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OFFICE OF ADJUTANT GENERAL

MISSOURI MILITIA (GENERAL ORDER #3) REGIMENTAL RETURNS

Abstract: Records of the Missouri Militia (General Order #3) (bulk 1865)

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HISTORICAL AND BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

In January, 1865, Governor Thomas Fletcher issued General Order #3, establishing a new Missouri Militia. This Missouri Militia (GO #3) would be provisioned by the federal government and paid by the counties. They were intended to be more of a law enforcing body rather than a military body. The Missouri Militia (GO #3) was disbanded in June and July, 1865.

Regimental returns are paperwork created by various batteries, 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.

There is a large amount of overlap, both in men and in records, with various Citizen Guard and Enrolled Missouri Militia units.

ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION

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Related Material

RG 133.30 Citizen Guards Regimental Returns

RG 133.34 Missouri Militia (State Convention) Regimental Returns

SERIES

The records are broken down into the following series:

Headquarters

District of Central Missouri

Individual Companies

Headquarters

Extent: 1 folder

Arrangement: Alphabetical

Container List

Box	Folder	Contents
1	1	Special Orders

District of Central Missouri

Extent: 1 folder

Arrangement: Alphabetical

Container List

Box	Folder	Unit	Contents
1	2	Headquarters	Special Orders

Individual Companies

Extent: 141 folders

Arrangement: Alphabetical by company, then regimental

Scope and Content

Cooper County Company (Captain Meller/Miller) Correspondence – Miscellaneous contains a letter dated February 15, 1865 from Henry Elliott requesting additional Cooper County companies to combat guerrillas north of the river.

Perry County Special Orders contains Special Orders, No. 104, June 24, 1865 relieving the company because both the federal and state governments had failed to provide subsistence.

Ralls, Monroe, and Marion Counties Recommendations contains a letter dated March 16, 1865 from General Fisk recommending Lieutenant Gentry “the man who caught Jeff Thompson for me in Pocahontas, Ark.”

Container List

Box	Folder	Company	Contents
1	3	Audrain County	Commissions
1	4	Audrain County	List of Quartermaster's Property
1	5	Audrain County	Special Orders
1	6	Benton County	Loyalty Oaths
1	7	Benton County	Oaths and Power of Attorney
1	8	Benton County	Recommendations
1	9	Benton County	Telegrams
1	10	Benton County	Correspondence—Miscellaneous
1	11	Bollinger County	Affidavits
1	12	Boone County	Loyalty Oaths
1	13	Boone County	Special Orders
1	14	Boone County	Correspondence—Miscellaneous
1	15	Boone County Platoon	Loyalty Oaths
1	16	Boone County Platoon	Oaths and Power of Attorney
1	17	Boone County Platoon	Correspondence—Miscellaneous
1	18	Bridges North Missouri Railroad Company	Loyalty Oaths
1	19	Bridges North Missouri Railroad Company	Special Orders
1	20	Callaway County	Invoices of Ordnance and Ordnance Stores
1	21	Callaway County	Oaths and Power of Attorney
1	22	Callaway County	Officers Affidavits

Box	Folder	Company	Contents
1	23	Callaway County	Receipts
1	24	Camden County	Oaths and Power of Attorney
1	25	Camden County	Recommendations
1	26	Cape Girardeau County	Applications for Appointments
1	27	Cape Girardeau County	Oaths and Power of Attorney
1	28	Carroll and Livingston Counties	Loyalty Oaths
1	29	Carroll and Livingston Counties	Oaths and Power of Attorney
1	30	Cass County	Correspondence—Miscellaneous
1	31	Chariton County	Loyalty Oaths
1	32	Chariton County	Oaths and Power of Attorney
OB2	25	Chariton County	Quartermaster's Accounts
1	33	Christian County Platoon	Correspondence—Miscellaneous
1	34	Clay County	Oaths and Power of Attorney
1	35	Clay and Clinton Counties	Loyalty Oaths
1	36	Clay and Clinton Counties	Recommendations
1	37	Clay and Clinton Counties	Special Orders
1	38	Clay and Clinton Counties	Correspondence—Personnel
1	39	Cooper County (Captain Meller/Miller)	Special Orders
1	40	Cooper County (Captain Meller/Miller)	Correspondence—Personnel
1	41	Cooper County (Captain Meller/Miller)	Correspondence—Miscellaneous
1	42	Cooper County (Captain Henderson)	Clothing Rolls
1	43	Cooper County (Captain Henderson)	Special Orders
1	43A	Cooper and Moniteau Counties	Certificates of Discharge
1	44	Cooper and Moniteau Counties	Oaths and Power of Attorney
1	45	Cooper and Moniteau Counties	Recommendations
1	46	Cooper and Moniteau Counties	Correspondence—Miscellaneous
OB2	26	Cooper and Moniteau Counties	List of Articles Sold To and Lost By Men of Company
1	47	Crawford County	Officers Affidavits
1	48	Crawford County	Correspondence—Miscellaneous
1	49	Crawford County	Correspondence—Post Civil War
1	50	Dunklin County Platoon	Telegrams
1	51	Henry and Bates Counties	Oaths and Power of Attorney
1	52	Henry and Bates Counties	Correspondence—Miscellaneous
1	53	Henry and Bates Counties	Correspondence—Post Civil War
1	54	Howard County (Captain Forbes)	Commissions
1	55	Howard County (Captain Forbes)	Officers Affidavits
1	56	Howard County (Captain Forbes)	Special Orders
1	57	Howard County (Captain Harris)	Oaths and Power of Attorney
1	58	Howard County (Captain Harris)	Correspondence—Miscellaneous
1	59	Howard County (Captain Harris)	Correspondence—Post Civil War
1	60	Jackson County	Loyalty Oaths
1	61	Jasper County	Receipts
1	62	Jasper County	Special Requisitions

Box	Folder	Company	Contents
1	63	Jasper County	Correspondence—Personnel
1	64	Johnson County (Jackson County Township Company)	Recommendations
1	65	Johnson County (Captain Chester)	Oaths and Power of Attorney
1	66	Lafayette County	Oaths and Power of Attorney
1	67	Lafayette and Saline Counties Regiment	Loyalty Oaths
1	68	Lafayette and Saline Counties Regiment	Correspondence—Personnel
1	69	Lincoln County	Affidavits
1	70	Lincoln County	General and Special Orders
1	71	Livingston County Platoon	Oaths and Power of Attorney
1	72	Livingston County Platoon	Special Orders
1	73	Macon County	Oaths and Power of Attorney
1	74	Miller County (Captain Bacon)	Loyalty Oaths
1	75	Miller County (Captain Bacon)	Correspondence—Miscellaneous
1	76	Miller County (Captain Salsman)	Oaths and Power of Attorney
1	77	Mississippi County	Final Statements
1	78	Mississippi County	Oaths and Power of Attorney
1	79	Mississippi County	Special Orders
1	80	Mississippi County	Correspondence—Personnel
1	81	Montgomery and Warren Counties	Inventory of Effects of Deceased Soldiers
1	82	Montgomery and Warren Counties	Oaths and Power of Attorney
1	83	Newton County	Company History
1	84	Newton County	Oaths and Power of Attorney
1	85	Newton County	Correspondence—Miscellaneous
1	86	Osage and Maries Counties	Recommendations
1	87	Osage and Maries Counties	Returns
1	88	Osage and Maries Counties	Correspondence—Miscellaneous
1	89	Osage and Maries Counties	Correspondence—Post Civil War
1	90	Ozark and Douglas Counties	Oaths and Power of Attorney
1	91	Pacific Railroad	Oaths and Power of Attorney
1	92	Pacific Railroad	Reports
1	93	Pacific Railroad	Correspondence—Miscellaneous
1	94	Perry County	Affidavits
1	95	Perry County	Loyalty Oaths
1	96	Perry County	Special Orders
1	97	Perry County	Correspondence—Miscellaneous
1	98	Pettis County	Loyalty Oaths
1	99	Pettis County	Oaths and Power of Attorney
1	100	Pettis County	Correspondence—Miscellaneous
2	1	Pike County	Oaths and Power of Attorney
2	2	Pike County	Special Orders
2	3	Platte County	Affidavits
2	4	Platte County	Correspondence—Post Civil War

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2	5	Pulaski and Texas Counties	Recommendations
2	6	Pulaski and Texas Counties	Correspondence—Miscellaneous
2	7	Ralls, Monroe, and Marion Counties	Affidavits
2	8	Ralls, Monroe, and Marion Counties	Invoices of Ordnance and Ordnance Stores
2	9	Ralls, Monroe, and Marion Counties	Oaths and Power of Attorney
2	10	Ralls, Monroe, and Marion Counties	Recommendations
2	11	Ralls, Monroe, and Marion Counties	Special Orders
2	12	Ralls, Monroe, and Marion Counties	Correspondence—Personnel
2	13	Randolph County (Captain Denny)	Loyalty Oaths [missing? 7/2018]
2	14	Randolph County (Captain Denny)	Oaths and Power of Attorney
2	15	Randolph County (Captain Denny)	Special Orders
2	16	Randolph County (Captain Mayo)	Invoices of Ordnance and Ordnance Stores
2	17	Randolph County (Captain Mayo)	Loyalty Oaths
2	18	Randolph County (Captain Mayo)	Special Orders
2	18B	Ray and Caldwell Counties	Loyalty Oaths
2	19	Ray and Caldwell Counties	Oaths and Power of Attorney
2	20	Ray and Caldwell Counties	Returns of Horses and Horse Equipage
2	21	Ray and Caldwell Counties	Special Orders
2	22	Ray and Caldwell Counties	Correspondence—Miscellaneous
2	23	St. Clair County	Claims
2	24	St. Clair County	Oaths and Power of Attorney
2	25	St. Clair County	Correspondence—Personnel
2	26	St. Clair County	Correspondence—Post Civil War
2	27	St. Francois County	Oaths and Power of Attorney
2	28	St. Louis County	Special Orders
2	29	Ste. Genevieve County	Correspondence—Miscellaneous
2	30	Saline County	Loyalty Oaths
2	31	Southwest Branch Pacific Railroad	Loyalty Oaths
2	32	Stoddard County Platoon	Lists of Clothing, Camp and Garrison Equipage Transferred
2	33	Stoddard County Platoon	Monthly Returns of Clothing, Camp and Garrison Equipage
2	34	Stoddard and Dunklin Counties	Oaths and Power of Attorney
2	35	Stoddard and Dunklin Counties	Proof of Decease of Soldier
2	36	Stoddard and Dunklin Counties	Receipts
2	37	Stoddard and Dunklin Counties	Rosters
2	38	Stone County	Loyalty Oaths
2	39	Taney County	Oaths and Power of Attorney
2	39A	Warren County	Final Statements
2	40	Wright County	Loyalty Oaths