



Henry L. Stimson Papers

Collection Summary

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Content Note

Eight autograph signed letters from Henry L. Stimson to "B. W." (Bronson Winthrop), a boyhood friend, constitute this collection. The letters date from November 17, 1911 to March 17, 1930. Most were written from the Western Front in France in 1918, where Stimson was a colonel of field artillery in the American Expeditionary Forces. In the letters Stimson describes training centers and camps, and the German offensive of March and April 1918.

Biography

Henry Stimson (1867-1950). Born in New York City on September 21, 1867; graduated from Yale University in 1888; attended Harvard University (A.M. 1889) and Harvard Law School 1889-1890; admitted to the bar in 1891 and practiced in New York City; married Mabel Wellington White in 1893; United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, 1906-1909; Secretary of War in President Taft's Cabinet, 1911-1913; Delegate at large to the New York State Constitutional Convention of 1915; served in the United States Army in France from

1917-1918, attaining the rank of colonel; practiced law in New York City; was a special representative of the President to Nicaragua in 1927; Governor General of the Philippine Islands, 1927-1929; Secretary of State in President Hoover's Cabinet from March 28, 1929, until March 4, 1933; As Secretary of State, was chairman of the American delegation to the London Naval Conference in 1930, and formulated the Stimson Doctrine with regard to Japanese activities in China; resumed the practice of law in New York City; Secretary of War in the Cabinets of Presidents Roosevelt and Truman 1940-1945; retired from public life; died at "Highhold", his estate in West Hills, Huntington Township, Long Island, October 20, 1950. (Source: U.S. Department of State)

Detailed Description: Box and Folder Listing

Box 1	FF 1	Contains one letter dated November 17, 1911, to "B. W." telling him that judgeships are opening up and that Stimson would be glad to recommend his friend to one.
Box 1	FF 2	Contains one letter dated January 29 (1918) to "B. W." from H. Q. IV Corps 3rd Army B. E. F. It describes the air war and the bombing behind the lines "on every night. . . . This is a new development of the war and a very disagreeable one."
Box 1	FF 3	Contains one letter dated April 19, 1918, from the Army General Staff College. It describes Stimson's life in the center and the routine he is forced to follow on a daily basis.
Box 1	FF 4	Contains one letter dated June 9, 1918, to "B. W." It describes Stimson's life on the front and in the Staff College.
Box 1	FF 5	Contains one letter dated June 22, 1918, and it describes Stimson's life at camp where he trained artillery batteries. He describes two accidents that took place: one was where target practice caused a forest fire and another one was where a gun blew up killing a gunner. He also reports "the one thing that needs special attention at home is gas. Are they doing anything about it? Its use is developing by leaps and bounds and the Prussian keeps ahead. . . . All his recent gains have been accomplished largely with its help."
Box 1	FF 6	Contains one letter dated July 20, 1918, to "B. W." Stimson describes his life on the front in the trenches.
Box 1	FF 7	Contains one letter dated October 3, 1918 to "B. W." Stimson describes the fact that he has been too busy to write and reports on a private matter that is not made clear in the letter.
Box 1	FF 8	Contains one letter dated March 17, 1930. Stimson tells his friend about the death of another comrade and of other personal information.

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