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of Former Confederate Soldiers  
Who Served in the 1st Through 6th  
U.S. Volunteer Infantry Regiments  
1864-1866**



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FORMER CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS  
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On the 65 rolls of this publication are reproduced the compiled service records of former Confederate soldiers who served in the six regiments (1st-6th) of the U.S. Volunteer Infantry, 1864-66. The compiled service records consist of a jacket-envelope for each soldier, labeled with his name, his rank, and the unit in which he served. The jacket-envelope typically contains card abstracts of entries relating to the soldier as found in original muster rolls, descriptive rolls, returns, lists of deserters, hospital rolls, and descriptive books; and the originals of personal papers, such as medical reports, death reports, orders, inventories of effects, final statements, and enlistment papers, that relate solely to that particular soldier. There are also jacket-envelopes used as cross-reference cards for soldiers' names that appeared in the records under more than one spelling. The compiled service records reproduced in this microfilm publication are part of Records of the Adjutant General's Office, 1780's-1917, Record Group 94.

The soldiers of the 1st through 6th U.S. Volunteer Infantry regiments were Confederate prisoners of war who gained their release from prison by enlisting in the Union Army. The first so-called Galvanized Yankees were enlisted between January and April 1864 at the prison at Point Lookout, Md., and were organized into a unit which in late March was officially designated the 1st U.S. Volunteer Infantry. Shortly thereafter, this regiment was ordered to Norfolk and Portsmouth, Va., where it was assigned routine police duty. Because Gen. U. S. Grant, among others, did not believe that ex-Confederate troops should be assigned to areas where they might have to fight their former comrades in arms, on August 9, 1864, the 1st U.S. Volunteer Infantry was ordered to the Northwestern Frontier to help quell the uprisings of the Plains Indians.

Between September 1864 and May 1865, five more regiments were raised from among the prisoners incarcerated at Rock Island, Alton, Camp Douglas, and Camp Morton in Illinois; at Columbus, Ohio; and at Point Lookout, Md. All six regiments served in the West, where they protected settlers from Indians, restored stage and mail service, guarded survey parties for the Union Pacific Railroad, escorted supply trains, and rebuilt telegraph lines. The last Galvanized Yankees were mustered out of service in November 1866.

Compiled Service Records

The compilation of service records of volunteer Civil War soldiers was begun in 1890 under the direction of Capt. Fred C. Ainsworth, head of the Record and Pension Division of the War

Department. Abstracts were made from documents in the custody of the War Department and from muster, pay, and other rolls borrowed from the Second Auditor of the Treasury. The abstracts made from the original records were verified by a separate operation of comparison, and great care was taken to ensure that the abstracts were accurate.

The compiled service records of the 1st through 6th U.S. Volunteers are arranged according to regiment number and thereunder alphabetically by soldier's surname. Preceding the jacket-envelopes for the individual soldiers in each regiment are envelopes containing alphabetical name indexes to numbered regimental papers that are among the records of the Adjutant General's Office in the National Archives of the United States. These documents, which have not been filmed in this microfilm publication, generally consist of correspondence and orders. They are similar to the personal papers filed in the jacket-envelopes of individual soldiers except that each appears to contain information relating to two or more soldiers and therefore could not be filed with the records of any one soldier.

The compiled service record of a Confederate soldier who joined the Union forces may not appear in this microfilm publication for several reasons: He may have served in a unit other than the six regiments of U.S. Volunteer Infantry; he may have served under a different name or used a different spelling of his name; proper records of his service may not have been made, or, if made, they may have been lost or destroyed in the confusion that often attended the initial mobilization, subsequent military operations, and demobilization of troops; or the references to the soldier in the original records may be so vague that it is not practicable to determine his correct name or the unit in which he served.

There were, in fact, a number of men who enlisted or attempted to enlist in the 1st through 6th U.S. Volunteer Infantry for whom no service record could be established. Generally, only documents such as medical records or court-martial orders could be found for the soldier, and these few items did not provide sufficient proof of service to justify a compiled record; or a soldier may have attempted to enlist in the Union forces but was rejected for various reasons. In these cases, only the soldier's enlistment paper exists. Even though no service record could be established for each of these soldiers, his existing personal papers were filed in a jacket-envelope labeled with his name. Among this series of personal papers are a number of documents relating to soldiers who served in other U.S. Volunteer units or to sutlers, surgeons, and chaplains who were attached to one of the Galvanized Yankee regiments. All of these personal papers have been filmed alphabetically by surname on roll 65, the last roll of this microfilm publication.

## Related Records

There are two, name card-indexes to the compiled service records reproduced in this publication. One lists the names of soldiers who served in U.S. Volunteer Infantry units. The cards in this index give the soldier's name, his rank, and the volunteer unit in which he served. The second index shows the names of Confederate prisoners of war who enlisted in U.S. service. The cards in this index show the soldier's name, his Confederate rank and regiment, and occasionally the Union regiment in which he enlisted. Additional remarks show when and where he was captured; when and where he enlisted or was mustered into Union service; and perhaps the date of his release from prison, the date of his oath of allegiance to the United States, the date and place of his birth, or his physical description. Neither of these two indexes is complete; the name of a soldier whose service record appears on this microfilm publication may not be listed in either index.

If a member of the 1st through 6th U.S. Volunteer Infantry applied for a pension or a bounty land warrant, additional information about him may be located among the pension and bounty land warrant application files in Records of the Veterans Administration, Record Group 15. Information relating to Confederate soldiers who served in the Regular Army is recorded in *Registers of Enlistments in the United States Army, 1798-1914*, M233, and in other records of the Adjutant General's Office.

In addition to compiling the service records of volunteer Union soldiers, the War Department compiled records that give histories of Union units. These record-of-events cards are abstracts that contain information relating to the stations, movements, or activities of each unit or a part of it and frequently to its organization, strength and losses, and disbandment. Sometimes the names of commanding officers, the dates the unit was called into service, and similar information are included. The record-of-events cards for the 1st through 6th U.S. Volunteer Infantry regiments are reproduced on roll 219 of M594, *Compiled Records Showing Service of Military Units in Volunteer Union Organizations*.

Early in this century, the War Department also compiled the service records of soldiers who served in Confederate units. These records are arranged alphabetically by State, thereunder by organization, and thereunder alphabetically by soldier's surname. All of the compiled service records of Confederate soldiers have been microfilmed. A master card index (reproduced as M253, *Consolidated Index to Compiled Service Records of Confederate Soldiers*) contains all Confederate soldiers' names found in compiling the service records regardless of whether the service was with a unit furnished by a particular State, with a unit raised directly by the Confederate government, or as a

staff officer. Separate indexes for each State are also available on microfilm. All of the Confederate service records and related indexes are part of the records designated as War Department Collection of Confederate Records, Record Group 109, in the National Archives of the United States.

These introductory remarks were written by Sarah D. Powell.

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