

An aid to transcribing Patton's original diaries

This list, with links by month to the annotated typed transcripts of Patton's diaries, has been prepared as an aid to those who are transcribing Patton's original diaries. As you may have discovered, Patton's handwriting is challenging, making both common words and proper names difficult to read. In addition, he also abbreviated many military terms. After all, he was writing in war zones and needed to capture his thoughts quickly.

After you find a page in the original diary to transcribe, we suggest that you read the typed transcript of that diary entry to gain a sense of its content. This list, which is more finely broken down than the online display, will help you quickly locate the relevant passages. You may want to download the list and keep it open as you work through the original diaries.

Important reminder: you should transcribe the original diaries exactly as Patton wrote them! The transcripts often vary from the original entries, sometimes in important ways. Abbreviations are spelled out, nicknames are converted to full names, misspelled words are corrected, contexts are embellished, and the candidness of Patton's observations is made more diplomatic. Use the transcript only as a guide for words you can't read. **Make certain that you transcribe the original entries exactly as Patton wrote them.**

One additional note: There is no typed transcript of the 1910 diary Patton kept on his honeymoon. We will have to help each other to decipher it. That is the benefit of crowdsourcing!

Mexican Punitive Expedition diary, 1916: Links to typed transcripts

1916	March
	April
	May
	June

	July
	August
	September
	October
	November

World War I diaries, 1917-1919: Links to typed transcripts

1917	May
	June
	July
	August
	September
	October (no entries)
	November
	December
1918	January
	February
	March
	April
	May
	June
	July
	August
	September
	October
	November
	December
1919	January

	February
	March

World War II diaries, 1942-1945: Links to typed transcripts

1942	August
	September
	October
	November
	December
1943	January 1-25
	January 26-31
	February
	March
	April
	May
	June
	July 1
	July 1-23
	July 24-31
	August 1-26
	August 26-31
	September
	October
	November
	December 1
	December 1-31
1944	January
	February 1-8

	February 10-29
	March
	April
	May
	June
	July 1-3
	July 3-31
	August
	September
	October
	November 1-29
	November 30
	December
1945	January
	February 1
	February 1-28
	March 1-22
	March 22-31