

# Glen L. Schmidt correspondence with Jonathan Mayhew Wainwright IV, April 1949:

## A Guide

### Descriptive Summary

**Creator:** Schmidt, Glen L.

**Title:** Glen L. Schmidt correspondence with Jonathan Mayhew Wainwright IV, April 1949

**Inclusive Dates:** April 1949

**Abstract:** The collection documents an activity of Glen L. Schmidt in his position as Head of the Division of Military Science at John Tarleton Agricultural College in Stephenville, Texas in April 1949.

**Identification:** UA44

**Extent:** 2 letters

**Shelf location:** SC Box 2, Folder 8

**Language(s):** Collection is in English.

**Repository:** Tarleton State University, Dick Smith Library, Archives and Special Collections, Stephenville, Texas

### Biographical Note

Glen L. Schmidt was a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army in the late 1940s. In 1948 he was the Head of the Division of Military Science and a professor of military science and tactics at John Tarleton Agricultural College.

Jonathan Mayhew Wainwright IV (1882-1953) came from a family of United States military officers. He was General and Commander of Allied Forces in the Philippines during World War II and received the Medal of Honor for his leadership during the fall of the Philippines. He died in San Antonio, Texas in 1953.

The Wainwright Rifles were a precision ROTC drill team for over 30 years at John Tarleton Agricultural College in Stephenville, Texas. Their first performance was held in April 1949 with Victor Moore as the first student Wainwright commander. Members of the company had to tryout at the beginning of each semester. The honor company had 52 members while the Honor Guard included 21 of the company's most outstanding members. Wainwright Rifles performed drills at all home football games, at ROTC conventions and army bases in Texas, and at the annual Fiesta of Flowers in San Antonio, Texas. The company also performed in the January 20, 1961 inaugural parade for President John F. Kennedy.

### Scope and Contents

The collection documents an activity of Glen L. Schmidt in his position as Head of the Division of Military Science at John Tarleton Agricultural College in Stephenville, Texas in April 1949. The two letters in the collection relate to Schmidt asking Retired General J.M. (Jonathan Mayhew) Wainwright for permission to name a Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) honorary company at Tarleton after him. The general gave his permission and the honorary company was titled "The Wainwright Rifles."

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Schmidt, Glen L.

Wainwright, Jonathan Mayhew IV, 1883-1953

#### **Organizations**

John Tarleton Agricultural College

Wainwright Rifles

#### **Subjects**

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#### **Places**

Stephenville (Tex.)

## **Administrative Information**

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