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SUMMARY

- Size.** 13 linear feet.
- Geographic locations.** Louisiana, Texas, Washington, D.C., Georgia, Maryland, Wisconsin, Kansas, Puerto Rico, England, Germany, France, Luxembourg, Turkey.
- Inclusive dates.** 1913-1993.
- Bulk dates.** 1918-1969.
- Summary.** Official correspondence, military orders, cartographic and printed materials, and photographs covering the military career of Francis Woolfley from 1913 to 1953. Correspondence, printed materials and photographs relating to his service as head of civil defense for Louisiana 1953-1958 and 1960-1964 are also present. Typescripts of Woolfley's autobiography and biographies of his ancestors are included in the collection.
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- Stack designation.** Range 115, 82, 99, 104.

BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

Francis Augustus Woolfley was born in New Orleans, Louisiana, on April 30, 1893. In 1901, the family moved to Lake Charles, Louisiana. Woolfley enlisted in Company "K", 1st Louisiana Infantry, serving as an enlisted man and commissioned officer in the Louisiana National Guard until he entered in the regular army in 1917. His time in the National Guard included active Federal service during the Mexican border mobilization in 1916. In 1917, he was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U. S. Army. In the American Expeditionary Force in World War I, he was a captain and company commander of Company "M", 56th Infantry, 7th Division, serving in Alsace Lorraine and during the Meuse-Argonne offensive. For his actions in these campaigns, he was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action.

As a major, Woolfley was Commandant of Cadets and Professor of Military Science and Tactics at Louisiana State University from 1921 to 1925. Correspondence and photographs for these years are filed with the University Archives. He was assigned to National Guard duty with the Puerto Rican National Guard from 1926 to 1929. From 1929 to 1938, he was either a student or an instructor at various army-training commands. In 1938, Woolfley was assigned to the Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia. He received his star as Brigadier General in 1943 and became Assistant Division Commander, 76th Infantry Division, serving at various posts in the U.S. and in England, France, Belgium, Luxembourg and Germany. For his actions in the Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central European campaigns during World War II, General Woolfley was awarded the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, an Oak Leaf Cluster for the Silver Star and the Air Medal. The French, Belgian, Luxembourg, and Russian Governments also decorated him. In 1949, Woolfley was appointed to the Joint Military Mission for Aid to Turkey and accompanied Turkish troops to Korea in 1952. He retired from active duty on April 30, 1953 at the age of 60.

Governor Robert Kennon appointed Woolfley Director of Civil Defense for Louisiana in 1953. He served until 1958 and was reappointed by Governor Jimmie Davis in 1960. He was also named Assistant State Adjutant General. Woolfley served in these positions until 1964. General Woolfley was active in several military and civic organizations including the 76th Infantry Division Association, the American Legion, the Military Order of World Wars, the Civil War Round Table of New Orleans and the New Orleans Opera Club.

In 1920, General Woolfley married Rosalie Elizabeth Dufour, daughter of Judge and Mrs. Horace L. Dufour of New Orleans, Louisiana. He was the father of three children: Francis A., Jr., born 1921; Rosalie Elizabeth, born 1926; and H. L. Dufour, born 1932. General Woolfley died September 16, 1993 at the age of 100.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Military papers include general and special orders covering General Woolfley's army career from 1913 to 1953, including: lectures and training manuals, rosters and telephone directories, maps, photographs and printed materials. A significant portion of the military papers relate to the general's tour of duty with the 76th Infantry Division. Material covering his tenure as Commandant of Cadets at Louisiana State University is filed with the University Archives.

Printed materials, official and personal correspondence, photographs, and newspaper clippings document General Woolfley's service as Louisiana Director of Civil Defense and Assistant Adjutant General from 1953 to 1958 and again from 1960 to 1964. Also included in the collection are typescripts of the general's autobiography (6 volumes), two copies of an autobiography of W. C. Flanders, a biographical sketch of Francis Augustus Woolfley (Auguste Wolfle', the original Swiss spelling of the family name) and a privately printed genealogy of the Woolfley family.

LIST OF SERIES

Series I. Military Papers, 1913-1978, undated.

Series II. Personal Papers, 1925-1990, undated.

Series III. Civil Defense Papers, 1924-1964.

Series IV. Typescripts, 1935-1976, undated.

SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

Series I. Military Papers, 1913-1978, undated.

Series consists of orders, maps, correspondence, and photographs covering General Woolfley's military career from his enlistment in the Louisiana National Guard as a private in 1913 to his retirement as Brigadier General in 1953. Military orders and official correspondence relate to duty with the Louisiana National Guard, as company commander of a rifle squad in World War I; a tour of duty with the Puerto Rican National Guard as an infantry instructor; Battalion Commander, 10th U. S. Infantry, Ft. Thomas, Kentucky; instructor and Chief of the Tactical Section, Ft. Benning, Georgia, 1938-1942; Commander of the 377th Infantry Regiment, 95th Infantry Division at Camp Swift, Texas and as Assistant Division Commander of the 76th Infantry Division from 1943 to 1945. Included are orders and correspondence issued during his time as Commander of the 106th Infantry Division from the end of World War II in Europe until its return and deactivation in October 1946. Papers record his duty as Chief of the Infantry Section and Chief of Staff with the Joint Military Mission for Aid to Turkey from 1949 to 1952.

Lectures, maps, and photographs record training exercises as both a student and an instructor at the Army War College, Command and General Staff College, the Infantry School and as preparation for battle in both World Wars I and II. Of particular interest are photographs of the meeting between soldiers of the 76th Infantry and Russian troops in Germany at the end of World War II.

Series II. Personal Papers, 1925-1990, undated.

General Woolfley's personal papers record his relationships with officers and enlisted men during his forty years in the National Guard and United States Army. Also included are letters relating to the General's continued interest in conservative causes and to his membership in various military and civic organizations after his retirement. These organizations include the 76th Infantry Association, the General Society of the War of 1812, the Civil War Roundtable, Sons of the American Revolution, the New Orleans Opera Club, and the Military Order of the World Wars. Letters to Louisiana Senators and Representatives such as F. Edward Hebert, Russell Long, and Lindy Boggs document his continued interest in state and national issues.

Series III. Civil Defense Papers, 1924-1964.

Civil Defense papers of General Woolfley relate to his tenures as State Director of Civil Defense for Louisiana from 1953 to 1958 when he was appointed by Governor Robert Kennon and then again from 1960 to 1964 when appointed by Governor Jimmie Davis. Official correspondence between General Woolfley and Gen. Raymond Fleming, State Adjutant General; Gen. Robert Maraist, New Orleans Civil Defense Director; Col. Frank Speis, Deputy Director of State Civil Defense and other state and national Civil Defense agency heads document the concerns of the

states during the Cold War. Printed materials include pamphlets, preparation plans for nuclear war and numerous meeting and conference agenda. Of particular interest are plans and newspaper clippings for "Operation Chlorine," the raising of a chlorine-filled barge, which had sunk in the Mississippi River near Natchez, and photographs of "Operation Cue," an above ground test of a nuclear weapon the Nevada desert. Photographs from various meetings and conferences across the state are also included in the collection.

Series IV. Typescripts, 1935-1976, undated.

Included in the collection is the typescript of General Woolfley's autobiography in six volumes, which documents his life until 1975. Two different copies of the autobiography of W. C. Flanders, General Woolfley's great grandfather are also included as is a biographical sketch of Francis Augustus Woolfley I, the general's grandfather. This sketch dates the Anglicization of the Swiss name 'Wolfe' to Woolfley.

A bound monograph, privately printed and titled *The Genealogy of the Woolfley Family in America*, traces the general's family from the arrival of Stephen Woolfley in New Orleans in 1841 through the birth of General Woolfley's first great grandchild, Francis Augustus Woolfley V, in 1972. The Dufours, Mrs. Woolfley's family, are represented by an additional volume titled "Appendix VII."

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115	16	--	v 5, 6 of the general's autobiography, a bound copy of the genealogy of the Woolfley family and an appendix to the genealogy (Appendix VII) from the Dufour family, undated