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SUTTON, GEORGE W. JR.: Papers, 1916-19

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The papers of George W. Sutton Jr. were deposited in the Dwight D. Eisenhower Library by his wife Ione Ulrich Sutton in October 1996.

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Approximate number of pages:	600
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## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

George W. Sutton Jr., a magazine editor of New Rochelle, New York, served in the New York National Guard during 1916 and 1917. He served on the Mexican border as a corporal and was later commissioned an officer. In 1917 he became a captain and commanded Battery A of the First Field Artillery. In April 1918 he joined the National Army and was sent to Camp Colt near Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant in the 332<sup>nd</sup> Battalion of the Tank Corps. At Camp Colt he met Dwight D. Eisenhower who was involved with training tank units. In September 1918 Sutton was sent to France where he served as adjutant of the 332<sup>nd</sup> Battalion. In November 1918, because of his experience as an editor, he was transferred to the Information Section of the Air Service where he assisted in collecting material for a history of the U.S. Air Service in France. He returned to the U.S. and was discharged in March 1919.

The papers of George Sutton consist primarily of orders, reports, correspondence and memorabilia concerning his military service. Most of the material is arranged chronologically. Files on specific subjects are filed at the end of the collection. Of particular interest is a file on a Simplex car that Sutton used at Camp Colt in 1918. Sutton became involved in a dispute over the car's ownership, and Dwight D. Eisenhower submitted a report on the mechanical condition of the car.

## CONTAINER LIST

Box No.    Contents

- 1    Mexican Border Service 1916 [1<sup>st</sup> Armored Motor Battery, NY National Guard]
- World War I Papers 1917 [NY National Guard; Victory Loan parade in Montreal, Canada]
- World War I Papers Jan.-March 1918 [administration of Battery A, 1<sup>st</sup> Field Artillery, NY National Guard]
- World War I Papers April-May 1918 [resignation from NY National Guard; assignment to Tank Corps]
- World War I Papers June-July 1918 [work at Camp Colt]
- World War I Papers Aug.-Dec. 1918 [move to France; assignment to air service]
- World War I Papers 1919 [reimbursement for living costs in France]
- New York National Guard [financial transactions of 1<sup>st</sup> Armored Motor Battery and Battery A, 1<sup>st</sup> Field Artillery]
- Simplex Car 1918 [dispute over ownership of car which Sutton used at Camp Colt; includes DDE report about the car]
- 332<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, Tank Corps (1) (2) [rosters; printed history]
- Miscellaneous Items

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