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Application - Douglas Mac Arthur.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE
180 BROADWAY, NEW YORK.

575 Marshall Street,

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APR 19 1909

Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

April 17, 1909.

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uation, because of the routine character of his duties; but he has developed studiously along the lines of military necessity. He cannot, therefore, be regarded as an expert in any particular subject, but his splendid mathematical and technical training, together with exceptional stability of habits and flexibility of mind, fit him for any work, especially of an administrative character, in which scientific methods and reliability are essential elements; and in which loyalty and sustained effort would afford a reasonable prospect of future advancement.

Frankly, I would like to see my son filling a place promising more of a future than the Army does. I do not know that I could persuade him to surrender his military career; but I do feel that I owe it to maternal solicitude, to make every possible effort in behalf of what I conceive to be his future welfare.

To this end, therefore, and without reference to my son in the first instance, I take the liberty of consulting you, in the hope that in connection with some of your vast enterprises you may at this time need just such a young man; and that in your pre-eminent wisdom in such matters you may be willing to make a practical suggestion that will justify me in laying the matter before him.

If this note comes to your personal attention, I would appreciate an answer very much, and in the meantime, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Arthur Mac Arthur.

REPLY MADE 4/28





January 12, 1953



Dear General:

We have a very interesting file in our office which originated with a letter from your mother dated April 17, 1909, addressed to Mr. E. H. Harriman, then President of the Southern Pacific Company, in which she spoke of a possible future for you outside of the Army. Your mother apparently thought that future possibilities in the Service were then not too bright. She spoke of you as being 29 years of age, and a Lieutenant of Engineers. The file shows that shortly thereafter some of our officers talked to you about the possibility of entering the railroad field.

If you should be interested in seeing the papers, I shall be glad to bring them to your office at your convenience the first time I am in New York.

Sincerely yours,

Original Signed
D. J. RUSSELL

General Douglas MacArthur,
Waldorf-Astoria Hotel,
50th Street and Park Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

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File No. 089-McA.
Part 1
From April 17, 1909,
To

CLASSIFICATION: ~~RELATIONS WITH INDIVIDUALS~~
~~APPOINTMENT FOR EMPLOYMENT AS OFFICERS.~~

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SUBJECT: DOUGLAS MacARTHUR.

(Formerly Old File No. 350)



RELATED FILES:

[This dossier was originally part of the archives of the Southern Pacific [Railroad] Company. On Nov. 14, 1953, the then president of this Company, D. J. Russell, while visiting Gen. D. MacArthur in NYC, gave the dossier to MacArthur to keep. (See Russell's letter to Philip P. Brower, Director, Bureau of Archives, MacArthur Memorial, Dec. 3, 1965, attached to Brower's letter to Russell of Dec. 7, 1965, filed in the correspondence files of the Bureau of Archives)]

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November 12, 1930.

Mr. Thomas Price,
Secretary, Union Pacific System,
39 Broadway, New York City.



Dear Mr. Price:

In connection with our conversation over the telephone today, I hand you herewith copy in duplicate of our office file with respect to letter request of Mrs. Arthur MacArthur, dated April 17, 1909, upon Mr. E. H. Harriman, then President of the Union and Southern Pacific Systems, that a place in the railroad organization be found for her son, Douglas MacArthur, graduated from West Point in June, 1903, and in 1909 a First Lieutenant of Engineers, U. S. Army; now a General in the Army:

The copy file enclosed terminates with letter from Charles H. Bates, May 13, 1909. I understand from our conversation that your files, or those of President Gray, contain copy of letter from D. C. Buell of Union Pacific traffic organization, dated July 27, 1909, to W. L. Park, then General Superintendent; also copy of Mr. A. L. Mohler's letter July 27, 1909, to Mr. J. Kruttschnitt, transmitting the original Buell report.

Confirming what I said to you over the telephone, Mr. E. H. Harriman and his family made a trip to the Orient in 1905 and I was designated to accompany him as a sort of Railroad Secretary. When stopping at the Grand Hotel in Yokohama the Harriman family met Mrs. MacArthur, whose husband, General MacArthur, was then stationed in the Philippines. Mrs. MacArthur was spending a vacation in Japan to get the benefit of its cooler summer climate. The ladies of the Harriman family seemed to find Mrs. MacArthur congenial and had her included in a number of luncheons and dinners which were given them both at Yokohama and later at Tokio, where

Mr. Thomas Price,

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November 12, 1930.

Mr. Harriman and immediate family were the guests of Ambassador Griscom at the Legation. I recall that after receipt of Mr. Mohler's letter of July 27, 1909, Mr. Kruttschnitt (in the absence of Mr. Harriman, then in Europe) after consulting with Judge Lovett concluded that the proper course was to drop the subject of employment for Lieutenant MacArthur.

Yours very truly,

Very truly yours,
HUGH NEILL



(Suppl. letter 11/3/30)

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REPLY MADE 12/1

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UNION PACIFIC SYSTEM

UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY
OREGON SHORT LINE RAILROAD COMPANY
OREGON-WASHINGTON RAILROAD & NAVIGATION COMPANY
LOS ANGELES & SALT LAKE RAILROAD COMPANY

39 BROADWAY, NEW YORK

THOMAS PRICE
SECRETARY
E. M. KINDLER
ASSISTANT SECRETARY

DEC 1 1930

Noted By
Title Holder

[Handwritten mark]

December 1, 1930.

Confidential



Mr. Hugh Neill, Vice President,
Southern Pacific Company,
165 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Neill:-

Referring to your letter of November 12, 1930, and subsequent communications between us concerning the file relating to Mrs. Arthur MacArthur's request upon Mr. Harriman in 1909 with reference to her son: I hand you herewith copy of Mr. Gray's letter to me of November 21st, in which you will note that he requests that I express his thanks to you for your kind assistance in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

+ Encl. filed next attached.

Thomas Price

Secretary.

Mr. Halam

You may wish to read ^{copy} letter next attached from President Gray of UP who I understand is a close personal friend of Gen. Douglas MacArthur

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Take to San Francisco to be given to Mr. Russell.

NEWSPAPER CLIPPING

Paper HERALD-TRIBUNE.

City NEW YORK, N. Y.

Date NOV. 30, 1930.



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New Chief of Staff Takes Office
 General Douglas MacArthur at his desk in Washington after he had been sworn in as Chief of Staff of the U. S. Army, succeeding General Charles P. Summerall, retired. *Herald Tribune—Acme.*



NEWSPAPER CLIPPING

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Herald Tribune

City

New York

Date

Nov. 22, 1930

Gen. MacArthur Takes U. S. Oath As Chief of Staff

New Leader Praised by Hurley as High Army Officers Witness Capital Ceremony

Pays Call on Mr. Hoover

Successor to Summerall Is Wearer of Many Medals

By The United Press

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21. — Douglas MacArthur, the nation's youngest major general, was proclaimed chief of staff of the United States Army today and automatically took the rank of full general.

General MacArthur took the oath in the presence of Patrick J. Hurley, Secretary of War, and high military chiefs. The ceremonies were held in the flag-draped office of the Secretary, where the strategy of America's battles has been planned since Civil War days.

"I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office upon which I am about to enter," General MacArthur recited in repeating the oath administered by Major Edward A. Kreger, Adjutant General of the Army.

Mr. Hurley stepped forward and clasped the hand of the new chief, who succeeded General Charles P. Summerall. General Summerall bade farewell to the Army late yesterday.

"You are succeeding a brilliant soldier," Mr. Hurley said, "but your own brilliant record in the Army gives adequate assurance that you will uphold its high traditions."

Soon after the installation ceremony,

MacArthur, wearing the four stars of a full general, called at the White House to pay his respects to the Army's commander in chief, President Hoover.

Douglas MacArthur is fifty years old. He is dashing, debonair. They call him "The D'Artagnan of the Army." He is the son of a high-ranking general.

In World War days, soldiers relate, General MacArthur used to wander through the trenches, even go into no man's land, armed only with a riding quirt. Once he advanced between two American forces, both of which, at night, mistook the other for the enemy. At the risk of his life he prevented a battle.

At West Point he was known as an outstanding athlete, particularly as a baseball player. In later life he has been an ardent sports follower.

France and Belgium have added their decorations of honor to the Distinguished Service Cross and Distinguished Service Medal General MacArthur received from his own country. The seven silver star citations for bravery which adorn his dress tunic are said to outnumber those of any other officer.

Son of Lieutenant General

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Nov. 21 (P). — General Douglas MacArthur, who took office today as Army chief of staff, was born here on January 26, 1880. His father, Lieutenant General Arthur MacArthur, was commander of the old military post here at that time.



NEWSPAPER CLIPPING

Paper Herald Tribune City New York Date Nov. 21, 1930

The Chief of Staff

The office which General Douglas MacArthur will assume today is one that might well appall the ablest executive minds which the country has produced. The chief of staff of the United States Army is the supreme military head of the land defense system; under the Secretary of War he is the technical expert chiefly responsible for the safety of the nation. His office naturally involves a great deal of routine work and can be discharged without discredit in a routine way. But if he looks beyond routine he finds himself confronting broad questions of policy—questions which expand with the officer's capacity to grasp them, and for which at best only imperfect solutions can ever be found.

He is the director of an organization whose function it is to insure victory in war. The trouble is that he does not know what kind of war, when it will come or against whom it will be fought; his organization must be maintained at a high state of efficiency, but it can never be tested by experience; while he has no control at all over the sums with which the organization is maintained. Congress says in effect you must give us an army competent to fight any wars in which we may involve the nation, and for this purpose we will allow you so much money and not a cent more. This assignment is inherently an impossible one. For the amount we now spend on our army a machine could be devised which would fight a very satisfactory war with a small or backward power; but General MacArthur must also plan his machine to fight a war like that of 1914-'18, which presents an altogether different technical problem.

Here is a task which can be handled only in a series of bad compromises. It is complicated by such things as the rapid changes in military technique always going on; it is complicated perhaps more seriously by the immediate political needs and requirements of Congressmen, by economic conditions, by the shifts and shallows of a public opinion which will never think through its policies or conduct its business on a long scale.

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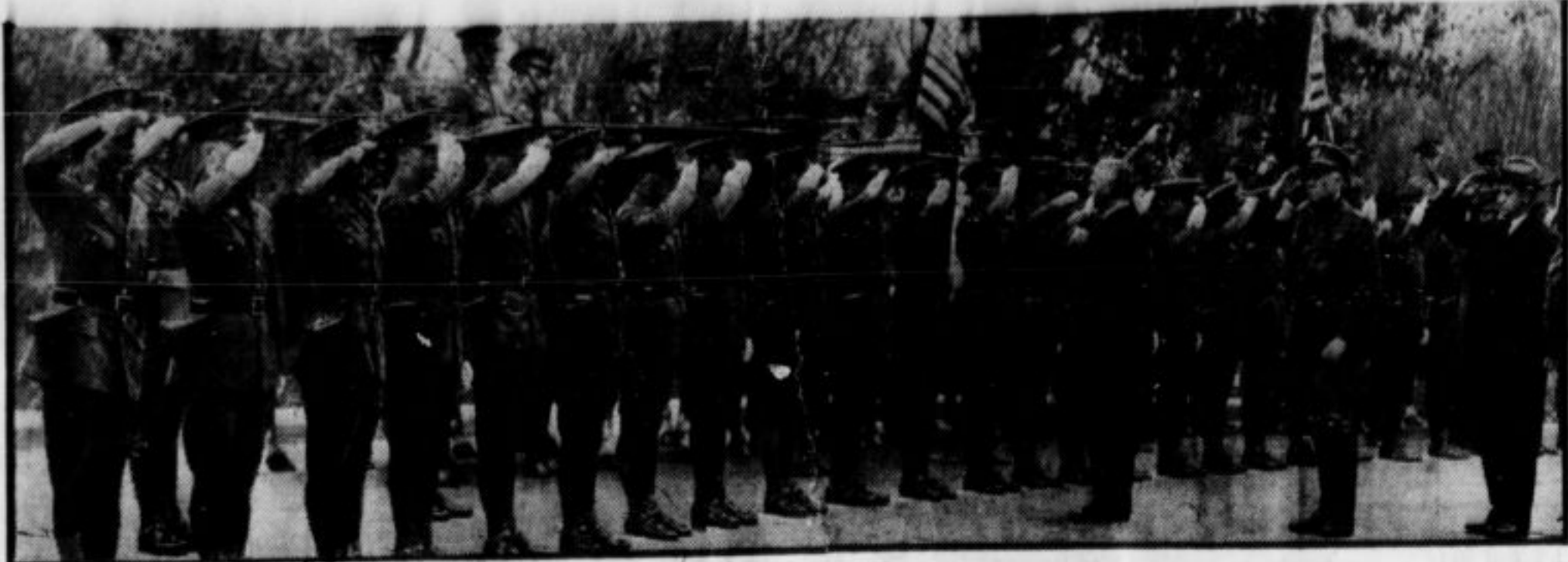


*Ys file re.
Douglas MacArthur*

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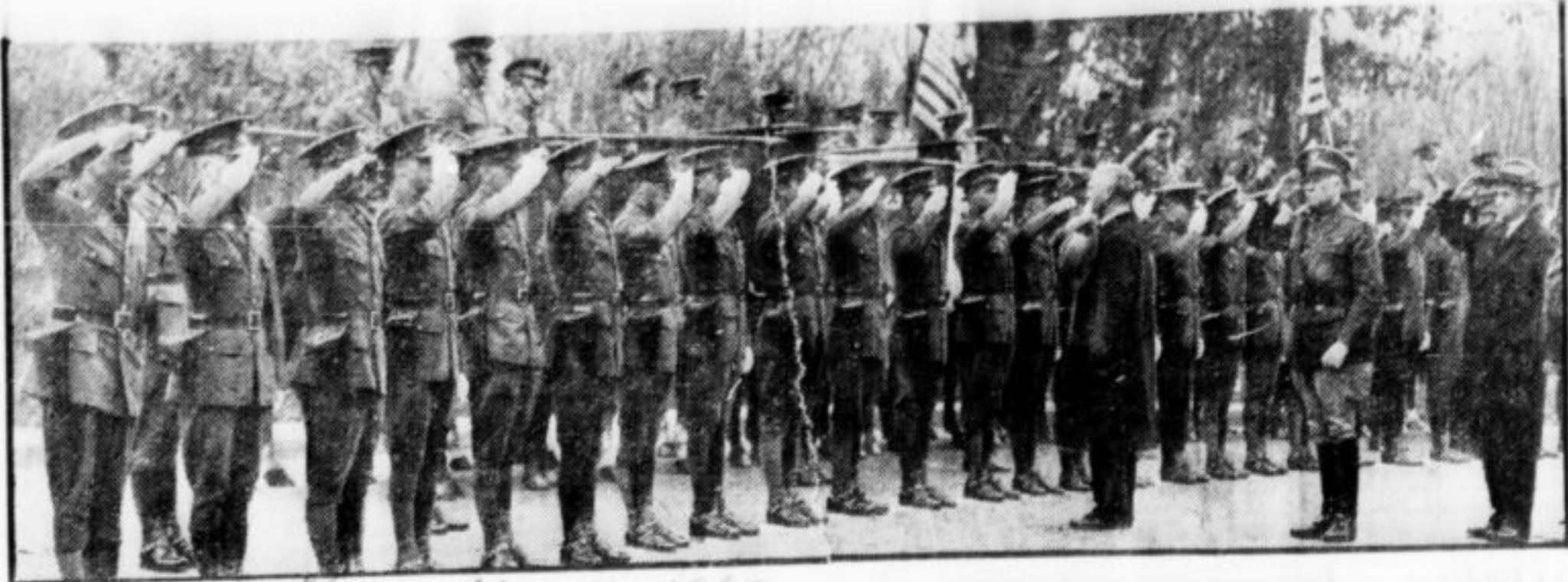


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Paper N. Y. Herald-Tribune City New York Date Nov. 21, 1950.

Farewell Salute To Summerall Fired by His Son

From President to Clerk, Washington Pays Tribute to Army Chief of Staff He Retires After 42 Years Douglas MacArthur Succeeds to the Rank of General

From the Herald Tribune Bureau
WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—General Charles P. Summerall, in civilian clothes, took his last salute today as head of the Army. The general closed his forty-two years of military life by shaking hands with his fellow officers, receiving a word of appreciation from President Hoover and, with absence of ceremony, boarding a train to his home at Eustis, Fla. General Summerall's term as chief of staff expired today. He leaves Washington on a leave pending formal retirement when he reaches the age limit of sixty-four on March 4.

Major General Douglas MacArthur, until recently in command of the Philippine Department, will take over the office of chief of staff tomorrow and achieve the coveted rank of general.

Son Fires Farewell Salute

An erect and vigorous figure, General Summerall stood at attention near the flagstaff at the Fort Myer reservation this morning and received a general's salute of seventeen guns. The firing was directed by his own son, Lieutenant Charles P. Summerall jr., who is stationed at the cavalry post.

All the personnel of the camp was drawn up in front of the general's residence in an unexpected greeting as he emerged after breakfast. He made troop inspection, took the battery salute and entered his automobile. At that point "Old Per Schedule," as the general is nicknamed because he likes to get things done promptly, forsook the formalities of Army discipline. He got out of his car again and, smiling, shook hands with all about him.

At the War Department Building and the White House the general

BABA LATHA AVER
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Solution of Yesterday's Puzzle

at words and definitions in her puzzle.

Mc, New York City

Oliver M. Robinson

Word Puzzle Champion,
Minutes Thirty Seconds

Word Puzzle

His Last Official Review as Head of the Army



Herald Tribune photo—Acme
Charles P. Summerall, retiring chief of staff, shown as he inspected troops at Fort Myer, Virginia, just before retiring from service



Herald Tribune photo—Acme
Lieutenant Charles P. Summerall jr., who directed the firing of the farewell salute



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NEW YORK, November 13, 1930.

Mr. Thomas Price,
Secretary, Union Pacific System,
39 Broadway, New York City.

A. D. McD.
NOV. 13 1930
NEW YORK

In connection with our conversation over the telephone today, and supplementing my letter to you of November 12, 1930, I hand to you herewith, in duplicate, copy of letter dated Omaha, Nebraska, July 27, 1909, addressed to Mr. W. L. Park, General Superintendent, Union Pacific Railroad Company, signed D. C. Buell, which letter was written as a result of Mr. Buell's call upon Lieutenant Douglas MacArthur, U.S.A., at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

HUGH NEILL.

MACARTHUR
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Mr. Neill:

Original memo. with copy letter,
sent over to Mr. Price by messenger at
3:20 PM today.

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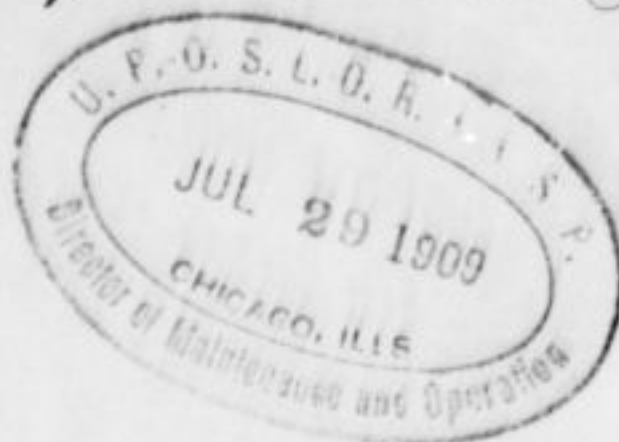
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STANDARD
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Union Pacific Railroad Company.

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A. L. Mohler,
Vice President and General Manager
Omaha, Neb.



July 27, 1909.

Mr. J. Kruttschnitt,
Director of Maintenance and Operation,
Chicago, Ill.

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Dear Sir:

Relative to the matter of furnishing young McArthur employment to which you called our attention while in Omaha.

We sent our Mr. Buell to see Lieut. McArthur, who makes the following report. He evidently does not wish to engage in the railroad business; feels that he is too old to take up a new line.

Yours very truly,

Enc.

A large, cursive handwritten signature, likely of A. L. Mohler, written in dark ink.

CHARLES H. BATES
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW
WESTORY BLDG., 14TH AND F STS. N. W.
WASHINGTON, D. C.
TELEPHONES: OFFICE, MAIN 877
RESIDENCE, NORTH 338.

Lieut. Douglas MacArthur, U.S.A.

May 4, 1909.

CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. J. Kruttchnitt,
Director of M. & O., U.P. System-S.P.Co.,
Chicago, Ill.

J. H.
MAY 4 1909

J. H.
MAY 6 1909

Dear Sir:

I received your letter of May 1st asking that I inform you relative to Lieutenant Douglas MacArthur, U.S.A.:

From data in my office I find that Lieutenant MacArthur was born in Arkansas, January 26, 1880, and was appointed to the Military Academy from Wisconsin. His various commissions and dates of same have been as follows:

Cadet Military Academy June 13, 1899
Second-Lieut. Engineers, June 11, 1903
First-Lieutenant April 23, 1904.



He was graduated from the Engineer School 1908. Some of his places of duty I find to have been as follows:

At Manila - - - - - September, 1904
ADC to Lieut.-Gen. MacArthur, San Francisco, Jan. 1906
Washington Barracks, D.C., April, 1907.

The above information is complete except as to various places of duty. If you wish this information more fully I will arrange to obtain it for you without attracting attention, but to do this I might have to bide my time.

Yours truly,

Charles H. Bates
Supp. letter 5/5

CHARLES H. BATES
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW
WESTORY BLDG., 14TH AND F STS. N. W.
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Lieut. Douglas MacArthur, U.S.A.

CONFIDENTIAL

May 5, 1909.

Mr. J. Kruttschnitt,
Director of M. & O., U.P.R.R. Co.,
Chicago, Ill.



Dear Sir:

Supplementing my letter to you of yesterday I would state that I find (what I believed to be true before) that Lieut. MacArthur is son of Lieut.-General MacArthur, U.S.A., and that his places of duty since graduating from the Military Academy have been as follows:

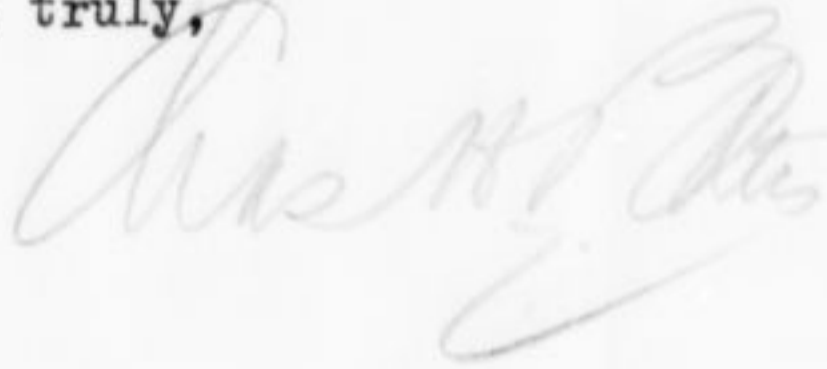
In the Philippines; at the Presidio, San Francisco as Aide-de-Camp to his father; at Washington Barracks and while there detailed as Military Aide to President Roosevelt; at Milwaukee, Wis. under Major Judson; and that his present duty is at Fort Leavenworth.

This Officer's record at the War Department for efficiency and conduct is most excellent. I understand there has been only one question as to his ^{service} conduct at any time and that was due to a disinclination on his part to accept a detail of service which he considered not to accord fully with his dignity after being Military Aide to the President. This, however, has not impaired his standing whatever with the War Department, but ^{only} brought about an insistence on his performing the duty assigned him, and since then the experience is believed to have proven greatly for his

good.

Of course the foregoing has been obtained, and is given you, entirely in confidence and no one's name has been mentioned by me in connection with the purpose for which I wished the data.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "W. H. P. Jones".

CHARLES H. BATES
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW
WESTORY BLDG., 14TH AND F STS. N. W.
WASHINGTON, D. C.
TELEPHONES: OFFICE, MAIN 677
RESIDENCE, NORTH 388.

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Leino, Mac Art
May 13, 1909.

Mr. J. Kruttschnitt,
Director of Maintenance & Operation,
Union Pacific System-Southern Pacific Company,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of May 6th crossed in the mail my letter of May 5th which gave you more details in this matter. I might add, however, that I understand this young officer's habits, build, etc., are excellent so far as I have been able to learn, and I think that if they were otherwise the knowledge of it would have come to me.

Yours truly,

Charles H. Bates

J. H. G. L.

* Not on file on 11/12/30



May 1, 1909.

CONFIDENTIAL.



Mr. C. H. Bates,

Attorney, Westory Building, Washington, D.C..

Dear Sir: Will you not oblige me by ascertaining in a quiet way so that it will attract no attention, where Lieut. Douglas McArthur, 1st Lieutenant of Engineers, U.S. Army, who graduated from West Point in June, 1903, is now stationed, and what his previous stations and assignments have been.

If you cannot get the information without covering up for whom it is intended, I should prefer that you do not make the inquiries.

Yours truly,

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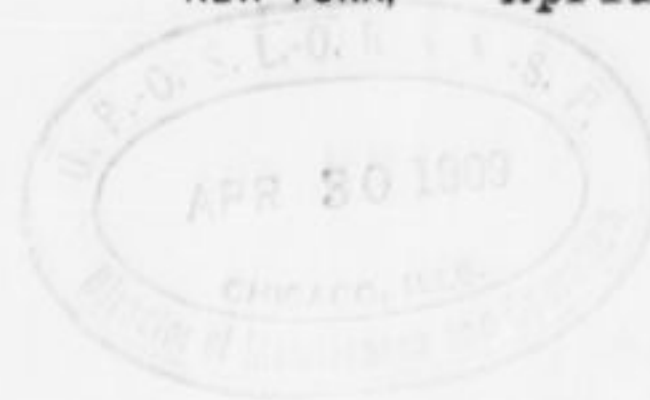
Subject: Application: Mrs. Arthur MacArthur for her son, Douglas.
UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY.

ALEX. MILLAR, SECRETARY.
JOS. HELLEN, ASSISTANT SECRETARY.

EXECUTIVE OFFICES,
120 BROADWAY.

*In your reply please
refer to.....*

NEW YORK, April 28th, 1909.



J. K.
APR 30 1909

J. Kruttschnitt, Esq.,
Director of Maintenance and Operation,
135 Adams Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

By direction of Mr. Harriman, I enclose herewith letter from Mrs. Arthur MacArthur, (wife of General MacArthur, I believe), regarding her son, Douglas MacArthur, a First Lieutenant of Engineers in the United States Army. Mr. Harriman would like you to look up his record and habits, and see if it would be possible to work a man with such an education into our organization. I enclose a copy of the reply I have sent to Mrs. MacArthur.



I would be glad to do anything I could to assist in this matter, but we really have no affiliations with army men here and should not know which way to turn to find out about Lieutenant MacArthur.

Yours very truly,

Alex. Millar
Secretary.

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Encl. filed next attached.

Application: Mrs. Arthur Mac Arthur for her son, Douglas.

UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY

April 28th, 1909.

Mrs. Arthur MacArthur,
575 Marshall Street,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.



Dear Madam:

Mr. Harriman directs me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th instant, regarding your son, Mr. Douglas MacArthur, and he is making inquiry through our Western officers to see if there is any position which could be offered him. I may say, however, that unless a man of his years has had some preliminary training in railroad work, it would be very difficult for him to make a connection which would be at all satisfactory in view of his previous training and station in life.

Yours very truly,

(SIGNED) Alex. Millar.

Secretary.

MD-

UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY

OFFICE OF

IN REPLY PLEASE REFER TO

Omaha, Neb., July 27, 1909.^{No.}

PERSONAL.

Mr. W. L. Park,
General Superintendent,
Omaha, Nebraska.



Dear Sir:

Beg leave to make the following report of my trip to interview Lieut. Douglas McArthur, stationed at Leavenworth, Kansas:

Lieut. McArthur knew nothing whatever of any plans to get him into railroad service. Was much surprised and a little annoyed to think that we had been put to the trouble of coming down there. He feels that in view of the fact that his training and experience have all been along army lines, it would be poor policy for him to attempt to branch off into some other service where he would of necessity have to start in almost at the bottom and work up again.

His mother and father are personally acquainted with Mr. Harriman. He has met Mr. Harriman, himself, but just casually. He knows nothing about Mr. Kruttschnitt and does not think that his people know Mr. Kruttschnitt personally. It is evidently a case where the mother wants to get **her** son out of the army, and not where the son is figuring on getting out himself, and you can say that Lieut. McArthur, according to his own statement, is not desirous of making a change to any position that he feels we would be justified in offering him.

Lieut. McArthur is apparently 32 or 33 years old, tall, slim, good bearing, very much of a gentleman, well liked by his men and fellow-officers, graduate of West Point, makes a specialty of explosives. His Company hold World's record for construction of pontoon bridges. He is teaching his specialty of explosives in the Government Military School

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for Officers at Fort Leavenworth. Is evidently a good executive and
so far as I could judge, a man of good habits.

Yours very truly,

D. C. Bull.

DCB-s



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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

MILITARY ORDER

of the

WORLD WAR

52 Vanderbilt Avenue
New York

October 18, 1926.

Mr. William Gillanders,
Y. M. C. A.,
Carleton, California.

My dear Sir:

The Military Order of the World War, composed of officers of that great War, is impressed with the value of the Young Men's Christian Association to the country. It knows of no other organization which in its activities comes into so intimate contact with so many young men in the formation period of their characters.

The members of the Military Order of the World War are distressed that some of your efficient instructors have taken a stand inimical to the Reserve Officers' Training Corps and the Citizens' Military Training Camps as they affect the young men of the universities and colleges.

You, with all thinking men, must deplore the unprepared state for war of our country in 1917. The National Defense Law has been drawn to prevent the repetition of such a calamity; which caused the loss of many valuable lives and billions of money. The R. O. T. C. and the C. M. T. C. invite the young men of the country to lend themselves for a short period of training, that they may be of service in case of emergency and prepared to act intelligently.

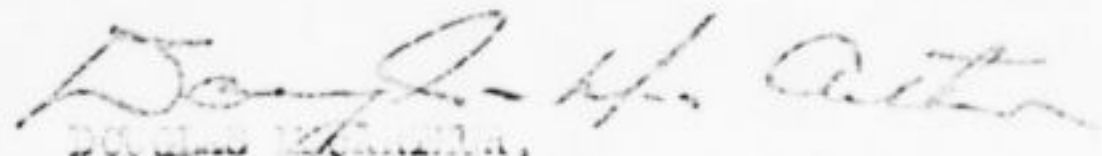
We are sure that this cannot be construed as militaristic but a real patriotic movement.



The Military Order of the World War at its recent annual convention, passed a resolution directing its Commander-in-Chief to embody in a letter the thoughts herein contained, directed to each member of the Council of the Young Men's Christian Association and appealing to him to give the matter of the military training of the youth of the country in the R.O.T.C. and the C.N.T.C. his earnest study to the end that the Council, by resolution, during its annual meeting, give the R.O.T.C. and the C.N.T.C. its endorsement.

With expressions of esteem,

Cordially yours,



DOUGLAS MACARTHUR,
Major General, U. S. ARMY,
Commander-in-Chief, Military Order of the World War.

