

C University of Missouri, Missouri State Military School, Records, 1889-1965  
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#### INTRODUCTION

Photographs; military manuals and pamphlets; newspaper clippings; letterbook; records of marksmanship, merits and demerits, cadet appointments, cadet rosters, orders, and company morning reports; and scrapbook of newspaper articles and photographs of military training program at the University of Missouri.

#### DONOR INFORMATION

The records were donated to the University of Missouri by the U.S. Army ROTC on 7 November 1963 (Accession No. 3552).

#### HISTORICAL SKETCH

The Morrill Act of 1862 required military training courses to be offered at all land grant colleges. A Missouri General Assembly act in 1879 created the name Missouri State Military School for the military program at the University of Missouri. Each senator and representative appointed one cadet from his district for the upcoming academic year. By 1907 the appointments were for two years, with each representative and senator appointing three cadets from his district and the governor appointing ten cadets at large. Appointed cadets were state cadets; all other cadets were university cadets. In 1917 an infantry unit of Reserve Officers Training Corps was established and in 1919 a field artillery unit was added. The 1965-1966 University of Missouri catalog stated, "Law designates this university program [R.O.T.C.] as the Missouri State Military School." Subsequent catalogs refer to the Morrill Act and to Reserve Officers Training Corps but do not identify the program as the Missouri State Military School.

#### SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The records have been arranged into the following fifteen series: **Photographs; Military Manuals; Military Books and Pamphlets; Newspaper Clippings; Letterbook; Marksmanship Records; Students Excused from Drill; Roster of Cadets; File of Orders; Merit and Demerit Records; Cadet Appointments; Consolidated Morning Reports; Company Morning Reports; Company Records; and Scrapbook.**

More complete series descriptions are located in the folder list.

#### FOLDER LIST

##### **Photographs Series**

- f. 1-6 1889-1965. Photographs of various military groups and functions at the University of Missouri. Photographs of Frank Skelly, Tiger Battery,

Timber Toppers, and Academic Hall. Photograph, Battery A, ROTC Camp, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, 1941.

### **Military Manuals Series**

- f. 7 Cavalry Drill Regulations, 1916
- f. 8 Field Service Regulations, 1914, revised 1918; Field Service Pocketbook, 1917
- f. 9 Noncommissioned Officers and Privates of Infantry, U.S. Army, 1917; Rules of Land Warfare, 1914, revised 1917
- f. 10 Small Arms Firing Manual, 1913, revised 1918; Engineer Field Manual, 1917
- f. 11 Engineer Field Manual, 1929; Wire Entanglements, 1918
- f. 12 Engineer Field Notes, 1918
- f. 13 Military Railways, 1917; Ponton Manual, 1917
- f. 14-18 Infantry Drill Regulations, 1918-1939
- f. 19 Staff Officers' Field Manual, 1928
- f. 20-26 Basic Field Manual, 1931-1940

### **Military Books and Pamphlets Series**

- f. 27-35 1920-1926. Books and pamphlets dealing with war tactics, war construction, field fortifications, and combat orders.

### **Newspaper Clippings Series**

- f. 36-45 1950-1954. Clippings of photographs and articles about the University of Missouri Army, Navy, and Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps. Press releases from the University of Missouri Office of Public Information. Original order retained.

### **Letterbook Series**

- f. 46 1893-1896. Correspondence about cadet appointments, purchase of uniforms and other military supplies, recommendations of cadets applying for admission to West Point, and disciplinary action.

### **Marksmanship Records Series**

- f. 47-48 1911-1913. Record states name, military rank, company, range and score.

### **Students Excused from Drill Series**

- f. 49 1912-1913. Record state name, academic rank, department, authorization, date and reason for the excused drill participation. Companies A-Z.

**Roster of Cadets Series**

Roster states name, home and Columbia address, age, academic and military rank, absentee report, merits, demerits, and remarks.

- v. 1 1906-1907
- v. 2 1907-1908
- v. 3 1908-1909
- v. 4 1909-1910
- v. 5 1910-1911
- v. 6 1911-1912
- v. 7 1912-1913

**File of Orders Series**

- v. 8 File of orders, 1892-1895; also lists of names under headings small arms firing regulations, guard manual, and supplies and band instruments received from cadets, 1910-1913.
- v. 9 File of orders, 1895-1908

**Merit and Demerit Records Series**

Record states name, date, reason for and number of merits or demerits. Occasionally lists transfers and withdrawals.

- v. 10 1892-1894
- v. 11 1894-1895
- v. 12 1896-1904
- v. 13 c. 1910
- v. 14 1911-1912

**Cadet Appointments Series**

- v. 15 Record of cadet appointments by district, 1897-1901; rifle match scores, 1911.

**Consolidated Morning Reports Series**

- v. 16 1892-1896
- v. 17 1897-1904
- v. 18 1897-1903
- v. 19 1903-1907

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### Company Morning Reports Series

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### Company Records Series

Remarks and company morning reports.

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