : 7	<i>New Guinea</i> 1942
Box/Folder 5 : 8	<i>North America</i> 1940
Box/Folder 5 : 9	<i>Panama Canal</i> 1925
Box/Folder 5 : 10	<i>Poland</i> 1937
Box/Folder 5 : 11	<i>Western Front</i> 1939
Box/Folder 5 : 12	<i>World atlas</i> 1945
	Japan 1945-1948
Box/Folder 6 : 1	<i>Central Japan</i> 1945
Box/Folder 6 : 2	<i>Izu Peninsula</i> 1945

Box/Folder 6 : 2	Kanto District 1945
	Tokyo 1945-1948
Box/Folder 6 : 4-5	1945
Box/Folder 6 : 6-9	1946
Box/Folder 6 : 10-11	1947
Box/Folder 6 : 12-14	1948
	Philippines 1914-1945
	General 1914-1945
Box/Folder 7 : 1	1914
Box/Folder 7 : 2	1945
Box/Folder 7 : 3	Infanta-Manila 1945
	Manila 1944-1945
Box/Folder 7 : 4	1944
Box/Folder 7 : 5	1945
	Northern Philippines 1938-1945
Box/Folder 7 : 6	1938
Box/Folder 7 : 7	1945
	World War I 1914-1919
Box/Folder 7 : 8	March of the 32nd Division (American Expeditionary Forces) from the Meuse to the Rhine 1919
Box/Folder 7 : 9	Bendorf, Germany 1914
	France 1918
Box/Folder 7 : 10	Bar-le-Duc 1918
Box/Folder 7 : 11	Beauvais 1918
Box/Folder 7 : 12	Meaux 1918
Box/Folder 7 : 13	Mulhouse 1918
Box/Folder 7 : 14	Paris 1918
Box/Folder 7 : 15	Soissons 1918
Box/Folder 7 : 16	Verdun 1918
Box/Folder 7 : 17	Wassy 1918
Box/Folder 8 : 1	Pamphlet with chart, <i>Truth and Facts of the World War</i> 1928
Box/Folder 8 : 2	Proclamations issued by the German Army in occupied Belgium and France 1914-1916
	Serial issues 1937-1950
Box/Folder 8 : 3	<i>Atlanta Georgian</i> 1939 September 2-5
Box/Folder 8 : 4	<i>Atlanta Journal</i> 1939 September 3-1941 December 11
Box/Folder 8 : 5	<i>Army Navy Journal</i> 1943 December 7
Box/Folder 8 : 6	<i>Columbus Enquirer</i> 1939 September 2 -1941 December 12
Box/Folder 8 : 7	<i>Daily Pacifican</i> 1945 September 5
Box/Folder 8 : 8	<i>Detroit News</i> 1941 December 8
Box/Folder 8 : 9	<i>Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung</i> 1938 June 18
Box/Folder 8 : 10	<i>Free Philippines</i> 1945 April 13
Box/Folder 8 : 11	<i>Germany</i> 1937 September
Box/Folder 8 : 12	<i>Holiday</i> 1950 February
Box/Folder 9 : 1	<i>Maptalk</i> (supplements) 1945 July 25-August 8
Box/Folder 9 : 2	<i>New York Times</i> 1941 December 8-9
Box/Folder 9 : 3	<i>Nippon Times</i> 1948 March 4
Box/Folder 9 : 4	<i>Philadelphia Inquirer</i> (supplement) 1942 April 23
Box/Folder 9 : 5	<i>PM</i> 1941 July 4-December 23
Box/Folder 9 : 6	<i>San Francisco Chronicle</i> (supplement) 1941 December 14
Box/Folder 9 : 7	<i>Sunday American</i> 1939 September 3
Box/Folder 9 : 8	<i>Sunday Ledger-Enquirer</i> 1939 September 3-1940 April 28
Box/Folder 9 : 9	<i>Times</i> (London) 1939 September 6
Box/Folder 9 : 10	<i>Völkischer Beobachter</i> 1938 October 1-5
Box/Folder 9 : 11	<i>Yank</i> 1945 December 28
	Various newspapers with articles relating to General Douglas MacArthur 1950-1951

Box/Folder 10 : 1

***San Francisco Call-Bulletin* 1951 April 11-19**

Box/Folder 10 : 2

***San Francisco Chronicle* 1951 April 11-May 6**

Box/Folder 10 : 3

***Stars and Stripes* 1950 January 26-27**

Declassified Government Records 1917-1945

Box/Folder 4 : 13

2014 Release of records 1917-1945

Scope and Contents note

Contains formerly classified government records including: British Army publications of *War and Current Affairs*; maps; "Allied Translator and Interpreter Section, South West Pacific Area Bulletin;" "Instruction of the 127th and 128th American Regiments, May 17, 1918;" and *Instructions for Regimental Intelligence Service*.