

# Guide to the Henry M. Lyons Papers

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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 1572

**CREATOR:** Lyons, Henry M.

**TITLE:** Henry M. Lyons papers

**DATES:** 1893-1948

**BULK DATES:** 1900-1901

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 0.25 linear feet

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The papers consist of correspondence, a diary, and memorabilia of Henry M. Lyons, a private in the British Royal Army Medical Corps, 10th Bearer Company, 12th Brigade, during the Boer War. Lyons recounts his experiences as a stretcher bearer and his impressions of camp life, the Boers, numerous skirmishes, and the weather and terrain of South Africa. Memorabilia includes his medical kit and a letter of a captured Boer. A small amount of correspondence from his military service in France during World War I is also included in the papers.

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- b. box
- f. folder

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## **Administrative Information**

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### **Immediate Source of Acquisition**

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### **Conditions Governing Access**

The collection is open for research.

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### Correspondence

b. 1, f. 1 From Sallie Lyons (wife), 1900

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#### To Sallie Lyons

b. 1, f. 2 1900  
English

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b. 1, f. 3 1901, ca.1900-1901

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b. 1, f. 4 1915, 1916

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b. 1, f. 5 n.d.

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b. 1, f. 6 Diary 1900  
September-December  
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### Memorabilia

b. 1, f. 7 Life assurance 1893

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b. 1, f. 8 Letter captured from a Boer 1900

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b. 1, f. 9 Military dispatch 1900

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b. 1, f. 10 Remittance 1900

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b. 1, f. 11 Medical kit, pouch Circa1900-1901

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b. 1, f. 12 Red Cross patches Circa1900-1901

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b. 1, f. 13 Miscellaneous [clippings, poem, list of medals] 1939, 1948,  
undated

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b. 1, f. 14 Photograph [191?]

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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  
South African War, 1899-1902 -- Personal  
narratives

### **Geographic Names**

South Africa -- History -- 1836-1909

### **Names**

Lyons, Henry M.