

# ***Army General Staff College Collection***

The Army General Staff College (AGSC) collection is an open, processed collection of bound volumes, file folders and maps of curriculum material used at the AGSC in Langres, France from 1917-1918. The collection is not a complete set of curriculum material for the 4 AGSC courses taught from November 1917-December 1918.

The material is organized by course. The material for the first course consists of scanned copies of lecture material from books housed at the Military History Institute at Carlisle Barracks, PA. It is found in 4 folders. The second course material appears to be complete and is found in 5 bound volumes. Third course material is not complete and consists of one bound volume of lectures. Material for the fourth course is also incomplete. This material belonged to 1Lt. Lansing B. Bailey of the 91st Infantry Division. It consists of lectures and maps and a yearbook. This material is found in one box and three map folders. A separate finder's guide for this material is available.

## **Organizational History**

When the American Expeditionary Force (AEF) arrived in France in 1917, AEF authorities decided to reorganize the Army's division and higher level staffs to be more in line with their French and British counterparts. The reorganization required an increase in the number of officers trained for staff work. The Army General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, had filled this function before the war. This school was closed in 1916 as the war approached.

In order to meet the need for trained staff officers, a short and intensive course in staff training was established. This course, known as the Army General Staff College (AGSC) was located at Carteret-Trecourt Barracks in Langres, France. Four courses of instruction were held at the school beginning in November 1917 and ending in December 1918. Each course consisted primarily of lectures and map problems.

In December 1918, the AGSC was dissolved. The Fort Leavenworth school for staff officers was reestablished in 1920.

## **Other AGSC Materials at CARL**

Other materials in the collection pertaining to the AGSC are found in the photo collection and the vertical file. The photo material is a collection of photos reproduced from National Archives holdings. It includes pictures of the school, staff and students. The vertical file contains articles giving some background information on the school.

## **Further Sources for AGSC material**

Researchers desiring further information should consult record group 120.3.5 at the National Archives in Washington, D.C.

## **Finders Guide**

### **4th Course Material (Lansing B. Bailey Collection)**

The AGSC 4th course material is incomplete. It consists of lectures and maps material used in the AGSC 4th course taught from October-December 1918. The material originally belonged to 1Lt. Lansing B Bailey of the 91st Infantry Division. The lecture material is found in one box, along with the original folders and a yearbook of the 4th course. The maps are located in drawers 4 & 5 of the old dark grey map case.

The material is organized according to a subject scheme found in a General Index published for the 4th Course. Some of the material used in the 4th course was used in previous courses as well and the documents reflect this previous use (i.e. material used in the 3rd course are marked "3rd course").

There are 15 subject divisions: Administration and Supply; Artillery; British Army; Cavalry; General Literature; German Army; Intelligence; Machine Guns; Map Problems; Maps; Operations; Practical Problems; Staff ride and Tanks.

The collection also includes some administrative material from the 4th course, and some material from the Army Service School, which ILT Bailey apparently attended prior to attending the Army General Staff Course. The administrative material includes the General Index of all lectures and map problems by subject. It also includes the complete daily schedule for the course.

A yearbook prepared for members of the 4th course is also included with this material although it is unclear if this item belonged to 1LT. Bailey.

### **Contents**

Folder 1 General Index

Folder 2 Course of Instruction

### **Administration and supply**

Folder 1 Administrative duties

Folder 2 Administrative duties in Army & Corps Staff

Folder 3 Ammunition supply

Folder 4 Animals (G.O. 65, Headquarters, A.E.F., Apr. 30, 1918)

Folder 5 Animals (Horse management)

Folder 6 Animals (Notes on horse management in the field)

Folder 7 Burial

Folder 8 Communications and transportation

Folder 9 Entraining data for division

Folder 10 Evacuation (Medical)

Folder 11 March Graphics

Folder 12 Message Centers

Folder 13 Moves by bus

Folder 14 Moves by rail

Folder 15 Road moves

Folder 16 Administrative section in offensive operations

Folder 17 Administrative section in defensive operations  
Folder 18 Orders  
Folder 19 Tables and definitions  
Folder 20 Road spaces (tables)  
Folder 21 Traffic control

### **Artillery**

Folder 1 Data on Artillery  
Folder 2 Artillery in the defensive  
Folder 3 Effects of, (Burst diagrams)  
Folder 4 Artillery fire (outline of subject)  
Folder 5 Artillery in the offensive  
Folder 6 Artillery supplements

### **British Army**

Folder 1 British intelligence  
Folder 2 Organization of British Corps and Division

### **Cavalry**

Folder 1 Cavalry

### **General Literature**

Folder 1 Orders (G.O. 79)  
Folder 2 Tables of Organization (Division Infantry)  
Folder 3 Organization of Army Corps and Division (French Army)  
Folder 4 Provisional Staff manual  
Folder 5 Note book for the general staff officer  
Folder 6 Staff organization (U.S. Army)  
Folder 7 Flash and sound ranging  
(NOTE: the following folders are not listed in the General Index, but were included with the course material, they are listed in this section for convenience)  
Folder 8 Accompanying fire of artillery  
Folder 9 Chart (organization)  
Folder 10 Comments on G- 1 work  
Folder 11 Map problems  
Folder 12 Stable routine-October 1918

### **German Army**

Folder 1 Enemy identifications  
Folder 2 German Army System

### **Intelligence**

Folder 1 Intelligence service  
Folder 2 General duties of officers of G-2 section of an army corps  
Folder 3 Intelligence service in an infantry division  
Folder 4 Notes regarding estimate of terrain and enemy  
Folder 5 Samples of special maps

## **Machine Guns**

Folder 1 Cooperation of various arms (machine guns)  
Folder 2 Artillery and machine guns in support of infantry  
Folder 3 Supplement to machine gun drill regulations.

## **Map Problems**

Folder 1 Map Reading Exercise  
Folder 2 Map Problem #1 - Move by road  
Folder 3 Map Problem #2 - Estimate of terrain and enemy  
Folder 4 Map Problem #3 - Move by bus and road  
Folder 5 Map Problem #4 - Infantry plan  
Folder 6 Map Problem #5 - Move by rail  
Folder 7 Map Problem #7 - Relief of a division in the line  
Folder 8 Map Problem #8 - Counter Battery Plan  
Folder 9 Map Problem #9 - Defense Scheme  
Folder 10 Map Problem #10 - Artillery and Machine Gun support for infantry  
Folder 11 Map, Problem #11 - Liaison plan  
Folder 12 Map Problem #12 - Intelligence problem  
Folder 13 Map Problem #13 - Communication, supply and evacuation  
Folder 14 Map Problem #14 - Raid  
Folder 15 Map Problem #15 - Area organization  
Folder 16 Map Problem #16 - Exploiting a success  
Folder 17 Map Problem #17 - Tactical withdrawal  
Folder 18 Map, Problem #18 - Counter attack  
Folder 19 Map Problem #19 - Advance to fill a gap  
Folder 20 Map Problem #20 - Attack in open warfare  
Folder 21 Map Problem #21 - Outpost and pursuit  
Folder 22 Map Problem #22 - Division in attack

## **Maps**

NOTE: Maps are filed in Map Drawer 120. The following maps are present:

Beauvais NE 1:50,000  
Beauvais SE 1:50,000  
Chambley 1:20,000  
Chateau Thierry 1:20,000  
Commercy 1:80,000  
Conde-en-Brie 1:20,000  
Environs of Langres 1:50,000  
Fismes 1:20,000  
Langres 1:20,000  
Laon NW 1:50,000  
Laon SW 1:50,000  
La Seille 1:20,000  
Meaux 1:80,000  
Metz 1:200,000  
Metz 1:80,000  
Montidier SE 1:50,000

Montmedy 1:80,000  
Nomeny 1:20,000  
Oulchy-le-Chateau 1:20,000  
Sainte Aulde 1:20,000  
Soissons 1:80,000  
Stenay 1:20,000  
Sud de la Somme 1:20,000  
Verdun NE 1:50,000  
Verdun SE 1:50,000

### **Operations**

Folder 1 Instructions on defense  
Folder 2 Plan of defense  
Folder 3 Making the counterattack  
Folder 4 Organization of liaison in command  
Folder 5 Notes on the pigeon service  
Folder 6 Signal Service

### **Practical Problems**

Folder 1 Roster of Officers for practical problems 1, 2 & 3  
Folder 2 Notes for practical problem no. 1  
Folder 3 Plan of liaison  
Folder 4 General situation problem no 2 & 3  
Folder 5 Plan of communication, supply and evacuation  
Folder 6 Notes on practical problems 1, 2 & 3

### **Staff Ride**

Folder I Assignments  
Folder 2 Part I, Chapter 1  
Folder 4 Part 1, Chapter 3  
Folder 5 Part I, Chapter 4  
Folder 6 Part II  
Folder 7 Part III  
Folder 8 Part IV  
Folder 9 Part V  
Folder 10 Notes on attack of 33'd division  
Folder 11 Victory of Verdun  
Folder 12 German attack in the Verdun sector in 1916

NOTE: The maps and tracings for the staff ride are in 2 folders in Map Drawer 120. The following maps and tracings are present:

### **Contents of folder #1**

Bar-le-Duc 1:80,000  
Brandeville 1:20,000  
Buzancy 1:20,000  
Chalons 1:200,000  
Connnercy 1:80,000

Dun-sur-Meuse 1:20,000 (2 maps)  
Etain A 1:20,000  
Foret d'Argonne 1:20,000  
Le Chesne 1:20,000  
Longwy 1:200,000  
Marville 1:20,000  
Metz 1:200,000  
Metz 1:80,000  
Metz 1:20,000  
Mezieres 1:200,000  
Mezieres 1:80,000  
Mezieres SE 1:50,000  
Mezieres 1:20,000  
Raucourt 1:20,000  
Verdun A 1:20,000  
Verdun B 1:20,000  
Vouzieres 1:20,000

### **Contents of folder #2**

5 charts  
4 tracings (hand drawn)

### **Tanks**

Folder 1 Cooperation of the various arms/tanks  
Folder 2 Light tanks in exploitation (lecture by COL George S. Patton Jr.)

### **Army School of the Line materials**

Folder 1 Close shooting in the field by artillery  
Folder 2 Lecture on trains  
Folder 3 Plan of liaison-3rd regiment  
Folder 4 Notes on the preparation of orders for an attack-trench warfare  
Folder 5 Terrain exercise 32.

### **Yearbook of the 4th Course**

NOTE: The original folders used by LT. Bailey to store his materials are in the back of the box. There are some notations on them. For example, one folder has the grades he got on the map problems.