

# **Ben Hebard Fuller**

**A Register of His Papers in the Archives Branch**



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## Introduction

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## Collection Summary

**Title:** Papers of Ben Hebard Fuller

**Collection Number:** COLL/713

**Accession Number:** 2001-713

**Physical Characteristics:** 6 standard legal size document boxes; 1 slide box; 1 oversized folder; 2.91 linear feet

**Span Dates:** 1845-1963

**Language:** English

**Creator:** Ben Hebard Fuller, 1870-1937

**Marine Corps Service:** 1891-1934

## Administrative Information

**Restrictions:** Collection is open to all researchers

**Preferred citation:** Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information:

*Papers of Ben Hebard Fuller, [Folder heading], COLL/713, Archives Branch, Marine Corps History Division, Quantico, VA*

**Provenance:** Ben Hebard Fuller's papers were donated to the Marine Corps Museums Branch, Headquarters Marine Corps after his passing by his granddaughters, Mrs. Mary Cleland Diggs and Mrs. Katherine Ellis on 23 June 1969. The papers were transferred from the Marine Corps Historical Center to the Marine Corps Archives and Special Collections Branch at Quantico on 16 November 1998.

## Biographical Sketch

Ben Hebard Fuller, “Uncle Ben”, 15<sup>th</sup> Commandant of the Marine Corps, was born in Big Rapids, Michigan on 27 February 1870. He was appointed to the Naval Academy from that state on 23 May, 1885 and upon graduation, was transferred to the Marine Corps and appointed a second lieutenant 1 July 1891. He, with six other members of his class attended the first course for new Marine officers at the School of Application, which was a prototype for today’s Basic School.

His first assignment to sea duty was in April 1894 in the USS Atlanta. During the War with Spain, he was in command of the Marine detachment of the USS Columbia, and served in the West Indies. Fuller served nearly seven years of his military career aboard the Iroquois, Charleston, Atlanta, Columbia, New York, Dixie, Montana, Hancock, Idaho, and Wyoming. His duties varied as Naval cadet, Commander of the Guard, and as Fleet Marine Officer.



*Ben Hubbard Fuller as a child, ca. 1875*

He was promoted first lieutenant, 16 March 1893; captain, 3 March 1899; major, 27 December 1903; lieutenant colonel, 3 February 1911; colonel, 29 August 1916; brigadier general (temporary), 1 July 1918; and brigadier general 3 February 1924. He was appointed the Major General Commandant of the Marine Corps on 7 August 1930.

Captain Fuller participated in the battle of Novaleta, Philippine Islands, 8 October 1899, and was commended for gallant, meritorious, and courageous conduct in the battle of Tientsin, China, 13 July 1900. After 1901, his tours of duty consisted of several peace-time shore assignments in the United States.

From 1904 to 1906 he served at the Naval Station, Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii. In June and July 1908, he was on detached duty with an expeditionary force organized for service in Panama, and from August of that year until January 1910, commanded a Marine Battalion at Camp Elliott, Canal Zone. From March to June 1911 he commanded the 3d Regiment of Marines at Camp Meyer, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

From 1911 to 1915, he commanded various posts and stations in the United States, and during this period also, he completed the Field Officers’ Course at the Army Service Schools, Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, and the course at the Army War College, Washington DC. Following a tour of duty as Fleet Marine Officer of the U.S. Atlantic Fleet, from January 1915 to June 1916, LtCol Fuller was assigned to the Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island, where he successfully completed the course.

In August 1918, he was assigned to command the 2d Brigade of Marines in the Dominican Republic, remaining there until October 1920. He also served on the Staff of the Military Governor of Santo Domingo as Secretary of State, Interior, Police, War and Navy, from December 1919, until his detachment departed from Santo Domingo.

From November 1920 to July 1922, he served on the staff of the Naval War College, Newport, and from July 1922 to January 1923, commanded the Marine Corps Schools, Quantico, Virginia. In January 1924, he assumed command of the 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade of Marines in Republic of Haiti, with Headquarters at Port au Prince, and served in this capacity until 8 December 1925.

Following his return to the United States from Haiti, Brigadier General Fuller was assigned to Headquarters Marine Corps as President of the Marine Examining and Retiring Board, serving in that capacity until July 1928, when he was appointed Assistant to the Major General Commandant. Following the death of Major General Command

W.C. Neville on 9 July 1930, Brigadier General Fuller was promoted to Major General and appointed Commandant of the Marine Corps. He served in that capacity until 1 March 1934 when he was retired from active service, having attained the statutory retirement age of sixty-four year.



*Major General Commandant  
Ben Hebard Fuller, ca. 1933*

Major General Fuller's tenure was a period of general retrenchment and withdrawal of Marines from foreign countries. Beginning in 1933, these Marines composed the newly designated Fleet Marine Force, the principal operating force of the Marine Corps.

Fuller married Katherine Heaton Offley (b. 23 April 1871) on 26 October 1892 and together they had two children, Edward (b. 1893) and Dorothy (b. 1896-d. 1970). Dorothy married Chester L. Fordney, with whom she raised four children, Katherine, Mary, Edward, and Ben.

Major General Fuller passed away from pneumonia on 8 June 1937, at the U.S. Naval Hospital, Washington D.C., and was buried 11 June 1937 in the U.S. Naval Academy Cemetery at Annapolis, beside the grave of his son, Captain Edward C. Fuller, of the 6<sup>th</sup> Marines, who was killed in World War I action at Belleau Wood at the age of 24.

He held the following medals and decorations: Medal of Military Merit of Santo Domingo; Presidential Medal of Merit of Nicaragua; Spanish Campaign Medal; Philippines Campaign Medal; China Campaign Medal; Victory Medal; Second Nicaraguan Campaign Medal; Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal for service in Panama; Santo Domingo, and Haiti.

## Scope and Content Note

The Papers of Ben Hebard Fuller consist of materials related to his career with the United States Marine Corps beginning with his appointment as a Midshipman at the United States Naval Academy in 1885 and through his retirement as a Major General Commandant in 1934. The dates of the collection range from 1845-1963.

Included in this collection are official and unofficial documents acquired by General Ben Hebard Fuller over the course of his military career. Of particular note are Series 1 and Series 5. The correspondence in Series 1 relates to the personal family activities of the Fuller and Offley families, particularly the relationships he maintained with his wife, children, and father. The two largest portions of this series contain condolence letters and letters written by Katherine H. Fuller to Ben H. Fuller. Series 5 contains official Marine Corps Orders, Reports, & Memos, and documents relating to Edward C. Fuller's service and death at the Battle of Belleau Wood in France at World War I. Other items of interest in this series include photographs and correspondence.

The collection is arranged by subject headings and chronologically within each series. Subject headings were imposed by the processor. Series in this collection include: Correspondence, United States Marine Corps Orders, Reports, & Memorandums, Awards & Commendations, Personal Notes/Diaries, Edward C. Fuller, Journals/Notebooks, Publications, Newspaper Articles, Ephemera, and Photographs. The size of the collection is approximately 2.5 linear feet.

## List of Series

Series 1. Correspondence, 1871-1934

1.1 Katherine H. Fuller, 1871-1931

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Series 8. Publications, 1920-1931

Series 9. Ephemera, 1929-1963

Series 10. Photographs, 1860-1960

## **Series 1. Correspondence, 1871-1934**

Arrangement: Chronological by date

This series consists of correspondence produced/received by Katherine H. Fuller, C.C. Fuller, and Ben H. Fuller. Topics of discussion include family affairs, everyday activities, life on the homefront, and affectionate love letters. The letters written by Katherine H. Fuller are the largest portion of this series. Incoming correspondence is interfiled with outgoing correspondence.

### **Series 1.1 Correspondence, Katherine H. Fuller, 1871-1931**

Arrangement: Chronological by date

This subseries consists of personal correspondence produced by Katherine H. Fuller and addressed to her fiancé/husband, Ben. H. Fuller, mother, relatives, and friends. Topics of discussion include family affairs, everyday activities, life on the homefront, Edward C. Fuller's death and burial, and her emotional fondness towards Lieutenant Fuller. The letters begin sometime during the engagement between Katherine and Ben. The final folder in this subseries contains correspondence written by Edward and Dorothy Fuller, as children, to their father Ben H. Fuller. Incoming correspondence is interfiled with outgoing correspondence.

### **Series 1.2 Correspondence, C.C. Fuller, 1899-1900**

Arrangement: Chronological by date

This subseries consists of personal correspondence composed by C.C. Fuller that are addressed to his son, Captain Ben H. Fuller. Topics of discussion include politics, war, family affairs, military affairs in China, life on the homefront, weather, health issues, and the publication of Ben H. Fuller's letters in the local newspaper. Incoming correspondence is interfiled with outgoing correspondence.

### **Series 1.3 Correspondence, Condolences, 1918**

Arrangement: Chronological by date

This subseries consists of personal correspondence received by Katherine and Ben Fuller and composed by friends, family, and acquaintances of the couple. The letters express condolences, prayers, and heartfelt thoughts in regards to Captain Edward C. Fuller's death in June 1918 at the Battle of Belleau Wood, France. The letters were written from July 1918 to September 1918. This subseries also contains a single folder of letters that are undated.

### **Series 1.4 Correspondence, Ben H. Fuller, 1892-1934**

Arrangement: Chronological by date

This subseries consists of personal and official United States Marine Corps correspondence produced/received by Ben H. Fuller. Topics of discussion include

commendations, promotions, letters of appreciation, arrival of 31<sup>st</sup> Infantry, the Japanese-Marine-British situation, Chinese Japanese hostilities, Marine Band participation in the ceremony for the laying of the cornerstone for the new National Archives Building, general history of the “war”, daily activities, congratulatory letters regarding Fuller’s appointment as Major General Commandant of the Marine Corps, Edward C. Fuller’s death, Commandant’s House, and retirement. Incoming correspondence is interfiled with outgoing correspondence.

## **Series 2. United States Marine Corps Orders, Reports, & Memorandums, 1898-1957**

Arrangement: Chronological by date

This series consists of United States Marine Corps Orders & Appointments covering Major General Ben Hebard Fuller’s early military career, beginning in 1898 through 1934. Items include official orders, letters of endorsements, telegrams, letters of appointments/assignments issued by Marine Corps Headquarters, change of stations, temporary duty, travel orders, liberty passes, promotions, examinations, eligibility for consideration of retirement, completion of courses, jury duty in the trial of Colonel Robert L. Meade (amongst others), letters of instruction, landing orders, plans of embarkation, health conditions at San Pedro de Macoris, Dominican Republic; activity reports for Puerto Plata, Santiago-Dominican Republic, Plan for the Occupation of the Dominican Republic, Memorandums Orders for Landing at temporary camp Haiti, Frigate Constellation, 31<sup>st</sup> Infantry, and retirement.

## **Series 3. Awards & Commendations, 1913-1934**

Arrangement: Chronological by date

*See also Oversize Folder 1*

This series consists of Awards & Commendations earned/received by Ben H. Fuller from 1913-1934. The items include graduation diplomas (to include the diploma issued by the United States Naval Academy), certificates of completion for courses at the United States Army War College, United States Naval War College, Marine Corps Institute, and the awarding of foreign decorations, the Nicaraguan Presidential Medal of Merit, and Medal of Military Merit of the Dominican Republic.

## **Series 4. Personal Notes, 1892-1934**

Arrangement: Chronological by topic and date

This series contains General Orders issued by the Navy Department (No. 403, No. 440, No. 442, No. 441, No. 445, No. 429, No. 430, and No. 435), U.S. Navy Regulation Circular (No. 10, No. 11, No. 14, and No. 15), handouts concerning Espionage and Censorship, diagram of the U.S. Capitol and surrounding area, Turbine Types-Definitions and Elementary Thermodynamics, an article written by Ben H. Fuller titled, “Marine-a Fighting word”, short stories titled, “Butler’s Bawl”, “Let there be Light”, “Salesmanship”, “Extract from a Letter from Dr. DeForest Willard (30 May 1918), “The Commandant’s House, Marine Barracks Washington”, writings about Waller and 2d



Battalion of the 5<sup>th</sup> Marine Regiment, A.E.F., financial contracts, bills, receipts, automobile policies/warranties, and tax documents belonging to daughter, Dorothy Fordney.

### **Series 5. Edward Canfield Fuller 1916-1929**

Arrangement: By topic and chronological within topic

*See also Oversize Folder 1*

This series contains Official Marine Corps Orders regarding changes of station, assignments to duty, temporary duty, detachment orders, commissioning, naval instructions, examinations, promotions, certificates for the completion of Marine Officer's School, statements of account from the Paymaster's Department, and correspondence between Captain Edward C. Fuller and his family, friends, and girlfriend. Other times include poems, memorial cards, prayer cards, muster roll for the 75<sup>th</sup> Company of the 6<sup>th</sup> Marine Regiment, awarding of the Distinguished Service Cross for gallantry in action, red cross correspondence discussing the circumstances of Edward C. Fuller's death and burial, the naming of a Veterans of Foreign Wars post and Marine Corps League in his honor, photographs of Fuller's grave, naming of the USS Fuller, awarding of the Victory Medal with ribbon, Aisne Defense Battle Clasp, Defensive Sector, Bronze Stars, and Silver Stars, transfer of Fuller's remains in 1921, and claims for the cashing in of Edward C. Fuller's liberty bonds and acquirement of his personal belongings.

### **Series 6. Journal/Notebooks, 1845-1934**

Arrangement: by author and chronological by date

This subseries contains journals, notebooks, an inventory book, social calendar, book of poems, and an autograph album belonging to Edward C. Fuller, C.C. Fuller, and Katherine H. Fuller. They include the following: (1) 1915-1916 U.S. Naval Academy Sport Schedule and Factbook, (2) notebooks maintained by Edward C. Fuller during his World War I service, (12) Daily Journals belonging to C.C. Fuller in which he details his day to day activities and weather reports, (1) Inventory of Home Accoutrements, (1) social calendar, (1) autograph album, and (1) book of poems.

### **Series 7. Newspaper Articles, 1919-1934**

Arrangement: Chronological by date

This series consists of newspaper articles of interest to, and collected/acquired by Major General Ben H. Fuller. Topics include the following: approved edition of "The Marine's Hymn" with accompanying image of Ben H. Fuller, Fuller attending official ceremonies, Franklin D. Roosevelt's 1933 inauguration, photograph montage of historical world events form 1933, funeral services for Captain Edward C. Fuller at Annapolis, MD, Court martial of Colonel Alexander S. Williams by General Smedley D. Butler, the Commandant's House, and the education of young adult women in the United States in 1934.



## **Series 8. Publications, 1920-1931**

Arrangement: Chronological by date and topic

*See also Oversize Folder 1*

This series contains publications acquired by Ben H. Fuller. They include the following: Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic Souvenir Book, 1920, Navy and Marine Memorial Brochure, ca. 1929-1933, and “The President’s Camp on the Rapidan”, ca. 1931.

## **Series 9. Ephemera, 1929-1963**

Arrangement: Chronological by date and topic

This series consists of ephemera acquired by Ben H. Fuller to include pamphlets about the origination and meaning of the United States Marine Corps, various airline seat placards, and special event programs. The majority of the collection consists of invitations to formal ceremonies and events, particularly those hosted by the President at the White House.

## **Series 10. Photographs, 1860-1960**

Arrangement: Chronological by date and topic

*See also lantern slides in Oversize Box List*

Images in this series are comprised of black/white and color photographs of Major General Ben H. Fuller, family, relatives, friends, and professional associates for the years 1860-1960. They depict the locations where Fuller was stationed at throughout his career, people he associated with throughout his life, activities of the Offley and Fuller families, official portraits, Edward C. Fuller in the field during World War I, Edward C. Fuller’s gravesite and head marker, campaigns Major Fuller participated in, and images of his deployments to: France (1918); Dominican Republic (1918-1920); Port-au-Prince, Haiti (1924-1925); and Shanghai, China (1929). Other locations include, Marine Barracks Boston, MA (1898); Catholic University (May 1924); Virginia Beach, VA (1931); American Legation Guard Summer Camp (1932); Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (June 1932); Quantico, VA (January 1933); and various unidentified locations. A very limited number of photographs contain any descriptive information.

## **Box List**

### **Box 1**

#### **Series 1. Correspondence, 1871-1934**

##### **Series 1.1 Correspondence, Katherine H. Fuller, 1871-1931**

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Folder 3	Correspondence, Katherine H. Fuller, February-May 1894

- Folder 4 Correspondence, Katherine H. Fuller, June-September 1894
- Folder 5 Correspondence, Katherine H. Fuller, 1899
- Folder 6 Correspondence, Katherine H. Fuller, January-June 1900
- Folder 7 Correspondence, Katherine H. Fuller, July-December 1900

### **Box 2**

- Folder 1 Correspondence, Katherine H. Fuller, 1871-1931
- Folder 2 Correspondence, Edward & Dorothy Fuller, 1900

### **Series 1.2 Correspondence, C.C. Fuller, 1899-1900**

- Folder 3 Correspondence, C.C. Fuller, 1899-1900

### **Series 1.3 Correspondence, Condolences, 1918**

- Folder 4 Correspondence, Condolences, Undated
- Folder 5 Correspondence, Condolences, June 1918
- Folder 6 Correspondence, Condolences, July 1918, Part I
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### **Box 3**

### **Series 1.4 Correspondence, Ben H. Fuller, 1892-1934**

- Folder 1 Official Marine Corps Correspondence, Ben H. Fuller, 1920-1933
- Folder 2 Personal Correspondence, Ben H. Fuller, 1892-1930
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### **Series 2. United States Marine Corps Orders & Memorandums, 1898-1957**

- Folder 4 United States Marine Corps Orders, Ben H. Fuller, 1898-1915
- Folder 5 United States Marine Corps Orders, Ben H. Fuller, 1914-1957

### **Series 3. Awards & Commendations, 1913-1934**

- Folder 6 Awards & Commendations, Ben H. Fuller, 1913-1934

### **Series 4. Personal Notes, 1892-1934**

- Folder 7 Personal Notes, Ben H. Fuller, 1892-1933
- Folder 8 Short Stories, Biographical sketches, Reports, 1900-1934
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## **Series 5. Edward C. Fuller 1916-1929**

- Folder 10 United States Marine Corps Orders, Edward C. Fuller, 1916-1917
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### **Box 4**

## **Series 6. Journal/Notebooks, 1845-1934**

- Folder 1 Journal, Edward C. Fuller, 1916-1918
- Folder 2 Journal, C.C. Fuller, 1845, 1857, 1864
- Folder 3 Journal, C.C. Fuller, 1865, 1886, 1887
- Folder 4 Journal, C.C. Fuller, 1888, 1889, 1891
- Folder 5 Journal, C.C. Fuller, 1892, 1895, 1896
- Folder 6 Inventory Notebook, Katherine H. Fuller Social Calendar 1934, Autograph Album 1881-191
- Folder 7 Book of Poems, 1855-1857

## **Series 7. Newspaper Articles, 1919-1934**

- Folder 8 Newspaper Articles, 1919-1934

### **Box 5**

## **Series 8. Publications, 1920-1931**

- Folder 1 Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic Souvenir Book, 1920
- Folder 2 Navy and Marine Memorial Brochure, ca. 1929-1933
- Folder 3 Camp Rapidan, Virginia Souvenir Book, ca. 1931

## **Series 9. Ephemera, 1929-1963**

- Folder 4 Ephemera, 1929-1963
- Folder 5 Ephemera, Invitations, ca. 1930-1934

## **Series 10. Photographs, 1860-1960**

- Folder 6 Photographs, Ben H. Fuller Portraits
- Folder 7 Photographs, Fuller & Offley Families, ca. 1860-1960
- Folder 8 Photographs, Portraits, ca. 1890's-1930's
- Folder 9 Photograph Album, ca. 1861

## **Box 6**

Folder 1	Photographs, Marine Barracks, Boston, MA, 1896
Folder 2	Photographs, France, ca. 1918
Folder 3	Photographs, Dominican Republic, ca. 1918-1920
Folder 4	Photographs, Official Events/Ceremonies, ca. 1920-1934
Folder 5	Photographs, Catholic University, May 1924
Folder 6	Photographs, Port-au-Prince, Haiti, 1924-1925
Folder 7	Photographs, Port-au-Prince, Haiti, 1924-1925
Folder 8	Photographs, Shanghai, China, March 1929
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Folder 10	Photographs, American Legation Guard Summer Camp, China 1931
Folder 11	Photographs, Philadelphia, PA, June 1932
Folder 12	Photographs, Quantico, VA, January 1933
Folder 13	Photographs, Various Locations
Folder 14	Photographs, Unidentified Locations

### **Oversize**

Oversize materials are identified as materials that are too large to fit in a standard legal size (8½ × 14 inches) folder.

### **Oversize Folder** (Located in Map Case 1, Drawer 9, Left)

Folder 1      Certifications of course completions, survey map of the Offley property in Hamilton, VA (1921), promotion certificates for Edward C. Fuller and Ben H. Fuller, graph chart (Turbine Types-Definitions and Elementary Thermodynamics), (2) copies of a condolence letter written by President Abraham Lincoln to Mrs. Bixby (1864), and a certificate for The Distinguished Service Cross for Extraordinary Heroism awarded to Edward C. Fuller (1925).

Other items include black and white oversize photographs of Edward C. Fuller as a student at St. James' School in Hagerstown, Maryland; official portrait of Ben H. Fuller, group photographs of Marine officers in uniform, official portraits of Major General G.F. Elliott, John A. Lejeune; and a Guidebook about the Eleventh Naval District Headquarters and Supply Depot (15 September 1933).

Lastly, this folder also includes (2) double-sided and (1) larger phonographic recordings/electrical transcriptions. They include the following titles: "N.B.C. Stratosphere Interview, National Broadcasting Company, Inc., 20 November 1933, Part 1"; "N.B.C. Stratosphere Interview, National Broadcasting Company, Inc., 20 November 1933, Part 2"; "N.B.C. Stratosphere Interview, National Broadcasting Company, Inc., 20 November 1933, Part 3"; "N.B.C. Stratosphere Interview, National

Broadcasting Company, Inc., 20 November 1933, Part 4"; and "N.B.C. Stratospheric Interview National Broadcasting Company MS 77120-1".

**Map Case** (Located in Library Map Cases, Stack 2, Drawer 10, "Maps and Charts: World War I: Belleau Wood: Folder 1")

**(MAPS/10042)**

Black and white copy of French Chateau-Thierry Area map. Major towns around Chateau-Thierry are identified such as Belleau Wood, Torey, Nogentel, Villiers, Chezy, and Bouresches. Map is a copy of an original map with an overlay attached to the left side. Inscription on back, reads "Ben Fuller, PC#164".

**Lantern Slide Box** (Located with the Box Collection)

This box contains (31) black and white and (2) color lantern slides of the following images: machinery, Friez Barograph recording device, navigational equipment, Marines posing with the *Century of Progress* balloon and participating in its operation, and individuals involved in the high-altitude balloon competition held during the 1933 World's Fair in Chicago, Illinois. The United States flew the *Century of Progress*, whose team was headed by Auguste Piccard's twin brother Jean Piccard, with a gondola to a record height of 61,000 feet (18,592 meters) on 20 November 1933. The slides are numbered sequentially, however there are a few missing from the set. In addition, most all of the items are from 20 November 1933 at the World's Fair in Chicago, Illinois.