

# Guide to the George S. Lewis Papers

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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 1662

**CREATOR:** Lewis, George S.

**TITLE:** George S. Lewis papers

**DATES:** 1900

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 0.25 linear feet

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The papers consist of letters written by Private George S. Lewis from South Africa to his family in England between April 9 and November 24, 1900. Lewis describes a collision involving his troopship as it approached Cape Town; his travels from Cape Town to Bloemfontein; his capture and imprisonment by Boers; hospitalization in Johannesburg; work in Pretoria; and return to Cape Town and then England. Also included are two photographs of Lewis and letters to Lewis from family and friends.

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b.      box  
f.      folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Transferred by the African Collection Curator, 1994.

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## Biographical / Historical

George S. Lewis was a British private with the Bearer Company, Imperial Yeomanry Field Hospital, South African Field Office. He was captured by Boers near Roodwal en route from Bloemfontein to Johannesburg in May, 1900 and was held prisoner for four days before being rescued by Lord Methuen. Lewis was subsequently confined to the Johannesburg Hospital for six weeks. Upon his recovery, he worked at the No. 3 Model School Hospital from mid-August to November, tending British and Boer wounded. Lewis then traveled to the Maitland Camp at Cape Town to await shipment home on board the S. S. "Orotava."

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## Scope and Contents

The George S. Lewis Papers consist of correspondence between Lewis and his family and friends. The letters chronicle his daily routine as well as noteworthy events, such as the collision between his troopship, S. S. "Winkfield", and the Union Castle S. S. "Mexican" near Cape Town on April 5, 1900. Photographs of Lewis and memorabilia complete the collection which was received in May, 1994.

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## Arrangement

The papers are arranged by record type.

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## Collection Contents

b. 1, f. 1 - 11	Correspondence of George S. Lewis with family and friends	1900 March-Dec, undated
b. 1, f. 12	Photographs	undated
b. 1, f. 13	Printed material/memorabilia	1864, undated

## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Subjects**

South African War, 1899-1902 -- Personal narratives

### **Geographic Names**

South Africa -- History -- 1836-1909

### **Names**

Lewis, George S.