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Summary

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| Size. | 146 items and 4 manuscript volumes |
| Geographic locations. | Red River area, Bayou Teche area, Baton Rouge, New Orleans, Louisiana; Mississippi; Tennessee; Alabama; Missouri; Florida |
| Inclusive dates. | 1861-1895 |
| Bulk dates. | 1861-1864 |
| Language. | English |
| Summary. | Military papers, correspondence, diaries, and newspaper clippings concerning the activities of Arthur W. Hyatt, an officer in the Confederate Army |
| Organization. | Arranged chronologically |
| Restrictions on access. | If microfilm is available, photocopies must be made from microfilm. Volumes also available as typescripts. |
| Related collections. | N/A |
| Copyright. | Copyright of the original materials is retained by descendants of the creators in accordance with U.S. copyright law. |
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Biographical/Historical Note

Arthur William Hyatt was born in Brighton, England in 1832 and came with his parents to Galveston, Republic of Texas, in 1841. In 1855, he married Mary Caroline Dakin, or Carrie, of Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Hyatt, a soldier in the Confederate Army, served as Lieutenant in Company H of the Confederate Guards Regiment (1862), as 1st Lieutenant and Captain of Companies A and B of the 16th Battalion of the Louisiana Infantry (also called the Confederate Guards Response Battalion), as Captain of Company G of the 33rd Regiment of Louisiana Volunteers (July-Oct. 1862), and as Captain of Company D of the Consolidated 18th Regiment and Yellow Jackets Battalion (1864). He was promoted to Lieutenant-Colonel of the Confederate Guards Response Battalion in 1864, and he commanded the Consolidated Crescent Regiment as Lieutenant-Colonel from October 1864 until the close of the War. He served in Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee, and Alabama, and was wounded at the Battle of Shiloh (Apr. 1862) and at the Battle of Mansfield (Apr. 1864); he participated in the Red River Expedition, 1864. Officers serving and associated with Hyatt include Hugh W. Montgomery, John M. Bonner, and John W. Hardie.

Scope and Content Note

Official military records, personal and official correspondence, diaries, and newspaper clippings document Arthur W. Hyatt's involvement in the Civil War and reflect the activities of several companies of the Confederate Army. Correspondence (1864-1865) includes letters from Major Hugh W. Montgomery discussing politics within the regiment; letters from Lieutenant J. W. Hardie explaining an unexcused absence; and letters from friends and wife Carrie Dakin Hyatt conveying personal news during Hyatt's participation in the Red River Expedition (1864). Hyatt's three volume diary records the daily movements and activities of Hyatt and his companies. Subjects addressed in the diary include conditions on marches and in camps, experiences of skirmishes and battles, descriptions of superior officers and orders given by them, and the general course of the Civil War.

Official military materials include leaves of absence, discharges, and furloughs for men in Hyatt's companies; a petition for the reorganization of a battalion; a one-volume account book of Hyatt's company payroll; payrolls for three Louisiana companies and one Florida company (1862-1863); and muster rolls for the following companies: Companies A and H of the Confederate Guards Response Battalion (March-Aug., 1862), Company A of the Florida and Confederate Guards Response Battalion (Apr.-June 1862), Company G of the 33rd Louisiana Volunteer Regiment (June-Oct., 1862), and Company B of the Confederate Guards Response Battalion (Nov.-Dec., 1862, and Jan.-Aug., 1863).

Newspaper clippings include dispatches of General Beauregard (1862), orders of General Butler, descriptions of conditions in New Orleans under General Butler, an account of the Battle

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of Shiloh (1862), a description of the Corps d'Afrique (Apr. 1863), and various poems and songs (1862, 1864, undated). The collection also contains three fragments of Confederate regimental flags. Typescripts of the Hyatt collection can be found with the volumes.

Collection Description

[The collection is arranged chronologically, but like items are described in groups below. See the Container List for description reflecting physical arrangement]

Correspondence (1862-1864, undated)

Much of the correspondence takes place between Hyatt and friends or family. These letters tend to contain news about family members or mutual friends, the effects of the war in their particular cities, and concern for Hyatt's wellbeing. These correspondents include friends from home as well as people met and visited during his movements through the Teche country and Red River areas, Thomas H. Shields, Carrie Shields, Mrs. L. Hardie, Mira Cooper, Addie Dungan, Eliza K.D. Gibbs, and Mary T. Gibbs to name a few. A great many of Hyatt's letters come from his wife Carrie Dakin Hyatt in New Orleans. These discuss the children, Hyatt's mother, financial issues, and Carrie's loneliness and strong desire for her husband to return home. In addition to these, many letters were received from fellow officers, such as Lieutenant J. W. Hardie explaining his choice not to return to the field, and Major Hugh W. Montgomery discussing news of the war, peace plans, politics within the regiments, and life in the camps.

Diaries (1862-1864)

Hyatt's three volume diary records the daily movements and activities of Hyatt and his companies. In the first volume (March 10, 1862 – May 12, 1863), he discusses the conditions of camps and marches, and expresses concern for his men as well as his own sicknesses and fatigue. Hyatt records visits with friends, letters from home, books he has read, and desertions from the camp. He also includes notes such as records of the mess fund, money he is owed, and injuries among his men. The second volume (May 4, 1863 – Dec.27, 1863) discusses Hyatt's exhaustion as the troops move quickly trying to evade the enemy, as well as their disappointment as they hear of the surrenders of Alexandria (May 7, 1863) and Vicksburg (July 13, 1863). He describes one battle in particular (Sep.29, 1863), unhappy with the way it was conducted and the number of wounded and dead. The third diary (Jan.1, 1864 – Nov.20, 1864) begins with lists of privates, of desertions, and of deaths. He describes more troop movements and again discusses visiting with friends and receiving letters from home. Hyatt records getting shot in the leg in the Battle of Mansfield (April 9, 1864) and the number of other troops either killed or wounded during the battle. The collection also contains a notebook (Oct.31, 1862 – Dec.23, 1863) in which Hyatt recorded a company payroll.

Military Records (1861-1895, undated)

The earliest item in this collection is the Second Lieutenant Commission issued to Hyatt (1861). Other official documents include applications for furlough, certificates of payment (1862, 1865), memoranda, affidavits signed by Hyatt (1865, 1867), a number of Muster Rolls (1862-1863), and a General Order from the Trans-Miss. Department assigning H.W. Montgomery to duty (1864). Lists such as Casualties in Consolidated 18th La. Regiment and

Yellow Jackets Battalion at Mansfield and Pleasant Hill (April 1864) and the Roster of the Commissioned Officers of the Consolidated Crescent Regiment (March 1865) can also be found. The collection contains items such as a hand drawn map on tracing cloth of Township 19 South Range 21 East and Township 19 South Range 22 East in Florida, showing location and names of land holders; instructions for the Officer of the Guard; various notebooks of battalion commands and marching instructions; and fragments of regimental flags (all undated). The latest items are letters from the Board of Publications of the War Records Office returning borrowed papers to Hyatt that were added to their archives in Washington (1895).

Other items include a notice of membership from the Chamber of Commerce in New Orleans (1871) and a number of newspaper clippings. Some of these contain articles that deal with the war, such as "The War Bulletin: Corps d'Afrique..." (May 1, 1863), "Army of the Mississippi: The New Negro Brigade..." (undated), "The Battle of Monday: Gen. Beauregard's Dispatches to the War Department" (undated), a list of military orders and advertisements (May 17, 1862), an article about foreign intervention (undated), and one describing the Battle of Shiloh (1862). Other clippings contain poems or songs like "The Hifulluting Army" which was given to Hyatt by Mrs. Hardie, "A Ballad for the Young South" by Joseph Brenan, and "A Mother's Prayer" from the Maryland News Sheet (all undated).

Index Terms

Artifacts.

Confederate States of America. Army. Infantry – Registers.

Confederate States of America. Army. Louisiana Infantry Battalion, 16th.

Confederate States of America – History, Military.

Diaries.

Letters.

Louisiana – History – Civil War, 1861-1865.

Mansfield, Battle of, 1864.

Muster rolls.

Newspapers.

Payrolls.

Red River Expedition, 1864.

Shiloh, Battle of, Tenn., 1862.

United States – History – Civil War, 1861-1865.

Container List

| <u>Stack Location</u> | <u>Box</u> | <u>Folder</u> | <u>Description</u> |
|-----------------------|------------|---------------|--|
| U:159 | 1 | 1 | 1862 Letters; leave of absence order for Hyatt; permit to accompany baggage; certificate of pay due; typewritten copy of Muster Roll August 31, 1862 |
| | | 2 | 1863 Letters; Newspaper clipping: "The War Bulletin: Corps d'Afrique..." May 1, 1863; Memorandum from Maj. Surget; Applications for furlough |
| | | 3 | 1864 Letters; Casualties in Consolidated 18 th La. Regiment and Yellow Jackets Battalion at Mansfield and Pleasant Hill, April 8-9, 1864; poem "The Boonville Raid" May 1864; General Order Trans-Miss. Department Oct.17, 1864 |
| | | 4 | 1865-1895, undated; Letters; Certificate of pay to Hyatt, Feb.21, 1865; Roster of the Commissioned Officers of the Consolidated Crescent Regiment, Mar.19, 1865; Request for Furloughs, May 19, 1865; Affidavits signed by Hyatt, 1865, 1867; Notice of membership of Chamber of Commerce New Orleans (1871); Newspaper clipping: "Burke's Flight" (1889); Letters from the Board of Publications of the War Records Office returning borrowed papers (1895); poem "I am dying, Egypt, dying" undated; memorandum written on an envelope, undated; Instructions for the officer of the Guard, undated; Army instructions, marching instructions, undated; list of names, undated; battalion instructions; newspaper clippings: "Army of the Mississippi: The New Negro Brigade..." Song "The Hifulluting Army" given to Hyatt by Mrs. Hardie; envelopes |
| | | 5 | Notebook of Battalion Commands, undated; General Commands: Evolutions of the Line, undated; newspaper clippings: poem "A Mother's Prayer" from the Maryland News Sheet, Military Orders and Advertisements Saturday May 17, 1862, poem "A Ballad for the Young South" by Joseph Brenan, "A Card" by V.A. Fournet, article about |

foreign intervention, article "The Battle of Monday: Gen. Beauregard's Dispatches to the War Department," article "Burke's Flight" from The Daily Picayune Oct.27, 1889; pieces of regimental flags

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| | | 6 | Unbound volumes: Typewritten copy of parts of diaries |
| G:11 | | | Vols.1-3 Diaries 1862-1864 Vol.4 Notebook 1862-1863 |
| G:11 | | | Typescripts of collection: Part I: 1861-1864 Part II: 1864-1865 Part III: 1865-1895 Diaries: vols.1, 3 Diary and Notebook: vols.2, 4 Muster Roll: August 31, 1862 |
| OS:H | -- | 1 | Letters from Carrie Hyatt (1864, undated); Second Lieutenant Commission issued to Hyatt (1861) |
| OS:H | -- | 2 | Muster and Pay Rolls (1862-1863); Hand drawn map on tracing cloth of Township 19 South Range 21 East and Township 19 South Range 22 East in Florida, showing location and names of land holders (undated) |
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