

**Merritt Austin Edson Papers**  
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## Collection Summary

**Title:** Merritt Austin Edson Papers

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**Bulk Dates:** 1928-1955

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**Creator:** Edson, Merritt Austin, 1897-1955

**Extent:** 19,700 items

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**Summary:** United States Marine Corps officer. Correspondence, diaries, speeches, writings, reports, notes and notebooks, military records, financial records, clippings, printed matter, awards, certificates, memorabilia, and other papers relating chiefly to his service as an officer in the United States Marine Corps.

## Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

### People

Ashurst, William Wallace, 1893-1952--Correspondence.

Cates, Clifton B. (Clifton Bledsoe), 1893-1970--Correspondence.

Douglas, Paul H. (Paul Howard), 1892-1976--Correspondence.

Edson family--Correspondence.

Edson family.

Edson, Merritt Austin, 1897-1955.

Emerson, Lee E., 1898-1976--Correspondence.

Forrestal, James, 1892-1949--Correspondence.

Gibson, Ernest William, 1901-1969--Correspondence.

Krulak, Victor H.--Correspondence.

Lister, C. B.--Correspondence.

Reckord, Milton A. (Milton Atchison), 1879-1975--Correspondence.

Shepherd, Lemuel C. (Lemuel Cornick), 1896-1990--Correspondence.

Thomas, Gerald C. (Gerald Carthrae), 1894-1984--Correspondence.

Vandegrift, A. A. (Alexander Archer), 1887-1973--Correspondence.

Walt, Lewis W., 1913-1989--Correspondence.

Wilson, Charles Erwin, 1890-1961--Correspondence.

### Organizations

National Rifle Association of America.

United States. Army. Vermont Infantry Regiment, 1st (1916)

United States. Marine Corps War Memorial Foundation. United States. Marine Corps War Memorial Foundation records.

United States. Marine Corps--History--Punitive Expedition into Mexico, 1916.

United States. Marine Corps.

University of Vermont--Students.

Vermont. Department of Public Safety.

### Subjects

Guerrilla warfare.

Public safety--Vermont.

Rifles--United States.

## Places

Nicaragua--History--Revolution, 1926-1929.  
United States--Armed Forces--Reorganization.

## Occupations

Marine Corps officers.

## Acquisition Information

The papers of Merritt Austin Edson, major general in the United States Marine Corps, were given to the Library of Congress by his wife, Ethel Robbins Edson, in 1970. Additions to the papers were given by Merritt A. Edson, Jr., Edson's son, in 1992 and by Robert T. Coleman, president of Edson's Raiders Association, Inc., in 2000.

## Processing History

The collection was processed in 1980. The finding aid was revised in 2014. Additional material received in 1992 and 2000 was processed as an addition by Connie L. Cartledge with the assistance of Jake Bozza in 2018. The finding aid was updated in 2023 by Maria Farmer as part of a division-wide remediation project by the Inclusive Description Working Group.

## Transfers

Items have been transferred from the Manuscript Division to other custodial divisions of the Library. Photographs have been transferred to the Prints and Photographs Division. Maps have been transferred to the Geography and Maps Division. All transfers are identified in these divisions as part of the Merritt Austin Edson Papers.

## Copyright Status

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## Access and Restrictions

The papers of Merritt Austin Edson are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

## Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Merritt Austin Edson Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

## Biographical Note

Date	Event
1897, Apr. 25	Born, Chester, Vt.
1915-1916	Attended University of Vermont, Burlington, Vt.
1916	Served on Texas-Mexican border with First Vermont Infantry
1917	Joined Marine Corps Reserve and commissioned a second lieutenant
1918-1919	Served in France with American Expeditionary Forces

1920	Married Ethel Winifred Robbins
1921	Promoted to first lieutenant
1923-1925	Naval aviator, Marine Barracks, Naval Station, Guam
1926-1927	Attended Company Officers Course, Quantico, Va.
1927-1928	Commanded Marine Detachment, <i>USS Denver</i> ; promoted to captain in 1928, expeditionary service in Nicaragua
1928-1929	Commanded Marine Detachment, <i>USS Rochester</i> ; expeditionary service in Nicaragua, commanded Marine Patrol on Rio Coco
1930-1936	Served annually with Marine Corps Rifle and Pistol Team and captained 1935 and 1936 National Match Championship teams at Camp Perry, Ohio
1936-1937	Attended Senior Course, Quantico, Va.
1937-1939	Served at Shanghai, China with Fourth Marines as regimental operations officer
1940	Promoted to lieutenant colonel
1941-1942	Commanded First Battalion, Fifth Marines, redesignated First Separate Battalion (1942) and then redesignated First Marine Raider Battalion (1942); promoted to colonel (1942); commanded forces that seized Japanese held Tulagi Island in British Solomon Islands; commanded forces which defended key approach to airfield on Guadalcanal Island in British Solomon Islands (present-day Solomon Islands)
1942-1943	Commanded Fifth Marines; chief of staff, Second Marine Division, during seizure of Japanese held Tarawa Atoll in Gilbert Islands (present-day Kiribati)
1944-1945	Assistant division commander, Second Marine Division, during seizure of Japanese held Saipan and Tinian Islands in Marianas Islands; deputy chief of staff and then chief of staff, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific; commanding general, Service Command, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific
1946-1947	Senior marine officer, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Navy Department, Washington, D.C.; key figure in military services unification controversy
1947	Retired from marine corps; promoted to major general
1947-1951	Commissioner of Public Safety, State of Vermont; organized Vermont state police
1951-1955	Executive director, National Rifle Association of America
1953-1954	President, Marine Corps War Memorial Foundation
1955	Appointed by secretary of defense to a select committee for the drafting of a code of conduct for prisoners of war
1955, Aug. 14	Died, Washington, D. C.

## Scope and Content Note

The papers of Merritt Austin Edson (1897-1955) span the years 1905-2000 with the majority concentrated from 1928 to 1955. The collection relates chiefly to his service in the United States Marine Corps, and includes diaries, official memoranda, copies of military correspondence, reports and messages, personal military records, lectures on campaigns in which he participated, speeches and writings, financial papers, and newspaper clippings. The papers are organized into twelve series: [Family Correspondence](#), [Private Materials](#), [Personal Correspondence Files](#), [Private Correspondence](#), [Unification File](#), [Speeches and Writings File](#), [Official Materials](#), [General Correspondence](#), [Financial Papers](#), [Miscellany](#), [Oversize](#), and [2018 Addition](#).

The collection also treats his years as commissioner of public safety for his native state of Vermont (1947-1951) and as executive director of the National Rifle Association of America (1951-1955). The Unification File series relates to the controversy over the reorganization of defense in the late 1940s and early 1950s. Copies of postwar speeches and magazine articles, files of the Marine Corps War Memorial Foundation, and correspondence with veterans organizations, educational institutions, and civic groups are also contained in the collection.

Family correspondence consists mostly of letters to Edson's sister, parents, and wife. Private correspondence consists chiefly of letters to various officials of the military, government, and National Rifle Association between 1947-1955. Frequent or prominent correspondents include Clifton B. Cates, Paul H. Douglas, Lee E. Emerson, James Forrestal, Ernest

William Gibson, Victor H. Krulak, C. B. Lister, Milton A. Reckord, Lemuel C. Shepherd, Gerald C. Thomas, A. A. Vandegrift, Lewis W. Walt, and Charles Erwin Wilson.

The [2018 Addition](#), 1910 to 2000, supplements the initial portion of the collection and relates mainly to Edson's early military service, with the Rio Coco patrol during the United States intervention in Nicaragua, 1928-1929, and with the First Vermont Infantry on the Texas-Mexican border, 1916, as well as his childhood and years as a high school and college student. The 2018 Addition is organized into three sections: a book about the First Marine Raider Battalion in World War II, a military file, and a personal file. The bulk of the military file consists mainly of correspondence and orders, field books, and a record of events relating to Edson's command of marines who engaged in skirmishes with Nicaraguan rebels led by Augusto César Sandino. While in Nicaragua, Edson developed tactics to successfully counter the guerilla style warfare employed by the insurgents that were later utilized in other marine engagements. Also present in the military file is correspondence, 1939-1941, between Edson and William Wallace Ashurst, a marine battalion commander stationed in San Diego, Calif., that documents Edson's role in the decision by the Marine Corps to adopt the M-1 rifle and discusses the lack of funding for training for team shooting and marksmanship.

Papers in the personal file of the [2018 Addition](#) include family correspondence, personal correspondence, and diaries that provide a glimpse of Edson's boyhood growing up on a farm. The diary, dated 1916, chronicles Edson's transition as a student at the University of Vermont and documents his activities with the First Vermont Infantry. Edson's letters to his wife, Ethel, and son, Merritt, Jr., provide substantive details about his experiences with the Rio Coco patrol and the tactics utilized to defeat the guerillas.

## Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged in twelve series:

- [Family Correspondence, 1906-1955](#)
- [Private Materials, 1940-1955](#)
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- [Private Correspondence, 1940-1955](#)
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- [Speeches and Writings File, 1946-1955](#)
- [Official Materials, 1917-1955](#)
- [General Correspondence, 1945-1955](#)
- [Financial Papers, 1921-1955](#)
- [Miscellany, 1905-1955](#)
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## Description of Series

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BOX 1-3	<p><b><u>Family Correspondence, 1906-1955</u></b> Letters between Edson and members of his family. Arranged according to family relationship and therein chronologically.</p>
BOX 3-4	<p><b><u>Private Materials, 1940-1955</u></b> Diaries, appointment books, poems, speech notes and quotations. Arranged by type of material.</p>
BOX 4-8	<p><b><u>Personal Correspondence Files, 1931-1947</u></b> Correspondence and notes relating to military service. Arranged chronologically.</p>
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BOX 10-14	<p><b><u>Unification File, 1945-1947</u></b> Correspondence, notes, and printed material relating to the reorganization of the nation's defense forces and universal military training after World War II. Arranged by type of material.</p>
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BOX 59-64	<p><b><u>2018 Addition, 1910-2000</u></b> Correspondence, diaries, orders, field message books, an account book, log books, notebook and notes, a radio talk, writings, newspaper clippings, printed matter, and other material</p>

relating to his early military service, his childhood, and his years as a student at the University of Vermont.  
Arranged alphabetically by type of material and therein alphabetically.

**BOX OV 1**

**Oversize**

Awards, certificates, and diplomas.

Described according to the series and container from which they were removed

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BOX 2	Dec. 1927-Aug. 1929, Nicaragua Puerto Cabezas Poteca Sept. 1929-June 1937 Philadelphia, Pa. Parris Island, S.C. Quantico, Va. July 1937-May 1939, Shanghai, China Apr. 1942-Oct. 1945, San Francisco, Calif. Dec. 1945-July 1947, Washington, D.C. Letters to wife (Ethel), 1927-1955 Dec. 1927-Aug. 1929, Nicaragua (3 folders) Sept.-Nov. 1937, Shanghai, China April, 1942-Sept. 1955 (4 folders) Letters from wife



## Family Correspondence, 1906-1955

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	1927-1929 (3 folders)
BOX 3	1929-1937 (2 folders) Letters from sons Merritt A. Edson, Jr., Oct. 1937-June 1951 Herbert R. Edson, 1941-1955 Letters from mother, Lelia Davis Edson, 14 Nov. 1917 and 31 Jul 1947
BOX 3-4	<b>Private Materials, 1940-1955</b> Diaries, appointment books, poems, speech notes and quotations. Arranged by type of material.
BOX 3	Diaries, 1940-1941 Appointment books, 1945-1955
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BOX 4-8	<b>Personal Correspondence Files, 1931-1947</b> Correspondence and notes relating to military service. Arranged chronologically.
BOX 4	1931-1935 (captain) 1936-1939 (major) 1940-1942 (lieutenant colonel) 1941-1943 (colonel) (3 folders)
BOX 5	1943-1944 (colonel) 1943-1947 (general) Notes on Tarawa Correspondence 1943-1944 1944-1945, strictly personal (3 folders)
BOX 6	1945 Official business Thomas, Gerald C. Jan.-Apr. 1946
BOX 7	Jan. 1946-Jan. 1947 Feb.-Dec. 1946, National Rifle Association Apr.-Aug. 1946
BOX 8	June-Oct. 1946 Nov. 1946-Jan. 1947
BOX 8-9	<b>Private Correspondence, 1940-1955</b> Correspondence.

## Private Correspondence, 1940-1955

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Arranged in two parts, the first alphabetically by name of correspondent and the second by type of correspondence.

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Cates, Clifton B., 1949-1953  
Connors, Mary E. (personal secretary), June 1947  
Douglas, Paul H., 1949-1950  
Corbin, C. James, 1940-1950  
Emerson, Lee E., 1948-1951  
Gibson, E. W., 1946-1952  
Hoover, J. Edgar, 1950-1951  
Johnson, Robert W., 1952-1954  
Krulak, Victor H., 1944-1951  
Lawrence, David, 1949-1951  
Lee, Frances C., 1948-1953  
Ryan, Robert H., 1951-1952  
Shepard, Lemuel C., 1947-1955  
Thomas, Gerald C., 1943-1951  
Vandegrift, A. A., 1943-1949  
Venn, Diggory, Aug.-Nov. 1947  
Walt, Lewis W., 1948-1953  
Wilson, Charles Erwin, 1955

#### BOX 9

Miscellaneous private correspondence  
(2 folders)  
Letters regretting Edson's retirement, June-Sept. 1947  
Letters wishing General Edson speedy recovery, Oct.-Nov. 1949  
National Rifle Association of America, leadership of; politics prior to Edson's appointment as executive director, 1947-1951  
Letters of congratulations, regrets on Edson's move from director of Vermont Public Safety  
Letters of condolence to wife, 1955  
    Sympathy  
    Eulogies

#### BOX 10-14

#### **Unification File, 1945-1947**

Correspondence, notes, and printed material relating to the reorganization of the nation's defense forces and universal military training after World War II.  
Arranged by type of material.

#### BOX 10

Unification, 1945

#### BOX 11

Unification, 1946-1951

Source and reference material

#### BOX 12

Clippings

(5 folders)

#### BOX 13

Correspondence

    Committee on Expenditures

    Eberstadt, Ferdinand

    Flanders, Ralph E.

    Gayle, Gordon

    Heinl, R. D., Jr.

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	Hittle, J. D.
	Hurst, E. Hunter
	Hutchins, Lyford
	Johnson, Melvin M., Jr.
	Lawrence, David
	Lesser, Julian
	Merwin, Davis
	Minifie, James M., <i>New York Herald Tribune</i>
	Morse, Wayne
	<i>Nashville Banner</i>
	Payne, Robert
	Radford, A. W.
	Richards, Guy
	Robinson, General
	<i>San Francisco Chronicle</i>
	Schatzel, DeWolf
	Stiff, Houston
	Miscellaneous
BOX 14	A Review . . . of Developments under the National Security Act of 1947 Brief of Joint Strategic Survey Series 1478 Extracts from the testimony of the Secretary of the Navy James Forrestal, 1946 Analytical report on unification, 1947
BOX 15	<b>Speeches and Writings File, 1946-1955</b> Speeches, article and related correspondence. Arranged by type of material
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BOX 15-22	<b>Official Materials, 1917-1955</b> Correspondence, military records, reports, and notebooks. Arranged by subject.
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BOX 16	Letters of commendation and award citations, 1920-1949 Orders, 1917-1955 (4 folders) Aviation Section Board of investigation and inquiry, 1919-1933

## Official Materials, 1917-1955

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BOX 17	Commissions Courts martial service Leave Ordnance Pay Transportation Medical records Diary of Fourth Brigade, Marine Corps, American Expeditionary Forces, 30 May-30 June 1918 Aviator flight log books, 1922-1927 (3 books)
BOX 18	Rio Coco patrol files Personnel reports, Nov. 1928-Mar. 1929 Detachment rosters, promotions/reductions Patrol roster Travel orders Courts martial, office hours Investigation Pay records Medical officer Communication officer Special orders Amusements Commanding officer, San Jose de Bocay For action Miscellaneous
BOX 19	Intelligence reports Intelligence A-2 B-2 R-2 (2 folders) Air mission, 1924-1928 Coco patrol General information, memoranda, etc. Confiscated material
BOX 20	Personal Funds Maps Operations reports Eastern area R-3 Special orders Coco patrol General, small wars Quartermaster General Funds

## Official Materials, 1917-1955

Container	Contents
	Supply records Brigade and regiment Ration records Post exchange funds
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BOX 22	Rifle team notebook Aviators flight log book, Sept. 1941-May 1947 "Tarawa" message journal Message journal, First Marine Division and Fifth Amphibious Corps Op-30M-Conference Rosters Notes Minutes Journal, China theater Defense Advisory Committee, prisoners of war Lesson outlines Coco patrol Tarawa operation
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BOX 24	Estate of Merritt, 1955 Edson Hall, Quantico, Va., dedication, 1955

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	Edson's Raiders Association (2 folders)
	"F" miscellaneous
<b>BOX 25</b>	First Marine Division Association Jan. 1950 <i>Old Breed News</i> , Dec. 1950 Reunion, 1951-1952 (2 folders) Scholarship Fund, Jan. 1955
	"G" miscellaneous
	"H" miscellaneous (2 folders)
	"I" miscellaneous
	Income tax returns United States, 1921-1950 Vermont
<b>BOX 26</b>	District of Columbia, 1951
	Independent Veterans Committee
	International Shooting Union
	"J" miscellaneous
	"L" miscellaneous
	"M" miscellaneous
	Marine Corps League
	Marine Corps Reserve Officers Association
	Masonic Lodge
	Military Order of Foreign Wars
	Military Science Book Club Review, Account, 1 Apr. 1953
	"N" miscellaneous
	National Board for Promotion of Rifle Practice (2 folders)
	National Press Club, 1 Jan. 1952-Jan. 1955
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<b>BOX 28</b>	Miscellaneous
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	Officer's mess
	"R" miscellaneous
	Retired Officers Association (2 folders)

## General Correspondence, 1945-1955

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Real estate  
Revolver Association  
"S" miscellaneous  
    (2 folders)  
Second Marine Division Association, 1 Jan. 1950-1955  
"T" miscellaneous  
Taxes  
    Personal property, District of Columbia  
    City of Montpelier, Vt.  
"U" miscellaneous  
University Club, Washington, D.C.  
United States Automobile Association  
United States of America  
"V" miscellaneous  
Vermont Academy Gymnasium Fund  
Vermont Association of District of Columbia  
Vermont University, New York Alumni Association  
"W" miscellaneous  
Who's Who  
"W" engagements

BOX 29-34

#### **Financial Papers, 1921-1955**

Correspondence, accounts, canceled checks, ledger, and bank statements.  
Arranged alphabetically by type of material.

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Accounts payable  
Arthritis & Rheumatism Foundation  
Bioproducts, Oregon, Ltd.  
Brown Insurance Agency  
Bryan, William T.  
Burlington Hotel, Burlington, Vt.  
Card, Philip W.  
Central Motors  
Christmas list  
Clements Pastry Shop  
Columbia Light-House for the Blind  
Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Co.  
Denison, Inc.  
District of Columbia  
Electrolux Corp.  
Esso Standard Oil Corp.  
Father Flanagan Boys Town  
First Mutual Trust Fund  
Frank, V.A. & Sons  
Furniture  
Garfinckel, Julius & Co.  
General Electric Credit Corp.

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	Gingras, George E.
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BOX 30	Griffiths-Consumers Co.
	Accounts
	Correspondence
	Group Hospitalization, Inc.
	Gude's
	Gulf Oil Corp.
	Harold's Gulf Service Station
	Hecht Co.
	Howard & Hoffman
	Accounts
	Correspondence
	Huntsman's
	Irvin, Marguerite H.
	Jelleff, Frank R., Inc.
	Kopf, Christian
	Lansburgh & Brothers
	Lincoln-Lillie
	Mac's Linoleum & Shade Shop
	Manhattan Co.
	March of Dimes
	Marine corps option pay vouchers
	Marineau, Louis
	Martin, Elliott D., & Son
	Martin, George E.
	Martin, Pearl Marvel
	The Mode
	Montopoli, Gildo I.
	Montpelier Electric Co.
	Montpelier Savings Bank & Trust Co.
	Accounts payable
	Correspondence
	Savings account
	Statements
	(2 folders)
BOX 31	National Bank of Chester
	Accounts payable
	Correspondence
	Statements
	(3 folders)
	National Press Club
	National Savings & Trust Co.
	Ethel R. Edson
	Correspondence



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	Trends
	Navy Mutual Aid Association
	Accounts payable
	Correspondence
	Nelson, M. H.
	Optimists Club of Washington bulletins
	Paul Brothers, Inc.
	Potomac Electric Power Co.
	Prudential Life Insurance Co.
	Accounts payable
	Correspondence
	Radiant Glass Heat Systems, Tri State
	Receipts, miscellaneous
	(4 folders)
BOX 32	Salle Du Bois
	Saltz, Lewis & Thos., Inc.
	Salvation Army
	Sequin, Ed. T.
	Shoreham Market, Inc.
	Socony Mobile Oil Co.
	Somers, Fred I., & Sons, Inc.
	Sun Oil Co.
	Tufts College, Medford, Mass.
	University Club
	(2 folders)
	University of Vermont Alumni Fund
	Vermont Savings Bank
	Correspondence
	Mortgage account
	Vermont, state of
	Expense account
	Expense invoices
	Pay vouchers
	Requests for travel
	Vermont Distributing Service
	Vienna Poultry Farm
	Washington Gas Light Co.
	Washington Veterinary Hospital
	Windham National Bank
	Correspondence
	Statements
	Willard, Roy (plumber)
	Woodward & Lothrop
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BOX 33-34	Notebooks (6 books)
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Awards, certificates, diplomas, correspondence, clippings, memorabilia, miscellaneous manuscripts, and printed material.

Arranged by subject or type of material.

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Awards, certificates, diplomas *See Oversize*

Clippings, memorabilia and miscellaneous manuscripts

1905-1943

(6 folders)

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1944-1947

(5 folders)

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1948-1951

(4 folders)

BOX 38

1952-Sept. 1953

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BOX 39

Oct. 1953-June 1954

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Mar.-Sept. 1955

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Marine Corps War Memorial Foundation files

Charter and bylaws

Minutes

General correspondence, 31 Dec. 1953-Dec. 1954

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Streeter, T. M.

Peaslee, Horace W.

Major Wray

Ground breaking ceremonies, 19 Feb. 1954

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Financial reports

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Statement of expenses, Jan.-Dec. 1949

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Family correspondence

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Mainly papers of Mrs. Merritt A. Edson

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Dedication of Edson Hall

Commissioning of USS *Edson*

Dedication of Edson Range, Camp Pendleton

Citations of Merritt Edson

Notebooks

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## Miscellany, 1905-1955

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BOX 59-64	<b>2018 Addition, 1910-2000</b> Correspondence, diaries, orders, field message books, an account book, log books, notebook and notes, a radio talk, writings, newspaper clippings, printed matter, and other material relating to his early military service, his childhood, and his years as a student at the University of Vermont. Arranged alphabetically by type of material and therein alphabetically.
BOX 59	Book, <i>Edson's Raiders: The 1st Marine Raider Battalion in World War II</i> , by Joseph H. Alexander, 2000
BOX 59	Military file
BOX 59	Ashurst, W. W., 1939-1941 (5 folders)
BOX 59	Correspondence and orders, 1929-1931, 1939-1940 (2 folders)
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