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1900 April 6
Born, Jerome, Arizona, son of Lewis E. Robbins and Mae Belle Cook, stepson of George A. Miles
1917
Apprentice seaman, U.S. Navy
1918-1922
Midshipman, U.S. Naval Academy
1922-1927
Commissioned as Ensign and promoted to Lieutenant (Junior Grade), U.S. Asiatic Fleets
1927-1929
Post Graduate School, U.S. Naval Academy
1928
Promoted to Lieutenant
1929
M.S., Columbia University
1929-1932
Electrical officer, U.S.S. Saratoga
1932-1934
Member, Bureau of Engineering, Navy Department
1934-1939
Destroyer duty, U.S. Pacific and Asiatic Fleets
1937
Promoted to Lieutenant Commander
1939-1942
Member, Interior Control Board, Navy Department
1942
Promoted to Commander and Captain
1942-1943
U.S. Naval Observer, Chung King, China and Chief of OSS (Office of Strategic Services) for the Far East
1943-1945
Deputy Director, Sino-American Cooperative Organization (SACO)
1944-1945
Commander, U.S. Naval Group, China
1945
Appointed Rear Admiral, for temporary service
1946
Commanding Officer, U.S.S. Columbus
1947
Planning Officer, Staff of Commander Service Force, Atlantic Fleet
1948
Promoted to Rear Admiral
1948
Commander, Cruiser Division One
1949
Commander, Cruiser Division Six
1949
Commander, Cruiser Division Four
1950-1954
Director, Pan American Affairs and U.S. Naval Missions in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations and Senior Naval Delegate to Inter-American Defense Board
1954
Commandant, Fifteenth Naval District, Panama Canal Zone
1955    On-site Commander, Operation Friendship, flood relief program, Tampico, Mexico
1956    Commandant, Third Naval District, New York, and Commander, U.S. Naval Base, New York
1958    Promoted and retired as Vice Admiral
1961 March    Died
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1967    Author (posthumously) *A Different Kind of War: The Little-Known Story of the Combined Guerilla Forces Created in China by the U.S. Navy and the Chinese during World War II*

**Scope and Content of Collection**
Correspondence, speeches and writings, reports, memoranda, notes, orders, and photographs relating to the Sino-Japanese Conflict, U.S.-Chinese relations during World War II, post-war military defense in Latin America, Canadian-U.S. joint defense policies, and the Indochina and Korean Wars. Digital copies of select records also available at [https://digitalcollections.hoover.org](https://digitalcollections.hoover.org).

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| Envelope C | 1 photo of M. E. Miles riding in a helicopter from the U. S. S. Worcester, undated; 1 photo of Queen Fredericka of Greece and Admiral T. S. Combs during a royal visit aboard the U. S. S. DesMoines, November 3, 1949 |
| Envelope D | 8 photos of M. E. Miles during a visit to the Naval Petroleum Reserve No. 4, Point Barrow, Alaska, January, 1952; 3 photos of the Permanent Joint Board on Defense (Canada-U.S.), circa 1951-1952; 1 photo of M. E. Miles being welcomed to Miramare Castle, Trieste, 1948; 1 negative of a $20,000 check payable to M. E. Miles, March 18, 1942 |

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#### 2015 November release of records 1950s

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#### 2017 release of records 1952-1955

#### 2018 release of records 1951-1955