



Sidney B. Phillips Papers (C4303)

Collection Number: C4303

Collection Title: Sidney B. Phillips Papers

Dates: 1913-1941

Creator: Phillips, Sidney B., 1896-1979

Abstract: The papers contain photographs of the 4th Missouri Infantry Machine Gun Company of the National Guard during their service along the Mexican border in Laredo, Texas, in 1916. Sidney B. Phillips served with the 4th Missouri Infantry from 1916-1918. The papers also include army manuals issued to soldiers in 1913 and 1941.

Collection Size: 0.5 cubic feet
(15 folders)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Biographical Note:

Sidney B. Phillips was born in August of 1896, in Silver Lake, Kansas, to John Phillips (1859-1945) and Luella Stone Phillips (1866-1925). Phillips went to work for the Fidelity Trust Co., a commercial bank in Kansas City, Missouri. In June 1916, Phillips joined the Missouri National Guard in Kansas City. After his service, he returned to Kansas City where he worked as a bank clerk in 1920. Phillips married Anna Florence Durgin (1904-) in Butler, Missouri, on June 29, 1923. By 1930, they had relocated to Seattle, Washington, where Phillips worked as a bank teller. He died in Washington in 1979.

Phillips was inducted into the Machine Gun Company, 4th Missouri Infantry of the National Guard on June 19, 1916. He served as a private in the Mexican Border Service June 27, 1916 - February 28, 1917. He was stationed at Dolores near Laredo, Texas. The 4th Missouri Infantry was sent to Fort Riley, Kansas, in February 1917, where they were mustered out. Phillips returned to Kansas City for a total of twenty days before the 4th Missouri Infantry was called up for WWI. Serving with Phillips while stationed in Laredo was Ralph E. Truman (1880-1962), cousin to the future President Harry S. Truman.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged by type of material.

Scope and Content Note:

The papers contain materials related to the military service of the 4th Missouri Infantry Machine Gun Company of the National Guard in 1916.

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Bogard, Eugene D.	2-3	Yes
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Bowman, William L.	2	Yes
Burnette, Harry A.	2	Yes
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