

Viner Collection

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Collection of booklets, pamphlets, and reports concerning operations of the U.S. Army Tank Corps during World War I (1917-1918), as well as the immediate post-war period. Includes some after action reports, as well as studies concerning the use of tanks in combat and their effectiveness. COL Viner was assigned to the Tank Corps in 1918.

BRETT, Sereno E.(1891-)

CONNER, Fox (1874-1951)

KING, Campbell (1871-1953) (MG)

LLOYD, Hardress (1874 – 1952) 4th Dragoon Guards

PATTON, George Smith Jr., (1885-1945)

RICHARDSON, W. P.

SASSE, Ralph Irvine (1889-1954)

VINER, Joseph Wadsworth (1888-1983)

American Expeditionary Forces

Tank School

Great Britain, Army – Armies – 3rd Army

Great Britain, Army – Tank Brigades – 3rd Tank Brigade

Great Britain, Army – Tank Brigades – 4th Tank Brigade

United States, Army – Armies – First Army

United States, Army – Armies – Second Army

United States, Army – Corps – IV Corps

United States, Army – Corps – V Corps

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

United States, Army – Tank Battalions – 326th (344th) Tank Battalion

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United States, Army – Tank Brigades – 1st Tank Brigade

United States, Army – Tank Brigades – 2nd Tank Brigade

United States, Army – Tank Brigades – 301st Tank Brigade

United States, Army – Tank Brigades – 305th Tank Brigade

United States, Army – Tank Centers – 302nd Tank Center

United States, Army – Tank Centers – 311th Tank Center

World War, 1914-1918 – Campaigns – Meuse-Argonne

World War, 1914-1918 – Campaigns – St Mehiel

Box 1

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- 1 Booklet; Tanks (cover page missing), War Department, ca1919 probably authored by COL Viner

- 2 Letter from CPT J. W. Viner to Chief of the Tank Corps, Fort Meade MD, March 18, 1920, SUBJ: Request for Information on Supply during War for Tanks
- 3 Mimeograph Memo; From HQ 1st Division AEF to (no addressees) SUBJ: Report on Operations of First Division south of SOISSONS July 16-24, inclusive, July 27, 1918
- 4 Typewritten flimsy Memo; From Commanding General, American Troops in North Russia ,To The Adjutant General of the Army, Washington DC (through C in C AEF), SUBJ: Supplemental Report, A.E.F., North Russia, 23 July 1919
- 5 Typewritten manuscript Report; 2nd Tank Brigade Report on Operations, 2nd Tank Brigade No. Z.7/6/5, 21st July to 3rd September 1918, dated 10th September 1918
- 6 Partial booklet on Tank Tactics (unknown title) circa 1919
- 7 Two letters between CPT Shipley Thomas and COL G. S. Patton Jr. dated July 3 and July 8, 1919, SUBJ: Record of Tank Corps in the A.E.F.
- 8 Typewritten copy; Annex #3 Field Order No. 20, HQ A.E.F, SUBJ: Plan for Employment of Tank Corps Troops, 17 September 1918
- 9 Mimeograph Copy; Annex #2, Field Orders No. 9, HQ A.E.F., SUBJ: Plan of Employment of Tanks, September 5, 1918
- 10 Loose papers and maps

Box 2

Folder

- 1 Mimeograph Copy; Daily Log for 301st Tank Brigade, September 26 – October 4 1918, COL Viner and MAJ Brett, Camp Meade MD, 1919
- 2 Collection of hand written materials circa 1919 (Tank School)
 - a. Hand drawn map of the area of St. Mihiel and the location of the front lines
 - b. Hand drawn map of the Meuse-Argonne Offensive
 - c. Hand drawn map “British and French Offensive of 1918”
 - d. Hand drawn map of area around Gettysburg PA for war games purposes
 - e. Hand drawn map of the St. Mihiel offensive
 - f. Hand drawn map of the Meuse-Argonne offensive showing troop dispositions
 - g. Hand drawn map show the allotment of tanks in the British offensive of 1918
 - h. Hand drawn map showing ideal disposition of tanks in the attack of 2nd Division (war games)

- i. Hand drawn map showing disposition of tanks in the attack of 2nd Division (war games)
 - j. Hand drawn map showing disposition of tanks in the attack of 2nd Division (war games)
 - k. Hand drawn map showing disposition of tanks in the attack of 2nd Division (war games)
- 3 Tank School Handouts
- a. Mimeographed handout; Recovery of Tanks Damaged in Action, GHQ Tank Corps, Camp Meade MD September 26, 1919
 - b. Mimeographed copy; 2nd Tank Brigade AEF Report of Operations Sept 27th – Oct. 1st 1918, (301st Heavy Tank Battalion) circa October 1918
- 4 American Expeditionary Forces Notes on Operations and other papers
- a. Notes on Operations – A, The American Expeditionary Forces prior to July 15, 1918, BG Fox Conner, G3, GHQ ca1919 with maps
 - b. Notes on Operations – B, Vicinity of Chateau Thierry and the Vesle River, BG Fox Conner, G3, GHQ ca1919 with maps
 - c. Notes on Operations – C, Reduction of the St. Mihiel Salient, BG Fox Conner, G3, GHQ ca1919 with maps
 - d. Notes on Operations – D, The Meuse-Argonne Operation, BG Fox Conner, G3, GHQ ca1919 with maps
 - e. Handout- The Operations Section (G-3), Organization and Duties, BG Fox Conner, G-3, GHQ, ca1919
 - f. Map; Map of France Showing Sections, Principal R.R. Lines & Points Occupied by the A.E.F., Base Printing Plant, 29th Engineers, 1918 (reprint of 1919)
- 5 Manuscript; Tank Corps Drill Manual, July 1919 , J.W. Viner
- 6 Typewritten Report; Report on 3rd Brigade Tank Corps Operations with Third Army, Nov. 20th to Nov. 27th 1917, COL Hardress Lloyd, Commanding 3rd Brigade, 22 December 1917 (G.S. No. 1140) (British Army)
- 7 Mimeographed Report; The Moral Effect of Tanks upon the Enemy, LT F. T. Murphy, Tank Corps AEF, ca1918
- 8 Typewritten Lecture notes; Title unknown, (Use of Tanks during World War), COL J. W. Viner, ca1919
- 9 Lecture Notes; untitled, (Lessons Learned from World War on use of Tanks), COL J. W. Viner, ca1919 (with map showing French Armor attack of 11 June 1918 near Mondidier)

10 Mimeographed Documents

- a. Mimeographed Handout; History of the Fifth American Army Corps, prepared by COL George M. Russel, ACS, G2, V Army Corps, ca 1919 (includes notes on the operations of the Corps in the World War)
- b. Mimeograph Report; 2nd Tank Brigade American E.F., Report on Operations, September 27th to October 1st, 1918, unknown author, October 5, 1918, Copy Number 23

11 Various Booklets and Maps

- a. Booklet; Instructions for Anti-Tank Defence (provisional-February 1918), from an Official British Document edited by War Plans Division, April 1918, WD Document #783
- b. Booklet; Compass for Tanks, War Plans Division, August 1918, WD Document #837
- c. Booklet; Infantry and Tank Co-operation and Training, (Reprint of document issued by British General Staff), War Plans Division, May 1918, WD Document # 804
- d. Booklet; Tanks and their Employment in Co-operation with Other Arms (cover missing), War Plans Division, October 1918, WD
- e. Booklet; Use of Artillery in Combat Against Tanks (translation of German Document), VI German Army, March 25, 1917, translated from the French by AEF and edited by Army War College, January 1918
- f. Map; St. Mihiel Salient, AEF G-2, Base Printing Plant 29th Engineers, 1918

12 Transcribed Articles

- a. Typewritten article on flimsy paper; The Military Disaster to the Italian Army Commencing Near the Town of Caporetto and Known as the Caporetto Disaster – October, 1917
- b. Typewritten article; Extracts from Supplement to the London Gazette, 10 April 1919 by Field Marshal Lord Douglas Haig, Part II Features of the War, A single Great Battle

13 Party Invitation; US Colonels Party, Tank Center, August 17, 1918

14 Photocopied documents dealing with World War I Tank Corps

- a. Letter from Chief of Staff, HQ 1st Army AEF to Chief of Tank Corps, September 18, 1918 SUBJ: Use of tanks by 4th Corps
- b. Memo from HQ, Tank Corps to MAJ Viner, 20 September 1918, SUBJ: Assignment as commander of 311th Tank Center at Bourg France
- c. Memo from HQ 2nd Army to Officer in Charge of 60cm Railroad, SUBJ: Movement of Tanks, September 21, 1918

- d. Memo from Commanding General 2nd Army to Commanding General 125th Division (French), SUBJ: Reconnaissance by Major Viner U.S.A., September 21, 1918
- e. Letter from Commander in Chief, A.E.F. to BG S. D. Rockenbach, Chief of Tank Corps AEF, September 26, 1918, SUBJ: Congratulations to the Tanks Corps (Copy furnished to MAJ Joseph Viner ACS of Tank Corps 1st Army)
- f. Photocopied Instruction; Instructions No. 1 (reference order number 41) 3rd Tank Brigade, Tasks, Copy No. 5 (August 1918)
- g. Photocopied Instruction; Instructions No. 2, (order no. 41) Signals, Copy No. 5 (August 1918)
- h. Photocopied Instruction; Instructions No. 3, Signal Communications (Order No. 41) 3rd Tank Brigade, Copy No. 5 (August 1918)
- i. Photocopied Instruction; Instructions No. 4, Aeroplane Co-operation (Order No. 41) Copy No. 5 (August 1918)
- j. Photocopied Orders; 4th Tank Brigade Order No. 25, September 24th 1918
- k. Photocopied Orders; 4th Tank Brigade Order No.26, September 25, 1918 Copy No. 16
- l. Photocopied Instruction; 4th Tank Brigade Instruction No. 2, September 25, 1918, SUBJ: Signal Communications, Copy No 13
- m. Photocopied Instruction; 4th Tank Brigade Instruction No. 4, September 25th 1918, SUBJ: Communication between Tanks and Infantry, Copy No. 9
- n. Photocopied Instruction; 4th Tank Brigade Instruction No. 5, September 25th 1918, SUBJ: Aeroplanes, Copy No. 12
- o. Photocopied Instruction; 4th Tank Brigade Instruction No. 7, September 27th 1918, SUBJ: General, Copy No. 13
- p. Photocopied Instruction; Instruction for Operation Section 5, Order No. 1, Australian Corps, 25 September 1918, SUBJ: Tanks, Copy no. 4
- q. Photocopied Orders; 3rd Tank Brigade Order No. 41, September 26th 1918, Copy No. 5

15 Miscellaneous Papers and maps

- a. Map; Topographical Map of Proposed Tank Field Seven kilometers south of Langres France, G2-C, A.E.F., March 1918
- b. Typewritten Course notes on flimsy paper; Course in Tactics and Techniques of Separate Arms, Map Problem No. 10, Tanks, Joseph Viner, Tank Corps, Army School of the Line, 1919-1920 with map

16 Miscellaneous Papers

- a. Typewritten Copy; Translation – Report of GHQ French Armies of the East, April 28, 1919, SUBJ: Study of Tanks
- b. Pamphlet; The German Tank “Elfriede”, (S.S. 714), Army Printing and Stationary Services, British Army, 1918
- c. LOOSE PAPERS requiring filing in other folders

- 17 Booklet; untitled, Schematics and Photographs of Tanks, 1918
- 18 Galley Proof; Tanks of the Great War, Colonel J.F.C. Fuller, 1919, Publisher- John Murray, London, with pencil notes on face signed by BG Rockenbach and corrections inside by COL J. W. Fuller. Bound with string. Hand colored map, with notations, for LeCatelet-Bony Offensive found folded inside the manuscript.
- 19 Briefing cards used by COL Viner, date unknown. SUBJ: Tank Tactics
- 20 Typewritten Transcript of an article; Ludendorff's Own Story, An Apology for Failure, ca1920
- 21 Map; Langres (North) G-2-C, 1:20000, 29th Engineers, 1918
- 22 Schematic Drawings
 - a. French or American Light Tank with descriptive notes ca1918
 - b. Mk VIII Heavy Anglo-American Tank, 29th Engineers, 1919 with descriptive notes
- 23 Printed Report; Suggestions for the Use of Tanks in Connection with I. Positive System of Coast Defense II. Problem of November 10, 1919, General Staff College, CPT W. H. Clapton Jr. Cavalry, Copy #125 of 160.
- 24 Typewritten transcript of article; The Commencement of the War, Conduct of Operations up to the Battle of the Marne, Marshal Joffre, Nov 1919 "Les Archives de la Grande Guerre", translated by COL Conrad H. Lanza, FA

Box 3

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- 1 Personal Experiences of Tank Corps Officers, WW I
 - a. 2LT Donald M. Call, TC, APO 714, 11 DEC 1918
 - b. CPT Franklin V. Tenkonchy, TC Tactical Officer, 305th Brigade, 14 DEC 1918
 - c. 1LT F. S. Dunn, TC, HQ Co. 329th Battalion, 8 DEC 1918
 - d. 2LT Harold H. Neff, TC, B Co. 330th Battalion, 9 DEC 1918
- 2 Personal Experiences of Tank Corps Officers, WW I
 - a. 1LT Harry G. Borland, TC, 344th Battalion, circa DEC 1918
 - b. MAJ Sereno E. Brett., TC, Commanding, 1st Tank Brigade, 14 DEC 1918
 - c. CPT Reynell, TC, Recon Officer, 301st Battalion, 13 DEC 1918
 - d. 2LT D. M. Taylor, TC, HQ, 326th Battalion, circa DEC 1918

- 3 Personal Experiences of Tank Corps Officers, WW I
 - a. 2LT Bruce F. Bundy, TC, 328th Battalion, circa DEC 1918
 - b. 1LT Harry E. Gibbs, TC, 328th Battalion, 12 DEC 1918
 - c. 1LT Raymond P. Pennoyer, TC, HQ, 344th Battalion, 11 DEC 1918
 - d. 2LT George B. Hailner, TC, HQ, 326th Battalion, 14 DEC 1918

- 4 Personal Experiences of Tank Corps Officers, WW I
 - a. 1LT Theodore J. Sledge, TC, 326th Battalion, 12 DEC 1918
 - b. 1LT Don C. Wilson, TC, Salvage Officer, 302nd Center, 13 DEC 1918
 - c. COL George S. Patton Jr., Commanding, 1st Brigade, 16 DEC 1918
 - d. CPT Wallace E. Meyers, TC, A Co., 329th Battalion, 16 DEC 1918

- 5 Personal Experiences of Tank Corps Officers, WW I
 - a. LT Harry M. Mayne, TC, A Co., 330th Battalion, 9 DEC 1918
 - b. CPT Andrew P. Rollins, TC, Acting Commander, 302nd Battalion, c1918
 - c. LT Ralph G. Emerson, TC, A Co., 326th Battalion, 11 DEC 1918
 - d. CPT W. S. Etheridge, TC, HQ, 302nd Center, 15 DEC 1918

- 6 Personal Experiences of Tank Corps Officers, WW I
 - a. 2LT Lester W. Atwood, TC, A Co., 345th Battalion, 9 DEC 1918
 - b. CPT Newell P. Weed, TC, A Co., 344th Battalion 11 DEC 1918
 - c. 1LT Henry C. Jennings, TC, B Co., 344th Battalion, 10 DEC 1918
 - d. CPT Ernest A. Higgins, TC, C Co., 344th Battalion, 12 DEC 1918

- 7 Operations Report; The St. Mihiel Salient, September 12-15, 1918

- 8 Operations Report; 2nd Tank Brigade, A.E.F., September 27 – 1 October 1918, LTC J. E. Viner, TC

- 9 Book; My Experiences with the A.E.F., 1914-1918, Herbert F. Held, c1920

- 10 Correspondence between BG S. D. Rockenbach and LTC J. W. Viner (2 letters)

- 11 Articles from Stars and Stripes, September – October 1918

- 12 Miscellaneous Materials
 - a. Booklet; T.C., 1st Tank Brigade, 1918
 - b. Booklet; History of the 302nd Battalion, 1LT C. C. Courtney, TC

- 13 Typewritten Report; Operations Report of the 1st Brigade, Tank Corps, September 26 – October 15, 1918, MAJ Sereno Brett, circa 1919