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**John W. Inglesby papers, ca. 1906-1963.**

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**Container 11/245-247**

**Creator:** Inglesby, John Walker

**Description:** 1 linear ft.

**Biographical/Historical Note:** Born in Charleston, S.C., John W. Inglesby attended The Citadel and, as U.S. Army officer, served in the Philippine Constabulary from 1906 to 1917. He later entered the U.S. Civil Service and worked in Cuba and Florida.

Foreword to the book gives the following information on the Philippine Constabulary. Organized in 1901, the Constabulary was a police organization operating as a native infantry; one of its functions was to quell insurrections and brigandage. Constabulary officers were trained by senior U.S. Army officers.

**Scope and Content:** Papers consist of a book manuscript, photographs, correspondence, and other items.

Typewritten manuscript (426 p.) of "Fighting Philippine Constabulary" by John W. Inglesby recounts his experiences as a constable in the Philippines. He describes encounters with local guerillas, Philippine customs, relief work after the eruption of the Taal volcano, capture of a smuggled shipment of opium, his management of a penal colony on the island of Palawan, Philippine dance halls, and other aspects of his life and work. Inglesby also comments on the question of Philippine independence and includes a letter from a Philippine friend concerning Japanese occupation during World War II and the Bataan death march.

Photographs consist of illustrative photographs for the book including pictures of John W. Inglesby, scenes in Manila and elsewhere, members of the Philippine Constabulary, aboriginal people, Mount Taal, Bilibid Prison, and the Palawan penal colony; additional photographs of similar subjects; and an album containing photos of Philippine scenes and other subjects.

Correspondence (1947-1963) includes letters (1950s and 1960s) to John W. Inglesby and his wife Hilda C. Inglesby concerning publication of his book.

Other items include Inglesby's commissions (1906-1910) as an officer in the Philippine Constabulary; diaries or journals (1908-1917, 1931); manuals, including "Manual for the Philippines Constabulary" (1911), "Manual for Municipal Police" (1913), "Manual for the Guidance of Apprentices on Training Ships" (1918, merchant marine manual), and a U.S. Customs Service Manual (1939).

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**Note:** Available on microfilm.

**Search terms:**

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Papers, 1908-1963. 1 ¼ ft.**

Charlestonian serving in the Philippines (1908-1917). Included are a mss., correspondence and Philippines photographs regarding Fighting Philippines Constabulary which concerns JWI's constabship in the Philippines. Also included are JWI's diaries (1908-1931) mostly regarding the Philippines. Also included are manuals regarding police work, U.S. Customs (1931) and an annotated manual regarding Philippine constables. Some family photographs.