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2. Incoming correspondence-Charles Ward and Rex Chaney, Carl Albert's administrative
assistants, 4 letters.


**Box 3**

James M. Gavin Correspondence and Manuscripts for Publication. Correspondence from General Gavin contains much regarding Gavin's Ambassadorship to France, in particular his dealings with General de Gaulle. Also discussed is the developing situation in Vietnam.

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1. Incoming correspondence-James M. Gavin, 1956, 5 letters.


14. "On Dealing With De Gaulle" letter, Gavin to Virden-5/12/65 and author’s proof of the article, 2 pieces.
15. Correspondence-Linzee Prescott and James M. Gavin, 5 letters.
16. "The Mare's Nest" review by James M. Gavin, 1 piece.
22. James M. Gavin, Correspondence and Research information for "The War That Changed Wars." 8 letters.

Box 4
James M. Gavin Correspondence regarding "Prince de Joinville" 1961-1965.
"Andrew J. Byrne" Manuscript. (by Gavin)

Folder:
1. Incoming Correspondence (to Virden) "Prince de Joinville" April 1961-April 1962. Correspondents: Gavin, Burke Davis, Martin Sommers, James I. Robertson, Lib. of Congress. 21 letters.

2. James M. Gavin, "Prince de Joinville" correspondence. Correspondents: Gavin, Carl Albert, Maurice Dumoncel, Lucille Haseman (Lib. of Cong.), Cass Canfield, Constance Clifford, includes manuscript "France and the Civil War in America" by Gavin. 1962, 23 letters.

4. "Andrew J. Byrne" Manuscript by Gavin, Chapters 1 and 2

5. "Andrew J. Byrne" Manuscript, Chapters 2 (cont'd) and 3

6. "Andrew J. Byrne" Manuscript, Chapter 4 and 5, parts I-IV of Chapter 6

7. "Andrew J. Byrne" Manuscript, Chapter 6, parts V-XI

8. "Andrew J. Byrne" Manuscript, Chapter 6, parts XII-XVII

9. "Andrew J. Byrne" Manuscript, Chapters 7 and 8

10. "Andrew J. Byrne" Manuscript, Chapter 9, parts I-V

11. "Andrew J. Byrne" Manuscript, Chapter 9, parts VI-X

Box 5 Correspondence Military Personnel, Speeches, Presidential Pilots and Airplanes, Misc. Correspondence

Folder:
1. Correspondence-Presidential pilots and airplanes, 1953, 1956 (incoming and outgoing) 8 letters.

2. Spiral notebook-presidential pilots and airplanes, 1 pc.

3. Newspaper clippings-presidential pilots and airplanes, 6 pieces.

4. Correspondence and papers, Gettysburg College, Civil War Conference 1961, 17 items.

5. "Military Leadership of the Confederacy" by Lenoir Chambers. 2 copies.

6. Clippings-Gettysburg College Civil War Conference, 5 pieces.


8. "Political Speech for All Occasions" (typescript, n.d. unknown), 4 pgs.

9. "Canals" article by Army Times editors with letter from A.A. Hoehling; March 17, 1964. 23 pgs.

10. Correspondence-Cherokees-Earl Boyd Pierce and Miss I. Hardin. 2 letters. Copy of Junaluska - transferred to WHC Library (Phillips) 32 pgs.
11. Newspaper clippings-Cherokees, 4 pieces.


15. Correspondence-Sam Rayburn and secretary of H. S. Truman 1959-1960, 3 letters.


22. Correspondence-Frank ________. 7/17/67 and 6/12/68, 2 letters.

**Box 6**

Incoming Correspondence 1956-68; Employment Correspondence and Material 1953, 1960-1967; Outgoing Correspondence 1959-1960, 1965

Folder:

1. Incoming correspondence-Dana Reynolds-1958-1964, 8 letters.

2. Correspondence-Mel Ryder-n.d., 5/4/59; Dupuy to Ryder, 7/26/63, 3 letters.


4. Incoming correspondence-George A. Davis, 26 letters.


9. Incoming correspondence-Fletcher ______. 1965, 4 letters.
12. Incoming correspondence-Phil Harris, 1965-1966, 2 letters.
22. Misc. responses to Virden's Christmas greetings and gifts, 6 letters.
23. Misc. outgoing correspondence, 4 letters.


7. Newspaper clippings-Pea Ridge, 6 pieces.

8. Article from Back Talk—"Battle of Shiloh" and correspondence, 3 items.


11. "Whatever Happened to Them?" draft, 1 copy.


18. Correspondence—Chester K. Shore, 2 letters.

**Box 8** Publication Correspondence and Research Materials-Ft. Gibson, Sgt. York, "When the British Burned Washington."

Folder:


3. Published material-Ft. Gibson, 6 items.

4. Correspondence and research material-Sgt. York publication, 1964, 7 items.


6. "When the British Burned Washington" rough drafts and research, 4 items.

**Box 9** American Legion. Correspondence, Publications, Research Material. "Whatever Happened to the American Legion?" 1962-64

Folder:
1. Correspondence with *Post* - "Whatever Happened to the American Legion?" Major correspondent-William Emerson, Jr. 20 items.

2. "Whatever Happened to the American Legion" drafts, 3 items.

3. Drafts for publication, no title, 3 items.


5. Correspondence and material, Dec. 1962-1963. (includes 14 pg. copy of typescript "King Legion" a history of the American Legion), 6 items.


8. Spiral notebook-notes on the American Legion, 1 pc.

9. Newspaper clippings-Fairfax County Library vs. Virginia American Legion, 10 pieces.

10. Published material-pamphlets, articles, etc. 13 items.

11. Newspaper clippings, 4 pieces.

**Box 10** Magazine and Newspaper Articles by and about Virden, 1955-68.

Folder:
1. "Little Giant from Bug Tussle" (Carl Albert) for *Post*. Proofs, drafts, article. 6 pieces.
2. "Little Giant from Bug Tussle" related material. Includes typescript "Portrait of a Barefoot Boy from Bug Tussle." 3 items.


8. Personality profiles for *The Civil War Times*, 5 pieces.


16. Newspaper clippings about Virden, 5 items.


20. Newspaper clippings labeled "Lower the Porcullis," 2 pieces.


22. Newspaper clippings-Grisso to Virden, correspondence, 4 pieces.
32. Typescript editorial by Virden for *Army Times* Publishing Co., April 29, 1958, with telegram from Martin Sommers. 6 pgs.

**Box 11** Publications Containing Articles by and about Virden. 1957-1969.


*Ex-CBI Roundup*. May 1959. "Santa Claus Came to Mail Call" by Virden, p.12


Panopticon of American History, a broadside presented to Virden by W.D. Grisso.


Box 12 Scrapbooks-Newspaper Articles by Virden. 1953-1954.

Scrapbook 1 Pen and Ink Drawing of Airplane Pilot
Column "Tales Told to Me" in Air Force Daily, 1953

Scrapbook 2 Column "Tales Told to Me" in Air Force Daily, 1953-March 9, 1954


Certificates and Diplomas Collection

Certificates and Diplomas, Box #11
VIRDEN, JOHN M.


Addition to the Col. John M. Virden Collection, 2013:

Box 13 Folder:
1. Correspondence
V-mail from Ruth Hamilton to Lt. Col. John M. Virden: about Col. Virden’s family. 4/2/1944.

Letter from Frank to Monell: whereabouts of John and himself. 4/24/1944.

Letter from Claude S. Chambers to Seminole Ration Board: about Mrs. Frank H. Virden’s medical treatment at Hot Springs, New Mexico (with a handwritten note and Application for Special Mileage Ration on 7/7/1944). 7/7/1944.

Letter from James M. Gavin (Major General, U.S. Army, Commanding) to F. L. Parks (Major General, War Department, Bureau of Public Relations): recommends Col. Virden to Parks for his present job. 2/22/1946

Letter from F. L. Parks (Major General, USA, Director) to James M. Gavin (Major General, Hq 82nd Airborne Division): thank you letter for letting Parks know about Col. Virden. 2/25/1946.


Letter from F. L. Parks (Major General, GSC/Chief, Public Information Division) to Martin Sommers (Foreign Editor, Saturday Evening Post): about Mr. Martin’s generous gesture of making up the cash which Col. Virden lost in Paris (with a list of receivers of the same letter). 12/23/1947.

Letter from Martin Sommers (Foreign Editor, the Saturday Evening Post) to Floyd L. Parks (Major General): mentions about Col. Virden who escorted the tour of the editors and publishers. 12/24/1947.


Letter from F. L. Parks (Major General, GSC, Chief, Public Information Division) to Lt. Col. John M. Virden: commendation from Colonel George S. Eyster and members of the group of news editors and publishers whom Virden escorted in the occupation zones of Germany. 1/5/1948.

Extract copy of special order No. 136 from Omar N. Bradley (Chief of Staff, United States Army): assigns Lt. Col. John M. Virden to Armed Forces Staff College. 7/8/1948.

Memorandum from F. L. Parks (Major General, USA) to Lt. Gen. W. S. Paul (Director, P&A Division): about the transfer of Lt. Col. John M. Virden from the Air Force to the Army. 7/22/1948.

Letter from John M. Virden (Lt. Colonel, G.S.C., Chief, Publications Section) to the Secretary of Instruction (Armed Forces Staff College): sends forms for Armed Forces Staff College. 8/4/1948.


Letter from JEQ100A/HQ USAF WASH D C 222050Z to Comgenairu, Maxwell AFB Montgomery ALA: about Col. John M. Virden’s duty from approximately 2/20/1949. 10/25/1948 (received date).

• Letter from Arthur Carl Piepkorn (Chaplain (Lt. Col.), USA, Commandant) to Commandant (Armed Forces Information School): Letter of appreciation which mentions Lt. Col. Virden’s lecture on public information policy and practice in the armed services. 5/21/1949.
• Extract copy of special Orders No. 149 from Jack Williams (Captain AGD, Asst. Adjutant): designate Col. John M. Virden Director, Dept. of History, Economics& Govt. 7/6/1949.
• Letter from John M. Virden to Dora Jane Hamblin (Time-Life International): thank you letter for the picture. 3/12/1951.
• Note from John M. Virden to the manager of the Reynolds Hotel: asks to allow Major Walter Griscti to enter Col. Virden’s room. 3/16/1951.
• Copy of telegram from Kingsbury Smith (General Manager for Europe) to C. T. Lanham (Brigadier General, Chief of Public Information): mentions about Col. Virden’s help for organizing and planning the program. 4/26/1951.
• Letter from Vincent B. Schuman (Captain, Infantry) to Editor (News-Chronicle): about the article titled “The Battle of Gettysburg” which used a source without authors’ (John M. Virden and John Elting) permission. 12/5/1951.
• Letter from Martin Sommers to Col. John M. Virden: about Col. Virden’s illness, and Ralph McGill’s story about the conventions. 8/6/1952.
• Letter Order No. 9-6050 from Carney S. Bartlett (WOJG, USAF Asst. Adj. Gen.) to Patricia Virden: allows Patricia Virden to travel to Oklahoma College of Women, Chickasha OK. 9/3/1952.
• Letter from S. Reolaro (Office de Cautions & d’Assurances Diverses) to John M. Virden: about Col. Virden’s car and the importation duties. 10/24/1952. [2 copies]
• Letter (probably from General James Gavin) to Johnny: about books and whereabouts. 2/2/1953.
• Letter from Stephen Roskill to Roger: about some notes on KMF 26 and an issue related to ship (with a handwritten note to Col. Virden). 12/11/1958.
• Letter from C. R. Huebner (Lieutenant General, USA, Deputy Commander-in-Chief) to Chief, Public Information Division (Department of the Army): commandment to Col. Virden for escorting the party of publishers and editors during their extensive tour of the U.S. Zone, Germany. No date.
• Letter to Col. Virden: [in Chinese] (probably invitation, with an envelope). No date.
• Note from Daddy to My Bebe. No date.
• Note about the U.S. Treasury checks given to Lt. Col. Virden for General Eisenhower’s tour of Atlantic pact tour. No date.

2. **Documents**
• Manuscript of the first briefing of “Command Relationship of Western Powers.”
• Poem “Panorama of Italy.”
• “Life in These United States” (from Lt. Col. John M. Virden to his Uncle John, probably for the funeral).
• Work Sheet for Report of Separation from the Armed Forces of the United States (for John M. Virden’s retirement).
• Table of travel time in Europe.
• Record of the talking session by Col. Virden, Major Griseti, Lt. Col. Oldfield, and other officers about the tour in Europe with General Eisenhower (first page in missing).
• Report about Italy (people, geography and climate, housing, transportation, etc.)
• Paint on the leather (stone ax with blood and the letter “5”)

3. **Articles, 1944-Sept. 1953:**
• *C.B.I. Roundup.* 5/4/1944. [pp. 5-8 are missing]
• *The Shanghai Evening Post* (with envelope from John M. Virden to Mrs. Virden). 10/15/1944.
• “Rugged Army Pales At Drop of ‘Durn.’ ” 4/11/50.
• *Air Force Daily, “Tales Told to Me.”* No date (probably 7/14/1953).
• *Air Force Daily, “Tales Told to Me.”* 7/24/1953. [2 copies]
• *Air Force Daily, “Tales Told to Me.”* 7/28/1953. [2 copies, one is incomplete]
• *Air Force Daily, “Tales Told to Me: Look Back at Manassas—A Picnic Becomes a War.”* 8/6/1953. [3 copies]
• *Air Force Daily, “Tales Told to Me: Of the Mysterious East, And How to Make Demands.”* 8/7/1953.
• *Air Force Daily, “Tales Told to Me: Take a Tip: Don’t Do Abroad What You Won’t Do at Home.”* 8/12/1953. [2 copies]
• *Air Force Daily, “Tales Told to Me: Uncle Billy’s Bull Learns That Life isn’t All Heifers.”* No date (probably 8/19/1953).
• *Air Force Daily*, “Tales Told to Me: Pat Hurley Lost His Derby, But He was Glad it Busted.” No date (probably 8/21/1953).
• *Air Force Daily*, “Tales Told to me: Watermelons, Malaria And Uncle Billy’s Gall.” No date (probably 9/4/1953).
• *Air Force Daily*, “A Sweeter Tune for the AF.” No date (probably 9/26/1953).

4. **Articles, Oct. – Dec. 1953**

• *Air Force Daily*, “Tales Told to Me: Time Bringeth All—Even Pity for Irish.” 10/12/53.
• *Air Force Daily*, “Ben Franklin’s Turkey” “Good morning, Ma’am.” 12/8/1953.
• “The Old System.” 12/10/1953.
• “Into The Wind” “Politics and Religion.” No date (probably in 1953 or 1954).

5. **Articles, 1954-1970**

6. **Articles, Undated: Tales Told to Me, and Back Talk**
- *Air Force Daily*, “Tales Told to Me: Goat Escort’s Oratory Well Received.” No date.
- “Back Talk: Gabriel’s Gun Set Off the Powderkeg.” No date.
- “Back Talk: We Knew Catton’d Win that Pulitzer.” No date.
- “Back Talk: Soldier’s Diary Stiffens HST’s Spine.” June 11.
- “Back Talk: Film Men Give Oklahoma the Go-By.” No date.
- “Back Talk: I Like My Chicken . . . (title is damaged).” September 7.
- “Back Talk: Try Your Hand at This Concoction.” September 29.

7. **Articles, Undated**
- *Air Force Daily*, “No 100 Percent Defense.” No date.
- *Air Force Daily*, “We Catch Hail Colombia.” No date.
- “Let’s Stop Horsing Around.” No date.
- “The Man From Missouri.” No date. [2 copies]
- “Whipping Boy No. 1.” No date.
- “An Unseemly Housing Haggle.” No date.
- “Broad-Ax Economy.” July 15.
- “The Old NCOs are Fading.” July 24. [2 copies]
- “Our Most Unpopular War.” August 3.
- “Passing of a Statesman.” August 7.
- “A People of Patience.” August 11. [2 copies]
- “Straw & the Camel’s Back.” August 21.
- “School for Captains.” August 31.
- “Cost of Living Index.” September 10.

8. **Articles, Undated**
- “The End of an Epoch?” July 22.
- “Back to the ‘Old Sutler.’ ” August 19. [2 copies]
- “Bolt to Freedom!” No date.
- “Beria Affair True to Soviet SOP.” No date.
- “Uncle Sam Strolls Along Auto Row.” No date.
- “Poor, Pay, Good Time: By John M. Virden.” No date.
- “Ike, Adlai Face Dilemma Of Leadership.” No date.
- “The Battle of Gettysburg: Lee’s Unsuccessful Attack on Union’s Flanks Leads to Pickett’s Charge on Middle Which is Handled Bloody Defeat.” No date.
- “Books: It’s A Shame Hoss Cavalry Had To Go. Reviewed by John M. Virden.” No date.
- “The Reconversion” (with a handwritten note). No date.

9. **Cartoons**
• *C.B.I. Roundup*, cartoon “Strictly G.I. By Ehret. ‘There was a slight delay in my rotation’ ” (with a typed note). No date.
• *C.B.I. Roundup*, cartoon “Strictly G.I. By Ehret. ‘You myitkyina boys should have seen Carolina maneuvers’ ” (with a handwritten note). 10/26/1944.
• *Yank The Army Weekly*, cartoon “The Sad Sack. ‘Dream’ ” (with a handwritten note). No date.
• *Yank The Army Weekly*, cartoon “The Sad Sack. ‘First Come-First Served’ ” (with a handwritten note). No date.
• cartoon “I don’t mind the bugs, or the rain, or the infernal heat. What’s driving ME nutty is trying to remember what I used to look like!” (with a handwritten note). In 1944.
• “Taj Mahal” by Sgt. Elwood Jones. No date.
• cartoon “Grin and Bear It.” 9/12/1944.

10. **Photographs**
Photographs (14) of Colonel John Virden, including: military portraits; him presiding on a panel for the Armed Forces International School; Virden as part of the S.H.A.P.E. staff in 1951; at OU as a Delta Chi pledge in 1928; and at a Civil War memorial.