

# Guide to the R. Emms Papers

MS 1815



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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 1815

**CREATOR:** Emms, R.

**TITLE:** R. Emms papers

**DATES:** 1900-1903

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 0.5 linear feet

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The papers consist of diaries, memorabilia, printed materials, and photographs of R. Emms, a noncommissioned officer in the British Army, Company E, 2nd Battalion, Norfolk Regiment, during the Boer War in South Africa. In his diaries and sketches, Emms recounts army life and battles in which he participated. The photographs are primarily of the Norfolk Regiment encampment and soldiers.

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b.      box  
f.      folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Transferred from the African Collection Curator, 2003.

## **Conditions Governing Access**

The materials are open for research.

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b. 1, f. 1	Diaries [two]	1900-1902
b. 1, f. 2	Medals [with attached ribbons]	1901, 1902
b. 1, f. 3	Messages [handwritten; signed D. M. D. L.]	1900 December 10
b. 1, f. 4	Pouch [handmade]	[1900?]
	Printed material	
b. 1, f. 5	Employment identity card	1903
b. 1, f. 5	Scripture Union brochure	undated
b. 1, f. 5	"Soldier's New Testament, South Africa 1900" English	1900
b. 1, f. 5	Sports programme	1902 June
b. 1, f. 6	<a href="#">Sketch of battlefield [on verso of postal money order addressed to Thomas Emms]</a>	1902
	Photographs	
b. 1, f. 7	Norfolk Regiment soldiers, encampment, natives	[1900-1902]
b. 1, f. 7	Portrait [of an unidentified man and woman]	undated
b. 2	Oversize [special Transvaal edition of <i>The Bloemfontein Post</i> ; "Diary of the War," unidentified newspaper	1901 February 7, 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  
South African War, 1899-1902 -- Personal  
narratives

### **Geographic Names**

South Africa -- History -- 1836-1909

### **Names**

Emms, R.