Guide to the Herbert Edmund Crocker Boer War Diaries

MS 1932

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CALL NUMBER: MS 1932

CREATOR: Crocker, Herbert Edmund, 1877-1962

TITLE: Herbert Edmund Crocker Boer War diaries

DATES: 1900

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 0.25 linear foot (1 box)

LANGUAGE(S): The materials are in English.

SUMMARY: The papers comprise four manuscript diaries written by Herbert Edmund Crocker in 1900 and a typed transcription. The diaries contain lengthy, detailed descriptions of his military service in South Africa in 1900 and the daily rigors of camp life. The diaries are interspersed with sketches and maps drawn by Crocker.

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Information about the Creator(s)

Herbert Edmund Crocker was born on September 10, 1877, in Wandsworth, East London. He attended St. Michael's School, Westgate-on-Sea, in Kent, and from 1892 to 1894 was educated at Shrewsbury Public School, before studying French in Paris until 1896. In March 1900, Crocker joined the First Company of the Essex Regiment in South Africa, earning the commission of second lieutenant. After sustaining an injury during his regimental service in Belfast, South Africa, he was seconded to the North Nigerian Regiment until the end of the Anglo-Boer War. Crocker served in Mesopotamia and was commander of the Thirteenth Signal Company at Gallipoli during World War I, earning the rank of major and then brevet lieutenant-colonel in 1917. He retired from military service in 1929. Crocker died on May 13, 1962.

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Access Terms

Crocker, Herbert Edmund, 1877-1962
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