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HOME GUARDS REGIMENTAL RETURNS

Abstract: Records of the Home Guards (bulk 1861-1865)

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HISTORICAL AND BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

“There is a class of men in some sort of service of the government who are irregular in their organization and whose conduct has done more to promote hostility to the Union than any other cause whatever.

“I mean the class called Home Guards. The bodies are without discipline and almost without control.”

Governor Hamilton Rowan Gamble to President Abraham Lincoln, August 26 1861, in *Supplement to the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies*, Part 3—Correspondence, volume 1, Serial No. 9, p. 47

The Home Guards were authorized by a letter from the War Department to General Nathaniel Lyon on June 11 1861. The quote by Governor Gamble gives a good description of the organization of the Home Guards. Units were organized and disbanded with various degrees of legal authority. By the end of 1861 it was clear to the state government and the Union army that the Home Guards were inefficient and insufficient for the defense of the state. The Home Guards were disbanded in December 1861. Their duties were taken over by the Six Month’s Militia, the Enrolled Missouri Militia, and the Missouri State Militia.

Regimental returns are paperwork created by various companies, regiments and battalions and submitted to the Adjutant General. These records are the kind of bureaucratic paperwork on which the Army marched. Due to the chaotic nature of the Civil War in Missouri, the lack of reliable postal service, and poor record keeping in the field, these records are very incomplete.

The Scope and Content Note for individual regiments contains information on organization, disbanding, transfers and consolidations. Also noted are exceptional records of interest.

ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION

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SERIES

The records are broken down into the following series:

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15th Regiment (Polk County)
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Saint Charles County
Sappers and Miners
Stone County Home Guards
Taney County Home Guards
Washington Home Guards (Adair County)
Webster County Regiment

14th Regiment

Extent: 3 folders

Arrangement: Alphabetical by company, then regimental/battalion

Scope and Content

Organized at Lexington, Missouri in August 1861. Participated in the siege of Lexington, September 12-20, 1861. Mustered out in October 1861.

Container List

Box	Folder	Company	Contents
1	1	D	Company Roster
1	2	E	Special Orders
1	3	Regimental	Correspondence—Post Civil War

15th Regiment (Polk County)

Extent: 3 folders

Arrangement: Alphabetical by company

Scope and Content

Organized in Polk County in June 1861. Mustered out in December 1861.

Container List

Box	Folder	Company	Contents
1	4	B	Affidavits
1	5	B	Correspondence – Post Civil War
1	6	C	Correspondence – Post Civil War

Adair County

Extent: 3 folders

Arrangement: Alphabetical by company

Scope and Content

Organized in August 1861. Mustered out in October 1861.

See also Washington Home Guards.

Wallmuthsville Company Orders contains a letter from Brigadier General Hurlbut to Captain Story authorizing the seizure of arms and ammunition of disloyal persons.

Container List

Box	Folder	Company	Contents
1	7	Captain Gordon's Company	Miscellaneous
1	8	Wallmuthsville Company	Orders
1	9	Wallmuthsville Company	Affidavits

Andrew County Regiment

Extent: 3 folders

Arrangement: Alphabetical by company

Scope and Content

Organized and mustered out in September 1861.

Container List

Box	Folder	Company	Contents
1	10	Captain Hobson's Company	Correspondence – Miscellaneous
1	11	Captain Wright's Company	Oaths and Power of Attorney
1	12	Captain Wright's Company	Power of Attorney

Benton County Battalion

Extent: 2 folders

Arrangement: Alphabetical by company, then battalion

Scope and Content

Organized in June 1861. Mustered out in September 1861.

Container List

Box	Folder	Company	Contents
1	13	A	Orders
1	14	Battalion	Correspondence – Post Civil War

Boonville Battalion

Extent: 1 folder

Arrangement: Alphabetical by company

Scope and Content

Special Order of Major General John C. Fremont authorized Captain Joseph A. Eppstein to organize a battalion with one mounted company. Organized in June 1861. Mustered out in August 1861.

Container List

Box	Folder	Company	Contents
1	15	E	Correspondence – Personnel

Caldwell County

Extent: 2 folders

Arrangement: Alphabetical by company

Scope and Content

Organized in June 1861. Mustered out in September 1861.

Container List

Box	Folder	Company	Contents
1	16	Captain James' Independent Company	Correspondence – Post Civil War
1	17	Captain Johnsons' Independent Company	Correspondence – Post Civil War

Cape Girardeau Battalion

Extent: 1 folder

Arrangement: Alphabetical by company

Scope and Content

Organized in June 1861. Mustered out in September 1861.

Container List

Box	Folder	Company	Contents
1	18	B	Affidavits

Cass County Regiment

Extent: 5 folders

Arrangement: Alphabetical by company, then regimental

Scope and Content

Organized in June 1861. Mustered out in September 1861.

Container List

Box	Folder	Company	Contents
1	19	B	Correspondence – Post Civil War
1	20	C	Correspondence – Post Civil War
1	21	D	Correspondence – Post Civil War
1	22	G	Correspondence – Post Civil War
1	23	Regimental	Claim Folder K

Clinton County

Extent: 2 folders

Arrangement: Alphabetical by company

Scope and Content

Organized in June 1861. Mustered out in September 1861.

Container List

Box	Folder	Company	Contents
1	24	Captain Edgar's Company	Accounts
1	25	Captain Edgar's Company	Resignations
1	26	Captain Edgar's Company	Correspondence – Miscellaneous

Cole County Regiment

Extent: 4 folders

Arrangement: Alphabetical by company, then regimental

Scope and Content

Organized in June and July 1861. Mustered out in October 1861.

Regimental Officers Affidavits contains an affidavit on the formation of the regiment.

Container List

Box	Folder	Company	Contents
1	27	E	Correspondence – Post Civil War
1	28	G	Correspondence – Post Civil War
1	29	K	Correspondence – Personnel
1	30	Regimental	Officers Affidavits

Dallas County Home Guard

Extent: 1 folder

Arrangement: Alphabetical by company

Scope and Content

Organized in June 1861. Mustered out in August 1861.

Container List

Box	Folder	Company	Contents
1	31	A	Correspondence – Post Civil War

De Soto Company (Jefferson County)

Extent: 1 folder

Arrangement: Alphabetical by company, then regimental

Scope and Content

Organized in June 1861. Mustered out in September 1861.

Container List

Box	Folder	Company	Contents
1	32	Regimental	Correspondence – Post Civil War

Engineers (Engineers United States Volunteers)

Extent: 1 folder

Arrangement: Alphabetical by company, then regimental

Scope and Content

Regimental Correspondence – Miscellaneous contains a letter dated January 1, 1862 regarding work on fortifications at Jefferson City.

Container List

Box	Folder	Company	Contents
1	33	Regimental	Correspondence – Miscellaneous

Foster's Independent County Mounted Rangers (Johnson County)

Extent: 1 folder

Arrangement: Alphabetical by company, then regimental

Scope and Content

Mustered in on August 28, 1861. Mustered out on February 28, 1862.

Container List

Box	Folder	Company	Contents
1	34	Regimental	Correspondence – Post Civil War

Franklin County

Extent: 2 folders

Arrangement: Alphabetical by company

Scope and Content

Organized in June 1861. Mustered out in September 1861.

Container List

Box	Folder	Company	Contents
1	35	B	Correspondence – Post Civil War
1	36	F	Correspondence – Post Civil War

Fremont Rangers

Extent: 5 folders

Arrangement: Alphabetical by company

Scope and Content

Organized in August 1861. Mustered out in December 1861.

Captain Budd's Company Correspondence – Miscellaneous contains a letter dated December 25, 1861 from Captain Budd on the formation of the regiment. He states there were Germans in Sedalia who served as artillerists in Europe and who wanted to form a battery.

Container List

Box	Folder	Company	Contents
1	37	B	Correspondence – Post Civil War
1	38	Captain Budd's Company	Orders
1	39	Captain Budd's Company	Affidavits
1	40	Captain Budd's Company	Correspondence - Miscellaneous
1	41	Captain Wright's Company	Correspondence – Post Civil War

Gasconade County Battalion

Extent: 7 folders

Arrangement: Alphabetical by company, then battalion

Scope and Content

Organized in June 1861. Mustered out in September 1861.

Container List

Box	Folder	Company	Contents
1	42	A	Orders
1	43	A	Correspondence—Miscellaneous
1	44	Battalion	Loyalty Oaths
1	45	Battalion	Orders
1	46	Battalion	Affidavits
1	47	Battalion	Battalion History
1	48	Battalion	Correspondence—Miscellaneous

Gasconade County 2nd Battalion

Extent: 3 folders

Arrangement: Alphabetical by company

Scope and Content

Organized in June 1861. Mustered out in September 1861.

Container List

Box	Folder	Company	Contents
1	49	A	Affidavits
1	50	A	Brief of Roll
1	51	B	Affidavits

Gentry County Regiment

Extent: 1 folder

Arrangement: Alphabetical by company, then regimental

Scope and Content

Organized in June 1861. Mustered out in October 1861.

Regimental Affidavits contain several affidavits on the formation of the regiment in September 1861 to pursue guerrilla Jeff Patton.

Container List

Box	Folder	Company	Contents
1	52	Regimental	Affidavits

Gerster's Company (St. Louis County)

Extent: 1 volume

Arrangement: Alphabetical by company, then regimental

Scope and Content

Organized and led by Captain Anton Gerster.

Container List

Location	Box	Microfilm	Contents
25A/1/8	65	S1091	Descriptive Rolls

Greene County Independent Company

Extent: 1 folder

Arrangement: Alphabetical by company

Scope and Content

Organized in June 1861. Mustered out in September 1861.

Container List

Box	Folder	Contents
1	53	Affidavits

Greene County Regiment

Extent: 1 folder

Arrangement: Alphabetical by company

Container List

Box	Folder	Company	Contents
1	54	Captain Owens' Company	Correspondence – Personnel

Greene and Christian Counties Regiment

Extent: 6 folders

Arrangement: Alphabetical by company, then regimental

Scope and Content

Organized in June 1861. Mustered out in August 1861.

Container List

Box	Folder	Company	Contents
1	55	I	Application for Certificate of Discharge
1	56	I	Applications for Certificate of Service
1	57	I	Correspondence – Civil War
1	58	M	Oaths and Power of Attorney
1	59	M	Officers Affidavits
1	60	Regimental	Oaths and Power of Attorney

Grundy County Battalion

Extent: 1 folder

Arrangement: Alphabetical by company, then regimental/battalion

Container List

Box	Folder	Company	Contents
1	61	Battalion	Special Requisitions

Harrison County Regiment

Extent: 3 folders

Arrangement: Alphabetical by company, then regimental

Scope and Content

Organized and mustered out in September 1861. According to Adjutant General Report, 1863, the Harrison County Regiment was a cavalry regiment.

Container List

Box	Folder	Company	Contents
1	62	Regimental	Elections
1	63	Regimental	Correspondence – Personnel
1	64	Regimental	Correspondence - Post Civil War

Hickory County Battalion

Extent: 1 folder

Arrangement: Alphabetical by company

Container List

Box	Folder	Company	Contents
1	65	A	Correspondence – Post Civil War

Jackson County

Extent: 2 folders

Arrangement: Alphabetical by company

Container List

Box	Folder	Company	Contents
1	66	Independent Company A	Loyalty Oaths
1	67	Independent Company A	Oaths and Power of Attorney

Johnson County Regiment

Extent: 4 folders

Arrangement: Alphabetical by company, then regimental

Scope and Content

Organized in June 1861. Mustered out in September 1861.

Container List

Box	Folder	Company	Contents
1	68	A	Correspondence – Post Civil War
1	69	D	Correspondence – Post Civil War
1	70	Captain McCluney's Company	Oaths and Power of Attorney
1	71	Regimental	Lists of Officers

Knox County Regiment

Extent: 1 folder

Arrangement: Alphabetical by company

Scope and Content

Organized in July 1861. Mustered out in October 1861.

Container List

Box	Folder	Company	Contents
1	72	H	Oaths and Power of Attorney

Lawrence County Regiment

Extent: 3 folders

Arrangement: Alphabetical by company, then regimental

Scope and Content

Organized in May 1861. Mustered out in August 1861.

Container List

Box	Folder	Company	Contents
1	73	F	Affidavits
1	74	F	Correspondence – Post Civil War
1	75	Regimental	Correspondence – Post Civil War

Marion County Battalion (Railroad Brigade)

Extent: 5 folders

Arrangement: Alphabetical by company, then battalion

Scope and Content

Organized in June and July 1861. Mustered out in September 1861.

Battalion Affidavits includes a history of the battalion.

Container List

Box	Folder	Company	Contents
1	76	A	Correspondence – Post Civil War
1	77	B	Certificates of Discharge
1	78	Battalion	Affidavits
1	79	Battalion	Resolutions
1	80	Battalion	Correspondence - Miscellaneous

Mercer County Battalion

Extent: 1 folder

Arrangement: Alphabetical by company, then battalion

Scope and Content

Container List

Box	Folder	Company	Contents
1	81	Battalion	Correspondence – Miscellaneous

Northeast Missouri 1st Regiment

Extent: 6 folders

Arrangement: Alphabetical by company, then regimental

Scope and Content

Organized in June 1861. Mustered out in October 1861.

See 21st Regiment Infantry, Missouri Volunteers.

Container List

Box	Folder	Company	Contents
1	82	A	Appointments
1	83	A	Correspondence – Personnel
1	84	H	Correspondence – Post Civil War
1	85	I	Correspondence – Personnel
1	86	K	Correspondence – Post Civil War
1	87	Captain Haseley's Company	Affidavits
1	88	Regimental	Correspondence – Post Civil War

Northeast Missouri 2nd Regiment

Extent: 15 folders

Arrangement: Alphabetical by company, then regimental

Scope and Content

Organized in June 1861.

Container List

Box	Folder	Company	Contents
1	89	A	Affidavits
1	90	A	Company History
1	91	C	Correspondence—Post Civil War
1	92	D	Affidavits
1	93	D	Muster Rolls
1	94	D	Correspondence—Post Civil War
1	95	E	Affidavits
1	96	F	Applications for Certificate of Service
1	97	F	Oaths and Power of Attorney
1	98	G	Oaths and Power of Attorney
1	99	H	Affidavits
1	100	Novelty Company	Briefs of Rolls
1	101	Regimental	Certificates of Muster Out
1	102	Regimental	Affidavits
1	103	Regimental	Correspondence—Personnel

Osage County Battalion

Extent: 5 folders

Arrangement: Alphabetical by company, then battalion

Scope and Content

Organized in May 1861. Mustered out in July 1861.

Container List

Box	Folder	Company	Contents
1	104	B	Affidavits
1	105	E	Affidavits
1	106	G	Affidavits
1	107	Battalion	Affidavits
1	108	Battalion	Battalion History

Osage County Regiment and Hickory County Battalion

Extent: 4 folders

Arrangement: Alphabetical by company

Scope and Content

Organized in June and July 1861. Mustered out in December 1861.

Container List

Box	Folder	Company	Contents
2	1	C	Correspondence – Post Civil War
2	2	D	Oaths and Power of Attorney
2	3	E	Affidavits
2	4	F	Correspondence – Miscellaneous

Pacific Battalion

Extent: 3 folders

Arrangement: Alphabetical by company, then battalion

Scope and Content

Organized in June 1861 to guard bridges of the Pacific Railroad in St. Louis and Franklin Counties. Mustered out in September 1861.

Container List

Box	Folder	Company	Contents
2	5	C	Company History
2	6	D	Company History
2	7	Battalion	Orders

Pike County

Extent: 2 folders

Arrangement: Alphabetical by company, then regimental

Scope and Content

Organized in July 1861. Mustered out in September 1861.

Container List

Box	Folder	Company	Contents
2	8	Regimental	Affidavits
2	9	Regimental	Miscellaneous

Saint Charles County

Extent: 4 folders

Arrangement: Alphabetical by company

Scope and Content

Organized in July 1861. Mustered out in August 1861.

Container List

Box	Folder	Company	Contents
2	10	E	Affidavits
2	11	G	Receipts
2	12	K	Affidavits
2	13	K	Correspondence – Post Civil War

Sappers and Miners

Extent: 3 folders

Arrangement: Alphabetical by company

Scope and Content

Organized in May 1861. Mustered out in August 1861.

Container List

Box	Folder	Company	Contents
2	14	H	Orders
2	15	H	Affidavits
2	16	H	Correspondence – Miscellaneous

Stone County Home Guards

Extent: 1 folder

Arrangement: Alphabetical by company

Scope and Content

Organized in May 1861. Mustered out in July 1861.

Container List

Box	Folder	Company	Contents
2	17	E	Oaths and Power of Attorney

Taney County Home Guards

Extent: 1 folder

Arrangement: Alphabetical by company, then regimental

Container List

Box	Folder	Company	Contents
2	18	Regimental	Correspondence - Miscellaneous

Washington Home Guards

Extent: 1 folder

Arrangement: Alphabetical by company, then regimental/battalion

Scope and Content

Adair County Home Guard unit.

Container List

Box	Folder	Contents
2	19	Affidavits

Webster County Regiment

Extent: 8 folders

Arrangement: Alphabetical by company, then regimental

Scope and Content

Organized in July 1861. Mustered out in August 1861.

Container List

Box	Folder	Company	Contents
2	20	A	Muster Rolls
2	21	B	Correspondence – Post Civil War
2	22	C	Affidavits
2	23	D	Affidavits
2	24	E	Applications for Certificate of Service
2	25	F	Affidavits
2	26	Regimental	Applications for Certificate of Service
2	27	Regimental	Correspondence – Post Civil War