

**Minnesota Infantry Regiment,  
13th (1898-1899) Collection  
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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	James K. Hosmer Special Collections Library
<b>Creator</b>	United States. Army. Minnesota Infantry Regiment, 13th (1898-1899).
<b>Title</b>	Minnesota Infantry Regiment, 13th (1898-1899) Collection
<b>Date</b>	Oct. 12 1899
<b>Extent</b>	0.33 Linear feet
<b>Language</b>	English

## History

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The 13th Minnesota Volunteer Infantry was a regiment formed to fight during the Spanish-American War. It was one of three Minnesota regiments mustered during the war (along with the 12th and the 14th), though it was the only Minnesota regiment to actually be deployed overseas and see combat during the war. The regiment consisted of 50 officers and 979 enlisted men.

The 13th Minnesota left Camp Ramsey, St. Paul on May 16th, 1898. It traveled by train to San Francisco for further training at Camp Merrit. On June 26th they set sail aboard the City of Para bound for Manila, landing on August 7th.

On August 13th the regiment took part in the Battle of Manila, sustaining the heaviest casualties of any unit in the attack and helping American forces capture the city. Unbeknownst to the soldiers involved, a peace treaty had actually been signed between Spain and the United States the day prior. After the Battle of Manila the 13th served as a police unit in Manila, repelling an attack by Filipino revolutionary troops in February 1899. They would later campaign across the island of Luzon from March through May of 1899.

On August 10th the unit boarded the Sheridan for the journey home. In all, 74 men were wounded and 44 were killed during the regiment's time in service. On October 12th the unit arrived home to a reception at the Minnesota State Capital attended by thousands of well-wishers, family members, and even President William McKinley along with members of his cabinet.

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## Collection Description

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The collection consists of a scrapbook containing ribbons, buttons, and a copy of the program from the reception held welcoming the regiment home after serving in the Philippines during the Spanish-American War. The reception was held on October 12, 1899 at the Minnesota State Capital in Saint Paul and was attended by thousands of people including the President of the United States, William McKinley, and his cabinet.

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Information

## Related Materials

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Books at Hennepin County Library about the regiment and the war:

*Campaigning in the Philippines* by Karl Irving Faust. **973.89F26**

*In the shadow of glory : the thirteenth Minnesota in the Spanish-American and Philippine-American wars, 1898-1899.* **973.893W**

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## Controlled Access Headings

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### Geographic Name(s)

- Philippines -- History -- Philippine American War, 1899-1902.

### Subject(s)

- Spanish-American War, 1898.

## Collection Inventory

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**Box-folder**

Welcome Home of the 13th Minnesota Volunteer Infantry and the Reception of The  
President Wm. McKinley and Cabinet Oct. 13 1899

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