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**HENRY F. GOEDECKE
PHILIPPINE–AMERICAN WAR DIARY, CA. 1899**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 Folder
COLLECTION DATES:	Ca. 1899; 1901; 1925
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NOTES:

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Henry F. Goedecke was born in April of 1871 in Indiana to German parents. He resided in Vincennes, Knox County, Indiana when he joined the United States Army, as a Private in the Fourth Regiment, Company F. His discharge papers list that he arrived in the Philippines on March 10th 1899, and that he saw action at Antipolo and Dasmarinas in June, San Nicolas in October, and Imus in November of that year. In 1900, he was still living in the Philippines with the Army. It is probable that this is the same Henry Goedecke that in the 1920 Census was listed as a 48 year old from Indiana residing in the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers in Danville, Illinois. The National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers has also been referred to as the National Military Home or the Old Soldiers Home.

The Philippine-American War, or the more commonly known Philippine Insurrection, occurred at the end of the Spanish-American War. The Philippine people had begun fighting for their freedom against the Spanish in 1896, when the United States took over after defeating the Spanish, the Filipino's continued their fight against their new colonizer. The first official shots of the War occurred on 4 February 1899. The war lasted until 1902, when a Peace Proclamation was issued on 4 July of that year. Fighting continued with some insurgents for several more years. In 1946 the Philippines were finally given their independence. In 1999, the Library of Congress adopted the term Philippine-American War as the term by which this portion of history would be listed.

Sources:

Some information was obtained from the collection.

Information was obtained from the 1900 and 1920 Census of the United States.

Information regarding the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers was obtained from the following site:
<http://www.va.gov/facmgt/historic/NHDVS.asp>

Information regarding the Philippine-American War was obtained from the following sites:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Philippine-American_War

www.msc.edu.ph/centennial/philam.html

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains the diary of part of Henry F. Goedecke's experiences in the Philippines during the Philippine-American War. The diary is illustrated and is approximately 11 pages long. Also included in the collection are

Goedecke's discharge papers from Company F of the 4 Regiment of the U.S. Infantry from 1901. The folder contains a pension form for Henry F. Goedecke from 1925 as well.

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