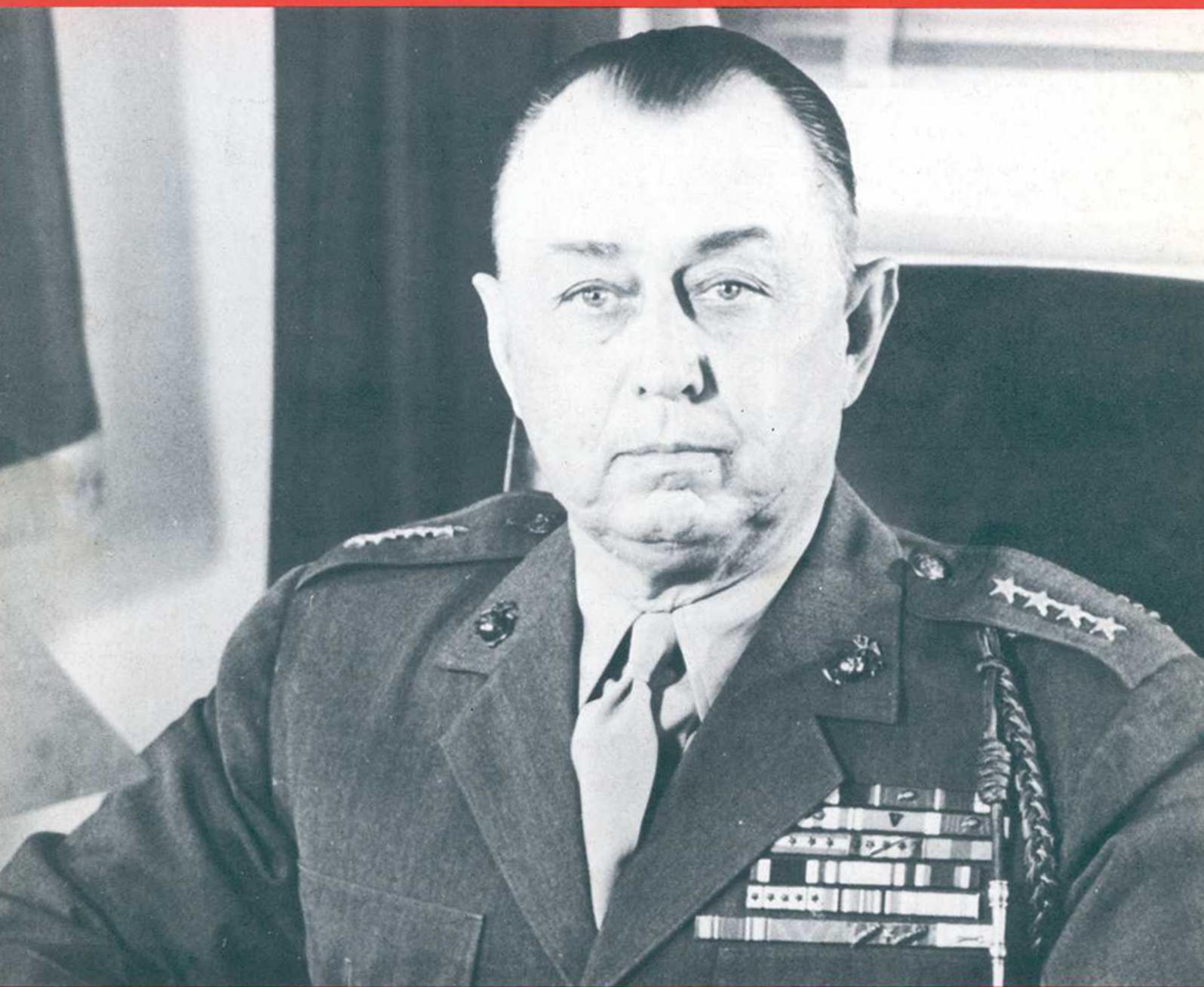


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Official portrait of General Clifton B. Cates, 19th Commandant of the Marine Corps. (Department of Defense Photo [USMC] A42546)

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FOREWORD

The Marine Corps Personal Papers Program began informally more than half a century ago when the Historical Section, Adjutant and Inspector's Department, Headquarters Marine Corps began accepting donations from prominent Marine officers. The acquisition process, as well as the general care and preservation of these collections, was formalized in 1967 when the Marine Corps Museum was given the responsibility for the personal papers collections which had accumulated in preceding years. In order to increase the usefulness of the collections, the Register Series was begun. In 1972 the Marine Corps Museum became a branch of the newly organized History and Museums Division.

The Clifton Bledsoe Cates Papers, covering 37 years of Marine Corps history in 59 folders, were donated to the Marine Corps in 1970 by the general's widow, Jane McIlhenny Cates.

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Second Lieutenant Cates, of the 96th Company, in the trenches near Verdun, France, in the spring of 1918.

PREFACE

The Clifton Bledsoe Cates Papers (P.C. 57) are an important segment of the rich primary source materials to be found in the Personal Papers Collection of the Marine Corps Historical Center. Encompassing the three major American military actions of the first half of the 20th century, they constitute a good cross-section of primary source material reflecting Cates' rise from second lieutenant to Commandant of the Marine Corps.

Significant to General Cates' collection is the original letter of apology, written by President Harry S. Truman to General Cates, as Commandant of the Marine Corps, for the President's use of the term "Navy's police force" in reference to the role of the Corps in the military forces of the United States.

The collection's series of diaries cover Cates' tour with the American Expeditionary Force in France, World War I and his role with the First Division on Guadalcanal, August-December 1942.

Cates' manuscripts deal with the 96th Company, 2d Battalion, 6th Marines in World War I. There is also included in the collection a short study on the Japanese operations against Shanghai in 1932, written while Cates was a student at Command and Staff College, Marine Corps Schools, Quantico in 1935, and a manuscript derived from his diary entitled "'My First' at Guadalcanal . . . 7 August-22 December 1942."

The family correspondence includes many holographic letters that cover his entry into the Marine Corps, through the tour of duty during World War I, and culminating, in this series, with his duty at Brest, France following the war. General Cates maintained close contact with his family during his active duty period, and numerous letters written throughout his career are included. The collection contains letters detailing his trip around the world in 1939; letters to his mother from June 1942 to January 1944, covering his experiences in New Zealand, Fiji, Guadalcanal, and Melbourne, Australia.

Typescript copies of letters by Cates describing the actions of Belleau Wood, Soissons, St. Michiels, Blanc Mont, and Argonne actions are in addition to approximately 100 items of correspondence dealing with his testimony before the House Armed Services Committee on the military unification controversy following World War II.

The collection also includes numerous newspaper articles, newspaper clippings, and associated printed matter that spans the general's military career, mainly in the early years dealing with World War I activities, and, in the later years, with his service as Commandant of the Marine Corps.

The collection can be summarized as seven manuscript boxes and 12 photograph storage boxes comprised of diaries written during World Wars I and II; numerous holographic letters to and from family and contemporaries; copies of official Marine Corps correspondence; various manuscripts; compilations of newspaper and magazine articles; citations and commendations, and orders, printed matter, maps, reports, speeches, scrapbooks, and other ephemera.

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

General Clifton B. Cates, 19th Commandant of the Marine Corps, was one of the few officers of any service who commanded a platoon, a company, a battalion, a regiment, and a division under fire.

A varsity man on both the baseball and football teams at the University of Tennessee, where he studied law, the future Marine general soon after graduation plunged into a career that took him through five major engagements in the First World War and another five in the Second.

His service ranged from duty at sea to duty at the White House; from platoon leader to Commandant. During more than 37 years as a Marine, he was wounded several times and won nearly 30 decorations.

In World War II, after commanding the 1st Marine Regiment in the Guadalcanal-Tulagi landings and the capture and defense of Guadalcanal, the general fought as commander of the 4th Marine Division in the Marianas operation, the Tinian campaign, and the seizure of Iwo Jima. He won the Legion of Merit with Combat "V" at Guadalcanal, the Distinguished Service Medal at Tinian, and a Gold Star in lieu of a second Distinguished Service Medal at Iwo Jima. His Iwo Jima citation states in part:

"A bold tactician, he landed his force on the southeast shore of the island against heavy enemy resistance and, defying the terrific, continuous bombardment laid down by enemy guns located strategically on high ground which afforded direct observation and complete coverage of his entire zone of action, pushed his relentless advance . . . through the shifting volcanic sands.

"Repeatedly disregarding his own personal safety, [the then] Major General Cates traversed his own front lines daily to rally his tired, depleted units and by his undaunted valor, tenacious perseverance, and staunch leadership in the face of overwhelming odds, constantly inspired his stouthearted Marines to heroic effort during critical phases of the campaign."

As a young lieutenant with the 6th Marine Regiment in World War I, the general fought in the Verdun defensive sector, at Bouresches and Belleau Wood in the Aisne defensive, at Soissons in the Aisne-Marne offensive, in the Marbache sector of the St. Mihiel offensive, and in the Blanc Mont and Argonne Forest engagements of the Meuse-Argonne offensive. He won the Navy Cross, Army Distinguished Service Cross, and an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of a second Distinguished Service Cross for heroism in the Bouresches and Belleau Wood fighting, where he was both gassed and wounded. He won the Silver Star Medal at Soissons, where he was wounded a second time, and an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of a second Silver Star Medal in the Blanc Mont fighting.

Apart from those decorations and the Purple Heart Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, which he received for wounds, the French Government recognized his heroism with the Legion of Honor and the Croix de Guerre with Gilt Star and two palms. He also was cited twice in the general orders of the 2nd Division, AEF, and once by the Commanding General, AEF, and was entitled to wear the Fourragere awarded the 6th Marines.

General Cates was born on 31 August 1893, at Tiptonville, Tennessee. After elementary education in country schools, he attended the Missouri Military Academy, where he became an honor student and a four-letter man in sports. His bachelor of laws degree was obtained at the University of Tennessee in 1916. On 13 June 1917, as a second lieutenant in the Reserves, he reported for active duty at the Marine Barracks, Port Royal, South Carolina, and sailed for France the following January.

After the war he participated in the occupation of Germany, and returned to the United States in September 1919. During the next year he served in Washington, D.C., as a White House aide and

aide-de-camp to the Commandant of the Marine Corps. He then served at San Francisco, California as aide-de-camp to the Commanding General, Department of the Pacific, from October 1920, until June 1923, when he began a tour of sea duty as commander of the Marine detachment aboard the USS *California*. That assignment was completed in April 1925. A month later he began a year of service with the 4th Marine Regiment at San Diego, California.

In March 1928, after serving on recruiting duty at Spokane, Washington, and Omaha, Nebraska, Cates was named a member of the American Battle Monuments Commission in Washington. He served in that capacity until May 1929, then was ordered to Shanghai, China, where he rejoined the 4th Marines. Three years later he was detached from that regiment to return to Washington for study in the Army Industrial College.

Completing his course in June 1933, General Cates reported the following month to Quantico, where he served with the 7th Marines and completed the Senior Course in the Marine Corps Schools. He returned again to Washington in September 1935, and was assigned to the War Plans Section of the Division of Operations and Training at Marine Corps Headquarters.

In August 1937, the general sailed for Shanghai as a battalion commander with the 6th Marine Regiment, serving with that unit until he rejoined the 4th Marines in March 1938. Again the following year he was brought back to Washington to attend the Army War College. That course was completed in June 1940, and he reported the next month to the Philadelphia Navy Yard as director of the Marine Officers' Basic School. By the time the United States entered World War II, the future Commandant was a colonel.

In May 1942, General Cates took command of the 1st Marine Regiment, which, as part of the 1st Marine Division, he led at Guadalcanal. With the invaluable experience obtained in that campaign, he was returned to the United States the following March for his first tour of duty as Commandant of the Marine Corps Schools at Quantico. He continued in that capacity until June 1944. The following month he took command of the 4th Marine Division, leading that organization in the Pacific theater until the end of the war. By that time he was a major general.

Ordered back to the United States in December of 1945, the general became President of the Marine Corps Equipment Board at Quantico, holding that position for six months before he was named Commanding General of the Marine Barracks at Quantico. He held that command until 1 January 1948, when he was advanced to the rank of general and sworn in as Commandant of the Marine Corps, succeeding General Alexander A. Vandegrift. When he completed his four-year term as Commandant, he reverted to the rank of lieutenant general and began his second tour as Commandant of the Marine Corps Schools.

He retired on 30 June 1954, after two and one-half years as Commandant of the Marine Corps Schools, and was promoted to general on the retired list.

In addition to the decorations already mentioned, General Cates' medals and decorations include the Presidential Unit Citation ribbon with three bronze stars (Guadalcanal, Tinian, and Iwo Jima); the World War I Victory Medal with Aisne, Aisne-Marne, St. Mihiel, Meuse-Argonne, and Defensive Sector clasps; the Army of Occupation of Germany Medal; the Expeditionary Medal (China 1929-31); the Yangtze Service Medal (Shanghai 1930-31); the China Service Medal (China 1937-39); the American Defense Service Medal; the Asiatic-Pacific Area Campaign Medal with one silver star in lieu of five bronze stars; the American Area Campaign Medal; the World War II Victory Medal; the National Defense Service Medal; and the Netherlands Order of Orange Nassau with crossed swords and rank of Grand Officer.

He also held doctor of laws degrees from the University of Tennessee and the University of Chattanooga.

General Clifton Bledsoe Cates, 76, 19th Commandant of the Marine Corps, died 4 June 1970, at the U.S. Naval Hospital, Annapolis, Maryland, after a long illness. He was buried with full military honors, 8 June 1970, at Arlington National Cemetery, survived by his widow, Mrs. Jane McIlhenny Cates; his daughter, Mrs. Joseph M. Hilbish, Jr.; and his son, Captain Clifton B. Cates, Jr., USN.

DESCRIPTIVE INVENTORY

Diary

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Entry 1

"Diary of Fourth Marine Brigade, Am.E.F., France May 30, 1918 to June 30, 1918. . . (Including the 5th and 6th Regiments and the . . . 6th Machine Gun Battalion, Marine Corps)." A 67-page chronology, typewritten original; pages 48-54 missing. As cited in the foreword: "This diary covers the period during which the Fourth Brigade, Marine Corps, 2nd Division, Am.E.F. conducted operations against the enemy in the region Northwest of Chateau Thierry, the attack against and capture of Bouresches, and the capture of the Bois de Belleau. In its various operations the Brigade was assisted by the 12th Field Artillery, of the 2nd Artillery Brigade."

Scrapbook

Mss Box 1

Entry 2

"His Service Book in The World War," a commercial album containing documents, letters, newspaper clippings, drawings, shoulder patch, service ribbons, identity cards, and other materials pertaining to General Cates' World War I duty. Scrapbook consists of approximately 100 pages.

Scrapbook

Mss Box 1

Entry 3

Newspaper clippings pertaining mainly to the Guadalcanal campaign. Scrapbook contains approximately 250 items.

Letters

Mss Box 1

Entry 4

"Clifton Bledsoe Cates . . . letters written during the . . . First World War . . . 1917 to August 17, 1919." Approximately 85 letters, mainly holographic, by Cates from his first contact with the Marine Corps through his activities during World War I and ending with a letter to his mother and sister from "E" Company, Composite Regiment, and Brest, France.

26 April

1917

Wednesday, "Yesterday, Pres. Ayers received a telegram from the marine corps wanting two lieutenants at once. It pays \$1700. I went up this morning and signed up the necessary blanks. There is no mental examination; they take the university diploma . . . I am tickled to get the chance to get into the marines, as I am sure that I will like it better than the infantry. By doing this I will be in the regular army; I can resign at any time I want to; i.e., if war is not going on. . . ."

13 June

1917

". . . We got on a tug at P(ort) R(oyal) and came six miles to this island, Paris Island. It is on a bay, but is fifteen miles from the coast. It is awful hot, and the mosquitos and flies are awful. They have something like 5000 rookies here and about 60 of us student officers. . . ."

- 4 Feb
1918 (At sea) “. . . There is joy supreme on board tonight, as this is our last night out. Of course, we are right in the middle of the submarine zone now, but the men and officers are confident of our patrol. . . .”
- 17 Apr
1918 “. . . We have been in the front line trenches for our first time. Of course it is not the most active sector in France, but it is real warm. The Boche shelled my platoon real heavy. I had six casualties; two of them fatal. They put over three hundred shells into my bunch in one day. . . .”
- 10 June
1918 (Bouresches) “. . . We moved across an open field and stopped in a small woods and my platoon was in a wheat field. The Boche machine guns and artillery had opened up on us, and it was some party. At a certain time and signal we got up and swept over a ground literally covered with machine gun bullets—it was my first charge, and mother it was a wonderful thrill to be out there in front of a bunch of men that will follow you to death. . . .”
- 14 June
1918 “. . . Just a little note on some paper that was just torn up by some shrapnel. . . . We charge across an open field for eight hundred yards and there were eleven machine guns playing on us—honest, the bullets hitting the ground were as thick as rain drops—one hit me solid on the helmet—denting a dent in it the size of a hen egg—it knocked me cold for a minute; another bullet went thru the brim of my helmet, clipping my ear; another hit my shoulder bar, bending it, and went thru the shoulder of my coat—skimming my shoulder—pretty close, eh. . . .?”
- 26 June
1918 (In trenches—Chateau Thierry) “. . . I wish you could see your son with his equipment on—dirty, torn, ragged suit; wrapped puttees; shoes that used to be boots, but are now cut off; steel helmet, with a hole thru it and a big dent; pistol belt and suspender; first aid package and cover; pistol and holster; canteen, cup and cover; knapsack, which holds toilet articles, maps, message books, extra cartridges, etc.; field glasses and case; two extra pistol clips and cases; German gas mask (which saved my life); French gas mask; big German Lugar pistol and holster; big musette bag with cigarettes, chocolate bars, magazine, writing paper, condiment can, malted milk tablets, comb, little clothes brush, alkaline tablets (for gas) and other junk; a blanket roll, which contains a poncho, blanket, air pillow, handkerchiefs, socks, underwear, etc.; and a German raincoat slung over my arm. A nice load, but I need every bit of it. . . . My gas burns are getting better. . . . The Dr. wanted to give me a wound stripe, but I told him that I would gladly go out without any stripes on my right arm. . . .”
- 13 Oct
1918 “. . . I am going to try and describe a picture that I will never forget. As we marched back from the line, we had to cross over a stretch of ground that had been no-man's land since the beginning of the war until this last scrap. It had been nip and tuck; first one advancing a little and then the other, but neither side gained any ground to amount to anything. The ground is a perfect white chalk dust. In the center is a big valley and the

ditch lines had been on a high chalk hill on the north side while the French held a similar hill on the south side. In the valley there used to be a forest, but now the only thing remaining is a few stumps. The land is torn with shell holes; here and there, you can see a big shell that had failed to explode (we call them duds). Some are as big as fourteen inches. What used to be trenches are now torn up and all tangled up in one big mess. The big iron sawhorses covered with wire are all scattered and torn by shell fragments. Here and there in the Boche lines, you can see what used to be a concrete pill box machine gun emplacement, but even they too had been destroyed by the terrific artillery fire of the French. Laying around in every trench and out on the field, you can see many dead Boche that had been killed days before; some of them were literally torn to pieces. In one place, I saw a Boche machine gunner dead with his machine gun chained to him—poor devil, I feel sorry for him. . . .”

27 Nov
1918

“ . . . I will start in on the eleventh of this month It was the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month that the last Boche shell came whistling into our lines and exploded with a terrific crash. Luckily, it did not get anyone. Then there was death-like stillness along the whole front. Could it be that it was all over? We could not believe it possible. Each man would look at the others in doubt. Finally, word came that the armistice had been signed. Not a cheer did I hear, but there was not a man in the regiment that did not thank God that rainy, muddy, cold morning that it was all over and that he was safe. . . . The night of the eleventh was spent in thawing out and getting dry; there must have been a million bonfires along the front. It was a beautiful sight to look at. The woods on both sides looked as if they were all afire. This was one time that a person could light an open fire and not get shelled, and the men sure made good use of that privilege. . . .”

22 Dec
1918

“ . . . Mother, I am enclosing the original copy of my recommendation for the medal of honor. As I read it all over, I can scarcely believe that it did happen. It reads very good and I am proud of it, but I feel like there are many more who deserve the recommendation as much, if not more, than I do. . . .”

25 Dec
1918

(Rhinebrohl, Germany) “ . . . For dinner, our only guest was Capt. Woodsworth. We had a very nice meal—chicken, venison, soup, potatoes, tomatoes, gravy, beets, salad, apple pie, cake with chocolate sauce, rice pudding, pears, apples, nuts and coffee. To start our dinner, we drank a toast with champagne to our loved ones back home. . . . Little did I think a few months ago that I would eat my Christmas dinner on the Rhine. . . .”

3 May
1919

(4th Brigade, 2nd Division Exhibition Company, A.E.F. Germany) “ . . . As you can see by the heading, I did get command of the company of Marines from the 5th and 6th Marines that is to tour the different countries of Europe. Each company picked about eight of their best and finest looking men. I feel highly honored to get to command such a fine bunch of men. . . .”

31 Jul
1919

(3rd Army Composite Regiment, Paris) “. . . Well, my old division left Brest last week for home. I sure did hate to think of my company going without me, but of course, this is much the nicer. We will parade in N.Y. and Washington when we get home and we might go to other cities. It used to be a novelty to parade, but it is getting a little tiresome now. All the romance of this war is just about over and I think that I am just about ready to start another. The damn petty politicians have made a mess of a job of this peace. . . .”

17 Aug
1919

(“E” Company, Composite Regiment, Brest, France) “. . . I am still in a quandry as to what to do. I have put in for a permanent commission, but I am not going to take anything less than a captaincy. Of course, that depends on how large the Corps is going to be. I kinda feel that I should get out and start in something that has more of a future. I am going to wait until I get back, and then I can make up my mind easier. . . .”

Letters
Mss Box 1
Entry 5

“World War I Letters. . . of. . . 2d Lt. C.B. Cates, USMC. . . From 6 June to 11 Nov 1918 . . . (Belleau Woods, Soissons, St. Mihiel, Blanc Mont and Argonne).” Typescriptions of selected letters from preceding entry. Assume that transcription was initiated and executed by Cates. Dates and addresses included in the selection:

10 Jun 1918 - Bouresches (3 pages)
11 Jun 1918 - Bouresches (2 pages)
13 Jun 1918 - Bouresches (4 pages)
17 Jun 1918 - Belleau Wood (4 pages)
18 Jun 1918 - Bois Gros Jean on the Paris-Metz Highway (2 pages)
23 Jun 1918 - Bois Gros Jean on the Paris-Metz Highway (2 pages)
26 Jun 1918 - Woods Northwest of Lucy (2 pages)
13 Jul 1918 - North of Beux-le-Guery, France (4 pages)
17 Jul 1918 - Nateuil-sur-Marne (1 page)
30 Jul 1918 - Chavigny, France (1 page)
1 Aug 1918 - Chavigny, France (3 pages)
4 Aug 1918 - Chavigny, France (3 pages)
12 Aug 1918 - Pont-a-Mousson, France (3 pages)
22 Aug 1918 - Autreville, France (2 pages)
8 Sep 1918 - Enroute to St. Mihiel Sector (2 pages)
9 Sep 1918 - Enroute to St. Mihiel Sector (1 page)
22 Sep 1918 - Charmes-les-Cote, France (3 pages)
25 Sep 1918 - Charmes-les-Cote, France (2 pages)
13 Oct 1918 - Nantivet Barracks, Champagne Sector (3 pages)
13 Oct 1918 - Nantivet Barracks, Champagne Sector (5 pages)
27 Nov 1918 - Beiglebach, Luxemburg, Germany (4 pages)
16 Dec 1918 - Rheinbrohl, Germany (5 pages)

Letters
Mss Box 2
Entry 6

“Copies of letters—Trip around the World 1939; Also of Guadalcanal letters (Extras)” Carbon copies of letters sent by Cates to his family. Includes distillation to members of the family. Includes letter written on USS *Chaumont* at sea 31 Aug/3 Sep 1937; letter of 10 Dec 1938; a series

of letters dated 1939 while with the 2d Battalion, 4th Marines, Shanghai, China; his trip around the world, 6 June to 17 August 1939, on the S.S. *President Polk*; and extra copies of letters sent home during the Guadalcanal campaign.

Letters

Mss Box 2

Entry 7

"Miscellaneous letters and clippings—mostly of mine from China to Jane and Mother." Contains approximately 75 items. Dates covered are 12 October 1937 through 15 August 1938. A few incoming family letters are included in the file, but the bulk of the collection was written by General Cates to his family.

Letters

Mss Box 2

Entry 8

Miscellaneous letters—1939 to 1969. Correspondents include: Lee Cannon; Colonel Robert D. Heintz, Jr.; Amet Jenks; William C. Lebo, Jr.; Joe Rosenthal; Billy M. Summerlin; Daniel R. Topping, Sr.; Admiral Harry E. Yarnell; and a small segment of material by and about Cates.

22 Feb

1939

Admiral Harry E. Yarnell to Lieutenant Colonel Clifton B. Cates; cover letter with carbon copies of letters to Lieutenant Colonel John W. Thomason, Jr. and Rear Admiral C.P. Snyder. Yarnell writes Thomason about subject of article in December 1938 issue of *Harper's Magazine* by Major Eliot of Army Reserve; suggests that Thomason write article in similar vein for *Saturday Evening Post*. Yarnell writes Snyder, who is President, Naval War College asking that he plot the direction of the courses to study the emerging military situation in Europe and Asia. Yarnell writes: "The area of greatest concern of the United States at the present time is the Far East. For 150 years we have taken part in the trade and development of this part of the world. In less than a year and a half, our interests in this part of the world are threatened with summary expulsion, and treaties and understandings arrived at with other nations have been disregarded and denounced."

18 Mar

1953

Mr. Amet Jenks to General Cates; forwarding letter by Ferdinand Eberstadt, former chairman of the committee on the national security of organization of the so-called Hoover Commission; calling attention to a re-emergence of the single-chief-of-staff and general-staff concept in the military. Eberstadt writes: ". . . In my opinion, one of the first heads that would be sacrificed to the new efficiency, would be the Marine Corps"

Letters

Mss Box 2

Entry 9

"Copies of Letters To . . . My mother. . . 15 June, 1942 To 28 Jan, 1944. Enroute to San Francisco, New Zealand, Fiji, Guadalcanal . . . Guadalcanal Operation and Melbourne, Australia." Contains approximately 100 letters, all of which are written in style for the family. There are copies that allow more information than is normally subject to the censor, but, on the whole, little military information is presented.

Letters

Mss 2

Entry 10

Untitled. Folder of approximately 75 items pertains to 1st Marines, 1st

Marine Division, Fleet Marine Force in battle of Guadalcanal. Folder consists of carbon copies of letters and/or citations for heroics in the battle for various subordinates as well as for General Cates. In addition, station lists for various units of the 1st Marines in the action are included.

5 May
1942 Stations List—1st Marines, 1st Marine Division, FMF, Marine Barracks, New River, North Carolina.

24 Aug
1942 Division Bulletin No. 32a—42; Commendation for results of Battle of the Tenaru River.

25 Aug
1942 Conduct of operations at the Battle of the Tenaru River.

1 Nov
1942 Division Bulletin No. 67a—42; 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines, commendation of, for noteworthy performance of duty during the period 9 October to 1 November 1942.

22 Nov
1942 Report of Second Battalion, 1st Marines Patrol, 22-23 November 1942.

1 Dec
1942 First Marines engagements, Guadalcanal, S.I., 1 December 1942.

Undated Order of Battle, Guadalcanal, Solomons (listing of Japanese units).

22 Dec
1942 1st Marines, 1st Marine Division—Excellent performance of duty.

30 Dec
1942 1st Marines, 1st Marine Division, aboard USS *American Legion*; Memorandum to all organizations: good relations between USA and Australia.

30 Dec
1942 Letter of Commendation by the Secretary of the Navy, recommendation for; in the case of Colonel Clifton B. Cates, U.S. Marine Corps.

22 Jan
1943 Station List—1st Marines, 1st Marine Division, Fleet Marine Force.

9 Feb
1943 1st Marines, 1st Marine Division, FMF—Officers detached from 1st Marines since leaving the U.S.A.

9 Feb
1943 1st Marines, 1st Marine Division, FMF—Awards (compilation including name, rank, recommended for, and awarded).

10 Feb
1943 Award of Distinguished Service Medal, recommendation for; case of Captain Francis T. Eagan, U.S. Marine Corps Reserve.

10 Feb
1943 Award of Distinguished Service Medal, recommendation for; case of Lieutenant Colonel Julian N. Frisbie, U.S. Marine Corps.

10 Feb
1943 Award of Navy Cross, recommendation for; case of First Lieutenant George P. Hunt, U.S. Marine Corps Reserve.

10 Feb
1943 Award of Distinguished Service Medal, recommendation for; case of Captain Elmer W. Myers, U.S. Marine Corps Reserve.

10 Feb
1943 Award of Silver Star, recommendation for; case of Lieutenant Commander Emil E. Napp, U.S. Navy Reserve.

10 Feb
1943 Award of Distinguished Service Medal, recommendation for; case of Lieutenant Colonel Walker A. Reaves, U.S. Marine Corps.

10 Feb
1943 Award of Distinguished Service Medal, recommendation for; case of Lieutenant Colonel William W. Stickney, U.S. Marine Corps Reserve.

10 Feb
1943 Award of Navy Cross, recommendation for; case of First Lieutenant John S. Todd, U.S. Marine Corps.

7 Jul
1943 Press and radio release—Brigadier General Cates, U.S.M.C. Receives Legion of Merit decoration.

Letters
Mss Box 2
Entry 11

Untitled. Folder of approximately 120 letters by General Cates to his family. The file, dating from 28 June 1944 to 14 November 1945, includes both holographic and typescript copies. In addition, there are letters written by his son, some printed materials, and some prints. This file is similar to preceding letters to family, being mainly newsy and light in tone, but unlike the earlier ones, these tend to be more detailed about personnel and the various actions Cates participated in.

Letters
Mss Box 2
Entry 12

“Frances Newman Story.” File composed of approximately 50 items dealing with the national interest story of the sister of a Marine who died on Iwo Jima. Miss Newman’s letter to General Cates, following notification of her brother’s death, touch off a sympathetic wave among the men of the 4th Division based upon a promise of the dead Marine to escort his sister to a dance on her 18th birthday. By proxy the 4th Marines fulfilled that promise.

Letters
Mss Box 2
Entry 13

“Fan Mail—10 May 1945.” Miscellaneous letter file containing approximately 125 items. File has an index composed of two subdivisions: “Persons who have written for patches, autographs, and other,” and “Letters from the following in the file.” Bulk of correspondence deals with requests for military insignia, patches, autographs, etc.

Letters
Mss Box 2
Entry 14

Untitled. Approximately 50 congratulatory letters/telegrams to General Cates on his promotion to Commandant of the Marine Corps. Also included is a listing of flag officers of the various services at the time of the appointment.

Letters
Mss Box 2
Entry 15

Untitled. Approximately 30 miscellaneous documents spanning the years 1948-1952; 1960.

Letters
Mss Box 3
Entry 16

“Honorary Memberships and Degrees. . . 1948-1951.” Correspondence and certificates pertaining to 45 separate entries.

Letters
Mss Box 3
Entry 17

“CMC Testimony 17 Oct 49, reactions to.” File contains approximately 100 items, including Cates’ response to incoming correspondence dealing with his testimony before the House Armed Services Committee on the unification controversy. Correspondents include: Major General William T. Clement, USMC; Captain Ernest M. Eller, USN; Brigadier General William S. Fellers, USMC; Congressman L. H. Gavin; Fleet Admiral Ernest J. King, USN; Brigadier General Ivan W. Miller, USMC; Major William P. McCahill, USMCR; Congressman John W. McCormick; General Harry Schmidt, USMC; Congressman Hugh D. Scott, Jr.; Brigadier General John T. Selden, USMC; Lieutenant General Julian C. Smith, USMC; Congressman Hiram Staton; and Governor John C. Vivian of Colorado.

Letters
Mss Box 3
Entry 18

Untitled. File contains approximately 25 items, including printed matter and reprints of articles. Bulk of the material pertains to the composition of the Marine Corps during the period 1949-1951.

Letter
Mss Box 3
Entry 19

Apology—“Navy’s Police Force.” The original letter sent by President Harry S. Truman to General Clifton B. Cates on 6 September 1950. File contains reproductions of California’s Congressman Gordon L. McDonough’s letter, dated 21 August 1950, to President Truman urging him to grant the Marine Corps representation on the Joint Chiefs of Staff; Truman’s response, dated 29 August 1950, wherein he replies to McDonough: “. . . For your information the Marine Corps is the Navy’s police force and as long as I am President that is what it will remain. . . . Nobody desires to belittle the efforts of the Marine Corps but when the Marine Corps goes into the army it works with and for the army and that is the way it should be. . . ;” correspondence with Mr. Maurice J. Fagan, National Commandant, Marine Corps League, on the occasion of being approached by Congressman McDonough to receive monies from the auction of President Truman’s initial letter; and the original of the apology to General Cates, for the Marine Corps, by President Truman, dated 6 September 1950. In part, President Truman wrote: “. . . I sincerely regret the unfortunate choice of language which I used in my letter of August 29 to Congressman McDonough concerning the Marine Corps. . . I am profoundly aware of the magnificent history of the United States Marine Corps, and of the many heroic deeds of the Marines since the Corps was established in 1775. . . The Corp’s ability to carry out whatever task may be assigned to it has been splendidly demonstrated many times in our history. It has again been shown by the immediate response of the Marine Corps to a call for duty in Korea . . . The country may feel sure that the record of the Marines now fighting there will add new laurels to the already illustrious record of the Marine Corps.”

Letters

Mss Box 3

Entry 20

Congratulatory letters to General Cates. File contains approximately 40 items, pertaining to either Cates' promotion to Commandant of the Marine Corps or to his sponsorship of the 1953 Secretaries' Conference in Quantico. No matters of military importance are included in the correspondence. Correspondents include: Herbert C. Bonner; Joel T. Boone; Harry C. Byrd; Tom Clark; Robert Cutler; James F. Farley; Ray Fogler; James Forrestal; Harry G. Hamlet; J. Edgar Hoover; Harold L. Ickes; Charles D. Jackson; Donald L. Jackson; Estes Kefauver; Robert Lebaron; Chester W. Nimitz; Merlin O. Neil; Lamont Pugh; Wilkins K. Putman; L. Mendel Rivers; Kenneth C. Royall; George W. Sarbacker, Jr.; Lemuel C. Shepherd, Jr; Margaret Chase Smith; John R. Steelman; Robert T. Stevens; Adlai E. Stevenson; Charles Thomas; Clark W. Thomson; Nathan F. Twining; and others.

Letter

Mss Box 3

Entry 21

"Farewell ltrs as CMC 1951." File contains approximately 25 items, including incoming letters and General Cates' acknowledgments.

Letters

Mss Box 3

Entry 22

Congratulatory letters to Lieutenant General Cates, Commandant, Marine Corps Schools for hosting the Secretaries' Conference at Quantico, 23-26 July 1954. A selection of photographs taken at the Conference is included. No matters of military importance are included in the correspondence. (Although President Eisenhower is included in numerous photographs, there is no correspondence to or from him.)

Letters

Mss Box 3

Entry 23

"Retirement Congratulatory Letters." File contains 94 items.

Manuscripts

Mss Box 3

Entry 24

Typescript copies of: "Brief History of the 96th Company, 6th Marines," dated 16 January 1919, which includes roster of officers. The 41-page document includes roster of the 96th Company and casualty lists for enlisted and officers; also, a 42-page document entitled "Brief History of the 96th Company, 2nd Battalion, 6th Regiment, United States Marine Corps," Washington, 1928.

Manuscript

Mss Box 3

Entry 25

"Record of 96th Co., 2nd Battalion, 6th Marines, 2nd Division, A.E.F." Compilation of approximately 100 pages of written material in a printing mock-up or a rough draft of copy for a limited edition of the history of the 96th Company printed by Headquarters, Marine Corps in 1967.

Manuscript

Mss Box 4

Entry 26

A Critical Analysis of Japanese Operations Against Shanghai in 1932, and The Results Thereof, submitted by Major Cates, Marine Corps Schools, Quantico, 1 May 1935, and assumed to be an Individual Research Paper for Command and Staff requirements. The copy contains 35 pages with appendices.

Manuscripts

Mss Box 4

Entry 27

“‘My First’ at Guadalcanal . . . 7 Aug-22 Dec 1942,” by General Cates. Manuscript is approximately 100 pages with maps, photographs, and appendices. As noted by General Cates in his foreword: “. . . My First is the story of the 1st Marines, and personal incidents, as I saw it at the time. It is not intended to be a chronological or letter perfect record, although it is, to the best of my knowledge, a true record of our operations and a picture of actual conditions.” Also included in the file is a segment of the official history of Marines in World War I which is presumed to be part of a study by General Cates on that subject.

Manuscripts

Mss Box 4

Entries 28, 29,
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“‘My First’ at Guadalcanal . . . 7 Aug-22 Dec 1942.” Three photostat copies of manuscript by General Cates.

Maps

Mss Box 4

Entry 31

Seven maps pertaining to World War I. Included are the following:

1. St. Mihiel Operation, American First Army, September 12-16 and November 9-11 Operation, American Second Army.
2. American Operations in the Aisne-Marne Region.
3. Meuse-Argonne Operation, American First Army, September 26 -November 11, 1918. 2 copies.
4. Maps of Blanc Mont area; lines of battle 2-9 October.
5. German map from Blanc Mont.
6. Unidentified map of French battle area [One map pertaining to World War II].
7. Special Air and Gunnery Target Map: Iwo Jima, Volcano Island.

Maps

Mss Box 5

Entry 32

A series of photostats pertaining to General Cates' manuscript on Guadalcanal, probably as enclosures.

Orders

Mss Box 5

Entry 33

“Orders 1917 to 1940.” Temporary additional duty, change of station, and special orders comprise the bulk of this folder. Included in the file is a chronological index to the individual orders. File contains approximately 175 items.

Orders

Mss Box 5

Entry 34

“Orders of General C. B. Cates 1941 to (June 1954).” File contains approximately 250 official copies of change of duty, change of station, temporary additional duty, etc., orders for General Cates.

Orders

Mss Box 5

Entry 35

“Gen Cates appt as CMC and phys. exams.” File contains approximately 20 items, including original official appointment document naming Cates as Commandant of the Marine Corps and signed by President Harry S. Truman.

Reports

Mss Box A

1B13

Compilation of printed reports, including the following:

1. G.O. 40: France, 5 July 1918; extract copy of G.O. 40, Second Division, A.E.F.; pertains to Marine officers and enlisted men; reprinted by the Historical Section, Marine Corps Mobilization Bureau, HQMC; 2 pages.
2. Pamphlet: *Commendations of Second Division: American Expeditionary Forces, France/Germany, 1917-1919*. Published by the Second Division Association, Cologne, Germany, May 1919; 62 pages.
3. Pamphlet: *Report of General John J. Pershing, U.S.A., Commander-in-Chief, American Expeditionary Forces, cabled to the Secretary of War, November 20, 1918 . . . corrected January 16, 1919*. Adjutant General Printing Department, General Headquarters, A.E.F.
4. Pamphlet: *To The Homeward-Bound Americans*. By B. Van Vorst; 32 pages.
5. Compilation of printed General Orders, Bulletins, Marine Corps Orders, etc.
6. MCO 52 (Series 1921) Headquarters Marine Corps, Washington, D.C., 16 December 1921: American and foreign decorations awarded since 11 August 1920 (MCO 27).

Report

Mss Box 5

Entry 36

"Statement of Clifton B. Cates, General, United States Marine Corps, Commandant, U.S. Marine Corps, Washington D.C., Before the Armed Services Committee of the House of Representatives, Investigating the B-36 and Related Matters." Included as an appendix to this document is a 6-page statement of General Alexander A. Vandegrift, USMC (Retired) on the subject. Also included in the folder is approximately 20 pages of statistical and lineal information dealing with Marines or the 96th Company, 6th Marines, of World War I, presumed to be research material for General Cates' writings on the history of the 96th Company.

Report

Mss Box 5

Entry 37

"Similarities of the Brandt and Harsch Articles of 2 January 1951" — a compilation of materials that alluded to the behind-the-scenes activities of the Marine Corps *vis-a-vis* the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Report

Mss Box 5

Entry 38

"Statement of Clifton B. Cates, General, United States Marine Corps . . . Commandant of the Marine Corps, Washington, D.C., October 1951, before the Preparedness Subcommittee of the Committee on Armed Services, United States Senate . . . Report No. 31." Folder also contains some miscellaneous documents.

Testimony

Mss Box 5

Entry 39

Testimony Given By General Clifton B. Cates, Commandant of the Marine Corps, Before The House Armed Services Committee Following His Formal Statement Concerning Matters Under Investigation By That Committee, 17 October 1949; 37 pages.

Speeches
Mss Box 5
Entries 40, 41

A compilation of speeches, statements, and a manuscript by or for General Cates. Included in entry:

1. "What's Wrong With Our Team?"—projected article for national magazine to be signed by CMC; 21 pages.
2. "First Things First"—high cost of preparedness; 20 pages.
3. "Marine Corps Birthday Battle: Guadalcanal, S.I., 10 November 1943"—review of the battle of Guadalcanal; 7 pages.
4. "Iwo Jima Anniversary." Marine Corps League, 29 May 1946; 16 pages.
5. "Marine Corps Reserve Assembly, Convention Hall, Philadelphia, January 1948;" 3 pages.
6. "St. Paul Winter Carnival, 31 January 1948"—Marines' peace-keeping mission; 5 pages.
7. "St. Paul, Minnesota Ice Carnival, January 1948"—preparedness; 5 pages.
8. "CMC Statement to Senate Armed Services Committee, March 1948"—personnel strength of the Marine Corps and Marine Corps Reserve; 5 pages.
9. "Publicity Lodge 1000, Advertising Club, New York City, 12 March 1948"—support by advertising industry in Marine Corps Reserve program; 13 pages.
10. "Presentation, April 1948, Fleet Marine Force, Atlantic"—importance of amphibious role by both regular and Reserve Marines; 3 pages.
11. "Freedom Train Ceremony, Kansas City, Mo., 4 June 1948;" 3 pages.
12. "Conference of Marine Corps Reserve Officers Association, Chicago, 29 Jan 1949"—priorities in determining national security measures in peacetime; 20 pages.
13. "Marine Corps Reserve Officers Association, Chicago, 29 Jan 1949"; 6 pages (not used).
14. "Harvard Club, Army and Navy Club, 12 March 1949"—point paper-outline, not speech; 3 pages.
15. "The Marine Corps and Its Function; Second Joint Civilian Orientation Conference," Washington, D.C., 4 April 1949"—role of the Corps; 11 pages.
16. "Address, University Club, Washington, D.C., 13 April 1949"—Fleet Marine Force in readiness; 12 pages.
17. "Virginia State Chamber of Commerce, Roanoke, Va., 15 April 1949."
18. "Address, University of Maryland: Education, Athletics and Leadership"—response to appeal by Dr. Harry Byrd and Colonel Harvey L. Miller; 8 pages.
19. "Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death"—Patrick Henry's speech; copy of; 4 pages.
20. "The Role of the Marine Corps in National Security"—lecture by Cates to staff and students of the National War College; 1 June 1949.
21. "Address, 27th Annual National Defense Dinner, Louisville, Ky, 16 May 1953"—power for peace; 17 pages.
22. "The Role of the Marine Corps in Global War"—Naval War College, 28 May 1951"—status of the Corps in the military stream; 22 pages.

23. Untitled—positive foreign policy and application of American influence in world affairs to counter the world-wide Soviet threat of Communism; 9 pages.

Speeches
Mss Box 6
Entry 42

This file contains a segment numbered 21 through 39. Included are the following:

21. Third Joint Civilian Orientation Conference, 14 June 1949.
22. Fourth Joint Civilian Orientation Conference, 19 September 1949.
23. Draft CMC's Speech, Marine Corps League Convention, Boston, 1 October 1949.
24. Major General O.P. Smith's Speech, Marine Corps League Convention, Boston, 1 October 1949.
25. Balance in the Armed Forces (no date).
26. Fifth Joint Civilian Orientation Conference, 31 October 1949.
27. CMC Opening Remarks, Conference for Commanding Generals, 29 November-1 December 1949.
28. Notes on speech at Kansas City, Missouri, 11 February 1950.
29. CMC Remarks, Congressional Stag Party, 21 March 1950.
30. Notes on California State Society talk, 26 March 1950.
31. Sixth Joint Civilian Orientation Conference, 17 April 1950.
32. Interview with Robert Sherrod, "Time for Defense," 10 May 1950.
33. Armed Forces Day Speech, Los Angeles, 17 May 1950.
34. National War College, Washington, D.C., 6 June 1950.
35. American Ordnance Association, 32nd National Dinner Meeting, 6 December 1950.
36. Armed Forces Day address, Nashville, Tennessee, 19 May 1951.
37. National War College address, 23 May 1951.
38. Naval War College address, 29 May 1951 (June 1951).
39. Address, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee, 4 June 1951.

Citations
Mss Box 6
Entry 43

"Citations and commendations." File contains approximately 100 items, including a segment of biographies prepared for General Cates.

Citations
Mss Box 6
Entry 44

Twenty items of citation or commendation pertaining to General Cates.

**Newspaper
Clippings**
Mss Box 6
Entry 45

"Miscellaneous clippings kept by Mother over the years. Someday I want to put them in order and paste in a scrapbook." Original file inscription; approximately 15 items.

**Newspaper
Clippings**
Mss Box B
1B13

Approximately 300 newspaper clippings spanning the career of General Cates.

Newspaper
Clippings
Mss Box 6
Entry 46

Miscellaneous collection of materials dating from 1948 through 1954. File contains 11 items.

Newspaper
Clippings
Mss Box 6
Entry 47

Approximately 60 newspaper clippings from various newspapers; most are concerned with General Cates' retirement from the Marine Corps, 1 July 1954.

Newspaper
Clippings
Mss Box 6
Entry 48

File contains the following items:

1. Two-page spread, "World Week," date unknown, entitled, "A Peacetime Formation Brings Together 49 War Leaders of Navy and Marines."
2. "Native Hero Welcomes Marines Back to Canal," story by Sergeant Major Jacob Vouza, *Navy Times*, 23 August 1967.
3. Press kit: 25th Anniversary, Tinian, 24 July 1944. Includes Historical Division release, photographs, and Division of Information release.
4. *Quantico Sentry*, Vol XXVII, No. 22, 2 June 1961. Article on General Cates and reunion of members of 96th Company.
5. Article, paper unknown, date unknown: football team of 1914 Tennessee Volunteers reunion.
6. *Quantico Sentry*, 23 June 1967 article: "MCS Host Famed World War I Unit."
7. *Quantico Sentry*, Vol XXXIII, No. 24, 16 June 1967, article: "Famed WWI Unit to Reunite Here."
8. Article, *The Weekly Record*, Vol 97, No. 2, 30 March 1962: "The Siege of New Madrid: Civil War Opened First Fight for Mississippi River."
9. Article, *The Sunday Star Magazine*, 15 April 1962: "The Civil War as Reported by the Star 100 Years Ago: Island No. 10 Falls; Peninsula Drive Begins."
10. Article, *The Saturday Evening Post*, 28 July-4 August 1962: "Guadalcanal 1942;" by Samuel Eliot Morison.
11. Article, *The Kansas City (Missouri) Times*, 25 June 1968: "Marines Paid Price of Glory in 1918."
12. Article, *The Commercial Appeal*, Memphis, Tennessee, 5 August 1962: "Guadalcanal. 20 Years After."
13. Article, *The National Observer*, 12 July 1967: "A Special Place Called Guadalcanal: Where a Nation's Faith was Restored."
14. Miscellaneous printed matter; 5 items.

Directories
Mss Box 6
Entry 49

Folder contains the following items:

1. Station List, Fourth Marine Division, 31 July 1944; 55 pages.
2. Station List, 4th Marine Division, FMF in the field, 30 September 1945; 43 pages.

3. Revised List of 96th Company, 6th Marines, A.E.F., 1 June 1967; 2 pages.
4. Station List, Headquarters and Service Company, First Marines, First Marine Division, FMF, 9 July 1942; 7 pages.

Photographs

Mss Box 6

Entry 50

Photographs of maps in General Cates' manuscript "My First' on Guadalcanal;" includes negatives.

Pamphlets

Mss Box 7

Entry 51

Reproductions of: "History of the 96th Company, 2nd Battalion, 6th Regiment, United States Marine Corps; 4th Brigade, 2nd Division, A.E.F." By Clifton B. Cates, Lieutenant Colonel, USMC. Reproduced by the Historical Section, 31 October 1935; 26 pages. Also "A brief history of the Sixth Regiment, United States Marine Corps from its organization, July, 1917, to the date of arrival at its present station at and in the vicinity of Leutesdorf, Germany, Army of Occupation, December, 1918;" 38 pages plus appendices.

Printed

Matter

Mss Box 7

Entry 52

Folder contains the following items:

1. Monograph, "History of the 96th Company, 6th Marine Regiment in World War I." Authored by General Cates, this document of 193 pages with appendices was produced by the Marine Corps as a limited printing.
2. First day cover, Women Marines 5-cent postcard with imprint, dated 26 July 1968, San Francisco.
3. Research papers; draft of appendices for history cited above.
4. Photograph, University of Tennessee Volunteers 1914 football team, General Cates in rear left corner.

Printed

Matter

Mss Box 7

Entry 53

Folder contains the following items:

1. Carbon copy of "Record of Events," chronology of General Cates' actions with respect to the engagement of the enemy in Korea, June 1950.
2. Roster of all known living members of the 96th Company, April 1969.
3. Four copies of the biography of General Clifton B. Cates, USMC for use in retirement ceremonies at Marine Corps Schools, Quantico, Va., 30 June 1954.

Printed

Matter

Mss Box 7

Entry 54

Folder contains the following items:

1. Four articles dealing with the life of General Cates.
2. Photograph story dealing with *Operation Remember*.
3. Six dinner invitations received at various times in General Cates' career.

**Printed
Matter**
Mss Box 7
Entry 55

Folder containing pamphlets, newspaper, and a calendar:

1. Pamphlet, "Golden Anniversary Reunion, 96th Company, 2nd Battalion, 6th Marines, Marine Corps Schools, Quantico, Va., 15-18 June 1967."
2. Pamphlet, "The Submarine In The United States Navy."
3. Pamphlet, "Aviation In The United States Navy."
4. Pamphlet, "A Pocket History of the 4th Marine Division and the 4th Marine Aircraft Wing in World War II."
5. Calendar, 1969—annotated with appointments by General Cates.
6. Newspaper, *Quantico Sentry*, Vol XXXIII, No. 24, 16 June 1967, (2 copies).
7. Newspaper, *The Evening Capital*, Annapolis, Maryland, Wednesday 26 July 1961.

Article
Mss Box 7
Entry 56

"Marines at Blanc Mont: An Episode in the History of the Second American Division." By Captain John W. Thomason, Jr., with pictures by the author, some of which were drawn on the field in the Champagne action. (*Scribner's Magazine*, Vol LXXVIII, No. 3, September 1925, pages 226-242).

Articles
Mss Box 7
Entry 57

Compilation of five articles from *The Marine Corps Gazette*, bound in binder inscribed: "4th Brigade, 2nd Division, A.E.F., World War." Included in the compilation: "The Aisne-Marne Offensive," by Major Edwin N. McClellan, pp 66-84; 188-227; "The St. Mihiel Offensive," by Major Edwin N. McClellan, pp 375-397; "The Battle of Blanc Mont Ridge," by Major Edwin N. McClellan, pp 1-21, 206-211, 287-288; "Machine Guns of the Fourth Brigade," by Major Littleton W.T. Waller, Jr., pp 1-31; "Retreat Hell!" (including an appreciation of the French) by Brigadier General Logan Feland, pp 289-291. Also, Monograph No. 9 *Blanc Mont (Meuse-Argonne-Champagne)* prepared in the Historical Branch, War Plans Division, General Staff, June 1921; 42 pages. Second compilation of articles in binder with similar title as above includes: "U.S. Marine Corps In The World War"; "A Brief History of the Fourth Brigade of Marines"; "The Fourth Brigade Marines In the Training Areas and the Operations in the Verdun Sector"; "Operations of the Fourth Brigade of Marines in the Aisne Defensive"; "Capture of Hill 142"; and the "Battle of Belleau Wood." All are written by Major Edwin N. McClellan, USMC.

Roster
Mss Box 7
Entry 58

"Roster of Guests, Joint Civilian Orientation Conferences Listed by States and Subdivided into the Cities." Lists entries for 12th JCOC of 1-2 April 1952 through 18th JCOC of 6-7 May 1954. Roster contains approximately 150 pages.

Appendix I

CHRONOLOGY

1893	31 Aug	Born at Tiptonville, Tennessee
1916	June	Received bachelor of laws degree, University of Tennessee
1917	23 May	Physical examination, Washington, D.C.
	24 May	Appointed second lieutenant (provisional)
	13 June	Reported Port Royal (Parris Island), South Carolina
	19 July	Detached Port Royal (Parris Island), South Carolina
	20 Jul-23 Aug	Reported Co. B, OTC, Quantico, Virginia
	24-27 Aug	Temporarily attached 79th Co, 2d Bn, 6th Marines
	28 Aug-18 Jan (18)	Assigned to 96th Co, 2d Bn, 6th Marines, Quantico, Virginia
	18 Sep	Disenrolled second lieutenant (reserve) and appointed second lieutenant (temporary)
1918	19 Jan	Detached to foreign expeditionary duty
	20 Jan	Sailed from Philadelphia, on USS <i>Henderson</i>
	24 Jan	Sailed from New York City
	5 Feb	Arrived St. Nazaire, France
	8 Feb	Disembarked at St. Nazaire, France
	10 Feb-17 Mar	In Bourmont Training Area (Blevaincourt)
	18 Mar-12 May	Verdun Sector
	1 Jun-16 Jul	Aisne Defense (Bouresches & Belleau Wood)
	6 Jun	Awarded Distinguished Service Cross for action during capture of Bouresches
	6 Jun	Awarded Navy Cross for same
	6 Jun	Awarded French Croix de Guerre with gold star for same
	6 Jun	Awarded 2d Division citation for same
	14 Jun	Awarded oak leaf cluster to DSC for Belleau Wood
	14 Jun	Awarded Purple Heart
	14 Jun	Awarded 2d Division citation for Belleau Wood
	14 Jun	Gassed in action at Belleau Wood
	17-21 Jul	Aisne-Marne Offense (Soissons)
	19 Jul	Awarded French Legion of Honor (Chevalier)
	19 Jul	Awarded French Croix de Guerre with palm
	19 Jul	Awarded oak leaf cluster for Purple Heart
	19 Jul	Awarded 2d Division citation
	19 Jul	Wounded in action near Zierzy
	7-16 Aug	Marbache Sector (Pont-a-Mousson)
	28 Aug	Promoted to first lieutenant (date of rank 1 Jul)
	12-16 Sep	St. Mihiel Offense
	1-9 Oct	Blanc Mont (Champagne) Offense
	3 Oct	Awarded French Croix de Guerre with palm
	2-9 Oct	Awarded G.H.Q. (U.S.A.) citation for Somme-Py

	2-10 Oct	Awarded 2d Division citation
	1-11 Nov	Meuse Argonne Offense
	Jun, Jul, and Oct	Awarded French "Fouragerre" for citations received by 6th Marines for Bouresches and Belleau Wood, Soissons and Blanc Mont
	Period of War	Awarded Victory Medal with 5 bars (major operations) and 5 silver stars (individual citations)
	For Soissons and Blanc Mont	Awarded Silver Star with oak leaf cluster
	17-30 Nov	March to the Rhine River
	1 Dec	Crossed Rhine River
	1 Dec-15 Jun 1919	Army of Occupation in Germany
	19 Dec	Recommendation for Medal of Honor by Colonel Holcomb
1919	5 Mar	Promoted to captain (temporary) (date of rank 2 Jul 1918)
	1 May	Detached 96th Co, 2d Bn, 6th Marines to Co. "E," Composite Regiment
	1 May-19 Sep	Co. "E," Composite Regiment, organized at Homingen and Coblenz. Paraded as General Pershing's Guard of Honor in Paris (4th and 14th Jul), London (19 Jul), New York (10 Sep) and Washington (17 Sep)
	1 Sep	Sailed from Brest, France on USS <i>Leviathan</i>
	8 Sep	Disembarked Hoboken, New Jersey
	8-15 Sep	Camp Mills, New York
	16-19 Sep	Camp Meade, Maryland
	19 Sep	Composite Regiment disbanded
	20 Sep	Reported Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C.
	25 Sep	Temporary commission as captain revoked; appointed first lieutenant (temporary) with rank from 1 Jul 1918
1920	14 Feb	Detached Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C.
	14 Feb	Reported Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps
	14 Feb	Appointed aide-de-camp to Major General Commandant
	14 Feb	Appointed aide-de-camp to White House (President Wilson)
	3 Mar	Temporary duty, Quantico, Virginia
	15 April	Temporary duty, New York
	4-14 Jun	Temporary duty, Minneapolis, Minnesota
	8 Oct	Detached Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps, Washington, D.C.
	20 Oct	Reported San Francisco
	15 Nov	Appointed aide-de-camp to Brigadier General Barnett
	27 Dec	Temporary duty, Mare Island
1921	8 Mar	Appointed aide-de-camp to Major General Barnett
	15-17 Mar	Temporary duty, Mare Island
	2 Apr	Appointed captain (permanent)
	10 Aug	Temporary duty, Mare Island

	29 Aug	Temporary duty, Mare Island
1922	17 Jan-17 Feb	Temporary duty, Honolulu, T.H. (Sailed on USS <i>Chaumont</i> , returned on USS <i>Logan</i>)
	7-12 May	Temporary duty, Mare Island
1923	12-21 May	Temporary duty, Marine Barracks, Puget Sound
	23 May	Temporary duty, Mare Island
	10 June	Detached Department of Pacific
	10 June	Joined USS <i>California</i>
1924	31 Mar	Received letter of commendation on award of Sons of the Revolution Cup to Marine Detachment, USS <i>California</i> , for year 1923 (signed by Major General Commandant)
	18 Apr	Received letter of commendation for highest merit in short-range battle practice for 1923 (signed by Secretary of the Navy)
1925	29 Apr	Detached USS <i>California</i>
	30 Apr-8 May	Enroute from Honolulu on USS <i>Henderson</i>
	9 May	Reported Marine Barracks, San Diego, California; assigned 4th Marines
1926	12 Mar	Awarded Marine Corps Institute diploma for completing courses in Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing
	26 May	Detached 4th Marines, San Diego, California
	1 July	Reported Recruiting Station, Spokane, Washington
	9 Nov	Received letter of appreciation from Major General Butler (services rendered Mail Guard)
	23 Dec	Received letter of commendation from Major General Commandant (Major General Lejeune) (re same)
1927	1 May	Detached Recruiting Station, Spokane, Washington
	6 May	Reported Recruiting Station, Omaha, Nebraska
1928	23 Feb	Detached Recruiting Station, Omaha, Nebraska
	6 Mar	Reported American Battle Monuments Commission, Washington, D.C.
	29 May-4 June	Temporary duty, St. Louis, Missouri
1929	3 May	Detached American Battle Monuments Commission, Washington, D.C.
	3 May	Reported Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps
	20 Jun	Detached Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps
	12 Jul	Sailed from San Francisco for Shanghai on SS <i>President Wilson</i>
	5 Aug	Reported 4th Marines, Shanghai, China
	6-26 Aug	Temporarily attached to 22d Co., 3d Bn.
	30 Aug	Detached 4th Marines to USS <i>Pittsburgh</i>
	5 Sep	Detached USS <i>Pittsburgh</i> to 4th Marines
	6 Sep-6 Jun 1932	Duty as athletic officer, 4th Marines
1932	28 Jan-3 Mar	Participated in Defense of International Settlement during emergency of Chinese-Japanese Operations (duty as R-3)
	27 Feb	Promoted to major (rank from 1 Oct 1931)
	1929-1932	Awarded Yangtze Medal (for China duty)

	1929-1932	Awarded Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal (for China duty)
	6 Jun	Detached 4th Marines, Shanghai
	10-28 Jun	Enroute from Shanghai on SS <i>President Lincoln</i>
	28 Jun	Reported Department of Pacific, San Francisco
	28 Jun	Detached Department of Pacific, San Francisco
	2 Jul	Reported Headquarters Marine Corps, Washington, D.C.
	17 Aug	Detached Headquarters Marine Corps, Washington, D.C.
	17 Aug	Reported Army Industrial College, Washington, D.C.
	6 Oct	Temporary Duty, Aberdeen, Maryland
1933	13-16 Jun	Temporary duty, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
	22 Jun	Awarded diploma, Army Industrial College
	23 Jun	Detached Army Industrial College
	24-27 Jun	Reported Headquarters Marine Corps, Washington, D.C.
	5 Jul	Reported Marine Barracks, Quantico, Virginia
	1 Sep	Assigned Marine Corps Schools
	2 Sep	Detached Marine Corps Schools
	2 Sep	Reported 2d Bn, 7th Marines
	3 Oct-6 Mar 1934	Temporary duty on USS <i>Wyoming</i> in Cuba, Florida, and Texas
1934	6 Mar-10 May	Temporary duty on USS <i>Antares</i> in Cuba, Florida, and Culebra
	10-21 May	Enroute from Culebra to Hampton Roads, Virginia on USS <i>Bridge</i> and USS <i>Arkansas</i>
	23 May	2d Bn, FMF returned to Quantico, Virginia
	19-30 Jun	Sick in U.S. Naval Hospital, Washington, D.C.
	19 Aug-10 Sep	Sick in U.S. Naval Hospital, Washington, D.C.
	29 Aug	Detached 2d Bn, FMF
	10 Sep	Reported Marine Corps Schools, Quantico, Virginia
1935	31 May	Awarded diploma, Field Officers' Course, Marine Corps Schools
	1 Jun-25 Aug	Assigned to staff of Marine Corps Schools as commander of Platoon Leaders' Class, 1935 (Reserve)
	26 Jul	Promoted to lieutenant colonel (date of rank 1 Jul)
	26 Jul	Detached Marine Corps Schools, Quantico, Virginia
	4 Sep	Received letter of commendation from Brigadier General Holcomb
	30 Sep	Reported Headquarters Marine Corps; assigned War Plans, Operations, and Training.
	18-22 Nov	Temporary duty (Adjutant and Inspector), Quantico, Virginia
1936	9-26 Mar	Temporary duty, platoon leaders recruiting, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, and Mississippi

	20 Apr-7 May	Temporary duty, platoon leaders recruiting, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, and Mississippi
	16-20 Nov.	Temporary duty (A&I), Quantico, Virginia
	8-30 March	Temporary duty, platoon leaders recruiting, Washington, Pennsylvania; Athens, Ohio; Nashville, Tennessee; and Oxford, Mississippi
	19 Apr-15 May	Temporary duty, platoon leaders recruiting, Washington, Pennsylvania ; Athens, Ohio; Nashville, Tennessee; and Oxford, Mississippi
	16-20 Nov.	Temporary duty, Quantico, Virginia, A&I inspection
1937	12-31 Mar	Temporary duty, platoon leaders recruiting, Washington, Pennsylvania; Athens, Ohio; Nashville, Tennessee; and Oxford, Mississippi
	19 Apr-11 May	Temporary duty, platoon leaders recruiting, Washington, Pennsylvania; Athens, Ohio; Nashville, Tennessee; and Oxford, Mississippi
	24 May	Detached, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps, Washington, D.C.
	30 Jun	Reported 2d Bn, 6th Marines, FMF, San Diego, California
	27 Aug	Detached Marine Corps Base, San Diego, California (embarked USS <i>Chaumont</i>)
	Sep	Arrived Shanghai, China (CO, 2d Battalion, 6th Marines, 2d Brigade, FMF)
1938	1 Feb	Detached 6th Marines
	1 Feb	Reported CO, 2d Battalion, 4th Marines, Shanghai, China
1939	10-18 April	Temporary duty USS <i>Luzon</i> up Yangtze River to Nanking and Wuhy, China.
	16 May	Received letter of commendation from C-in-C, Asiatic Fleet, and Major General Commandant
	18 May	Detached 2d Bn, to executive officer, 4th Marines.
	6 June	Detached 4th Marines, Shanghai, China.
	6 June-19 Aug	Enroute U.S. via Hongkong, Manila, Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Bombay, Cairo, Alexandria, Naples, Rome, Florence, Venice, Milan, Lucerne, Interlocken, Paris, London (SS <i>Aramis</i> , SS <i>President Polk</i> , and SS <i>Manhattan</i>)
	1 Sep	Reported Army War College, Washington, D.C.
1940	1 Apr	Promoted to colonel
	22 June	Detached Army War College
	6 July	Reported as Director, Marine Basic School, Navy Yard, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
	1 Aug	Temporary duty, Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania
	8 Aug	Temporary duty, Cape May, New Jersey
	31 Aug-31 Oct	Temporary duty, Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania
	31 Dec	Temporary duty, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps, Washington, D.C.
1941	19 Mar	Temporary duty, Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania

	2 May	Temporary duty, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps, Washington, D.C.
	13 Apr-23 May	Temporary duty, Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania
	18 Jul-2 Aug	Temporary duty, Quantico, Virginia
	30 Sep-7 Nov	Temporary duty, Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania
	23 Dec	Temporary duty, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps, Washington, D.C.
1942	5 Jan-16 Jan	Maneuvers, Amphibious Force, Atlantic Fleet
	9 Mar	Temporary duty, Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania
	25 Mar-17 Apr	Temporary duty, Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania
	23 Apr	Detached Marine Corps Basic School, Navy Yard, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
	3 May	Reported New River, North Carolina, and assigned as CO, 1st Marines, 1st Marine Division
	19 Jun	Detached Marine Barracks, New River, North Carolina, and Embarked USS <i>Barnett</i>
	22 Jun	Sailed from Point Embarkation aboard USS <i>Barnett</i>
	11 Jul	Arrived destination
1943	11 Feb	Detached from 1st Marine Division
	17 Feb	Reported Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps, Washington, D.C.
	20 Mar	Detached from Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps, Washington, D.C.
	22 Mar	Reported Marine Barracks, Quantico, Virginia
	3 Apr	Promoted to rank of brigadier general (temporary) from 16 September 1942
	9-10 Apr	Temporary duty, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
	23 Apr	Awarded China Service Medal
	28 Jun-17 July	Temporary duty, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps, Washington, D.C.
	29 Sep-9 Oct	Temporary duty, Department of the Pacific, San Francisco, California and FMF San Diego area.
	6-11 Nov	Temporary duty, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
	6-8 Dec	Temporary duty, New York City
1944	15-17 Feb	Temporary duty, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps, Washington, D.C.
	20 Apr	Temporary duty, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps, Washington, D.C.
	10 Jun	Temporary duty, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps, Washington, D.C.
	20 Jun	Detached from Marine Corps Schools, Quantico, Virginia
	26 Jun	Reported Department of the Pacific, San Francisco, California
	27 Jun	Detached Department of the Pacific, San Francisco, California
	28 Jun	Reported FMF Pacific and proceeded to HODE
	12 Jul	Reported and assumed command 4th Marine Division

	23 Jun	Promoted to major general (temporary) with rank from 1 February 1944
	28 Aug	Temporary duty, Provisional Headquarters, FMF Pacific, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii
	7 Sep	Temporary duty, Provisional Headquarters, FMF Pacific, and Headquarters, 5th Marine Division, Pearl Harbor
	1-5 Oct	Temporary duty, Headquarters, FMF Pacific, Pearl Harbor
	5-6 Dec	Temporary duty, Headquarters, FMF Pacific, Pearl Harbor
	21-23 Dec	Temporary duty, Headquarters, FMF Pacific, Pearl Harbor
1945	13-14 Jul	Temporary duty, Headquarters, FMF Pacific, Pearl Harbor
	17-19 Jul	Temporary duty, Headquarters, FMF Pacific, Pearl Harbor
	23 Jul	Temporary duty, Headquarters, FMF Pacific, Pearl Harbor
	3-4 Oct	Temporary duty, Headquarters, FMF Pacific, Pearl Harbor
	3 Nov	Embarked USS <i>Kasaan Bay</i> and sailed from Kahului, Maui, Hawaii
	9 Nov	Arrived and disembarked at San Diego, California
	19 Nov	Detached from 4th Marine Division at Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, California
1946	14 Jan	Reported and assigned duty as President, Marine Corps Equipment Board, Quantico, Virginia
	30 Jan-13 Feb	Temporary duty, Canadian Exercise Muskox, Ottawa, Canada
	4-13 Mar	Temporary duty, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps, Washington, D.C.
	30 Mar-6 Apr	Temporary duty, Knoxville, Tennessee
	19 Apr-2 May	Temporary duty, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps, Washington, D.C.
	4-6 May	Temporary duty, Albany, New York
	1 Jun	Assigned duty as Commanding General, Marine Barracks, Quantico, Virginia
	24 Jun	Assigned duty as Senior Member of Board, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps, Washington, D.C.
	3-5 Jul	Temporary duty, Greenville, Tennessee
	8-9 Aug	Temporary duty, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps, Washington, D.C.
	26-28 Oct	Temporary duty, Greensboro, North Carolina
	2-13 Dec	Temporary duty, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps, Washington, D.C.
1947	24 Jan	Assigned duty as President, Advisory Board, Marine Barracks, Quantico, Virginia
	7-8 Jun	Temporary duty, Chicago, Illinois

	17-20 Jul	Temporary duty, Detroit, Michigan
	26-28 Oct	Temporary duty, New York City
	2-3 Nov	Temporary duty, Worcester, Massachusetts
	31 Dec	Assigned duty as Commandant of the Marine Corps, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps, Washington, D.C., with rank of general
1948	11 Jan	Temporary duty, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
	30 Jan-1 Feb	Temporary duty, St. Paul, Minnesota
	28 Jan	Received commission as general
	28-29 Feb	Temporary duty, New York City
	12-13 Mar	Temporary duty, New York City
	15-16 Apr	Temporary duty, Princeton, New Jersey
	23-25 Apr	Temporary duty, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina
	4-5 May	Temporary duty, Cherry Point, North Carolina
	28 May-1 Jun	Temporary duty, Nashville and Chattanooga, Tennessee
	4-6 Jun	Temporary duty, Kansas City, Missouri
	16-18 Jul	Temporary duty, Cleveland, Ohio
	31 Jul	Temporary duty, New York City
	5-15 Aug	Temporary duty, West Coast
	25-26 Sep	Temporary duty, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
	29-20 Sep	Temporary duty, New York City
	6-7 Oct	Temporary duty, Boston, Massachusetts
	11 Dec	Temporary Duty, Norfolk, Virginia
1949	29-30 Jan	Temporary duty, Chicago, Illinois
	27 Feb-6 Mar	Temporary duty, Caribbean Area
	18-22 Mar	Temporary duty, San Bernardino, California
	14-16 Apr	Temporary duty, Roanoke, Virginia
	12-16 May	Temporary duty, Memphis-Union City
	2-5 Jul	Temporary duty, Camp Lejeune-Cherry Point
	21 Jul	Temporary duty, New York, New York
	26 Jul	Temporary duty, Cherry Point, North Carolina
	6-7 Aug	Temporary duty, New York, New York
	23 Aug	Temporary duty, Norfolk, Virginia
	29 Aug	Temporary duty, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
	21 Sep	Temporary duty, New York, New York
	28 Sep	Temporary duty, New York, New York
	25-26 Sep	Temporary duty, Norfolk, Virginia
	21-23 Oct	Temporary duty, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
	4 Nov	Temporary duty, Fort Benning, Georgia
	9-11 Nov	Temporary duty, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina
	16-18 Dec	Temporary duty, Los Angeles, California
	26-27 Dec	Temporary duty, Edenton and Camp Lejeune, North Carolina
1950	25 Jan	Temporary duty, New York, New York
	28-30 Jan	Temporary duty, Miami, Florida
	10-12 Feb	Temporary duty, Kansas City, Missouri
	5-12 Mar	Temporary duty, PORTREX
	5 Apr	Temporary duty, New York, New York
	12 Apr	Temporary duty, New York

	21-22 Apr	Temporary duty, Fort Benning, Georgia, and Eglin Air Force Base, Florida
	27-29 Apr	Temporary duty, Camp Lejeune (Operation Crossover)
	15-21 May	Temporary duty, San Diego, Camp Pendleton, El Toro
	1-4 Jun	Temporary duty, New York, New York
	15-16 Jun	Temporary duty, Quantico, Virginia
	19-21 Jun	Temporary duty, Albuquerque, New Mexico
	23-24 Jun	Temporary duty, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina
	11-14 Jul	Temporary duty, Camp Pendleton, and El Toro, California
	14-16 Aug	Temporary duty, Camp Pendleton, San Diego, El Toro, California
	10-14 Sep	Temporary duty, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina (leave)
	16-18 Sep	Temporary duty, Cincinnati, Ohio
	26 Sep-9 Oct	Temporary duty, Korea
	15 Nov	Temporary duty, New York
	6 Dec	Temporary duty, New York
1951	1-5 Mar	Temporary duty, Camp Lejeune
	15 Mar	Leave
	31 Mar-10 Apr	Temporary duty, Camp Lejeune, Parris Island
	5-9 Apr	Leave
	17-20 May	Temporary duty, Nashville, Tennessee
	24-25 May	Temporary duty, Norfolk, Virginia
	29 May	Temporary duty, Newport, Rhode Island
	1 Jun	Temporary duty, Annapolis, Maryland
	3-4 Jun	Temporary duty, Knoxville, Tennessee
	7-8 Jun	Temporary duty, Fort Monmouth, New Jersey
	13-14 Jun	Temporary duty, Cherry Point, Camp Lejeune
	20-24 Jun	Leave
	29 Jun-1 Jul	Temporary duty, Chicago, Illinois
	13-16 Jul	Temporary duty, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina
	16 Jul	Temporary duty, Cincinnati, Ohio
	28-29 Jul	Temporary duty, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
	3-5 Aug	Temporary duty, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
	27-29 Aug	Temporary duty, New York, New York
	8-17 Sep	Leave
	20-22 Sep	Temporary duty, Savannah, Georgia
	19 Oct-3 Nov	Temporary duty, West Coast, Korea, etc.
	11-13 Nov	Temporary duty, Parris Island, Camp Lejeune
	31 Dec	Assigned duty as Commandant, Marine Corps Schools, Quantico, Virginia
1952	1 Jan	Lineal precedence in grade of lieutenant general
	1 Jan	Designation to perform duties of CMCS, temporary presidential authorization for duty; assignment of
	31 Mar	Designation to perform duties of CMCS; presidential authorization for
	16 Apr	Retention on active list

	3-4 May	Temporary duty, Marine Barracks, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina
	12-16 Jun	Temporary duty, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina
	20-22 Jun	Temporary duty, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina
	30 Jun	Duty, revocation of assignment as President, JLFB
	5 Jul	Temporary duty, Charlottesville, Virginia
	8-14 Jul	Temporary duty, San Francisco, California
	15-25 Jul	Temporary duty, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps, Washington, D.C.
1953	21 Mar	Letter stating retention on active list
	16-17 May	Temporary duty, Louisville, Kentucky
	10-15 Jun	Temporary duty, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina
	23-26 Jul	Attendance at Secretaries' Conference, Quantico, Virginia
	9-12 Aug	Leave
	20 Aug-3 Sep	Temporary duty, Selection Board, Washington, D.C.
	31 Oct	Temporary duty, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina
	19-22 Dec	Temporary duty, San Diego, California
1954	18-28 Jan	Temporary duty, Selection Board, Washington, D.C.
	24 Feb	Confidential letter from CMC relative to Retention Board recommendation
	19-26 Mar	Leave
	29 Mar	Letter re retention on active list being approved
	22 Apr	Memorandum for the President re request for voluntary retirement effective 1 July
	13-17 May	Temporary duty, Memphis, Tennessee
	30 Jun	Retired from Marine Corps, having served two and one-half years as Commandant of the Marine Corps Schools; promoted to general on the retired list
1970	4 Jun	Died, following a long illness, at U.S. Naval Hospital, Annapolis, Maryland
	8 Jun	Buried with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia.

Appendix II

August 21, 1950

The Honorable Harry S. Truman
The President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. President:

The United States Marine Corps has again on the battlefields of Korea demonstrated that it is an effective hard-hitting mobile force which can be depended upon to produce results on the battleground.

Over the past 180 years, the Marine Corps time and again have proved that they are invaluable to the defense of America and fight the aggressors which threaten American security.

In my opinion, the United States Marine Corps is entitled to full recognition as a major branch of the Armed Services of the U.S., and should have its own representative on the Joint Chiefs of Staff in the Department of Defense. I, therefore, sincerely urge that as Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces you will grant the Marine Corps representation on the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Very truly yours,
Gordon L. McDonough, M.C.
15th District, California

August 29, 1950

Honorable Gordon L. McDonough
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

My dear Congressman McDonough:

I read with a lot of interest your letter in regard to the Marine Corps. For your information the Marine Corps is the Navy's police force and as long as I am President that is what it will remain. They have a propaganda machine that is almost equal to Stalin's.

Nobody desires to belittle the efforts of the Marine Corps but when the Marine Corps goes into the army it works with and for the army and that is the way it should be.

I am more than happy to have your expression of interest in this naval military organization. The Chief of Naval Operations is the Chief of Staff of the Navy of which the Marines are a part.

Sincerely yours,
Harry S. Truman

6 September 1950

General Clifton B. Cates, USMC
United States Marine Corps
Washington, D.C.

Dear General Cates:

I sincerely regret the unfortunate choice of language which I used in my letter of August 29 to Congressman McDonough concerning the Marine Corps.

What I had in mind at the time this letter was written was the specific question raised by Mr. McDonough, namely the representation of the Marines on the Joint Chiefs of Staff. I have been disturbed by the number of communications which have been brought to my attention proposing that the Marine Corps have such representation. I feel that, inasmuch as the Marine Corps is by law an integral part of the Department of the Navy, it is already represented on the Joint Chiefs of Staff by the Chief of Naval Operations. That the Congress concurs in this point of view is evidenced by the fact that, in passing the National Security Act of 1947, and again in amending that Act in 1949, the Congress considered the question of Marine Corps representation on the Joint Chiefs of Staff and did not provide for it. It is my feeling that many of the renewed pleas for such representation are the result of propaganda inspired by individuals who may not be aware of the best interests of our Defense Establishment as a whole, and it was this feeling which I was expressing to Mr. McDonough. I am certain that the Marine Corps itself does not indulge in such propaganda.

I am profoundly aware of the magnificent history of the United States Marine Corps, and of the many heroic deeds of the Marines since the Corps was established in 1775. I personally learned of the splendid combat spirit of the Marines when the Fourth Marine Brigade of the Second Infantry Division fought in France in 1918.

On numerous occasions since I assumed office, I have stated my conviction that the Marine Corps has a vital role in our organization for national security and I will continue to support and maintain its identity.

I regard the Marine Corps as a force available for use in any emergency, wherever or whenever necessary. When I spoke of the Marines as the "Navy's police force," I had in mind its immediate readiness, and the provision of the National Security Act which states that "The Marine Corps shall be organized, trained and equipped to provide fleet marine forces of combined arms, together with supporting air components, for service with the fleet in the seizure or defense of advanced naval bases and for the conduct of such land operations as may be essential to the prosecution of a naval campaign."

The Corps' ability to carry out whatever task may be assigned to it has been splendidly demonstrated many times in our history. It has again been shown by the immediate response of the Marine Corps to a call for duty in Korea. Since Marine ground and air forces have arrived in Korea I have received a daily report of their actions. The country may feel sure that the record of the Marines now fighting there will add new laurels to the already illustrious record of the Marine Corps.

Sincerely yours,
Harry S. Truman

September 28, 1950

Honorable Gordon L. McDonough
House Office Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman:

Your proposal to sell the controversial letter to you from President Truman and your offer to contribute the funds to the Marine Corps League places the league in an embarrassing position.

As national commandant of the league I am compelled to call your attention to the fact that there is grave danger that the league may find itself used for political purposes.

There has been a sincere apology, which has been accepted, therefore, the league considers the letter incident closed. We cannot in good grace, ethics, or conscience do otherwise.

I am certain that upon sober reflection you will agree with me that the Marine Corps League should have had the courtesy of being consulted before it was committed to be a party to any proposal involving it.

In the absence of contrary action by the league, I must disclaim any participation in the scheme and must decline to accept money raised under such circumstances.

Sincerely yours,
Maurice J. Fagan
National Commandant
Marine Corps League

September 28, 1950

The Honorable
Harry S. Truman
The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

My attention has been called to press clippings publicizing Congressman McDonough's proposal to auction your letter to him and contribute the money to the Marine Corps League.

Let me assure you, Mr. President, that this proposal comes to me both as a surprise and a shock.

Believe me, Mr. President, I am certain that I bespeak the sentiments of all my associates and the rank and file of the membership of the league, when I say that we must disavow participation in any such scheme and must refuse to accept any monies that may be obtained in this manner.

Obviously we cannot permit the honorable record of the Marine Corps League to become tainted by involvement in partisan politics.

May I take this occasion to reaffirm our loyalty to the Commander-in-chief of the Army, the Navy, the Air Force and the Marines.

Assuring you that we sincerely regret this unfortunate incident, I am

Sincerely yours,
Maurice J. Fagan
National Commandant
Marine Corps League

On board USS *Williamsburg*
Chesapeake Bay Area,
4 October 1950

Mr. Maurice J. Fagan,
National Headquarters,
Marine Corps League,
429 South 48th Street,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Dear Mr. Fagan:

I am grateful for the expression of loyalty contained in your letter to me of September 28th, and I am sincerely appreciative of the honorable and forthright position taken by you and your associates of the Marine Corps League in refusing to participate, in any way, in the scheme to raise money by the auction of my letter to Congressman McDonough.

Sincerely yours,
Harry S. Truman

August 29, 1975

Colonel F. B. Nihart
Deputy Director for Marine Corps Museums
Building 198
Washington Navy Yard
Washington, D.C. 20374

Dear Colonel Nihart:

Mr. Perry has referred your letter of August 20, 1975, to my office for reply. In accordance with your request, we are enclosing copies of Congressman McDonough's letter to President Truman along with copies of related materials. We trust you will find these satisfactory.

Thank you for the publications concerning your personal papers collection. If we can be of any further service, please do not hesitate to write us.

Sincerely,
Philip D. Lagerquist
Chief Archivist
Harry S. Truman Library
Independence, Missouri 64050

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