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Naval Reserves of Missouri Papers, 1902-1934

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HISTORICAL SKETCH

The Naval Reserves of Missouri was organized circa 1900.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection includes correspondence, photographs, and newspapers clippings relating to the Naval Reserves of Missouri.

Folder 1

- 1902 Jan 29 Typescript circular letter of W.F. Roberts, Naval Reserves of Missouri, St. Louis, stating the purpose and history of the naval reserves, and requesting aid in re-organizing the reserves. (3 pages)
- 1904 Sept 23 Certificate of the St. Louis mayor's office granted to the Naval Reserves of Missouri, allowing the reserves to parade under arms on September 25, 1904, from 14th and Olive St. to the New Picker Cemetery and there fire three volleys over the grave of a comrade.
- 1907 Apr 29 Typescript letter signed J.M. Bowyer, commander, U.S. Navy, Navy Department, Office of Assistant Secretary, Washington, to Mr. A. Roosevelt, 2211 Olive St., St. Louis, Mo. "Complying with your request of the 27th instant, I forward herewith photograph of the HUNTRESS."
- 1909 July 1 Photocopy of *Daily Tribune* clipping regarding the refusal of Capt. William F. Purdy, commander of the Illinois naval militia, to turn over the training ship *Dorothea* to the Ohio naval militia.
- 1910 Aug 4 Issue of *The Naval Reserve: Official Organ of the United States Naval Reserve* (Volume 1, Number 1), published at St. Louis, Mo. Cover includes bow view of the U.S.S. *Amphitrite*. Includes article titled "Missouri Reserves Get the Amphitrite," which contains portraits of Lieut. Andrae Roosevelt and Capt. W.F. Roberts. (8 pages)
- 1912 Aug 5 Typescript note signed F.M. Rumbold, adjutant general, Jefferson City, Missouri, to Commander G.F. Swartz, St. Louis, Mo. "Enclosed you will find my check No. 52, for \$2068.25, being in full for your pay roll of the Missouri Naval Reserve, while on duty at Caruthersville during the flood, this year. Kindly sign check below where the indorsement is made."
- 1912 Nov 14 Typescript memorandum signed C.M. Stone, Navy Department, Washington, to commanding officer, Missouri Naval Militia, St. Louis, regarding mooring of the U.S.S. *Isla de Luzon* for winter to be protected from danger of ice packs and freshets. (2 pages)
- 1913 Aug 21 Admission ticket to the Missouri Naval Reserve excursion on the steamer *Bell of the Bends*.
- 1921 Oct 16 Letter signed Read Admiral Hugh Rodman, Washington, D.C., to Captain Schwartz regarding preparations for his upcoming visit to St. Louis to give a speech. (2 pages)
- 1931 Apr 15 Typescript letter signed Stewart McDonald, New York, to Capt. G.F. Schwartz, St. Louis, Missouri, regarding a gun he intends to loan to R.W. Judson for use on a yacht he is building. States that the gun never belonged to the Moon Motor Car

Company. (1 page)

- 1931 Apr 21 Typescript note signed W.D. Hemenway, The Insurance Agency Company, St. Louis, to Capt. G.F. Schwartz, United States Naval Reserve, St. Louis, Mo. "Upon Mr. Stewart McDonald's request, with reference to his recent correspondence with you relative to the one pound gun, now in your possession, as former Officers of the Moon Motor Car Company, we are pleased to advise you that this gun was the property of the McDonald Engineering Company, of which Mr. McDonald was the controlling partner, and we have always looked upon this property as being his."
- 1933 May 13 Telegram to Capt. G.F. Scwhartz, United States Naval Reserves commander, Sixth Naval Reserve Area, St. Louis. Includes proclamation of President Franklin D. Roosevelt calling for the display of the U.S. flag on all government buildings, homes, and other suitable places in honor of Mother's Day.
- 1934 Jan 17 Typescript note signed John J. Cochran, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., to the St. Louis Chapter, Naval Reserve Officers Association. ". . . I have already taken this matter up with the sub-committee for the Naval Reserve Appropriations Bill. The best we can expect is that the Appropriations Committee will allow the amount asked for by the Budget Bureau, as it is the policy of that Committee not to increase the appropriations over the amount recommended by the Budget Director."
- 1934 Nov 27 Typescript note signed John J. Cochran, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., to Dr. W.E. Hennerich, St. Louis, Mo. "I am in receipt of your letter together with the arguments in reference to the Naval Reserve policy, and will take this matter up when the bill is considered by the Appropriations Committee."
- no date Typescript biographical sketch of Admiral Hugh Rodman. (4 pages)
- no date Typescript reminiscences titled "History of the Missouri Naval Militia," written by an unidentified author after 1922. Describes the organization of the naval militia circa 1900. Includes an account of piloting the *U.S.S. Huntress* from Pensacola, Florida, to St. Louis in 1905. (The Navy Department had turned over the *Huntress* to the naval militia.) Also includes an account of the naval militia taking over the *U.S.S. Amphitrite* at New Orleans circa 1911. After the *Amphitrite* broke down at Memphis, the Navy Department gave the militia the *U.S.S. Isla de Luzon*. Reminiscences mention Harvey Toomb, Charles Maguire, Eugene Reed, Commander W.F. Roberts, H. Hunicke, A.H. Timmerman, A.P. Timmerman, Tom Johnson, G.F. Schwartz, Francis Montgomery, H.P. Wells, Andre Roosevelt, and James Muir. (14 pages)
- no date Photocopy of *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* clipping regarding effort of the Erastus Wells to extract the *Huntress*, which was stuck in the mud in the Mississippi

River.

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Photocopy of newspaper clipping titled "Noisy River Craft Welcome De Luzon: Latest Addition to Missouri Navy Makes Port as Whistles Shriek." Describes the arrival of the *Isla de Luzon* in St. Louis.

Folder 2

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Twenty-three unidentified photographs mostly showing naval scenes, including photographs of ships and men in Navy uniforms on board ships.