AMBROSE / PEGASUS BRIDGE COLLECTION
(Mss 166)

Inventory

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Summary

Size: 0.25 linear feet

Geographic locations: Normandy

Inclusive dates: 1944


Related collections: Ambrose / Dwight D. Eisenhower Collection (Mss 153); Eisenhower Center Conference Collection (Mss 191); Ambrose / Dwight D. Eisenhower Collection, Addendum 1 (Mss 298)

Source: Gift, 1985
Historical Note

According to the dust jacket of *Pegasus Bridge*, "Pegasus Bridge was the first engagement of D-Day (during World War II). The Allies knew that the bridges over the Orne River and the adjacent canal were the key to D-Day, and so did the Germans. As the invasion loomed ever nearer in the spring of 1944, the Germans guarded the bridges day and night, prepared for their destruction at any moment. This is the story of Major John Howard and the 181 troops under his command, whose task it was to seize Pegasus Bridge. Landing in gliders in the early morning hours of June 6, 1944, within yards of the bridge itself, Howard's small detachment of British airborne troops stormed German defense forces and paved the way for the Allied invasion of Europe."

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166-2 Chapter 1. "D-Day: 0000 to 0015 Hours."
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Back matter.

Index Terms

Ambrose, Stephen E.
Normandy (France)—History
Pegasus Bridge
World War, 1939-1945—Campaigns—France—Normandy