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## Descriptive Summary

### Unit ID

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### Unit Date

August 24-December 10, 1917

### Language

English

### Abstract

This collection contains a journal written by Edward E. Reavley during his time on the USS *Chester* during World War I while serving in the Navy

### Extent

1 Volumes

### Repository

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## Biographical / Historical

Born on 6 November 1896 in Sale Creek, TN, Edward Earl Reavely enlisted in April 1917, and served as Quartermaster First Class on the destroyer USS *Chester* in 1917. During World War I, the ship was frequently an escort ship to convoys passing between Britain and Gibraltar. Per the included military records, Ensign Reavely transferred to the USS *Tampa* on 11 May 1918 and was unfortunately killed when the *Tampa* was hit by a torpedo and sunk on 26 September 1918. A manuscript note on the interior of the item reads,

"Torpedoed on the USS Tampa off coast of England a good pal gone but not forgotten By his shipmates."

According to documents available at the [East Tennessee Veterans Memorial Association](#), Reavely was awarded the Purple Heart and memorialized at the Brookwood American Cemetery (Brookwood, England).

## Scope and Contents

While serving on the USS *Chester*, Reavely kept this journal documenting both the work and the emotions of life aboard the vessel during wartime. As with most logs, he documented weather and daily activities, but one will also find emotional descriptions as well, including anxiety caused by sailing through areas known for submarine activities and attacks on other ships. The journal contains a photo of Reavely inside the interior front boards and a copy of his service record tucked in the back of the book.

## Related Materials

Other journals and ship logs are available in the collections.

## Keywords

Journals (Diaries)

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World War, 1914-1918

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## Existence and Location of Copies

The journal has been transcribed.

## Arrangement

This collection contains one item.

## Description of Subordinate Components

### Journal

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**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 1 (volume)