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Summary Information

Repository:	Rare Book and Manuscript Library
Creator:	Totleben, Eduard Ivanovich, graf, 1818-1884
Creator:	Totleben, Nikolaï Eduardovich
Creator:	Miliūtīn, Dmitriĭ Alekseevich, graf, 1816-1912
Creator:	Alexander II, Emperor of Russia, 1818-1881
Title:	Eduard Ivanovich Totleben Papers
ID:	4078163
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Language of the Material:	Russian .

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Biographical sketch

Count Eduard Ivanovich Totleben (1818-1884), Russian Fortification Engineer, General of Imperial Russian Army, was born on May 8(20), 1818 in Mitau, now Latvia. His parents were of Thuringian descent, which was Baltic German noble family. He graduated from the Military School of Engineering in St. Petersburg with a degree in Military Engineering and in 1836 joined Imperial Russian Army.

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Biographical / Historical

He participated in several important military campaigns but became the genius of defense during the Crimean war of 1853. On the outbreak of war between Russia and Turkey, he served as a junior field officer in the siege of Silistria and then was transferred to the Crimea. In Savastopol, Count Totleben advised to sunk the fleet, to barricade the mouth of the harbor and use the artillery that had belonged to the fleet. After that he became well known as the originator of the idea that "a fortress is to be considered not as a walled town but as an entrenched position, intimately connected with the offensive and defensive capacities of an army."

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In 1860, Count Totleben was appointed assistant to Grand Duke Nicholas, future tsar of Russia and then became head of the Department of Engineering of the Defense Ministry of Russia with the full rank of general. In 1878 he headed siege of Plevna operations.

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Biographical / Historical

He died on June 19 (July 1), 1884 in Bad Soden, Germany and was buried in Sevastopol, Russia.

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Summary

Correspondence, manuscripts, documents and photographs of Count Eduard Ivanovich Totleben, Russian Fortification Engineer, General of Imperial Russian Army. The

correspondence includes one letter from Tsar Alexander II, two from Dmitrii Alekseevich Miliutin, a draft of a letter Totleben sent to the Tsar, several invitations to official functions and a bound volume containing Totleben's letters to his wife written during the Crimean War. The manuscripts comprise nine volumes of Totleben's diary entries from the Russo-Turkish War of 1877-1878. Among the documents are diplomas and awards received by Totleben and a copy of his service record. There are several photographs of Totleben and other officers, including N. K. Schilder. Also included are the memoirs of Eduard Totleben's son, Nikolai Eduardovich Totleben, titled *Vospominaniia Fligel'-Adiutanta*. Al. Savel'ev's book *Istoricheskii ocherk Inzhenernago upravleniia v Rossii* with author's inscription to Eduard Ivanovich Totleben ("Ego siiatel'stvu Eduardu Ivanovichu Totlebenu. Gluboko priznatel'nyi avtor") was removed from the collection and cataloged.

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Arrangement

Collection arranged in four series.

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Restrictions on Access

This collection is located on-site.

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This collection has no restrictions.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Papers: Method of acquisition--Purchase; Date of acquisition--1965.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Papers: Method of acquisition--Purchase; Date of acquisition--1966.

Processing Information

Papers Accessioned 1965.

Processing Information

Papers Accessioned 1966.

Processing Information

Papers Processed 11/--/81.

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Related Materials

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Savel'ev, Al. Istoricheskīi ocherk Inzhenernago upravlenīā v Rossiī. This book was removed from the collection and cataloged. <https://clio.columbia.edu/catalog/5090596>

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Controlled Access Headings

- Russia -- History, Military -- 1801-1917
- Memoirs
- Photographic prints
- Crimean War, 1853-1856
- Crimean War, 1853-1856--Campaigns--Russia
- Letters (correspondence)
- Russo-Turkish War, 1877-1878
- Shil'der, N. K. (Nikolai Karlovich), 1842-1902

Collection Inventory

Series I: Correspondence	
Title/Description	Instances
Cataloged correspondence	
Alexander II, Tsar' of Russia	box 1
Miliutin, Dmitrii Alekseevich	box 1
Arranged correspondence	
Totleben's letters to his wife written during the Crimean War	box 1
<u>Physical Description:</u> (bound volume)	
Invitations to official functions	box 1

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Series II: Manuscripts**Scope and Contents**

Series includes nine volumes of Eduard Ivanovich Totleben's diary entries from the Russo-Turkish War of 1877-1878 and memoirs of his son, Nikolai Eduardovich Totleben.

Title/Description	Instances
Totleben, Eduard Ivanovich. Diaries <u>Physical Description:</u> (nine volumes, bound and boxed)	box 1
General	
(nine volumes, bound and boxed)	
Totleben, Nikolai Eduardovich. Vospominaniia Fligel'-Adiutanta	box 1

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Series III: Cataloged Documents

Title/Description	Instances
Alexander II, Tsar' of Russia	box Flat Box
Miliutin, Dmitrii Alekseevich	box 1
Totleben's documents	
Diplomas	box 1
Awards	box 1
Copy of service record	box 1
Oversize	box Flat Box

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Series IV: Photographs

Title/Description	Instances
Shil'der, N. K.	box 1
Totleben, E. I.	box 1
Officers	box 1
Oversize	box Flat Box

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