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An Inventory of Its Spanish-American War History Files

OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

Agency:	Minnesota War Records Commission.
Series Title:	Spanish-American War history files,
Dates:	1898-1923.
Abstract:	Drafts and supplementary materials for <i>Minnesota in the Spanish-American War and the Philippine Insurrection</i> .
Quantity:	1.0 cu. ft. (1 box).
Location:	103.K.11.8F

SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE RECORDS

In 1923 the Minnesota War Records Commission published *Minnesota in the Spanish-American War and the Philippine Insurrection*, by Franklin F. Holbrook. These files comprise the first and final drafts of the narrative portion of that history, supplemented by transcripts of reports and orders, regimental chronologies, other background notes, and correspondence and clippings regarding preparation and issuance of the history.

Although the final drafts largely duplicate the text of the published history, there are some discrepancies. The other materials are not included in the published history.

Also present are a few minutes, financial notes, progress report, and miscellany (1903-1904) of an earlier commission that made an abortive attempt to compile a similar history; and a report and transcript of proceedings of a court martial of Harry A. Leonhaeuser, colonel of the 15th Minnesota (1899).

RELATED MATERIALS

The published history is cataloged separately.

INDEX TERMS

These records are indexed under the following headings in the catalog of the Minnesota Historical Society. Researchers desiring materials about related topics, persons or places should search the catalog using these headings.

Topics:

Courts-martial and courts of inquiry--United States.
Militia--Minnesota.
Spanish-American War, 1898--Regimental histories.

Persons:

Holbrook, Franklin F. (Franklin Fisk), 1883-1955. Minnesota in the Spanish-American War and the Philippine Insurrection.
Leonhaeuser, Harry A.

Organizations:

Spanish War History Commission, 1903.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE RECORDS

Note to Researchers: To request materials, please note both the location and box numbers shown below.

Minnesota in the Spanish-American War

Location	Box	Contents
103.K.11.8F		Chapters I and II. First and final drafts.
		Chapter III: 12th Minnesota Infantry. First and final drafts; transcribed reports of field inspections.
		Chapter IV: 13th Minnesota Infantry. Final draft: incomplete ribbon copy, supplemented with pages from carbon copy; pages 86-94 missing.
		Chapter IV: 13th Minnesota Infantry. First draft, notes, casualties, company-by-company record of events.
		Chapter V: 14th Minnesota Infantry. Final draft (carbon copy), first draft, notes, transcripts of reports.
		Chapter VI: 15th Minnesota. Final draft, first draft, reports of field inspections.
		Chapter VI: 15th Minnesota: Mutiny (2 folders). Transcript of proceedings, report, and notes regarding a court martial of Harry A. Leonhaeuser, who was colonel of the 15th Minnesota at the time of a mutiny in the regiment following the murder of a soldier.
		Chapter VII: Minnesotans in Other Branches of the Service. Final draft.
		Chapter VII: 2d Engineers. Drafts, transcripts of reports, and notes.
		Chapter VII: 45th U.S. Infantry. Draft, notes, record of events.
		Chapter VIII: 3d U.S. Infantry. Typescript and handwritten regimental histories, record of events, notes, letters, memorabilia.
		Chapter VIII: Activities and Events at Home. Final draft (carbon copy).
		Chapter VIII: Home Activities: Peace Negotiations. Handwritten draft.

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103.K.11.8F		<p>Chapter VIII: Home Activities: National Guard. Typescript draft. At least part was transcribed directly from the Adjutant General's 1900 biennial report.</p> <p>Chapter VIII: Home Activities: Business, War Loan, etc. Typescript note slips.</p> <p>Chapter VIII: Home Activities: Politics. Typescript notes.</p> <p>Chapter VIII: Home Activities: Welfare Work. Typescript drafts and related notes.</p> <p>Illustrations. Index. Roster Index (2 folders). Outlines. Roster Data and Specifications. Specifications for Printing and Binding.</p>

Administrative and Miscellaneous Files

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103.K.11.8F		<p>Spanish War: Miscellaneous Correspondence, 1921-1923. Mainly seeking information and materials from veterans of the war.</p> <p>Spanish-American History: Government Archives. Correspondence with various state and federal government officials seeking information and discussing progress of the history.</p> <p>Spanish History - Comments on, 1923. Book reviews, letters of congratulation upon publication.</p> <p>Clippings. About the preparation and issuance of the history.</p> <p>Spanish History - Letters Sent, 1923. Mainly regarding distribution of the history.</p> <p>Correspondence Regarding Distribution, 1923. (Found among War Records Commission "Collected Materials")</p> <p>Receipts for AG Records. For files borrowed from the Adjutant General's Office.</p>

Other Background Materials

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103.K.11.8F		<p>AG Papers: After May 16 (organization of new units). Letters, mainly from citizens offering to serve in or raise additional militia units. [Probably should be transferred to AG's files.]</p> <p>Enlistments by Months, 1898-1902. Two charts, on brittle folder stock.</p> <p>34th U.S. Volunteer Infantry. Record of events, 1899-1901.</p> <p>35th U.S. Volunteer Infantry. Record of events, 1899-1901.</p> <p>36th U.S. Volunteer Infantry. Record of events, 1899-1901.</p> <p>37th U.S. Volunteer Infantry. Record of events, 1899-1901.</p> <p>Volunteer Signal Corps. Record of events, June 1898 - October 1899.</p> <p>Spanish War History Commission of 1903, 1903-1904. Minutes (2 meetings), progress report, financial notes, copy of enabling act, and biographical sketch of Brig. Gen. Lucius F. Hubbard. The commission was established per Chapter 249, Laws of 1903, to "gather, compile and edit the information and material necessary for the preparation of an official historical narrative" of the 12th, 13th, 14th, and 15th Regiments in the Spanish-American War. It did not finish this work due to lack of funds.</p>