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Descriptive Summary
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Abstract: Correspondence, orders, speeches, memoranda, printed matter, and photographs, relating to activities of the
U.S. Marine Corps in the Pacific Theater during World War II.
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Biographical Note
General Harry Schmidt served as Commanding General of the Fourth Marine Division during the Marshall Islands campaign
and the Battle of Saipan, and as Commanding General of the Fifth Amphibious Corps during the battles of Tinian and Iwo
Jima, during World War II.
During the battle for Iwo Jima, he was awarded a Gold Star in lieu of the third Distinguished Service Medal for his part in this
operation. His citation reads in part, "Against determined enemy resistance and incomparable natural defenses, Major

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General Schmidt skilfully directed the attack of his troops to capture and occupy this strategic island. He handled the various units under his command with brilliant tactical skill. His sound judgment, distinctive administrative ability and unfailing devotion to duty were vital factors in the success of the entire operation.

Following the conclusion of hostilities, the General led the Fifth Corps in the occupation of the Japanese homeland. In 1946, he was ordered back to the United States to assume command of the Marine Training and Replacement Command, San Diego Area, California. He served in that capacity until he retired in 1948, when he was advanced to the four-star rank of General.

Scope and Content of Collection
Correspondence, orders, speeches, memoranda, printed matter, and photographs, relating to activities of the United States Marine Corps in the Pacific Theater during World War II.

Access Points
United States. Marine Corps--Officers.
World War, 1939-1945.
World War, 1939-1945--Campaigns--Pacific Ocean.
United States--Armed Forces.

Scope and Content Note
Includes photographs of General H. Schmidt, various military personnel, and battles in the Pacific Theatre in World War II.
Box 3, Folder 15-16
Schmidt at official events

Box 3,
Folder 17-19
Shanghai, Sasebo, and occupation of Japan

Box 3, Folder 20
Unidentified island

Box 4
Album of photographs

Box 4
Personal scrapbooks kept by General Schmidt, (two volumes) 1944-1958

Film shelf
"To the Shores of Iwo Jima," U.S. Navy training film