Military Records at the South Dakota State Archives – Spanish-American War and Philippine Insurrection

Collections

Arthur J. Buschnell Letter, 1899 (H75-309)

Buschnell was a musician in the 1st South Dakota Infantry serving in the Philippines. This letter, written March 19, 1899, describes his living conditions, food, and military actions. (Box 03650 A)

Curtis Dahlin Collection, 1898 (H2009-086)

Consists of a photograph taken of the 1st South Dakota Volunteer Regiment review in San Francisco. (Box 03774 C)

Charles Mott Daley Scrapbooks, 1898-1937 (H74-038)

Daley was a minister in Willow Lake before joining the National Guard in Huron. He was commissioned as a captain and became chaplain of Company K in 1898. These scrapbooks contain photographs and newspaper clippings collected and taken during his service in the Philippines. (FB 23-24)

Charles Edmund DeLand Papers, 1890-1935 (H69-005)

DeLand was a prominent Pierre lawyer, politician, author and historian. This collection includes newspaper clippings about the Spanish-American War and the role of the South Dakota National Guard. (Box 03339 B)

Charles H. Englesby Papers (H75-310)

Englesby was captain of Company H of the South Dakota National Guard when they were called to duty in the Philippines. He also served as state adjutant general from 1905 to 1913. In 1917, he was colonel of the 1st Regiment of South Dakota Cavalry when they were sent to Camp Cody during World War I. Englesby served with part of the 1st Army Corps during the St. Mihiel and Argonne offenses. This collection contains correspondence, military papers, H. R. 2904 and related material, a scrapbook, clippings, and an 1898 map of Manila. (Boxes 03647 B - 03648 A, 03651 C, MD 67)

1st South Dakota Volunteer Infantry, Company F Memorial Poster, 1898-1899 (H84-046)

Consists of a memorial poster listing the names of privates and officers who were discharged, transferred, or died while serving. (MD 64)

1st South Dakota Volunteer Infantry, Manuscript, undated (H87-005)

This collection consists of a copy of a manuscript entitled, “The First South Dakota Volunteer Organization of the Regiment, and a Sketch of its Services in the Philippines,” written by Marion L. Fox. (Box 03749 A)

1st South Dakota Volunteer Infantry, Photographs and Correspondence, 1898, 1971 (H96-023)

Contains one photograph of Company M, and another smaller photo showing more companies gathered in Lead, South Dakota. Also includes three letters pertaining to the

history of the South Dakota Volunteers written by Robert Boyd Lambert to Don Rickey, Jr. at the U.S. Army Military History Research Collection. (Box 06074 A)

Alfred Sidney Frost Papers, 1898-1922 (H74-012)

Frost entered the Army in 1881 and was sent to Fort Sully to teach. He was commissioned as a 2nd lieutenant in 1884 and transferred to Fort Snelling, Minnesota. In 1891 he was promoted to 1st lieutenant and attended infantry and cavalry school at Fort Leavenworth. In 1893, he taught Military Science and Tactics at the South Dakota Agricultural College in Brookings. At the start of the Spanish-American War, Frost was commissioned colonel of the 1st South Dakota Infantry. This collection contains correspondence, military papers, newspaper clippings, and maps. (Box 03649 A, MD 64)

General Photo Collection - Military (P104)

Includes an identified image of the 1st South Dakota Volunteers Band, as well as miscellaneous group photos of Company A in Pierre, and Company H in Spearfish.

Ulysses S. Griggs Photograph Collection,1898-1906 (H96-063)

Collection of black and white photographs collected by U. S. Griggs from 1898 to 1906, including ten images pertaining to the Spanish-American War. Griggs served as a sergeant in Troop C of the 3rd U.S. Volunteer Cavalry at Camp Thomas in the Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park, Georgia. Includes images of Troop C, U. S. Griggs, Art Lincoln, J. B. Frisbee, and non-commissioned officers of Troop C. (FB 339)

Melvin and Sioux Grisby Photographs, 1898 (H2014-056)

This collection consists of seven images. Four are images taken during the Spanish-American War of Melvin and Sioux Grisby of the acclaimed “Grigsby’s Cowboys.” “Grigsby’s Cowboys” was the name given to the 3rd U.S. Volunteer Cavalry comprised of men from South Dakota, North Dakota, Montana, and Nebraska. Col. Melvin Grigsby commanded the unit. The 3rd never saw action outside of the continental United States, with most of their time spent at Camp George H. Thomas in Georgia. (Box 06612 A)

John Holman Papers, 1898-1901, 1932 (H74-102)

Holman served as a 2nd lieutenant with the 1st South Dakota Infantry in the Spanish-American War. This collection consists of his military papers and newspaper clippings. (Box 03649, MD 63)

Herman F. Krueger Spanish-American War Photographs and Papers, 1898-1940 (H92-006)

Krueger enlisted in Company K of the 1st South Dakota Volunteer Infantry Regiment in May 1898. He served in the Philippines until he was wounded in 1899 and discharged. His collection consists of letters written by Krueger to his family, discharge, disability and pension records, military pamphlets, a photograph of Company K, newspaper clippings, photographs purchased in the Philippines, and United Spanish War Veterans records. (Box 04547, MD 263)

Gov. Andrew E. Lee Correspondence, 1896-1902 (H74-193)

This collection includes correspondence concerning applications and appointments for office, lands for charitable and educational institutions, conduct of state officials, and the Spanish-American War. A major issue during his administration was the organization and return of the state militia which served in the Philippines during the Spanish-American War. (Boxes 03533 A - 03534 B, 05195 C; and MD 64, Folder 13; MF 1750-1758)

Edna M. Merriam Letters, 1898-1899 (H75-280)

This collection consists of letters from and concerning Edna's brother Fred E. Green who served in Company I of the 1st South Dakota Infantry in the Philippines. The letters concern activities and friends in Manila, Green's death in February 1899, and his burial. (Box 03651 A)

Military Photographs, 1864-1953 (H97-055)

A large collection of military photographs; the Charles Mott Daley, William C. Notmeyer, Howard estate photos, and Rahskopf collections contain Spanish-American War and Philippine Insurrection photographs. (Boxes 06823-06825)

Military Photographs and Panorama, 1885-1951 (H93-090)

This collection consists of oversized, panorama, and 8" x 10" black and white photographic prints of soldiers and civilians. Includes an image of Company H of the 1st South Dakota Volunteer Infantry at Camp Merritt, California in July 1898; and a color print of the U.S. Battleship Maine destroyed in Havana Harbor, February 15, 1898. (MD 262)

Northwest Association of Veterans of the 1st South Dakota Volunteer Infantry - Booklet, 1950 (H95-039)

Booklet inviting members to the group's annual meeting in 1950. The booklet includes a memoriam list, a description of the meeting place, the 1950 roster, and some brief notes. The booklet belonged to Robert Boyd Lambert, who served with Company M in the Philippine Insurrection [Philippine-American War]. (Box 06033 A)

Northwest Association of Veterans of the 1st South Dakota Volunteer Infantry - Roster, 1939 (H83-050)

Published roster listing the companies and names of each soldier that served along with their address in 1939. (Box 03615 A)

Photographs of Company E, 1st South Dakota Infantry, ca 1898-1899 (H2001-055)

This collection consists of two digital photographs of Company E of the 1st South Dakota Infantry. (FB 359)

Pierre/Ft. Pierre Photographs, 1898-1952 (H2006-032)

Collection of images taken in the Pierre area, including three photos of a parade during the Spanish-American War in 1898. (Box 08549 A)

Charles B. Preacher Letter, 1899 (SC-74)

Preacher was first sergeant of Company M, 1st South Dakota Infantry in the Philippine Insurrection. This collection consists of one letter written by Preacher to a friend in Rapid

City on February 2, 1899. The letter describes Preacher's feelings about the war and several incidents. He died on March 31, 1899 from wounds received in battle. (MD 63)

South Dakota Adjutant General, Annual and Biennial Reports, 1887-1982

Published reports submitted by the Adjutant General in 1887-1889, 1892-1894, 1898-1908, 1910-1912, 1914-1968, and 1979-1982. (Boxes 03657 A, 07182 B, 07187 C, 07221 B, 07228 A, 07253 B)

South Dakota Adjutant General, Military Service Lists, 1897-1900 (H83-045)

Lists of individuals eligible for duty in the counties of Aurora, Beadle, Bon Homme, Brookings, Butte, Day, Faulk, Hamlin, Marshall, Minnehaha, Robert, Turner, and Yankton. Lists include the name, address, and age of those eligible. (Box 03614 B)

South Dakota National Guard Papers, 1885-1995 (H74-028)

Includes reports from the Adjutant General, orders, discharges, correspondence, unit histories, pamphlets, and bulletins. (Boxes 03657 A - 03672, 07033 A - 07034 B; FB 57-58; MD 67, MD 106)

South Dakota National Guard Rosters, 1887-1917

Microfilmed rosters of men enlisted in the National Guard from 1887 through 1917. Includes the names, ranks, dates and locations of appointments for commissioned officers and non-commissioned officers. Also includes a register of men who transferred, were discharged, or died. The register of enlisted men has an index and includes the name, rank, date of enlistment, age, occupation, address, discharge date, and remarks. (MF 1766)

Index to Spanish-American War Roster, 1898

South Dakota State Auditor, Military Vouchers, 1898-1917 (81-042)

This collection contains pay vouchers for the Mexican Border Service, April 23-25, 1917, and warrants and vouchers for board, lodging, and fare for soldiers awaiting orders, 1898. (Box 02178 B)

South Dakota State Soldiers Home, Annual and Biennial Reports, 1891-1954

The annual reports submitted by the State Soldiers Home to the legislature from 1891 to 1954. (Boxes 07226 B and 07211 C)

South Dakota State Soldiers Home, Furlough Register, 1890-1902 (84-075)

Consists of one indexed volume containing information about members furloughed from 1890 to 1902. Information captured includes name, residence at time of enlistment, date of enlistment, where discharged, date, name of captain or officer in charge, furlough dates, rank, company, regiment, state, arm, months of service, pension, pension certificate, age, nativity, occupation, and social condition. (V 1722)

South Dakota State Soldiers Home, Letterpress Books, 1893-1903 (84-075)

Consists of copies of letters sent by State Soldiers Home staff from March 1893 through October 1903. (V 1723-1725)

South Dakota State Soldiers Home, Member Record Registers, 1891-1907 (84-074)

These volumes contain information on members admitted, readmitted, discharged, furloughed, absent with leave, or deceased. Includes lists of the effects of the deceased, pension accounts, and misconduct cases. (V 1726-1727)

South Dakota State Soldiers Home, Minutes, 1889-1955 (84-074)

These volumes contain the official meeting minutes of the State Soldiers Home Commission from June 1889 to February 1955, and include the names of commission members, motions, resolutions, reports of activities, and expenses. (V 1849-1853)

Spanish-American War and World War I Photographs, 1898-1918 (H2000-014)

This collection consists of military photographs taken during the Spanish-American War and World War I. Includes images of Col. Frost and the 1st South Dakota Infantry in San Francisco. (Box 08527, MD 262)

Spanish-American War Autograph Book and Photographs, 1898-1899. (H2001-034)

This collection contains an autograph book with the signatures of South Dakota soldiers and copies of photographs. Includes images of Daniel Pratt, officers of the 1st South Dakota Infantry Regiment, Col. Alfred Sully Frost, Admiral Dewey, and the battleship Maine. (Box 06996)

Spanish-American War Newspapers and Journals, 1898-1901

Includes microfilmed copies of the following newspapers/journals (MF 1836):

- Philippine Veteran (St. Louis, MO), Vol. 1, No. 3, March 1901
- The Daily American (Havana, Cuba), Vol. 1, No. 23, March 30, 1899
- The American Soldier (Manila, Philippines), Vol. 1, No. 4, October 1 and November 26, 1898
- The American (Manila, Philippines), Vol. 2, No. 101, May 8, 1898
- The Times of Cuba (Havana, Cuba), Vol. 1, No. 32, December 22, 1898
- The Manila Times (Manila, Philippines), November 28, 1898
- Freedom (Manila Islands of Luzon), November 16, 1898 - September 6, 1899 [intermittent issues]

Spanish-American War Photographs, 1898-1899 (H2004-008)

Consists of photographs of members of the 1st South Dakota Volunteer Infantry drilling at the Presidio near San Francisco in 1898, and a photo of Company D taken before they were sent to the Philippines. (Box 07045 B)

Spanish-American War Photographs, 1898 (H2010-042)

Consists of four photographs of the 1st South Dakota Volunteer Regiment at the Presidio near San Francisco in 1898. (Box 03491 C)

Spanish-American War Photographs, 1898 (H2021-070)

Consists of two photographs of the 1st South Dakota Volunteer Regiment members taken at Presidio, San Francisco, before the soldiers sailed for the Philippines. One of the images shows Col. A. S. Frost and his staff; the second is of solders from Company G. (Box 10252 B)

United Spanish War Veterans and Ladies Auxiliary Records, 1925-1972 (H87-054)

This collection includes state encampment booklets, national encampment books, copies of the bylaws and constitution, minutes, history of the department, rosters, correspondence, and orders. (Boxes 06781-06783 A)

United Spanish War Veterans, Convention Proceedings, 1924-1955 (H98-107)

Proceedings from the National Encampments of United Spanish War Veterans from 1924 through 1955. (some years missing, Box 06990 A-B)

United Spanish War Veterans, Pierre Auxiliary No. 9, (H85-039)

Includes meeting minutes from 1931, a receipt book, National Auxiliary convention proclamation from 1943, general orders from 1951-1956, and miscellaneous correspondence and reports. (Box 03618 B-03619)

United Spanish War Veterans, Post 12 (Pierre) Roster and Charter, 1931 (H2015-073)

This collection includes a charter from the United Spanish American War Veterans to create John W. McLaughlin, Camp 12 in Pierre (S.D.). The document contains a seal of the organization and is dated June 9, 1931. The charter lists the original fifteen members of the group. (MD 335)

United Spanish War Veterans, Post 17 (Aberdeen) History, circa 1914 (H99-049)

This collection contains a history of the United Spanish War Veterans from Post 17 in Aberdeen. The history includes the names of those who attended a reunion in 1914. (Box 06954 A)

United Spanish War Veterans, Sidney E. Morrison Auxiliary No. 4, 1934-1946 (H74-059)

Contains a history of the Sidney E. Morrison Auxiliary No. 4, as well as meeting minutes from February 7, 1934 through March 5, 1946. (Box 03450 B)

United States Chief of Military History, Official Lineage and Battle Honors

Includes organization dates, reorganization dates, muster and demobilization dates, location of home station, and campaign streamers for the 147th Field Artillery Group and 643rd Field Artillery Battalion. (MF 1848)

Andrew E. Waterman Scrapbook, ca 1890s-1950s (H2018-043)

Consists of a scrapbook of newspaper clippings and photographs related to the Spanish-American War. (Box 05052 A)

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