Preliminary Inventory of the Robert Charlwood Richardson papers

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Delos Carleton Emmons papers, Hoover Institution Archives
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Henry J. Muller, Jr. papers, Hoover Institution Archives
Scope and Contents of Collection
1882 Born, Charleston, South Carolina
1900-1904 Cadet, United States Military Academy at West Point (USMA)
Circa 1904-1905 Served in the 14th Calvary Regiment during the Philippine-American War
1905 Wounded in action at Cotta Usap
1906-1911 Assistant instructor of modern languages, United States Military Academy at West Point (USMA)
1914-1916 Assistant professor of English, United States Military Academy at West Point (USMA)
1917 Aide to Major General T. H. Barry
Author, <title render="italic">West Point: An Intimate Picture of the National Military Academy</title>
1918-1919 Liaison officer, American Expeditionary Forces
1919 Joined Morale Division, War Plans Division, War Department General Staff, Washington DC
1920-1923 Assistant to assistant chief of staff for operations, Headquarters, Philippine Department, Manila
1924-1926 Attended Ecole Supérieure de Guerre, Paris
1926-1928 Military attaché, Rome, Italy
1929-1933 Commandant of cadets, United States Military Academy at West Point (USMA)
1933 Attended Army War College, Washington
1938 Given command of the 2nd Cavalry Brigade at Fort Bliss, Texas
1940-1941 Commanded the 1st Calvary Division Fort Bliss, Texas
1941 Director, Bureau of Public Relations, War Department
1943- Commanding general of U.S. Army forces in the Pacific Ocean area
       Commanding general of the Hawaiian Department
1954 Died
       Posthumously promoted to general
The papers document the military career of General Robert Charlwood Richardson, Jr., who served in World War I and World War II. Materials include correspondence, memoranda, bulletins, directives, maps, and photographs relating to American military operations in the Pacific Theater during World War II and the American Expeditionary Forces in World War I.

As an aide to Major General T. H. Barry, Richardson traveled with Barry to Europe in 1917. Since Richardson could speak French, he became a liaison officer for the American Expeditionary Forces during World War I. The collection includes materials related to the American Expeditionary Forces and volumes of information summaries.

During World War II, Richardson became the military governor of Hawaii and the commander of Army personnel in the Pacific. He was present aboard the USS *Missouri* during Japan's surrender in 1945. The collection contains correspondence, memoranda, reports, and photographs related to Richardson's service, as well as history volumes documenting the United States Armed Forces in the Middle Pacific. Also included are materials concerning martial law in Hawaii and suspension of the right of habeas corpus during Richardson's service as military governor.

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- United States. Army--Officers.
- Hawaii.
- United States--Armed Forces.
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**American Expeditionary Forces 1917-1919**

Scope and Contents note

See also: Ecole Supérieure de Guerre, Box 8-9.

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Scope and Contents note  
Includes reports on Aitutaki, Angaur, Baker, Bora Bora, Efate, Fanning, Makin, Marshall Islands, New Zealand, Nukufetau, Palmyra, Penrhyn (Tongareua), Russell Islands, Tongatabu, Tulagi, Tutuila, Upolu, and Wallis; reports on participation in the Galvanic Operation in the Gilbert Islands and the Kwajalein and Eniwetok Operations; and transcripts of telephone conversations. |
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Scope and Contents note  
Includes Richardson's notes on operations in the Gilbert and Marshall Islands. |
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Scope and Contents note
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1 album containing 22 prints.
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Scope and Contents note
1 album.

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Scope and Contents note
Mainly groups of officers and soldiers, some including cars, airplanes, and other machinery. Also includes aerial shots from an airplane.

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Includes captions for each image

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Scope and Contents note
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Box 73  **2015 May release of records 1944**
Scope and Contents note
Correspondence, memoranda, and reports related to Saipan and Holland Smith/Ralph Smith, arranged chronologically. For related materials, see Box 35-36.
2016 January release of records 1943-1946

Scope and Contents note
Correspondence, reports, memoranda, orders, and other communications related to
Central Pacific Command and Richardson's role as Military Governor of Hawaii
(specifically martial law and habeas corpus cases), arranged by original box number and
folder title, then chronologically thereunder. The materials originally were in Boxes 12,
14, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 26, and 28.

"Personal Notes of Robert C. Richardson," 1918-1923

Papers, correspondence, and collected material, 1890-1923

Military Attaché File
Scope and Contents note
Materials related to Richardson's post as a military attaché in Rome, Italy, from 1926 to
1928.

Military record, Rome, 1923-1928

"Reports on Italy: Military, Political, Economic, Current Events," by Richardson,
1926-1928

Diaries, 1910-1918

"Divisional History Charts," 1917-1920

Clippings scrapbook, 1942
Scope and Contents note
Includes Washington Bureau of Public Relations, Birmingham 7th Corps, desert maneuvers,
and Jacksonville command

Plan for seizure of coal mines, 1941-1943

Diary, 1930-1933
Biography, undated
Speeches and writings, 1926-1928
Correspondence, Philippines 1912-1916
Biographical file
Scope and Contents note
Includes condolence letters

Diaries, 1941, 1945-1946

Correspondence, 1945
Scope and Contents note
Includes letters to General Douglas MacArthur

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Includes correspondence

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Contains four DVD+RDL discs. Titles of data include "diaries," "autobiography," "papers, 1910-1950," and "World War II."