

Van Voorhies Collection

General Van Voorhies is considered the grandfather of the US Armored Force/Armor Branch. He commanded the initial Mechanized Force at Fort Eustis in 1930-1931 and went on to command the 7th Cavalry Brigade Mechanized at Fort Knox. He served as V Corps Area Commander, as well as commander of the Panama Canal Zone and the Caribbean Defense Area. Retired a LTG

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Caribbean Defense Area Command

Panama Canal Command

United States, Army – Armored Car Squadrons – 2nd Armored Car Squadron

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

United States, Army – Cavalry Regiments – 1st Cavalry Regiment (Mechanized)

United States, Army – Corps – V Corps

Box 1:

Contains five scrapbooks, one small, four large.

Book 1: Small scrapbook created by daughter of LTG Van Voorhies 1930-1933. Titled “History of 1st Mechanized Cavalry....” Newspaper and magazine clippings for the most part covering the Mechanized Force at Ft Eustis and also the organization and road march of the 1st Cavalry Regt (Mechanized) in 1933. Includes three letters from GEN Van Voorhies to his daughter, as well as some loose menus for A Troop, 2nd Armored Car Squadron and Detachment, 1st Cavalry. Also contains examples of stationary for the 1st Cavalry Regiment c1932.

Book 2: Large scrapbook containing newspaper and magazine clippings January 1937. Subjects are the transfer of gold reserves to Fort Knox and the Ohio River flood of 1937.

Book 3: Large scrapbook containing newspaper and magazine clippings. January 1937 - March 1938. The clippings cover Tennessee Maneuvers of 1938 and 105th Anniversary of establishment of 1st Cavalry Regt. This scrapbook includes B/W photographs of Van Voorhies and several other dignitaries (Senators Truman, Schwollenback, and Guffey), as well as shots of the 7th Cav Brigade during the maneuvers.

Book 4: Large Scrapbook containing mostly B/W photographs and some newspaper and magazine clippings. April 1938 - July 1939. Includes several of dignitaries with Van Voorhies and Chaffee. Photos of the 7th Cavalry Brigade Mechanized Review.

Book 5: Large Scrap book containing collections of B/W photographs mixed with newspaper and magazine clippings. April 1938 - July 1939. Covers Tennessee Maneuvers, Van Voorhies promotions, vehicles of the 7th Cavalry Brigade (M), French Mechanized elements in Paris parade Jul 1938, V Corps Commander’s Annual Inspection APR 1939, Visit of Brazilian Chief of Staff, MG Pedro Aureliode Goes Monteiro JUL 1939, CMTC at Fort Ben Harrison July 1939.

Box 2

Book 6: Large scrapbook containing newspaper and magazine clippings November 1939 - Mid 1941. Subjects include Van Voorhies at Panama Canal Command, his promotion to LTG, Caribbean Defense Area Command.