
Overview of the Collection

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Reference Code: USGZE UHC 348

Accession Number: 11-025

Collection Number: University Historical Collection 348

Creators: George B. Thompson

Title: George B. Thompson Spanish-American War Scrapbook

Dates: 1898-1987, bulk 1898-1899

Quantity: 1 linear foot (1 flat box)

Location of Collection: A3/1d

Languages: Collection materials are in English

Summary: This scrapbook documents the Spanish-American War service of George Bradford Thompson. Thompson served in Company E of the Third Wisconsin Infantry Regiment. The scrapbook contains mostly newspaper and magazine clippings which detail Wisconsin soldiers throughout the war.

Biographical / Historical Note

George B. Thompson (1875-1946) served in Company E of the Third Wisconsin Infantry Regiment during the Spanish American War. His service lasted from June 24, 1898 until January 6, 1899. The Third Wisconsin did not see any major action during their campaign in Puerto Rico, although they did take part in the
occupation of Ponce and the capture of Coamo. Thompson’s father was an Eau Claire banker named George T. Thompson (1850-1907). He was born in Troy Michigan and moved to Eau Claire in 1872. He married Julia Graham and became a cashier at the Union National Bank.

Content Description

This scrapbook contains mostly newspaper and magazine clippings concerning the Spanish American War. Many of the clippings follow the Third Wisconsin Infantry Regiment, and Company E in particular. Two ongoing sections are “Our Porto Rico Letter” and “News from Camp.” Several of the newspaper clippings include images of soldiers and events in Puerto Rico. In addition, there are three fold-out illustrations from Harpers Weekly. Throughout the scrapbook are several miscellaneous clippings and letters. Most of the miscellaneous items pertain to the Thompson family, focusing upon the death of George T. Thompson in particular.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information:

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Flat arrangement
Subjects

Personal Names: George B. Thompson
   George T. Thompson

Corporate Names:

Subject Terms: Spanish-American War—Eau Claire
   Third Wisconsin Infantry Regiment
   Eau Claire History

Geographical Terms: Eau Claire
   Puerto Rico

Detailed List of Contents

Series 1: George B. Thompson Spanish-American War Scrapbook
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