

Armored Force History

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Documents, letters, and other materials retained by the Armored Force Adjutant General concerning the formation and history of the Armored Force.

ADAMS, Emory S. Jr. (1917 -

BRYDEN, William (1880 -

CHAFFEE, Adna R. Jr. (

CLARKSON, Edward D. (

CRAIN, J. H. (

CRITTENBERGER, Willis D. (1890 -

GREENFIELD, Kent R. (

GRIMES, William M. (1889 -

HERR, John K. (

KUTSCHKO, Emerick (1892 -

MAUBORGNE, J. O. (

NEWTON, Henry C. (

NIXON, Thomas H. (1895 -

SCOTT, Charles L. (1883 -

SIMS, E. T. (

STRONG, George V. (1880 -

VAN VOORHIES, Daniel (

WALKER, Isaac G. (1893 -

WARD, Orlando (1891 -

United States, Army – Armored Corps – III Armored Corps

United States, Army – Armored Divisions

United States, Army – Armored Force

United States, Army – Armored Regiments – 34th Armored Regiment

United States, Army – Army Ground Forces

United States, Army – Camps and Forts – Camp Cooke CA

United States, Army – Camps and Forts – Camp Hood TX

United States, Army – Camps and Forts – Camp Polk LA

United States, Army – Camps and Forts – Fort Knox KY

United States, Army – Cavalry Brigades – 7th Cavalry Brigade (Mecz)

United States, Army – Cavalry Divisions – 2nd Cavalry Division

United States, Army – Miscellaneous Units – Experimental Mechanized Force

United States, Army – Tank Battalions – G. H. Q. Tank Battalions

United States, Army – Tank Groups – 7th Tank Group

BOX 1

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- 1 Documentation concerning the Armored Force Adjutant General's File on the Armored Force History
 - a. Typewritten Memorandum; Cover letter for Historical Files, Recreational Management Officer, SUBJ: Armored Force Archive File, February 1955 (2 copies)
 - b. Printed Form; Document Register Card, The Armored School Library, 1952, blank
 - c. Printed Form; DA Form 1614, Consolidated Cross Reference Sheet or List of Papers, SUBJ: Organization of The Armored Force, 2 sheets, 3 pages
 - d. Typewritten Flimsy: Anniversary Dates (of Army celebrations) circa 1960

- 2 Items 1 – 20 from Armored Force Adjutant General's File on the Armored Force History
 - a. Typewritten Memorandum; To The Adjutant General of the Army (through CG, III Corps Area) From Officer in Charge of Field Development of Experimental Mechanized Force, Fort George Meade MD, SUBJ: Mechanized Forces, 17 April 1930, four sheets, eight pages
 - b. Typewritten Note (flimsy); Notes on Conference with Chief of Staff, 1931, General Daniel Van Voorhis, SUBJ: Mechanization
 - c. Typewritten transcriptions from Chaffee 201 file; single page of notes dating from 1932 to 1941, transcribed apparently circa 1943.
 - d. Typewritten Note (flimsy); To LTC Willis Crittenberger From General Adna Chaffee, SUBJ: Expansion of the 7th Cavalry Brigade (Mecz), 1 June 1939
 - e. Typewritten Notes (flimsy); To General Adna Chaffee From MG John K. Herr, SUBJ: Mechanized Divisions, 16 September 1939 and 20 September 1939
 - f. Typewritten Note (flimsy); To General Adna Chaffee From LTC Willis Crittenberger, SUBJ: Expansion of the Mechanized Cavalry Brigade, 19 September 1939
 - g. Typewritten Note (flimsy); To COL Charles L. Scott From General Adna Chaffee, SUBJ: Creation of a Division, 7 October 1939
 - h. Typewritten Note (flimsy); To COL Charles L. Scott From General Adna Chaffee, SUBJ: Expansion of the 7th Cavalry Brigade (Mecz), 9 April 1940
 - i. Typewritten Note (flimsy); To LTC Geoffrey Keyes, Assistant Chief of Staff, G4 From General Adna R. Chaffee, SUBJ: Expansion of the 7th Cavalry Brigade (Mecz), 3 June 1940

- j. Typewritten Memorandum; To General Andrews From LTC W. M. Grimes, Chief, Operations Branch, SUBJ: Mechanization, 11 June 1940, two sheets, two pages
- k. Typewritten Notes for a memorandum; To Assistant Chief of Staff, G4 From MG E. S. Adams, Adjutant General of the Army, SUBJ: Report of Board of Officers on Development of Equipment for Armored Divisions, 15 June 1940
- l. Typewritten Letter; To COL J. K. Crain, Office Chief of Ordnance, Washington DC From MAJ T. H. Nixon, Ordnance Officer, HQ Fort Knox KY, SUBJ: Ordnance Battalion in Armored Divisions, 20 June 1940
- m. Typewritten Memorandum (flimsy); To Adjutant General of the Army, War Department, Washington DC From the Secretary of the Army, SUBJ: Armored Force, circa July 1940, four sheets, four pages
- n. Typewritten Memorandum; To Assistant Chief of Staff, G3 From BG George V. Strong, Assistant Chief of Staff, SUBJ: Priority in the Organization of Tank Units, 3 July 1940, one sheet, one page
- o. Typewritten Note (flimsy); To General Adna Chaffee From General Daniel Van Voorhis, SUBJ: Development of Mechanization, 27 July 1940
- p. Typewritten Note; To Charles L. Scott From General Adna Chaffee, SUBJ: Next Two Armored Divisions and Production of new armored vehicles, 5 August 1940
- q. Typewritten Memorandum (flimsy): To Chief of Staff From BG F. M. Andrews, Assistant Chief of Staff, SUBJ: COL Palmer's Criticism of Our Mechanization, 1 August 1940, one sheet, one page
- r. Typewritten Note; To General John Herr From General Charles L. Scott, SUBJ: Officers and Men in tank units, 7 August 1940
- s. Typewritten Memorandum; To Commanding General, I Armored Corps From HQ 1st Armored Division, Fort Knox KY SUBJ: Chemical Warfare Personnel, 8 August 1940, two sheets, two pages
- t. Typewritten Note; To LTC William Grimes From General Adna Chaffee, SUBJ: GHQ Tank Battalions, 14 August 1940

3 Items 21 – 40 from Armored Force Adjutant General's File on the Armored Force History

- a. Typewritten Memorandum; To President of the Armored Force Board From MAJ C. H. Unger, HQ Armored Force, SUBJ: Armored Corps Organization, 22 August 1940
- b. Typewritten Note (flimsy); To MG J. O. Mauborgne, Chief Signal Officer of the Army From General Adna R. Chaffee, SUBJ: Signal Troops in the Armored Force, 22 August 1940
- c. Typewritten Note (flimsy); To General Charles L. Scott From General Adna R. Chaffee, SUBJ: Organization of the Armored Division, 24 August 1940

- d. Mimeographed Sheets; Conference on Organization, presented by G3, HQ 2nd Armored Division, Fort Benning GA, Division Officer's School, 26 August 1940, three sheets, six pages
- e. Typewritten Letter; To LTC I. G. Walker, Armored Force Board, Fort Knox KY From HQ Armored Force, Fort Knox KY, SUBJ: Organization of the Armored Division, 27 August 1940, two sheets, two pages
- f. Typewritten Memorandum (flimsy); To The Adjutant General of the Army, War Department, Washington DC From HQ Armored Force, Fort Knox KY, SUBJ: Expansion of the Armored Force, 31 August 1940, five sheets, five pages (with enclosures – fourteen sheets, fourteen pages)
- g. Typewritten Note; To LTC Robert W. Grow From General Charles L. Scott, SUBJ: Recommendations for units in Armored Regiments, 3 September 1940, one sheet, one page
- h. Typewritten Memorandum; To President, Armored Force Board From LTC R. W. Grow, SUBJ: Armored Division Organization, 3 September 1940
- i. Typewritten copy of Memorandum; To Assistant Chief of Staff, G3, Armored Force, Fort Knox KY From Chief of Staff of Branch, SUBJ: Inadequate Organizational Program for Armored Units, 16 September 1940, two sheets, two pages, (with enclosures – two sheets, two pages)
- j. **REMOVED** – Typewritten Memorandum; To Commanding Generals of All Armies From War Department, SUBJ: Organization of Armored Force, 10 July 1940
- k. Typewritten Notes; Notes for the Orientation Talk to the Officers of the Armored Force, 13 September 1940, eight sheets, eight pages, with note stating that this apparently was based on General Chaffee's lecture to officers on the September 13, 1940
- l. Typewritten copy of Memorandum (flimsy); To Chief of the Armored Force, Fort Knox KY From The Adjutant General of the Army, Washington DC, SUBJ: Expansion of the Armored Force, 27 September 1940, one sheet, one page
- m. Typewritten Memorandum: To the Adjutant General of the Army, War Department, Washington DC From Office of the Commanding General, HQ Armored Force, Fort Knox KY SUBJ: Organization of the Armored Force, 2 October 1940, three sheets, three pages (with enclosure – two sheets, two pages)
- n. Typewritten copy of Memorandum (flimsy); To Chief of the Armored Force, Fort Knox KY From Office of the Liaison Officer of the Armored Force, Washington DC, SUBJ: Expansion of the Armored Force, 3 October 1940, one sheet, one page
- o. Typewritten Note (carbon) To MG William Bryden, Deputy Chief of Staff From General Adna R. Chaffee, SUBJ: GHQ Tank Battalions, 6 October 1940

- p. Typewritten Memorandum (flimsy); To The Liaison Officer of the Armored Force, Washington DC From Office of the Commanding General, HQ Armored Force, Fort Knox KY, SUBJ: Numerical Designations of the Components of the two new Armored Divisions and the new GHQ Reserve Tank Battalions, 8 October 1940, two sheets, two pages (2 copies)
 - q. Typewritten copy of Memorandum; To The Adjutant General of the Army, War Department, Washington DC From Commanding General, HQ Armored Force, Fort Knox KY, SUBJ: Expansion of the Armored Force, 10 October 1940, two sheets, two pages (with enclosure – two sheets, two pages)
 - r. Typewritten Memorandum (flimsy) To Chief of the Armored Force, Fort Knox KY From Office of the Liaison Officer of the Armored Force, Washington DC, SUBJ: Commissioned Cadres, 26 October 1940, two sheets, two pages (with enclosures – four sheets, four pages)
 - s. Typewritten (flimsy) Draft 1st Endorsement To Adjutant General of the Army, War Department, Washington DC From Chief of the Armored Force SUBJ: Expansion of the Armored Force, 14 October 1940, eight sheets, eight pages
 - t. Typewritten Copy of Memorandum; To Chief of the Armored Force, Fort Knox KY From Office of the Liaison Officer, The Armored Force, Washington DC, SUBJ: Expansion of the Armored Force, 4 November 1940, two sheets, Two pages
- 4 Items 41 – 46 from Armored Force Adjutant General's File on the Armored Force History
- a. Typewritten Copy of Memorandum; To Chief of the Armored Force, Fort Knox KY From Office of the Liaison Officer, The Armored Force, Washington DC, SUBJ: Organization of the Armored Force, 8 November 1940, one sheet, one page
 - b. Typewritten Sheet; Excerpt from Address of MG Charles L. Scott, Nov. 17, 1940 at Press Dinner, Officer's Club, Fort Knox KY, author unknown, circa 1941
 - c. Typewritten and Handwritten Memorandum; For the Chief of Staff, HQ Armored Force, Fort Knox KY, SUBJ: Orgn of the AF, (Organization of the Armored Force), undated circa 1940, one sheet, one page
 - e. Typewritten Letter (flimsy); To MAJ Kent R. Greenfield, Historical Officer, HQ Army Ground Forces Washington DC From HQ Armored Force, Fort Knox KY (MAJ T. E. Sims), SUBJ: Units which have been assigned to the Armored Force at any time, 8 June 1943, three sheets, three pages (attachments not present)
 - f. Typewritten Letter (flimsy); To MAJ E. T. Sims, HQ Armored Command, Fort Knox KY From HQ 34th Armored Regiment, Pine Camp, SUBJ: Material for the History of the Armored Force, 24 July 1943, signed by COL Kutschko, four sheets, four pages

- g. Printed Circular; War Department Circular #94, 10 April 1947, multiple subjects – important one: Armored Cavalry , one sheet, two pages
- 5 Un-numbered Items from the Armored Force Adjutant General’s File on the Armored Force History. Letters and documents dealing with the creation of the History of the Armored Force.
- a. Typewritten Letter (flimsy); To MAJ T. E. Sims, Assistant Adjutant General, HQ Armored Force, Fort Knox KY From HQ, 7th Tank Group, Camp Hood TX, SUBJ: Key Problems of the GHQ Tank Battalions, 6 June 1943, three sheets, three pages
 - b. Typewritten Letter (flimsy); To BG Henry C. Newton, Commanding CCB, 12th Armored Division, Camp Campbell KY From MAJ T. E. Sims, Assistant Adjutant General, HQ Armored Force, Fort Knox KY, SUBJ: History of the Armored Force, 28 June 1943, (enclosure not present), one sheet, one page
 - c. Typewritten Letter (flimsy); To MAJ Edward D. Clarkson, HQ Desert Training Center, Camp Young CA From MAJ T. E. Sims, Assistant Adjutant General, HQ Armored Force, Fort Knox KY, SUBJ: History of the Desert Training Center, 29 June 1943 (enclosures not present), one sheet, one page
 - d. Typewritten Letter (flimsy); To MG Orlando Ward, HQ Tank Destroyer Center, Camp Hood TX From MAJ T. E. Sims, Assistant Adjutant General, HQ Armored Force, Fort Knox KY, SUBJ: Armored Force History, 27 June 1943, (enclosure not present), one sheet, one page
 - e. Typewritten Memorandum (flimsy); To Commanding General, Army Ground Forces, Washington DC From Commanding General, HQ Armored Command, Fort Knox KY, SUBJ: History of Armored Command, 30 August 1943, (enclosure not present), one sheet, one page
 - f. Typewritten Letter (flimsy); To MAJ Kent R. Greenfield, Historical Officer, Army War College, Washington DC From HQ Armored Force, 1LT Kenneth W. Hechler, SUBJ: Photos and Charts for the “History of the Armored Force”, 15 September 1943, (enclosure not present), one sheet, one page
 - g. Mimeographed Sheets; The Armored Force School, unknown author, circa 1943, three sheets, five pages
- 6 Original typewritten Draft copy of History of the Armored Force, 1943
- 7 Typewritten Copy; General Orders 23, Department of The Army, SUBJ: Army Organization, 20 December 1950 (designation of Cavalry to Armor)

- 8 Miscellaneous Papers
 - a. Mimeographed Sheet; partial remains of a Daily Bulletin #237, 8 December 1954, "Armor Anniversary" – 178th Anniversary
 - b. Printed Letter; To The Armor Officers and Men of the United States Army, 178th Anniversary, Chief of Staff, U.S. Army, 1954

BOX 2

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- 1 Mimeographed Memorandum; To Commanding Generals From HQ Army Ground Forces, Army War College, Washington DC, SUBJ: Assignment List, Army Ground Forces, 20 January 1944, forty sheets, seventy-nine pages
- 2 Mimeographed Memorandum; To Commanding Generals From HQ Army Ground Forces, Army War College, Washington DC, SUBJ: Assignment List, Army Ground Forces, 1 January 1945, eighteen sheets, thirty-three pages
- 3 Mimeographed and typewritten Sheets; HQ Armored Force, Fort Knox KY
SUBJ: Activation of Armored Force Units,
 - a. 11 February 1943, two sheets, three pages (3 copies)
 - b. Typewritten Sheets (flimsy); 14 April 1943, four sheets, four pages
- 4 Mimeographed Sheets; Station List of the Armored Force, HQ Armored Force, Fort Knox KY
 - a. 1 December 1941, two sheets, three pages
 - b. Number 1, 1 March 1942, three sheets, five pages
 - c. Number 2, 10 April 1942, three sheets, five pages
 - d. Number 3, 26 April 1942, three sheets, five pages
 - e. Number 5, 1 July 1942, three sheets, six pages
 - f. Number 6, 1 August 1942, three sheets, six pages
 - g. Number 7, 10 September 1942, four sheets, seven pages
 - h. Number 8, 5 October 1942, three sheets, six pages
 - i. Number 9, 15 November 1942, three sheets, six pages
 - j. Number 10, 10 December 1942, three sheets, six pages
- 5 Mimeographed Sheets; Station List of the Armored Force, HQ Armored Force, Fort Knox KY
 - a. Number 1, 10 January 1943, three sheets, five pages
 - b. Number 2, 10 February 1943, three sheets, five pages
 - c. Number 3, 10 March 1943, three sheets, five pages

- d. Number 4, 10 April 1943, two sheets, four pages
 - e. Number 5, 18 May 1943, two sheets, four pages (2 copies)
 - f. Number 6, 10 June 1943, two sheets, four pages
 - g. Number 8, 16 August 1943, two sheets, four pages
 - h. Number 9, 15 September 1943, two sheets, four pages
- 6 Correspondence; SUBJ: Station Assignments – 2nd Cavalry Division, 1942
- a. Typewritten Letter; AG 323.7 GNOAG, To Commanding General, Army Ground Forces, Washington DC From CG, Armored Force, Fort Knox KY, 30 June 1942
 - b. 1st Endorsement, HQ AGF, 3 July 1942 (two pages) 2 copies
 - c. Interoffice Reference Sheet, 7 July 1942
- 7 Typewritten Extract from Letter; 320.2/101 (C)-GNOPN (7-1-42), HQ Army Ground Forces, SUBJ: Assignment List, Army Ground Forces, pages 55 – 58 and parts of 59-61, The Armored Force, with corrections noted on added front page, five sheets, six pages
- 8 Mimeographed Memorandum; To Chiefs of All Arms and Services, and All Corps Area Commanders From The Adjutant General's Office, Washington DC, SUBJ: General and Special Staff, Armored Divisions and Armored Corps, 3 July 1940, one sheet, two pages
- 9 Mimeographed Sheets; Station List, HQ III Armored Corps, Camp Polk LA, 1942
- a. Number 1, 1 September 1942 (two copies)
 - b. Number 1 Corrected Copy, 5 September 1942
 - c. Number 2, 1 October 1942
 - d. Number 4, 8 December 1942
- 10 Mimeographed Sheets; Station List, HQ III Armored Corps, Camp Polk LA, 1943
- a. Number 1, 5 January 1943, one page
 - b. Number 2, 5 February 1943, one page
 - c. Number 3, 5 March 1943, one sheet, two pages
 - d. Number 4, 5 April 1943, one page
 - e. Number 5, 15 April 1943, one sheet, two pages
 - f. Number 6, 5 May 1943, one sheet, two pages
 - g. Number 7, 3 June 1943, one sheet, two pages

- 11 Typewritten Letter; To Commanding General, Army Ground Forces, Washington DC From Commanding General, Armored Force, Fort Knox KY, SUBJ: Inspections, 3 May 1944, with attachments – List of Armored Units under A. G. F. Control, four sheets, four pages
- 12 Mimeographed Sheets; Alerted Units, Recapitulation as of May 21, 1943, G3, HQ Armored Force, Fort Knox KY, seven sheets, seven pages
- 13 Miscellaneous Papers
 - a. Mimeographed Sheet; Extract, Weekly Directive Number 20, Divisional Strength, HQ Army Ground Forces, 14 May 1946, (list of inactivated divisions and disposition of their records) one sheet, two pages
 - b. Mimeographed Sheets; Units of the Armored Division, HQ-R-185, HQ Armored Force, 3 March 1942, two sheets, two pages
 - c. Mimeographed Sheet; AGF Units as of 18 November 1944, Fort Knox, Kentucky, HQ Armored Center, Fort Knox KY (2 copies)
- 14 Miscellaneous Oversized papers
 - a. Mimeographed Sheet; Personnel Authorization, AG Division, HQ Fort Knox KY, 17 September 1946
 - b. Mimeographed Sheet; Personnel Authorization, Fort Knox KY 31 August 1951
 - c. Mimeographed Sheet; Designation of Units within Armored Divisions, Prepared by G3 Section, HQ Armored Command, 23 September 1943 (2 copies)

BOX 3

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- 1 Mimeographed Sheets; Armored Force Staff Officers, Quarters and Telephone Numbers, Fort Knox KY, multiple pages
 - a. 27 April 1942
 - b. 6 June 1942
 - c. 20 July 1942
 - d. 30 September 1942
 - e. 10 November 1942
 - f. 1 February 1943
 - g. 22 March 1943
 - h. 14 April 1943
 - i. 1 June 1943
 - j. 1 September 1943
 - k. 1 November 1943
 - l. 15 January 1944

- 2 Mimeographed Sheets; Armored Center Staff Officers, Quarters, & Telephone Numbers, Fort Knox KY, single sheets 1944 - 45
 - a. 10 May 1944
 - b. 14 August 1944
 - c. 20 November 1944
 - d. 27 January 1945
 - e. 25 April 1945

- 3 Mimeographed Sheets; Commanding General and Staff, (Directory)Headquarters, The Armored Center, Fort Knox KY, single sheets
 - a. 14 November 1949
 - b. 10 January 1950
 - c. 12 April 1950

- 4 Miscellaneous Papers, 1942 - 1945
 - a. Mimeographed Sheets; Roster of Officers on Duty at Headquarters, Armored Force, 22 June 1942, three sheets, five pages
 - b. Mimeographed Sheet; The Armored Force Board Telephone Numbers, circa 1942, one sheet
 - c. Mimeographed Sheet; Designation of Units within Armored Divisions, 6 May 1942, one sheet
 - d. Mimeographed Sheet; Units of the Armored Division, Hq-R-185, 3 March 1942, one sheet
 - e. Mimeographed Sheets; Newly Assigned 9th and 10th Armored Division Staffs and Schedule of Training, Fort Knox KY, 15-30 June 1942, three sheets, five pages
 - f. Mimeographed Sheets; Roster of Officers, HQ Armored Force, 16 February 1944, four sheets, four pages
 - g. Mimeographed Sheets; Telephone Directory, HQ The Armored School, Hq-R-194, circa 1944, five sheets, nine pages
 - h. Mimeographed Sheet; List of Commanders and Addresses, Armored Force, 16 September 1944

- 5 Typewritten Letter; 620 GNOHD, To Commanding General, Camp Cooke, CA From Commanding General, HQ Armored Force, Fort Knox KY, SUBJ: Housing, Camp Cooke, 15 March 1943, with 1st and 2nd Endorsements

- 6 Photograph; Map Showing Locations of Units of the Armored Force, reproduced by Engineer Section, HQ Armored Force, Fort Knox KY, 15 July 1942

- 7 Mimeographed Sheets; List of Officers Holding Permanent or Temporary Grade of General...., War Department, Army Service Forces, 1 May 1943, 11 sheets, 21 pages
- 8 Typewritten Memorandum; To Deputy Chief of Staff, War Department From BG Adna R. Chaffee Jr., SUBJ: Staff Organization and Key Personnel, Armored Corps, Two Armored Divisions, and Related Activities, 26 June 1940, with cover letter five sheets, five pages – missing enclosures (Original signature of General Chaffee)