

# Guide to the Herbert Edmund Crocker Boer War Diaries

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## Collection Overview

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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 feet (1 box)

**LANGUAGE:** 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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b.      box  
f.      folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Purchased by the African Collection Curator and transferred to Manuscripts and Archives, 2009.

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## Biographical / Historical

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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## Scope and Contents

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## Arrangement

The collection is arranged as received from the vendor.

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## Collection Contents

b. 1, f. 1-2	Diaries, books I-IV	1900
b. 1, f. 3	"The Boer War Diary of Lieut. Herbert Edmund Crocker, The 1st Essex Regiment," typed transcription of diaries English	Undated

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## **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

### **Genres / Formats**

Diaries

### **Names**

Crocker, Herbert Edmund, 1877-1962