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SIX MONTHS MILITIA REGIMENTAL RETURNS

Abstract: Records of the Six Months Militia (bulk 1861-1865)

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HISTORICAL AND BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

On August 24, 1861 Governor Gamble issued a proclamation calling 42,000 militia men into service. This militia was variously called the Six Months Militia, the Six Month's Militia and the Six-Months Militia. However it was spelled, the Six Months Militia fell far short of its recruitment goal. Slightly more than 6,000 men joined.

The Six Months Militia took over the role of local defense from the disbanded Home Guard. Six Months Militia members guarded roads, bridges, railways, and acted as scouts and guides for volunteer regiments.

The Six Months Militia was disbanded in January 1862, although many units did not muster out until March 1862. The duties of the Six Months Militia were primarily filled by 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

Bibliography

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SERIES

The records are broken down into the following series:

1st Battalion (Albion's Battalion)
3rd Battalion (Joseph's Battalion)
3rd Regiment (Dallmeyer's Battalion)
4th Regiment (Simpson's Regiment)
5th Regiment (Fagg's Regiment)
6th Regiment (Cranor's Regiment)
7th Battalion (Harrison County)
Grundy County Battalion
James's Battalion
Kimball's Regiment
Mercer County Battalion
Richardson's Regiment
Washington County Battalion
Wayne County Cavalry Company

1st Battalion (Albion's Battalion)

Extent: 2 folders

Arrangement: Alphabetical by company, then battalion

Scope and Content

Organized and mustered in at St. Joseph in September 1861. Mustered out in February 1862.

Container List

Box	Folder	Company	Contents
1	1	C	Vouchers
1	1B	Battalion	List of Officers

3rd Battalion (Joseph's Battalion)

Extent: 5 folders

Arrangement: Alphabetical by company, then battalion

Scope and Content

Became part of the 3rd Regiment Cavalry (Old), Missouri State Militia.

Container List

Box	Folder	Company	Contents
1	2	A	Vouchers
1	3	B	Correspondence – Personnel
1	4	Battalion	Requisition of Medicines
1	5	Battalion	Correspondence – Personnel
1	6	Battalion	Correspondence – Miscellaneous

3rd Regiment (Dallmeyer's Battalion)

Extent: 7 folders

Arrangement: Alphabetical by company, then battalion

Scope and Content

Organized in Gasconade County in September 1861. Mustered out in February 1862.

Container List

Box	Folder	Company	Contents
1	7	C	Resignations
1	8	E	Resignations
1	9	G	Elections
1	10	G	Resignations
1	11	G	Resignations
1	12	Regimental	Accounts
1	13	Regimental	Correspondence - Miscellaneous

4th Regiment (Simpson's Regiment)

Extent: 10 folders

Arrangement: Alphabetical by company, then regimental

Scope and Content

Organized in Perryville in October 1861. Mustered out in February 1862.

Regimental Correspondence – Miscellaneous contains a letter dated September 11, 1861 from United States Representative John W. Noell of Perryville, regarding the need for arms for new companies and the threat from secessionist bands.

Container List

Box	Folder	Company	Contents
1	14	A	Elections
1	15	B	Elections
1	16	F	Elections
1	17	G	Elections
1	18	H	Elections
1	19	Captain Robert M. Brewer's Battalion Cavalry Co.	Elections
1	20	Captain Clement J. Fenwick's Battalion Cavalry Co. (Fenwick's Independent Co.)	Elections
1	20B	Regimental	Accounts
1	21	Regimental	Elections
1	22	Regimental	Correspondence— Miscellaneous

5th Regiment (Fagg's Regiment)

Extent: 12 folders

Arrangement: Alphabetical by company, then regimental

Scope and Content

Organized at Louisiana, Missouri in September 1861. Mustered out in February 1862.

Container List

Box	Folder	Company	Contents
1	23	C	Oaths and Power of Attorney
1	24	D	Correspondence—Miscellaneous
1	25	E	Affidavits
1	26	F	Certificates of Disability for Discharge
1	27	F	Certificates of Discharge
1	27B	I	Correspondence—Post Civil War
1	28	K	Commissions
1	28B	K	Correspondence—Post Civil War
1	29	Artillery Co.	Correspondence—Personnel
1	30	Regimental	Acts of the General Assembly
1	31	Regimental	Oaths and Power of Attorney
1	32	Regimental	Vouchers

6th Regiment (Cranor's Regiment)

Extent: 14 folders

Arrangement: Alphabetical by company, then regimental

Scope and Content

Organized in Gentry County in October 1861. Mustered out in February 1862.

Regimental Correspondence – Miscellaneous contains an October 5, 1861 letter regarding the formation of the regiment.

Container List

Box	Folder	Company	Contents
1	33	A	Vouchers
1	34	B	Elections
1	34B	B	Vouchers
1	35	C	Elections
1	36	D	Elections
1	37	E	Elections
1	38	F	Elections
1	38B	H	Applications for Certificate of Service
1	39	H	Elections
1	40	I	Elections
1	41	Regimental	Claims
1	42	Regimental	Vouchers
1	43	Regimental	Correspondence—Personnel
1	44	Regimental	Correspondence—Miscellaneous

7th Regiment (Harrison County Regiment)

Extent: 4 folders

Arrangement: Alphabetical by company, then regimental

Scope and Content

Mustered into service in October 1861 at Gallatin. Mustered out on March 1862 at Gallatin.

Container List

Box	Folder	Company	Contents
1	45	A	Certificates of Decease and Inventory of Effects
1	46	B	Certificates of Discharge
1	46B	Battalion	Applications for Certificate of Service
1	47	Battalion	Recommendations

Grundy County Battalion

Extent: 3 folders

Arrangement: Alphabetical by company, then battalion

Scope and Content

Organized at Trenton in October 1861. Mustered out in March 1862.

Container List

Box	Folder	Company	Contents
1	47B	Battalion	Accounts
1	48	Battalion	Oaths and Power of Attorney
1	49	Battalion	Special Requisitions

James's Battalion

Extent: 1 folder

Arrangement: Alphabetical by company, then battalion

Scope and Content

Organized in Cameron in October 1861. Mustered out in March 1862.

Container List

Box	Folder	Company	Contents
1	50	Battalion	Miscellaneous

Kimball's Regiment

Extent: 9 folders

Arrangement: Alphabetical by company, then regimental

Scope and Content

Organized in St. Joseph in October 1861. Mustered out in March 1862.

Container List

Box	Folder	Company	Contents
1	51	A	Vouchers
1	52	B	Vouchers
1	53	E	Elections
1	54	E	Vouchers
1	55	G	Vouchers
1	55B	F	Correspondence – Personnel
1	55C	Regimental	Accounts
1	56	Regimental	Vouchers
1	57	Regimental	Correspondence – Personnel

Mercer County Battalion

Extent: 3 folders

Arrangement: Alphabetical by company, then battalion

Scope and Content

Mustered at Utica in September 1861. Mustered out at Princeton in March 1862.

Battalion Correspondence – Miscellaneous contains a report of a guerrilla attack on the militia near Princeton.

Container List

Box	Folder	Company	Contents
1	58	F	Officers Affidavits
1	58B	Battalion	Accounts
1	59	Battalion	Correspondence – Miscellaneous

Richardson's Regiment

Extent: 1 folder

Arrangement: Alphabetical by company, then regimental

Scope and Content

Organized in October 1861. Mustered out in December 1861.

Container List

Box	Folder	Company	Contents
1	60	Regimental	Correspondence – Miscellaneous

Washington County Battalion

Extent: 2 folders

Arrangement: Alphabetical by company, then battalion

Scope and Content

Organized at Potosi in September 1861. Mustered out in January 1862.

Container List

Box	Folder	Company	Contents
1	50B	A	Correspondence – Post Civil War
1	61	C	Correspondence – Personnel

Wayne County Cavalry Company

Extent: 1 folder

Arrangement: Alphabetical by company, then regimental

Scope and Content

Organized in Wayne County.

Container List

Box	Folder	Contents
1	61B	Correspondence – Post Civil War