

JOURNAL OF JOHN LONG SCOTT

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John Long Scott was a native of Morgan County, Tennessee. He served in the Army during the Philippine Insurrection (1899-1902). He married Alta May Clark on 24 July 1910.

The information in this document is drawn from his handwritten journal which is currently in the possession of his grandson, Russell Gary Scott.

THE MILITARY SERVICE OF JOHN LONG SCOTT

John enlisted in the U.S. Army on the 14th day of November 1901 at Lansing, Tennessee. After enlistment, John traveled from Lansing to Columbus, Ohio. From there he traveled to San Francisco, California in December 1901. John then sailed from San Francisco to the Philippine Islands. The dates of travel from San Francisco to the Philippine Islands are not specified. It is likely that the voyage lasted approximately 20 days. He was stationed at Oris, Samar, Philippine Islands and was on duty there for about eight months, first in the Army 9th Infantry and later in the 1st Infantry.

From Oris, John traveled to Borongan, Samar, possibly around August 1902, and was on duty there for about five months. He left Borongan for Calbayog (Camp Comull), probably in December 1902. John served on "Special Duty" in the Quartermaster's Office in Calbayog, Samar from approximately December 14th, 1902 through March 1903.

John began his journey back to the States on March 28, 1903 when he left Calbayog. He headed to Manila on the USAT Kilpatrick arriving in Manila Bay on March 30th. There he transferred to a different ship, the USAT Logan, on April 3rd and set sail for Nagasaki, Japan on April 4th. They arrived in Nagasaki on April 9th and set sail for San Francisco the next day. The USAT Logan arrived in San Francisco on April 28th, 1903. Here are links to webpages containing pictures and information about these two Army Transport ships.

USAT Kilpatrick [<https://www.navsource.net/archives/30/13/13070.htm>] [<https://www.mainememory.net/record/22589>]

USAT Logan [https://transportation.army.mil/museum/AOTM/2019/apr_2019.html] [<https://16thinfaasn.org/history/historical-galleries/philippines-alaska/>] [<https://www.navsource.net/archives/30/13/13059.htm>]

The jobs that John held while in the service are described variously as "Special Duty in Quartermaster Department & Adjutants Office", Straight Duty, Guard Detail, Clerk, and erecting tents.

John left San Francisco on May 6, 1903 arriving Fort Wayne, Michigan on May 12th. Fort Wayne was located in part of what is now Detroit, Michigan. At least one building from the old fort has been rebuilt and can be seen there today. See [<https://www.historicfortwaynecoalition.com/>]

John was promoted to Corporal on June 2nd, 1903.

John spent time at both Fort Wayne, Michigan and Island Lake, Brighton, Michigan (Camp Griffith) during July and August 1903. Camp Griffith was located in today's Island Lake Recreation Area, a state park that is about 50 miles west of Detroit and 20 miles north of Ann Arbor.

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John was promoted to Sergeant on August 26th, 1903.

A curious statement from October 1904: “Came near being tried today; charges were withdrawn.”

He made a brief trip to Toledo, Ohio on September 14-16, 1903, returning to Fort Wayne. On September 25-26, 1903 John traveled to West Point, Kentucky [*perhaps at Fort Duffield?*], staying there until October 16th. From West Point he returned to Fort Wayne by way of Louisville, Cincinnati, and Toledo. John spent more time at both Fort Wayne and Island Lake during the remainder of 1903 and most of 1904. He also made a short trip to Ludington, Michigan on August 4-14, 1904. He was discharged on November 13, 1904 and left Fort Wayne on November 15, 1904. John arrived in Harriman, Tennessee on Nov 17th and was at home on the 18th. Uncertain where “home” was but could have been at his parents’ farm at Huffman, a railroad stop just north of Sunbright, Tennessee.

[*Information about Fort Duffield: <https://kmhpa.org/fortduffield.html>]*

WORK RECORD AFTER THE WAR

John worked several different jobs after his discharge from the Army. He lists working for different individuals and companies; the jobs included surveying, construction, a railroad job, and working in a pool room.

His railroad job was with the CNO & TP railroad from June 10, 1905 until October 17, 1905. After that he was unemployed for nearly six weeks before going to Clinton, TN to work for Elwell & Wylie (Nov 25, 1905-Jan 2, 1906) in a pool room. While there it appears that he boarded at the Union Hotel.

In perhaps 1912 John went to work on Nov 4th for Mason Hauger & Wilson, helping to build an office and store in Athol, Kentucky, perhaps staying in the Company boarding house.

In January 1913 he worked laying a pipe line, location not specified.

MISCELLANEOUS JOURNAL ENTRIES

Received \$15.27 of his Army pay on March 4, 1903. He lists having \$131 on deposit with the Paymaster.

Grocery expenses are listed in the journal from a few months in 1913 and 1914. The handwriting was perhaps of his wife, Alta. The expenses are mostly for buttermilk, sweet milk, and butter. At this time their daughters Jewell and Caroline would have been ~2 ½ and 1 ½, respectively.

[Typical prices: 1 gal buttermilk, \$0.12 ½; ½ gal sweet milk, \$0.12 ½; 1 lb butter, \$0.25]

Expenses for sewing supplies (crepe, longcloth, flouncing, embroidery, lace) and clothing (bloomers) are listed for Feb 25, 1913.

INSIDE BACK COVER: If you should happen to get any idea in your head to tear or any way damage this little book, please remember it is doing you no harm and that the owner is very anxious that it be preserved on each of the associations to the Army of 1902.