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HISTORICAL AND BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

The National Defense Act of 1916 gave states the authority to organize military reserve units for duty when the National Guard was federalized. The Home Guards were created by executive order on July 17, 1917. The Home Guards were intended to take over the peacetime duties of the Missouri National Guard and to act as “insurance against disorders at home.”

The formation of Home Guard units was overseen by the Missouri Council of Defense and its County Councils of Defense. Retired officers and honorably discharged enlisted men of the Missouri National Guard were especially targeted for recruitment.

Before being disbanded in 1919, the Home Guard was comprised of 7,529 members organized in five regiments of infantry, five separate battalions, twenty-two separate companies of infantry and one troop of cavalry. The units were organized as follows:

First Regiment: St. Louis

Second Regiment: Springfield, Carthage, Joplin, Webb City, Aurora, Ash Grove, Fair Grove, Marionville

Third Regiment: St. Louis

Fourth Regiment: St. Joseph, Maryville, Maysville, Pattonsburg, Gilman City, Spickard, Powersville, Lancaster, Kirksville, Lewistown, Durham

Fifth Regiment: Warrensburg, Slater, Holden, Sweet Springs, Boonville, Bunceton, Prairie Home, Marshall, Jefferson City, Otterville, Tipton, Chamois

First Separate Battalion: St. James, Newburg, Yancy Mills, Rolla

Second Separate Battalion: Cape Girardeau, Jackson, Parma, Lilbourn

Third Separate Battalion: Downing, Memphis, Kahoka, Canton

Fifth Separate Battalion: Kansas City

Sixth Separate Battalion: Independence, Buckner, Lee’s Summit

Forty-fifth Separate Company: Latour

Forty-ninth Separate Company: Mt. Vernon

Fifty-second Separate Company: Chillicothe

Fifty-third Separate Company: Albany

Fifty-fourth Separate Company: Neosho

Fifty-sixth Separate Company: Granby

Fifty-seventh Separate Company: Fairview

Sixty-first Separate Company: Willard

Sixty-second Separate Company: New Hampton

Sixty-third Separate Company: Fortuna

Sixty-fifth Separate Company: Windsor

Sixty-sixth Separate Company: Columbia

Sixty-seventh Separate Company: Mountain Grove

Sixty-eighth Separate Company: Crane

Sixty-ninth Separate Company: Richmond

Seventieth Separate Company: St. Charles

Seventy-third Separate Company: Wheaton

Seventy-fourth Separate Company: Vandalia

Seventy-fifth Separate Company: Kidder
Seventy-sixth Separate Company: Ridgeway
Seventy-seventh Separate Company: Butler
Seventy-eighth Separate Company: Miller

ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION

Bibliography

Missouri Council of Defense. 1919. *Final Report of the Missouri Council of Defense.*

Related Material

RG 133.2 National Guard Records
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RG 133.7 WWI Index Cards
RG 133.36 WWI Biography and Service Records

SERIES

Enlistment Contracts
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Enlistment Contracts

Extent: 8 Hollinger boxes

Arrangement: Alphabetical

Scope and Content

Enlistment contracts document the soldier's enlistment into the Home Guards. Records include information regarding name, age, residence and occupation. Regiment and company information may be recorded on the enlistment contract.

Container List

Box	Contents
1	Abbott, John - Brynes, Lee
2	Cady, William - Dyson, James
3	Eads, James - Hardesty, Benson
4	Hardin, Ernest - King, James
5	King, Lawrence - Mittelbuscher, John
6	Moad, George - Pyle, Horace
7	Quachenboss, Frederick - Subing, William
8	Tachett, J. Shirley - Zwart, L. W.
8	Roster of Officers

Muster Rolls

Extent: 4 Hollinger boxes

Arrangement: By regiment

Scope and Content

The roll includes names of soldiers, rank, date and place of enlistment, by whom enlisted, number of years and remarks. The remarks field may include promotions, details, authorized and/or unauthorized leaves, attendance at camps, qualifications and data which affected the soldiers' status and transfers.

Commissioned and noncommissioned officers are listed first by rank. Privates are listed alphabetically. A listing of all men who had left since the last muster or who had joined was also made.

Container List

Box	Folder	Year	Unit	
9	1	1917-1918	1st	Regiment Infantry Co. A
9	2	1917-1918	1st	Regiment Infantry Co. B
9	3	1917-1918	1st	Regiment Infantry Co. C
9	4	1917-1918	1st	Regiment Infantry Co. D
9	5	1917-1918	1st	Regiment Infantry Co. E
9	6	1918	1st	Regiment Infantry Supply Co.
9	7	1918	1st	Regiment Infantry Motor Truck Co.
9	8	1917-1918	1st	Regiment Infantry Co. F
9	9	1917-1918	1st	Regiment Infantry Co. G
9	10	1917-1918	1st	Regiment Infantry Co. H
9	11	1917-1918	1st	Regiment Infantry Co. I
9	12	1917-1918	1st	Regiment Infantry Co. K
9	13	1917-1918	1st	Regiment Infantry Co. L
9	14	1918	1st	Regiment Infantry Co. M
9	14A	1917	1st	Regiment Infantry Sanitary Detachment
9	15	1917-1918	2nd	Regiment Infantry Co. A (Original)
9	16	1918	2nd	Regiment Infantry Co. A (8th Separate, Springfield)
9	17	1917-1918	2nd	Regiment Infantry Co. B
9	18	1917-1918	2nd	Regiment Infantry Co. B (9th Separate, Springfield)
9	19	1917-1918	2nd	Regiment Infantry Co. C 1st Bn. (10th Separate, Springfield)
9	20	1917	2nd	Regiment Infantry Co. C
9	20A	1917	2nd	Regiment Infantry Band
9	21	1918-1919	2nd	Regiment Band Joplin Initial muster
9	22	1917	2nd	Regiment Infantry Headquarters Co.

Box	Folder	Year	Unit	
9	23	1917-1918	2nd	Regiment Infantry Machine Gun Co.
9	24	1917	2nd	Regiment Infantry Supply Co.
9	25	1917	2nd	Regiment Infantry Co. D
9	26	1918	2nd	Regiment Infantry Co D (25th Separate, Springfield)
9	27	1917	2nd	Regiment Infantry Co. E
9	28	1918	2nd	Regiment Infantry Co. E (12th Separate, Carthage)
9	29	1917	2nd	Regiment Infantry Co. F
9	30	1918	2nd	Regiment Infantry Co F (13th Separate, Joplin)
9	31	1917	2nd	Regiment Infantry Co. G
9	32	1918	2nd	Regiment Infantry Co. G(14th Separate, Joplin)
9	33	1917	2nd	Regiment Infantry Co. H
9	34	1918	2nd	Regiment Infantry Co. H (41st Separate, Webb City)
9	35	1917	2nd	Regiment Infantry Co. I
9	36	1917-1918	2nd	Regiment Infantry Co. I (1st Separate, Aurora)
9	37	1917	2nd	Regiment Infantry Co. K
9	38	1917-1918	2nd	Regiment Infantry Co. K (Oak Grove)
9	39	1918	2nd	Regiment Infantry Co. L
10	1	1917	2nd	Regiment Infantry Co. L
10	2	1918	2nd	Regiment Infantry Co. L (4th Separate, Fair Grove)
10	3	1917	2nd	Regiment Infantry Co. M
10	4	1918	2nd	Regiment Infantry Co. M (44th Separate, Marionville)
10	5	1918	2nd	Regiment Infantry Mt. Vernon
10	6	1917-1919	3rd	Regiment Infantry Headquarters Co.
10	7	1917-1919	3rd	Regiment Infantry Field & Staff
10	8	1917-1918	3rd	Regiment Infantry Co. A
10	9	1917-1919	3rd	Regiment Infantry Co. B
10	10	1917-1919	3rd	Regiment Infantry Co. C
10	11	1917-1919	3rd	Regiment Infantry Co. D
10	12	1917-1919	3rd	Regiment Infantry Co. E
10	13	1917-1919	3rd	Regiment Infantry Co. F
10	14	1917-1919	3rd	Regiment Infantry Co. G
10	15	1917-1919	3rd	Regiment Infantry Co. H
10	16	1917-1919	3rd	Regiment Infantry Co. I
10	17	1917-1919	3rd	Regiment Infantry Co. K
10	18	1917-1919	3rd	Regiment Infantry Co. L
10	19	1917-1919	3rd	Regiment Infantry Co. M
10	20	1917-1919	3rd	Regiment Infantry Supply Co.
10	21	1917-1919	3rd	Regiment Infantry Sanitary Detachment
10	22	1917-1919	3rd	Regiment Infantry Machine Gun Co.
11	1	1918	3rd	Separate Battalion Infantry Co. A (26th Separate, Downing)
11	2	1918	3rd	Separate Battalion Infantry Co. B (31st Separate, Memphis)
11	3	1918	3rd	Separate Battalion Infantry Co. C (3rd Separate, Kahoka)

Box	Folder	Year	Unit	
11	4	1918	3rd	Separate Battalion Infantry Co. D (50th Separate, Canton)
11	5	1918	4th	Regiment Infantry Co. A (23rd Separate, St. Joseph)
11	6	1918	4th	Regiment Infantry Co. B (24th Separate, St. Joseph)
11	7	1918	4th	Regiment Infantry Co. C (Maryville)
11	8	1918	4th	Regiment Infantry Co. D (37th Separate, Maysville)
11	9	1918	4th	Regiment Infantry Co. E (18th Separate, Pattonsburg)
11	10	1918-1919	4th	Regiment Infantry Co. F (36th Separate, Gilman City)
11	11	1918	4th	Regiment Infantry Co. G (15th Separate, Spickard)
11	12	1918	4th	Regiment Infantry Co. H (55th Separate, Powersville)
11	13	1918	4th	Regiment Infantry Co. I (16th Separate, Lancaster)
11	14	1918	4th	Regiment Infantry Co. K (17th Separate, Kirksville)
11	15	1918	4th	Regiment Infantry Co. L (30th Separate, Lewistown)
11	16	1918-1919	4th	Regiment Infantry Co. M (48th Separate, Durham)
11	17	1918	4th	Regiment Infantry Machine Gun Co.
11	18	1918	4th	Separate Battalion Co. A (Kansas City)
11	19	1918	4th	Separate Battalion Co. A (20th Separate, St. James)
11	20	1918	4th	Separate Battalion Co. B (27th Separate, Newburg)
11	21	1918	4th	Separate Battalion Co. B (Kansas City)
11	22	1918	4th	Separate Battalion Co. C (41st Separate, Kansas City)
11	23	1918	4th	Separate Battalion Co. C (46th Separate, Yancy Mills)
11	24	1918	4th	Separate Battalion Co. D (47th Separate, Rolla)
11	25	1918	4th	Separate Battalion Co. D (Kansas City)
11	26	1918	5th	Regiment Infantry Machine Gun Co.
11	27	1917	5th	Regiment Infantry Co. A (Separate, Warrensburg)
11	28	1917-1918	5th	Regiment Infantry Co. B
11	29	1917	5th	Regiment Infantry Co. B (3rd Separate, Warrensburg)
11	30	1917-1918	5th	Regiment Infantry Co. C (Holden)
11	31	1918	5th	Regiment Infantry Co. D. (33rd Separate, Sweet Springs)
11	32	1917-1918	5th	Regiment Infantry Co. E (5th Separate, Boonville)
11	33	1918	5th	Regiment Infantry Co. G
11	34	1918	5th	Regiment Infantry Co. H (19th Separate, Marshall)
11	35	1917-1918	5th	Regiment Infantry Co. I (Gardner Battalion, Jefferson City)
11	36	1918	5th	Regiment Infantry Co. K
11	37	1918	5th	Regiment Infantry Co. L
11	38	1918	5th	Regiment Infantry Co. M
12	1	1916	1st	Missouri Brigade
12	2	1917	1st	Separate Company, Aurora
12	3	1916	3rd	Separate Brigade, Headquarters
12	4	1918	5th	Battalion Co. B Motor Transport
12	5	1918	5th	Battalion Attached to 7th Regiment
12	6	1918	6th	Separate Battalion Co. I
12	7	1918	6th	Separate Battalion Co. K
12	8	1918	6th	Separate Battalion Co. L

Box	Folder	Year	Unit	
12	9	1918	6th	Separate Battalion Co. M
12	10	1917-1918	7th	Separate Battalion, Cape Girardeau
12	11	1917	11th	Separate Battalion E Company, Ash Grove
12	12	1918	12th	Separate Company, Carthage
12	13	1918	43rd	Separate Company, Jackson
12	14	1918	45th	Separate Company
12	15	1918	52nd	Separate Company
12	16	1918-1919	53rd	Separate Company
12	17	1918	54th	Separate Company
12	18	1918	56th	Separate Company, Granby
12	19	1918	57th	Separate Company, Fairview
12	20	1918	61st	Separate Company, Willard
12	21	1918	62nd	Separate Company
12	22	1918	63rd	Separate Company
12	23	1918	64th	Separate Company
12	24	1918	65th	Separate Company
12	25	1918	66th	Separate Company, Columbia
12	26	1918	67th	Separate Company
12	27	1918	68th	Separate Company, Crane
12	28	1918-1919	69th	Separate Company
12	29	1918-1919	70th	Separate Company
12	30	1918	73rd	Separate Company, Wheaton
12	31	1918	77th	Separate Company, Butler
12	32	1918	78th	Separate Company
12	33	1918		Kidder
12	34	1918		Lilbourn
12	35	1918		Ridgeway
12	36	1918		Vandalia

Military Commissions

Extent: 1 folder

Arrangement: By regiment

Scope and Content

Memorandums from the Adjutant General of Missouri to the Governor of Missouri regarding commissions in the Missouri Home Guards. Information includes military personnel's name, rank to be commissioned, company and regiment, and date rank to begin.

Container List

Box	Folder	Year	Contents
12	37	1917-1918	Home Guards

Returns

Extent: folders

Arrangement: By regiment

Container List

Box	Folder	Year	Contents
12	38	1918	Circulars
12	39	1917	Oaths, 1 st Regiment
12	40	1917	Oaths, 3 rd Regiment
12	41	1917	Special Orders
12	42	1918	Special Orders
12	43	1917-1918	Strength Reports