

**CHRISTOPHER D. AMMONS PAPERS,
c. 1930s-1991**

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INTRODUCTION

The Christopher D. Ammons Papers were donated by Christopher D. Ammons. The collection contains approximately 33 items arranged into 1 box. Access to this collection may be permitted for the purposes of personal and scholarly research. The Montgomery County Archives requires that the following credit line be used in all publications to identify that the image or document used is from its holdings: *Courtesy of the Montgomery County Archives*. Specific citation of where the image or document is located (collection, box, folder, etc.) should be made in an acknowledgements section, footnote, or bibliography.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

In 2006, Christopher D. Ammons donated this collection to the Montgomery County Archives. This collection includes 3 photographs, a photocopied newspaper article and biographical notes concerning Colonel Ben T. Ammons, Christopher Ammons father. Col. Ammons joined the National Guard in 1928 and served in World War II. He retired from the Army in 1961. Following in his father's footsteps, Christopher D. Ammons enlisted in the Army in 1967. He served two tours in Vietnam where he documented his experiences in letters and photographs which are housed at the Tennessee State Library and Archives.

This collection also includes 26 letters written by Thomas W. Page, Jr. to Christopher Ammons and family during the Gulf War while he was deployed to Saudi Arabia. He had previously completed a tour of duty with the Army in Vietnam, serving in the 299th Engineer Battalion, 15th Engineer Company. Page deployed to Saudi Arabia in December, 1990 and remained there for several months. Of particular note in this collection is his description of the lengthy process of reaching Saudi Arabia from the United States. In his letters Page also inquires several times about reported layoffs at both the Trane Company and Vulcan Corporation, two manufacturing and materials employers in Clarksville at the time. Christopher Ammons also donated two photographs of Thomas W. Page, taken while on active duty in 1990.

During the processing of this collection, all photographs were removed and housed in the Archives Photograph Collection.

CONTAINER LIST

Box 1 Folder 1

1. Newspaper--Photocopy of June 30, 1961 article "Colonel Ammons Retires After 36 Years Service."
2. Notes--Biographical notes on Col. Ben T. Ammons.

Box 1 Folder 2

1. Letter--Thomas W. Page to Christopher D. Ammons, January 22, 1990 (Based on deployment dates for the Gulf War this is most likely written in 1991). - Description of trip to Saudi Arabia and conditions there when he arrived.
2. Letter--Thomas W. Page to Christopher D. Ammons, February 5, 1990 (Based on deployment dates for the Gulf War this is most likely written in 1991).
3. Letter--Thomas W. Page to Christopher D. Ammons, February 8, 1991.
4. Letter--Thomas W. Page to Christopher D. Ammons, February 17, 1991.
5. Letter--Thomas W. Page to Christopher D. Ammons, February 18, 1991.
6. Letter--Thomas W. Page to Christopher D. Ammons, February 22, 1991.
7. Letter--Thomas W. Page to Christopher D. Ammons, February 28, 1991.

Box 1 Folder 3

1. Letter--Thomas W. Page to Christopher D. Ammons, March 6, 1991.
2. Letter--Thomas W. Page to Christopher D. Ammons, March 11, 1991.
3. Letter--Thomas W. Page to Christopher D. Ammons, March 12, 1991.
4. Letter--Thomas W. Page to Mrs. Ammons, March 15, 1991.
5. Letter--Thomas W. Page to Christopher D. Ammons, March 16, 1991.
6. Letter--Thomas W. Page to Christopher D. Ammons, March 20, 1991.
7. Letter--Thomas W. Page to Christopher D. Ammons, March 24, 1991.
8. Letter--Thomas W. Page to Christopher D. Ammons, March 26, 1991.

9. Letter--Thomas W. Page to Christopher D. Ammons, March 28, 1991.
10. Letter--Thomas W. Page to Christopher D. Ammons, March 29, 1991.

Box 1 Folder 4

1. Letter--Thomas W. Page to Christopher D. Ammons, April 1, 1991.
2. Letter--Thomas W. Page to Christopher D. Ammons, April 6, 1991.
3. Letter--Thomas W. Page to Christopher D. Ammons, April 9, 1991.
4. Letter--Thomas W. Page to Christopher D. Ammons, April 14, 1991.
5. Letter--Thomas W. Page to Christopher D. Ammons, April 17, 1991.
6. Letter--Thomas W. Page to Christopher D. Ammons, April 19, 1991.
7. Letter--Thomas W. Page to Christopher D. Ammons, April 22, 1991.
8. Letter--Thomas W. Page to Christopher D. Ammons, May 3, 1991.
9. Letter--Thomas W. Page to Christopher D. Ammons, May 11, 1991.

Photographs

1. Photograph--Page standing in the door of an Army truck. Writing on back: "Thomas W. Page Jr. 155th Eng. Company 1990"
2. Photograph--Portrait of Thomas Page, Jr. in Army fatigues. Writing on back: "Thomas Page, Jr. 155th Eng. Company 1990"
3. Photograph--Formal portrait of Col. Ben T. Ammons, circa 1930s.
4. Photograph--Portrait of Lt. Col. Ben T. Ammons, circa 1945
5. Photograph--117th Infantry Group in Europe, September 1944. There is an arrow drawn on photograph, presumably pointing to Lt. Col. Ben T. Ammons.