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UNITED STATES RESERVE CORPS, MISSOURI VOLUNTEERS (THREE YEARS SERVICE) REGIMENTAL RETURNS

Abstract: Records of the United States Reserve Corps, Missouri Volunteers (Three Years Service) (bulk 1861-1865)

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HISTORICAL AND BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

The five regiments of the United States Reserve Corps, Three Months Service were mostly reenlisted as the Three Years Service.

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

1st Regiment

2nd Regiment

3rd Regiment

4th Regiment

5th Regiment

Hollan Horse (1st Battalion USRC Cavalry)

Phelp's Regiment

Van Horn's Battalion

1st Regiment

Extent: 24 folders

Arrangement: Alphabetical by company, then regimental

Scope and Content

Organized in June and July 1862. Many enlisted men mutinied when ordered from Rolla to Batesville, Arkansas.

Company K Officers Affidavits contains records regarding employment of the company as engineers rather than infantry, including a history of the company and its engineering projects.

Regimental Claims contains a claim for damages done in October 1861 to the property of Judge William S. Freshour at Lookout Station in Cole County.

Container List

| Box | Folder | Company | Contents |
|-----|--------|------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 | 30 | B | Officers Affidavits |
| 1 | 31 | B | Correspondence—Post Civil War |
| 1 | 32 | C | Special Orders |
| 1 | 33 | C | Applications for Appointments |
| 1 | 34 | C | Correspondence—Personnel |
| 1 | 35 | D | Special Orders |
| 1 | 36 | E | Officers Affidavits |
| 1 | 37 | E | Correspondence—Post Civil War |
| 1 | 38 | F | Correspondence—Post Civil War |
| 1 | 39 | G | Correspondence—Post Civil War |
| 1 | 40 | H | Correspondence—Personnel |
| 1 | 41 | H | Correspondence—Post Civil War |
| 1 | 42 | I | Correspondence—Post Civil War |
| 1 | 43 | K | Special Orders |
| 1 | 44 | K | Officers Affidavits |
| 1 | 44B | K | Correspondence – Personnel |
| 1 | 45 | K | Correspondence—Post Civil War |
| 1 | 46 | Regimental | Recommendations |
| 1 | 47 | Regimental | Special Orders |
| 1 | 48 | Regimental | Lists of Officers |
| 1 | 49 | Regimental | Officers Affidavits |

| Box | Folder | Company | Contents |
|------------|---------------|----------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 | 50 | Regimental | Claims |
| 1 | 51 | Regimental | Correspondence—Personnel |
| 1 | 52 | Regimental | Correspondence—Miscellaneous |
| 1 | 53 | Regimental | Correspondence—Post Civil War |

2nd Regiment

Extent: 13 folders

Arrangement: Alphabetical by company, then regimental

Scope and Content

Organized in St. Louis in August and September 1861. Mustered out in September 1862.

Container List

| Box | Folder | Company | Contents |
|------------|---------------|----------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 | 54 | B | Correspondence—Personnel |
| 1 | 55 | B | Correspondence—Post Civil War |
| 1 | 56 | C | Applications for Appointments |
| 1 | 57 | C | Recommendations |
| 1 | 58 | C | Correspondence—Personnel |
| 1 | 59 | F | Correspondence—Post Civil War |
| 1 | 60 | H | Applications for Appointments |
| 1 | 61 | H | Correspondence—Post Civil War |
| 1 | 62 | I | Correspondence—Personnel |
| 1 | 63 | I | Correspondence—Post Civil War |
| 1 | 64 | K | Correspondence—Personnel |
| 1 | 65 | Regimental | Lists of Officers |
| 1 | 66 | Regimental | Correspondence—Personnel |

3rd Regiment

Extent: 1 folder

Arrangement: Alphabetical by company, then regimental

Scope and Content

Organized at St. Louis in August and September 1861. Consolidated with Gasconade County Battalion to form the 4th Regiment Infantry, Missouri Volunteers in January 1862.

Regimental Miscellaneous – Personnel contains a list of men transferred to the 27th Illinois Infantry.

Container List

| Box | Folder | Company | Contents |
|------------|---------------|----------------|---------------------------|
| 1 | 67 | Regimental | Miscellaneous – Personnel |

4th Regiment

Extent: 2 folders

Arrangement: Alphabetical by company, then regimental

Scope and Content

Organized at St. Louis in September 1861. Mustered out in January 1862.

Container List

| Box | Folder | Company | Contents |
|------------|---------------|----------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 | 68 | Regimental | Special Orders |
| 1 | 69 | Regimental | Correspondence – Miscellaneous |

5th Regiment

Extent: 4 folders

Arrangement: Alphabetical by company, then regimental

Scope and Content

Organized at St. Louis in September 1861. Consolidated with a company of sappers and miners, a company of pioneers, and a company of pontooneers to form the 5th Missouri Infantry in March 1862.

Container List

| Box | Folder | Company | Contents |
|------------|---------------|----------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 | 70 | A | Correspondence – Miscellaneous |
| 1 | 71 | E | Correspondence – Civil War |
| 1 | 72 | Regimental | Officers Affidavits |
| 1 | 73 | Regimental | Correspondence – Miscellaneous |

Hollan Horse (1st Battalion USRC Cavalry)

Extent: 2 folders

Arrangement: Alphabetical by company, then regimental

Scope and Content

Organized at St. Louis and Warrenton in October 1861. Disbanded in February 1862 for looting and murdering civilians. Soldiers distributed to the 4th and 5th Regiments Cavalry, Missouri Volunteers.

Container List

| Box | Folder | Company | Contents |
|------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 1 | 74 | F | Recommendations |
| 1 | 75 | I | Recommendations |

Phelp's Regiment

Extent: 1 folder

Arrangement: Alphabetical by company, then regimental

Scope and Content

Organized September to December 1861. Mustered out in May 1862.

Container List

| Box | Folder | Company | Contents |
|------------|---------------|----------------|------------------------------|
| 1 | 76 | Regimental | Correspondence—Miscellaneous |

Van Horn's Battalion

Extent: 4 folders

Arrangement: Alphabetical by company, then battalion

Scope and Content

Three companies organized by General Lyon in May 1861. Mustered into U.S. service in June 1861.

Container List

| Box | Folder | Company | Contents |
|------------|---------------|----------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 | 77 | B | Special Orders |
| 1 | 78 | B | Correspondence – Post Civil War |
| 1 | 79 | C | Certificates of Muster Out |
| 1 | 80 | Battalion | Battalion History |