Papers of Major General Harry H. Vaughan

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[IDENTIFICATION OF ITEM], [BOX AND FOLDER], PAPERS OF MAJOR GENERAL HARRY H. VAUGHAN, NATIONAL CHURCHILL MUSEUM AT WESTMINSTER COLLEGE, FULTON, MISSOURI.

NOTES ON THE PREPARATION OF THIS FINDING AIDE:
The papers consist of personal Vaughan information including personal correspondence, news items, and biographical information. The collection has been put together according to subject and most of the documents are concentrated between the mid-1940s and the early 1950s.

COLLECTION OVERVIEW:
This is something of a miscellaneous collection of items of personal interest to General Vaughan, who was a military aide to President Harry S. Truman and an alumnus of Westminster College. Some of the items are personal correspondence; some are news items on Vaughan or information relating to the historical context around Vaughan’s time in office. There is also a list of promotions and official letters informing Vaughan of his new positions. Along with promotions is included a folder containing information regarding medals that Vaughan received both in the United States and abroad. The collection offers a view into Vaughan’s personal life as well as an idea of the national and international issues that interested Vaughan during his time in office.

BOx LIST:

BOx 1:
Folder 1: None Dated Vaughan Material
Newspaper clippings
The Evening Star: Vaughan Voting in Virginia’s Gubernatorial Contest
Folder 2: Non Vaughan News Items
Dec. 12, 1952 World News Report: More War in Korea
Newspaper: November 13, 1954 “The Washington Merry-Go-Round”
Newspaper: 1954, “Tragedy of Errors in 11 Scenes”
Newspaper: “Eisenhower and Truman”
Newspaper: “The Charge of Treason”
Newspaper: “Investigations by Congress”

Folder 3: Harry H. Vaughan Medal Folder
Letters informing Vaughan of receiving medals
Letters of congratulations for medals
Newspaper clippings about medals (especially controversial ones received from South American Governments)

Folder 4: Personal Papers of H. H. Vaughan
Letters from the College of William and Mary on daughter Janet’s admission
Letters from William and Mary on tuition
Grade cards and congratulatory letter for Janet making the dean’s list
Personal notes, cards and memorabilia

Folder 5: Miscellaneous Non-Vaughan Material
“Lest They Forget”: a collection of What People Said about Soviet Russia 1942-1948
Some of the information is from Truman, McGeorge Bundy, and MacArthur
Letter from John Maragon to Joseph McCarthy about charges that he used government funds to take a personal trip to Paris

Folder 6: Vaughan, H. H. Appreciation Letters
Many letters of reassurance and loyalty in the face of criticism against Vaughan
Thank you notes from Vaughan for kind letters of support
Thank you notes to Vaughan for help with favors, like getting kids’ travel arrangements or army placements
Thank you notes to Vaughan for hospitality at home in Washington
Some letters to Mrs. Vaughan on the good work of her husband

Folder 7: Vaughan, H. H. Promotions
Notification of temporary appointment to Brigadier General
Notification of temporary appointment to Major General
Letters of congratulation on achieving Major General
Officer Efficiency Report

Folder 8: Non Vaughan: Westminster ROTC Patch Approval
Letters concerning creating a Westminster College ROTC Patch
Sample patches
Invoice for patches

Folder 9: Westminster Correspondence
Letter from McCluer informing Vaughan of receiving his honorary degree
Letter of thanks from Vaughan for degree
2 invitation cards: to Reeves Library and to a dinner

Folder 10: Vaughan Biographical Material
International Biographical Record featuring Vaughan
*The Officer* article from July 1981 after his death
Brief timelines and short biographical/informational paragraphs on his career