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**WEEMS, GEORGE HATTON (1891-1957)**  
**PAPERS, 1912-1957**  
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## **INTRODUCTION**

The papers in this collection are an addition to the George Hatton Weems Papers, 1915-1965. The original collection was donated to the State Library and Archives, and processed in 1968. For these materials see the George Hatton Weems Papers, 1915-1965, accession numbers 1968.293 and 1968.395.

The materials in this addition consist of approximately 1,000 items and 4 volumes. There are no restrictions on the use of these materials and copies of these documents may be made for individual and scholarly purposes.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The George Hatton Weems Papers, 1912-1957, addition is comprised of correspondence, photographs, and printed materials related to Brigadier General George Hatton Weems, a native of Tennessee. Weems' military career spanned a period of about 35 years, during which he successfully completed a wide variety of assignments.

Perhaps the most interesting assignment which he completed was that of Chief United States Representative on the allied Control Commission for Hungary. In this capacity Weems was required to deal with British and soviet counterparts. The documentation and photographs lend great insight into the history of postwar Eastern Europe. Some mention is also made of the situation in Czechoslovakia and East Germany.

Another group of documents and photographs were generated during Weems' education at the United States Military Academy at West Point. These present a not often seen image of the Academy during the early 1900s.

## **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

### **Brigadier General George H. Weems**

Brigadier General George Hatton Weems, chief of the United States Representation on the Allied Control Commission for Hungary, Budapest, was born at Southside, Tennessee, on September 27, 1891. He attended Waverly High School (Tennessee), and Southwestern Presbyterian University in Clarksville, Tennessee.

General Weems was graduated from the United States Military Academy, West Point, in the first war class, April 20, 1917, just two weeks after the United States entered World War I. He sailed for France in September of that year as commander of a machine gun company in the Ninth Infantry of the Second Division.

Weems saw action at Verdun and Chateau Thierry sectors and was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross (D. S. C.) after the capture of Vaux. During the latter part of the war he served as an instructor at the officer Candidate School at Langres, France. He rejoined his regiment on December 13, 1918, and served with the Army of Occupation of Germany until July 19, 1919. In addition to the D. S. C. Weems was awarded the Silver Star, French Croix de guerre with Corps Citation, and the order of the Crown of Italy. Other decorations held by General Weems are the order of Honor and Merit from Haiti, the Order of merit from Brazil, and the Order of Condor of the Andes, Bolivia.

Back in the United States he served at Camp Travis, Texas, for a short time and then went to the Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia, as a student and instructor. He remained at the school for three years and in 1923 was assigned to Davidson College (North Carolina) as professor of Military Science and Tactics. General Weems remained there four years after which he attended and was graduated from the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

Weems was assigned to West Point as an instructor in tactics during 1928 and 1929. From there he went to Langley Field, Virginia, as an instructor in the Air Corps Tactical School. He was promoted to major in 1932 and was graduated from the Army War College in 1934.

From 1935-1939 he was Plans and Training Officer for the Second Division at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. He was appointed head of the United States Military Mission to Haiti in 1939 and was director of Haiti's Military Academy for two years. For his service he was awarded the Haitian Medal, Honneur et Merite, the highest medal of the Haitian Republic.

Returning to the United States in 1941, Weems was assigned to the command of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Infantry, Fourth Motorized Division, then at Camp Gordon, and attended the Infantry School as Assistant Commandant in March 1942. As Assistant Commandant at the Infantry School, General Weems was instrumental in training more than 60,000 young Second Lieutenants of Infantry, as well as thousands of officers and enlisted personnel.

During the winter of 1944-1945, General Weems was sent to the European theater on a special mission for the War Department. He was in the Philippines in 1945 on another special mission for the War Department and was in Manila on V-J Day. Upon his return from the Philippines he headed the Board of Officers at Camp Blanding, Florida, to

interview applicants for the regular allied Control commission for Hungary where he succeeded his good friend Major General William S. Key.

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