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On the 21 rolls of this microfilm publication are reproduced the records of the American Section of the Supreme War Council and the minutes of the meetings of the Supreme War Council, 1917-19. These records are part of the Records of the American Expeditionary Forces (World War I), 1917-1923, Record Group 120.

By late 1917 the Allied setbacks on the Western Front and the Italian disaster at Caporetto had convinced the political leaders of France, Great Britain, and Italy of the need for closer inter-Allied cooperation. To provide the coordination previously lacking, they signed on November 7 the Treaty of Rapallo, which established the Supreme War Council. Although no American representative was present at Rapallo, the United States agreed to the provisions of the Treaty on November 17.

During its 16 months of existence the Supreme War Council considered important policy questions that only the heads of government could decide. It was not an executive agency; it made policy, not plans. Subjects considered by the Council included composition and employment of a General Reserve, use of American troops, intervention in Siberia and North Russia, operations in Macedonia and other areas peripheral to the Western Front, and terms and implementation of the Armistice.

The heads of the three Allied Governments and the President of the United States composed the Supreme War Council, which met eight times from November 1917 until the Armistice of November 11, 1918. President Woodrow Wilson attended no meetings until after the Armistice, but Col. Edward M. House, his confidant and adviser, represented him at two sessions. Between January 12 and March 21, 1919, when it convened for the last time, the Council met 19 times as part of the 62 sessions of the Paris Peace Conference. The four most important peace commissioners, President Wilson, Prime Minister David Lloyd-George of Great Britain, Prime Minister Vittorio Emmanuele Orlando of Italy, and Prime Minister Georges Clemenceau of France, also composed the Council. The commissioners referred many political-military questions, especially those related to the Armistice, to themselves sitting as the Supreme War Council.

The Permanent Military Representatives - one from each of the major powers, including Gen. Tasker H. Bliss of the United States - were the military advisers to the Council. At their 90 meetings, between November 1917 and November 1919, these representatives discussed the problems presented to them by the political leaders and prepared formal papers, called Joint Notes, for final consideration by the Supreme War Council. A staff section assisted each representative in his work. These sections collected, analyzed,

and distributed data related to various phases of the war. They also attempted to promote cordial relations among the Allies.

The American Section of the Supreme War Council originated with War Department Confidential Order 159, dated December 31, 1917, detailing 11 officers, including General Bliss, "to carry out confidential instructions of the Secretary of War." These officers formed the nucleus of the American Section, which eventually numbered 12 officers and about 40 enlisted men, field clerks, and civilian draftsmen. The Section began work at its permanent headquarters, the Trianon Palace Hotel at Versailles, France, on January 25, 1918.

Bliss organized the American Section into a Secretariat and three committees: Allies and Neutrals, Enemy and Neutrals, and Materials and Manpower. The committees studied the military situation on all fronts, and, based on the information received, projected Allied and enemy capabilities. The Section received information from its liaison officers at Marshal Foch's and General Pershing's headquarters, from Arthur Hugh Frazier, a State Department liaison officer, from the War Department General Staff, and from the other three Allied sections of the Supreme War Council. Bliss regularly passed on this information and his analysis of it to the Chief of Staff, Gen. Peyton C. March, and Secretary of War Newton D. Baker in Washington. On occasion they forwarded his letters and cablegrams to President Wilson. Following the Armistice, the Section maintained close contact with the American peace commissioners and with the Allied occupation forces. The Permanent Military Representatives met for the last time on November 4, 1919. Its work completed, the American Section departed for the United States on December 10.

Upon his departure from France, General Bliss shipped the records of the American Section to the War Department where he and Col. Ulysses S. Grant III, Secretary of the American Section, used them in preparing the report on the Supreme War Council that they submitted to Secretary Baker on February 6, 1920. Even before Bliss returned to the United States, the Military Intelligence Division of the War Department General Staff expressed interest in eventually obtaining custody of the records. On April 20, 1920, Bliss turned over to the Positive Branch, Military Intelligence Division, three boxes of American Section textual records, constituting the bulk of those he had brought back from Versailles, to use in compiling "data bearing on the military, economic, political, and psychological factors governing the world situation."

In August 1921 the Chief of the Cable Section of the Adjutant General's Office sent to the Secretary of the General Staff two boxes of records containing personal letters and cablegrams from Bliss to March and Baker, as well as copies of Joint Notes and other Supreme War Council reports sent to the War Department by the American Section during the war. March had given these records to the Chief of the Cable Section with instructions to keep them under the Chief's personal supervision in the "Secret file." In turn, the Secretary of the General Staff transmitted the two boxes to the Military Intelligence Division with instructions from the Deputy Chief of Staff that the Military Intelligence Division study the records and make recommendations concerning their final disposition. Five months later, as a result of the recommendations of Col. Stuart Heintzelman, the Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence, Military Intelligence Division, retained a few American Section documents with their permanent records; others relating to the operation of the cable system were returned to the Cable Section; and the remainder were added to the records of the American Section then in custody of the Military Intelligence Division.

On September 29, 1928, the Military Intelligence Division transferred the records of the American Section to the Historical Section of the Army War College. Three years later, Maj. Thomas F. McNeill of the Historical Section surveyed the records in preparation for a documentary history of the American participation in the war, eventually published in 1948 by the Historical Division, Department of the Army, as The United States Army in the World War, 1917-1919. McNeill examined each document, determined whether to include it in the published volumes, and indicated his decision by stamping each document "Accepted," "Doubtful," or "Rejected."

The Historical Section had custody of the records for 4 years. On November 25, 1932, it turned them over to the World War Division of the Adjutant General's Office. That Division stored the records, made them available to the staff of the Historical Section and other War Department personnel, and, on occasion, answered reference requests received from outside the Government until the National Archives accessioned the files in December 1943.

The American Section filed its records according to the system then used by the War College Division of the War Department General Staff. The record clerk assigned each incoming communication a master or file number representing the subject of the communication and a subnumber or case number representing the next transaction filed under the subject. For example, a communication representing a new transaction dealing with field artillery material was assigned the master number "36" and also the next consecutive case number in the file. Master numbers were established as the need arose and not according to a preconceived scheme. Consequently, the subject matter of one file usually bears little or no relation to the subject matter of the preceding or succeeding file. When the clerks assigned the file number, they also recorded a brief abstract of the communication on a card and gave the record the same number as the incoming communication. Finally, the clerks

prepared index cards as a finding aid to the records and the record cards. The record cards and indexes created by the American Section, which were not among the records transferred to the Military Intelligence Division in April 1920, have not been located.

The subject files of the American Section are arranged in one numerical sequence, 1-376 with gaps. The American Section created files 1-318 during the course of its existence. The Military Intelligence Division established files 319-376 when it added to the series the records received from the Chief of the Cable Section in 1922. The documents within most of the file folders are arranged by case number, with the number of cases constituting a subject file varying from one or two to several hundred. A few of the subject files are not arranged by case number. File 299, for example, is arranged by the number of the meeting of the Permanent Military Representatives, and file 315 is arranged by cablegram number. A descriptive list of the contents of the subject files follows these introductory remarks.

Approximately 300 of the original 376 subject files are extant, and all of them are reproduced in this microfilm publication. The American Section destroyed an undetermined number of files as worthless in June 1918 when the Section expected to leave the Trianon Palace Hotel. The National Archives and Records Service (NARS) also disposed of a small number of files containing housekeeping records. Many cases are also missing from the subject files herewith reproduced. Some were disposed of as mentioned above; others were loaned to officers and officials and never returned; and others are apparently lost.

Some of the gaps in the files may be the result of the poor recordkeeping practices of the American Section. Although it had a single Record Section and filed nearly all of its records in a single series, the American Section employed at least five file stations. Each of the three committees, Bliss' secretary, and the Record Section maintained segments of the office's files. The Record Section also kept the security-classified records in its safe. The pressing nature of much of the work of the American Section often made it impossible to route incoming communications through the record clerk to receive file designations before they were forwarded to the action office. Sometimes the numbers assigned to the documents by the record clerks were later changed during the periodic consolidation of the files. As a result, some documents bear two file designations. The document now filed as 30-42, for example, was originally numbered 160-1, and bears both file numbers.

None of the documents reproduced in this microfilm publication are now security classified. Some were classified as secret or confidential at the time of their creation and had these security-classification markings stamped, typed, or written upon them.

The Adjutant General's Office reviewed the security-classification of this entire series in November 1946 and marked almost every folder, file cover, or document with a rectangular stamp indicating "CLASSIFICATION CANCELLED." NARS has since reviewed and declassified the few documents overlooked or downgraded to confidential in 1946.

The records of the American Section of the Supreme War Council consist of letters, reports, studies, minutes, cablegrams, charts, maps, pamphlets, and books sent to and received from American, French, British, and Italian sources. Although most of the records cover the period 1917-19, a few are dated as early as 1914. In general, they reflect the role of the American Section in collecting and analyzing data to support the Supreme War Council's work in coordinating the Allied war effort in 1918, in implementing the terms of the Armistice, and in drafting the peace treaties in 1919. Because the American Section maintained only one main series of records, the files here reproduced also include much information on the internal organization and operations of the Section.

Among the more important kinds of records included in this series are the following: War College Division studies and memorandums on the U.S. Army, its organization, training, logistics, and equipment; reports received from Cols. Briant Wells and Arthur Poillon, liaison officers at General Foch's Headquarters (files 201 and 227); reports from military attaches and observers at Allied and neutral capitals on political and military conditions in Russia, Germany, and other countries (files 169, 181, 190, 208, 209, 217, 218, 232, 262, and 273); cablegrams sent to and received from the War Department (files 313, 315, and 316); daily operation reports of American and French army corps (files 260, 263-266, 268-272, and 275); reports, studies, and charts pertaining to the German Army (file 91); letters of General Bliss to Secretary Baker and General March on a number of important subjects (files 323, 327, 328, 342, 355, 358, and 366); minutes of the meetings of the Permanent Military Representatives (file 299); and minutes of the meetings of the Supreme War Council. Although these latter minutes were not filed with the rest of the records reproduced in this microfilm publication, they have been filmed on roll 21 because of their importance and because of their relevance to the remainder of the records included in this publication.

Among the Records of the American Expeditionary Forces (World War I), 1917-1923, Record Group 120, the following records series contain much information on the Supreme War Council: general correspondence of General Headquarters, American Expeditionary Forces; correspondence of the Operations Section, General Headquarters, American Expeditionary Forces; correspondence of the American Mission to the Interallied Bureau; records of the American Military Missions to British and French General Headquarters; records of the Permanent International Armistice Commission; records of

the American Forces in North Russia; and records of the American Forces in Germany. The records of the War College Division (later the War Plans Division) and of the Military Intelligence Division in Records of the War Department General and Special Staffs, Record Group 165, also contain much documentation on the Supreme War Council, as does the 1910-29 decimal file of the Department of State in General Records of the Department of State, Record Group 59. In the later series, records relating to the Supreme War Council are filed under decimal 763.72Su and are reproduced on roll 144 of NARS Microfilm Publication M367, Records of the Department of State Relating to World War I and Its Termination, 1914-1929. The minutes of the post-Armistice meetings of the Supreme War Council have been filmed on rolls 52-55 of M820, General Records of the American Commission To Negotiate Peace, 1918-1931.

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4	War College Division memorandums on the organization, training, and duties of the War Department General Staff.
7	Documents relating to the organization and personnel of the Corps of Engineers.
8	War College Division memorandum on artillery training in National Guard divisions, Dec. 1917.
9	War College Division memorandums concerning the training status of National Guard divisions and the need for better trained officers, Dec. 1917.
10	War College Division memorandum on the system of Army schools, July 1917.
11	Memorandums relating to the assignment and duties of staff officers and officers on duty in Poland and Berlin, July 1919.
12	War College Division memorandum concerning the detail of line officers as machinegun instructors with divi- sion ordnance depots in France, June 1917.
13	War College Division memorandum of the requalification of expert riflemen, June 29, 1917.
14	War College Division memorandum on psychological examinations in the U.S. Army, Dec. 24, 1917.
15	Memorandums relating to the training of American units in France, July 1917-June 1918.
16	Reports on the manufacture and deployment of seacoast armament and heavy mobile artillery.
17	Reports and correspondence relating to the development of the Air Service in the American Expeditionary Forces.
18	Reports on the strength and location of U.S. troops, Jan. 1918-Oct. 1919.
19	Tables of organization for U.S. Army units in France. War College Division memorandum on U.S. military
20	animal resources, Feb. 1, 1918.
21	American Expeditionary Forces memorandum on services of the rear and lines of communication, Sept. 6, 1917.
22	Reports and correspondence relating to the use of naval convoys to transport U.S. troops to France.
23	Weekly personnel reports and inventories of records of the American Section.
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27	Correspondence related to the internal administration of the American Section.
28	Memorandum concerning the general strategy of the war by Maj. H. H. Sargent, Dec. 8, 1917.
29	War College Division memorandum on training camps, Dec. 1917.
30	Correspondence, reports, and charts relating to transportation of U.S. troops and supplies to France.
31	Correspondence relating to inter-Allied cooperation in tank production and organization.
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37	War Industries Board memorandums on explosives, Nov. 1917-Jan. 1918.
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40	of the War Department, Dec. 21, 1917. Correspondence, charts, and maps relating to the
	strength and location of Allied forces, Feb. 1918-Sept. 1919.
41	Charts showing comparative strengths of Allied and Central Powers divisions.
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43	Chart indicating the organization and strength of an Austro-Hungarian infantry division, n.d.
44	Reports on the availability, classification, and mobilization of manpower for military service, OctDec. 1917.
45	Memorandums on characteristics of American artillery.
46	Report of the Military Mission to England and France on the proposed organization of the American Expedi- tionary Forces (Baker Commission), July 1917.
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60	War College Division memorandums concerning the military systems of Argentina, France, Switzerland, and the British Commonwealth.
61	Reports on the instruction of troops in the French Army, Oct. 1916-Mar. 1917.
62	American Mission report on training of the French Class of 1918, May 1917.
63	American Mission report relating to the instruction of French aerial observers, May 9, 1917.
64	Reports on the strength and organization of the Bulgarian Army, AugOct. 1917.
65	Reports relating to military events in Sweden, Mar. 1916 and Sept. 1917. (For earlier reports, see file 73.)
66	Reports on instruction and training in the Italian Army, July 1914.
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93	War College Division memorandums relating to the organization of staff corps and supply departments.
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95	Military intelligence report on conditions in Greece and Turkey, Sept. 27, 1917.
96	War College Division memorandum concerning a proposal to increase the rank of Quartermaster Corps officers, Dec. 24, 1917.
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100	Memorandums regarding ordnance supplies and salvage service in France.
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102	War College Division memorandums concerning the issuance of woolen spiral puttees to troops overseas.
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124	Reports concerning training in the British Army, MarMay 1917.
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