Register of the Paul LeRoy Jones papers

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Language of Material: English
Physical Description: 6 manuscript boxes, 2 oversize boxes, 1 card file box, 1 oversize folder (5.5 linear feet)
Abstract: The collection contains photographs, press releases, clippings, speeches, orders, maps, and a diary relating to Allied military activities in the China-Burma-India Theater in World War II and to General Joseph W. Stilwell.
Physical Location: Hoover Institution Archives
Creator: Jones, Paul LeRoy, 1906-
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Related Materials
China Defense Supplies records, Hoover Institution Archives
Claire Lee Chennault papers, Hoover Institution Archives
Frank Dorn papers, Hoover Institution Archives
Henrietta Thompson processed volume, Hoover Institution Archives
Jack Silvey motion picture film, Hoover Institution Archives
Jesse Conn Miller photographs, Hoover Institution Archives
John N. Hart letters received, Hoover Institution Archives
Joseph Warren Stilwell papers, Hoover Institution Archives
William E. R. Covell papers, Hoover Institution Archives
Biographical Note
1906 Born
1920s, circa Radio communicating in San Diego and San Francisco
1928 October - 1929 June Cadet, United States Air Corps
1929, circa Accepted a reserve commission in the Chemical Warfare Service of the United States Air Corps
1941 April Joined 7th Division, Infantry, United States Army
1941 August 1942
1942 February, circa Promoted to captain
1942 March Traveled to India and Burma
Appointed liaison and courier to the Chinese 5th and 6th Armies
1942 May
Participated in Joseph Stilwell’s Burma walkout
1942 June
Promoted to major
1942
Appointed headquarters commandant and assistant to the acting assistant, G-4, acting as a transportation officer, possibly for Services of Supply (S.O.S.)
1943 October
Promoted to lieutenant colonel
1943-1944, circa
Public relations officer, China-Burma-India Theater
1944
Member of CBI Radio Team
Oversaw delivery of supplies for Services of Supply (S.O.S.), China Defense Supplies
1944 December
Returned to United States
1945 Public relations work in Okinawa, Japan
1945 September-October
Received Bronze Star
1945 November
Returned to civilian life in California while remaining in the Army Reserves

Sources:

Scope and Content of Collection
Consisting mainly of photographs, the Paul LeRoy Jones papers relate to Allied military activities in the China-Burma-India Theater in World War II, the Burma walkout in 1942, and General Joseph W. Stilwell. The China-Burma-India Theater file includes the transcript of a diary that Jones kept from 1941 to 1945 documenting his experience in the China-Burma-India Theater and his interactions with General Stilwell. The diary includes entries from May 1942, when Jones participated in the walkout through Burma to India led by General Stilwell. In the diary, Jones discusses his work with transportation of supplies, radio broadcasting programs, and his responses to world events. Explanatory notes, which Jones made at a later date, can be found throughout the diary. This file also includes documents by and about Stilwell, such as correspondence, clippings, press releases, statements by Stilwell, and the typescript "The Stilwell Story" by Finis Farr.

Jones held various jobs during the war that required him to travel extensively in the China-Burma-India Theater. Since he was assisting the Signal Corps, Jones was allowed to take photographs during his assignments. The Photographs contain images of areas where Jones was stationed, the construction of the Ledo Road, and Joseph Stilwell. Photographs that were previously separated still retain their original groupings in envelopes and have been integrated into the collection. Additional photographs can be found in the Scrapbooks. The collection contains a scrapbook documenting the Burma walkout, which contains photographs, diary entries, and a map with a red line marking the walkout path. The second scrapbook documents Jones’ time in Assam, where he was in charge of materials from China Defense Supplies that went over "The Hump." The third scrapbook concerns the surrender of Ryukyus Islands at Tenth Army Headquarters on Okinawa.

Subjects and Indexing Terms
Stilwell, Joseph Warren, 1883-1946
United States. Army.
World War, 1939-1945--Campaigns--Burma.
World War, 1939-1945--China.

China-Burma-India Theater File, 1928-1994
Scope and Contents note
Includes press releases, clippings, speeches, orders, maps, and transcript of Jones’ diary. Arranged alphabetically by format.
Clippings
Box/Folder 1 : 1 Claire Chennault's retirement, 1945
Box/Folder 1 : 2 China, 1946
Box/Folder 1 : 3 China and Japan, 1945
Oversize magazine clippings, 1942-1944
Scope and Contents note
Includes Life article by Clare Booth Luce
Box/Folder 1 : 4-5 Diary of Paul L. Jones, 1941-1945
Scope and Contents note
Typed transcript, includes notes
Box/Folder 1 : 6 Maps, 1943, undated
Map case
Map of Burma, undated
Box/Folder 1 : 7 Orders, 1928-1945
Subject file
Box/Folder 1 : Stilwell, Joseph, 1942-1994 8-11
Box/Folder 1 : 12 General, 1941-1986, undated
Box/Folder 1 : 13 Engineer in the Far East: Memoirs of World War II in China, Burma and India, 1984
Scope and Contents note
Includes letter
Box/Folder 2 : 1-2 Miscellany, 1942, 1944
Photographs, 1942-1945
Scope and Contents note
Includes black and white photographic prints, negatives, and slides. Arranged by format, with two groups of photographs. Includes photographs previously listed in the Hoover photograph card catalog. See also Scrapbooks.
Photographs previously separated, 1941-1946
Scope and Contents note
Originally listed in the Hoover photograph card catalog
Box/Folder 2 : 3 Envelope A. 12 prints of military facilities in India, 1943; 18 prints of air base at Kweilin, China, 1944
Box/Folder 2 : 4 Envelope B. 61 prints of Kunming, China, including exercises with Chinese soldiers, 1944; 13 prints of Chungking, China, 1942-1943; 9 prints of funeral arrangements of Lin Shen, 1943; 4 prints of Chinese troops in Burma, 1944, undated
Box/Folder 2 : 5-6 Envelope C and D. 97 prints relating to the construction of the Ledo Road, Burma, 1943-1944; 18 prints of facilities and troops in Burma, 1944
Box/Folder 3 : 1 Envelope E. 59 prints relating to the Battle of Myitkyina and the jungle training facility and general area after the battle, Burma, 1944
Box/Folder 3 : 2 Envelope F. 42 prints of Chinese soldiers at training facility in Rangarh, India, 1943; 9 prints of construction of an air base at Cheng Tu, China, 1944; 3 prints (unidentified) in the China-Burma-India Theater, circa 1942-1945
Box/Folder 3 : 6 Envelope J. 15 prints of Joseph Stilwell with his family; 6 prints of Stilwell touring a Chrysler tank factory, 1945

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**Box 6**

Stilwell (Ledo) Road under construction, circa 1944

Scope and Contents note

Undated

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**Scrapbooks, 1942-1991**

Scope and Contents note

Includes three scrapbooks containing photographs, memoranda, reports, correspondence, maps, a badge, and clippings.

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**Burma walkout, 1942-1987**

Box/Folder 7 : 1

Original housing, undated

Box/Folder 7 : 2-3

Photographs, 1942, undated

Box/Folder 7 : 4

Transcript of diary entries, notes, maps, clippings, book excerpts, 1942-1987

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**Services of Supply, China Defense Supplies in Assam, 1942-1991, undated**

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**Box 8**

Photographs, map, badge, original housing, 1942-1944, undated

Scope and Contents note

Housed in oversize box

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**Box/Folder 9 : 1**

Photographs, correspondence, and other documents, 1942-1944, undated

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**Map case**

Clipping on the Burma Road, 1991

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**U.S. Tenth Army and surrender of Ryukyus Islands at Tenth Army Headquarters on Okinawa, 1945, undated**

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**Box/Folder 9 : 2**

Excerpts from letters to Winifred Stilwell, 1945

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**Box/Folder 9 : 3-5**

Photographs, 1945, undated

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**Map case**

Okinawa Shima maps, undated

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**Declassified U.S. government records**

Scope and Contents note

Formerly security-classified records of the U.S. government, released in full or in part. Arranged chronologically by date of release by Hoover, thereunder by date of creation.

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**Box/Folder 9 : 6-7**

Records released in 2013, 1944