

Dates in Subdivisions for Specific Events H 1078

BACKGROUND: Certain headings for specific events are constructed by using subdivisions of the type *-[name of event], [date]* under corporate bodies, or *-History-[name of event], [date]* under names of places, for example, *-Explosion, [date]*; *-Eruption, [date]*; etc. Subdivisions of this type, including the date element, are free-floating as authorized by H 1105 and H 1140. Similar subdivisions appear under certain pattern headings and are therefore free-floating under individual headings covered by the pattern, for example, *United States. Navy-Cruise, [date]*. This instruction sheet provides guidelines for formulating the date element in headings of this type. For an explanation of subfield coding of subdivisions of this type, see H 620, sec. 1.e(1).

1. Events within a single year. When formulating a heading with a subdivision for an event that occurred in a single year, specify only the year, provided that there is no conflict with another actual or potential heading. In case of conflict, see sec. 3, below. *Example:*

610 20 \$a Triangle Shirtwaist Company \$x Fire, 1911.

2. Events spanning more than one year. If the event spanned a period of more than one year, specify the full range of years. *Example:*

610 10 \$a United States. \$b Navy \$x Cruise, 1907-1909.

Provide this full span of dates even if the work being cataloged focuses on only one year, or one part, of the span.

3. Two or more events within the same year. If it is necessary to specify a month and day, or span of days, in order to distinguish between two or more similar events occurring in the same year, add the additional information in parentheses following the year. *Examples:*

651 #0 \$a Colima (Mexico : Volcano) \$x Eruption, 2016 (September 25)
651 #0 \$a Colima (Mexico : Volcano) \$x Eruption, 2016 (December 18)

Note: In headings of this type, even the month and day, or time span, may be constructed on a free-floating basis. Do not abbreviate names of months when formulating headings of this type.