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Biographical / Historical

Abram Franklin Kibler was born in Staunton, Virginia on July 10, 1891 to Green Markwood Kibler (1848-1922) and Almira Erena Fishburn (1851-1916). He graduated from VMI in 1912 and was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Army in 1917. His military career spanned 35 years and he rose to the rank of Major General before his retirement in 1952.

During World War II Kibler was a senior member on the staff of General Omar Bradley, serving as Assistant Chief of Staff for Operations, 12th Army Group, European Theater. In 1946 he was assigned to the Joint Chiefs of Staff as Deputy United States Army representative to the United Nations staff committee. In 1949 he was named Chief of the United States delegation to the Military Committee of the Five Powers (Brussels Pact). Kibler died at Walter Reed Army Hospital (Washington, D.C.) on January 24, 1955.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists primarily of documents and photographs dating from A. Franklin Kibler's World War II service with the 12th Army Group, European Theater, including: Memoranda to and from Kibler and other senior officers (1943-1945) Headquarters, 12th Army Group Commanding General's briefings (1944-1945) Reports, including "Reports of the General Board, United States Forces, European Theater" (G-3 Section) Photographs Organizational charts

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United States. Army—Officers—Biography
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Operation Overlord
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United States. -- Army. -- European Theater of Operations. -- Headquarters
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Generals—United States—Biography
Correspondence
Reports

Description of Subordinate Components

Memoranda

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Unit Date 1943-1945

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Scope and Contents

Memoranda concerning the operations of G3, European Theater. The bulk of this material is dated from 1944 to 1945.

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Other

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Commanding General's briefings

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Scope and Contents

Headquarters, 12th Army Group, Commanding General's briefing documents.

1944 November

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12th Army Group organizational charts and personnel

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Photographs, European theater staff

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Unit Date 1945

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Eisenhower, Dwight D. (Dwight David), 1890-1969

Gerow, Leonard Townsend, 1888-1972

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Order of battle, 12 Army Group

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Briefing by A. Franklin Kibler

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Information bearing on the campaign in Europe

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12th Army Group reports

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G-3 Section, Headquarters 12th Army Group

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Final after action report prepared by Colonel Harrison H. D. Heiberg.

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Summary of Operations of 12th Army Group in the Defeat of Germany

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Report on the Organization of the Army Headquarters and Headquarters Company

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Organization, Functions, and Operations of G-3 sections in Theater Headquarters, Army Groups, Armies, Corps, and Divisions

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