You were retained by the Secretary of War and later by myself, on critically important duties in the Department... solely because of your success in performing difficult tasks whose accomplishment required a comprehensive grasp of the military profession in all of its principal phases, as well as analytical thought and forceful expression.

...your unusual experience will be of no less future value to you as a commander than as a staff officer, since all the problems presented to you were necessarily solved from the viewpoint of high command.

The number of personal requests for your services... furnish convincing proof of the reputation you have established as an outstanding soldier.
“But I must say it is almost incomprehensible that after 8 years of working for him, writing every word he publishes, keeping every secret, preventing him from making too much an ass of himself, trying to advance his interests while keeping myself in the background, he should suddenly turn on me. He’d like to occupy a throne room surrounded by experts in flattery; while in a dungeon beneath, unknown to the world, would be a bunch of able slaves doing his work and producing the things that, to a public, would represent the brilliant accomplishment of his mind. He is a fool, but worse he is a puking baby.”
   - DDE diary entry November 10, 1938

“Eisenhower is the best clerk I ever had” – Douglas MacArthur

“I studied dramatics for seven years working for MacArthur” – Dwight Eisenhower
• 1/40 - 2/40 Ft. Ord (4\textsuperscript{th} Army staff)
• 2/40 – 3/41 Ft. Lewis (15\textsuperscript{th} Infantry Exec/Battalion Commander)
• Promoted to Colonel 3/6/1941
• 3/41 – 6/41 Ft. Lewis (Chief of Staff, IX Corps)
• 7/41 – 12/41 Ft. Sam Houston (Chief of Staff, 3\textsuperscript{rd} Army)
• Promoted to Brigadier General 9/29/41
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“Eisenhower, this department is filled with able men who analyze their problems well but feel compelled to always bring them to me for final solution. I must have assistants who solve their own problems and tell me later what they have done. The Philippines are your responsibility”
“The mission of the commanding general, European Theater, will be to prepare for, and carry on military operations in the European Theater against the Axis powers under the strategic directives of the combined US-British Chiefs of Staff as communicated by him by the Chief of Staff US Army.”

“See what needs to be done, then do it. Tell me about it when you can” – George Marshall
“The immediate appointment of General Eisenhower to command of Overlord Operation has been decided on”.

“Dear Eisenhower, I thought you might like to have this as a memento. It was written by me as the final meeting broke up with yesterday, with the President signing it immediately. GCM”