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Onderdonk, William A., 1864-1949
Papers, 1898

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Scope and Content Note

The William A. Onderdonk papers include a diary written in 1898, newspaper clippings, a letter to his mother and a French map of Puerto Rico (ca. 1890's). Divided into roughly three equal sections, the diary recounts Onderdonk's experiences as an employee of the Eastern Indiana Hospital for the Insane outside Richmond, Indiana; as a soldier mustered into Colonel John B. Castleman's First Kentucky Volunteers at Camp Bradley and Chickamauga, Tennessee; and as a member of the US force occupying Puerto Rico during the period of its formal transfer to the US during the Spanish-American War. Transcript of diary included.

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Biographical Note

Born July 2, 1864, William A. Onderdonk grew up Louisville, Kentucky. He eventually moved to Richmond, Indiana where he was employed by the Eastern Indiana Hospital for the Insane. In 1898, Onderdonk enlisted in the First Kentucky Volunteers led by Colonel John B. Castleman and traveled with the regiment to Puerto Rico as part of the Spanish American War effort. Onderdonk returned to Louisville, Kentucky and became a physician. He died on August 16, 1949.

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United States. Army. Kentucky Infantry Regiment, 1st