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Abstract: The papers describe Kusovac’s military career in the Russian Military Academy, the Imperial Body-Guard 3rd Infantry Regiment in Russia, and the Balkan Wars. Materials also describe the Austro-Hungarian government’s role in a protest to the Montenegrin government regarding a Turkish vessel’s attack on Serbian soldiers in Albania during February 1913.

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1886 Born, Začir, near Cetinje, Montenegro
1906 Entered the Military Academy at St. Petersburg
1912-1913 Served in the Balkan Wars as a Montenegrin officer in the Royal Yugoslav Army
2 April 1916 Joined the Headquarters of the St. Petersburg Russian Military District, enlisted in the Body-Guard 3rd Infantry Regiment
9 April 1916 Appointed as junior officer of the 7th Company in the Body-Guard 3rd Infantry Regiment
1 May 1916 Became a Russian citizen, served as commanding officer of the 8th Company, Body-Guard 3rd Infantry Regiment

15 July 1916 Became shell-shocked in a battle against Germany and was evacuated

1917 Promoted to captain, then colonel in the Russian army. Decorated with the "Order of St. Stanislaw 2nd class with sword" and the "Order of St. George 4th class" for his military achievements

1918 Returned from Russia, served in the Royal Yugoslav Army

26 May Decorated with the Order of "Prince Danilo I, 4th class" and with the Order of the "Obilic Medal," the highest military decoration of the Kingdom of Montenegro

1919 Joined the Serbian Nationalist movement, under the command of general Mihailović, and fought against the Communists and Tito

January 1945 Captured and executed by Tito's army

Scope and Content of Collection

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Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog:

Balkan Peninsula--History--War of 1912-1913.
World War, 1914-1918--Campaigns--Eastern Front.
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Box/Folder: 1 : 1 Personal documents, 1912-1953.
Scope and Content Note
Includes a short biography, membership cards, insurance bond, certifications, war awards, currency note from 1942, and postcards, 1912

Box/Folder: 1 : 2 Russian Military Academy materials, 1906-1917.
Scope and Content Note
Consists of documents regarding Kusovac's military activities in Russia, such as medical records of his injury in a battle against Germany in July 1916 and his decoration with Russian War awards in 1917

Box/Folder: 1 : 3 Austro-Hungarian protest file, March 1913.
Scope and Content Note
Includes material on the note sent to the government of Montenegro, reporting on Kusovac's bravery during the attack by the Turkish vessel Hamdia on Serbian soldiers in Albania, February 1913

Box/Folder: 1 : 4 Montenegrin War awards, 1919
Scope and Content Note
Includes Kingdom of Montenegro military decorations the Order of "Prince Danilo I, 4th class" and the Order the "Obilic Medal" for bravery and military achievements in 1912-1913