



## St. Mary's College Army-Navy Football Game Programs, 1926-1945

GOGA 33780



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# **Introduction**

## **Golden Gate National Recreation Area**

### **Park Description**

Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA), a unit of the National Park Service, was established by an Act of Congress on October 27, 1972. The 80,000-acre park encompasses a great diversity of cultural and natural resources in and around the Bay Area of San Francisco, California. It includes Muir Woods National Monument and Fort Point National Historic Site.

The park holds almost five million three-dimensional and documentary artifacts dating from the time before European contact to the present. They are preserved and maintained for the public by the Division of Cultural Resources and Museum Management, which includes the Park Archives and Records Center (PARC).

### **Park Archives and Records Center (PARC)**

#### **Historical Note**

GGNRA and the sites within it have been collecting records since their inception. The PARC was established in 1994 to receive records and archival collections from the U.S. Army and the Presidio Army Museum after the closure of the Presidio of San Francisco as an Army base. The collections continue to grow through the donation of materials by private individuals, transfer of inactive park records by staff, and acquisition of relevant documentary materials.

#### **Scope of Collections**

The archival collections in the custody of the GGNRA document the history and activity of the various sites and groups associated with the park, described in the park's Scope of Collection Statement (2009).

The PARC contains U.S. Army and National Park Service facility records for the Presidio of San Francisco, forts and coast defense sites in the area, and various GGNRA sites. Subjects and sites documented include the United States Army (Bear Flag Revolt, Civil War, Spanish-American War, Mexican War, World War I, Army Air Service, Coast Artillery, Army medical facilities and issues, World War II, Army support during natural disasters, Viet Nam War, and Operation Desert Storm); Alcatraz Island (Army fortress, Army Disciplinary Barracks, U.S. Penitentiary, and Indian Occupation); the natural resources conservation movement resulting in the establishment of Muir Woods National Monument; agriculture in the Marin Headlands; Point Reyes Peninsula and Bolinas Lagoon areas; U.S. Lifesaving/Coast Guard Services; San

Francisco Earthquake and Fire of 1906; Panama Pacific International Exposition of 1915; natural resources and environmental issues; and preservation of open space in the Bay Area. Also included in the PARC are many of the GGNRA administrative records that document the development and expansion of this park.

### **Visiting the PARC for Research**

The PARC is located in an historic brick building, formerly a cavalry stable, on the Presidio of San Francisco. Collections and archives support services are available for walk-in research during open hours or by appointment. Please contact the PARC (see below) for the current schedule of reference hours.

### **Copy Services**

Black and white photocopy services for standard and oversize materials are available on-site. Color photocopying, photographic duplication, and duplication of other media are available by special arrangement. Researchers are charged for all duplicates on a cost-recovery basis.

### **Rights and Publications**

Copies are provided under the Fair Use provisions of the Copyright Law (Title 17, U.S.C.). Researchers must complete a Permission to Publish Contract form with the Park Archivist for any other intended use of these materials (such as publication or exhibit). Researchers should consult with staff regarding their needs for commercial or public use of materials.

### **Legal Status of Holdings**

Many holdings of the PARC were acquired/transferred prior to the establishment of the archives program, and have little documentation on their provenance (source/chain of custody). All materials received after 1994 have been accessioned and documented. If provenance cannot be determined, the PARC assumes that it owns the property rights, but does not own the copyright. Staff will provide assistance, but it is the responsibility of the researcher to acquire permission from the copyright holder to cite, quote, or reproduce collection materials.

Collections developed by or for government organizations or operations are in the public domain and may be used, cited, and quoted without restriction, provided they are properly credited to the PARC. The archives contain no national security classified materials.

### **Donations to the Collections**

The PARC welcomes donations of a variety of historic materials that meet the criteria in the Scope of Collections Statement and do not duplicate existing holdings. Collections are maintained for research use in perpetuity; there is no guarantee that items will be exhibited. If

you own materials that may be relevant to the themes of GGNRA and would like to deposit them in the PARC, please consult with an archivist.

### **How to Use This Finding Aid**

This document contains information on the contents and significance of an archival collection. It includes descriptive information; repository information; collection history; biographical or historical information on creators of the collection; and a container or folder list of everything in the collection. After reviewing the finding aid, please discuss your specific needs with the archivist who will locate and retrieve the relevant materials.

### **How to Use the Collections**

Please follow all rules and regulations regarding research, the use of the research facility, and the handling of collection materials. This will protect the collections so they continue to be available and usable for generations to come. If anything appears to be out of order or damaged, please notify a staff member.

### **Contacts**

For additional information on the use of archival collections at GGNRA, please contact the Park Archives and Records Center:

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### **Title**

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### **Dates**

1926-1945

### **Collection Number**

Catalog Number GOGA 33780 (Accession Number GOGA-1766)

### **Provenance**

The collection was donated to the Presidio Army Museum (PAM) by the librarian of St. Mary's College Library in March of 1990, and was then acquired by the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA) in 1994 when the Presidio of San Francisco was closed and transferred from the U.S. Army to the National Park Service (NPS).

### **Volume**

7 Items [.1 LF]

### **Description**

The collection consists of four [4] souvenir programs from Army vs. Navy Armistice Day football games held at the University of California Memorial Stadium from 1926 to 1930; one [1] program from the California National Guard Artillery vs. Infantry game held at the University of California Memorial Stadium in 1936; one [1] program from the Army-Notre Dame Rally football game held at Notre Dame in 1943; and one [1] program from the U.S. Navy Football Classic between the Fleet City Blue Jackets and the Pacific Fleet All-Stars held at Kezar Stadium in San Francisco in 1945.

### **History**

The annual Army-Navy football game began in 1890 and featured college teams from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York and the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland. In the 1890s, an officer at the Philadelphia Quartermaster Depot

decided the Army football team needed a mascot to rival the Navy's goat mascot. A mule was selected since the animal had historically been used to haul army equipment due to its strength, heartiness and perseverance. During the 1899 game, a white mule pulling an ice-wagon was present on the sidelines and was thought to have helped the Army to a 17-5 victory over the Navy. Since that game, mules have been a mainstay on the sidelines as the Army's mascot. Originally, they were either selected from the stables at West Point or borrowed from nearby stables at away games. Not much is known about the official mascot mules until 1936 when a mule named Mr. Jackson (named for Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson) arrived from Front Royal, Virginia and served as the team's mascot for twelve years and two national championships. Currently, the mascots are trained by cadet "Mule Riders" and are cared for by members of the Army Veterinary Corps.

### **Preferred Citation**

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### **Formats**

Souvenir program

### **Processing Information**

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