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On the 123 rolls of this microfilm publication are reproduced the compiled service records of Confederate soldiers who served in military organizations raised directly or otherwise formed by the Confederate Government and who therefore are not identified with any one State. Two or three of these organizations seem to have been originally considered to be units of the Confederate Regular Army. Several others were raised among the natives of Indian territory, and one was made up of foreigners who were recruited from among Union prisoners of war. The Corps of Engineers, the Nitre and Mining Bureau, and the Signal Corps, as special corps, and the bands, were formed chiefly of personnel transferred from other organizations. Most of the cavalry and infantry units, however, were the result either of bringing together small units that had been raised separately from two or more States or of consolidating units from different States that needed to be strengthened because of losses in personnel or other deficiencies. Artillery units often resulted from grouping separate batteries for better tactical control.

The compiled service records consist of a jacket-envelope for each soldier, labeled with his name, his rank, and the unit or special corps in which he served. The jacket-envelope typically contains (1) card abstracts of entries relating to the soldier as found in original muster rolls, returns, rosters, payrolls, appointment books, hospital registers, Union prison registers and rolls, parole lists, and inspection reports; and (2) the originals of any papers relating solely to the particular soldier. There are cross-references for soldiers' names that appeared in the records under more than one spelling.

The compilation of service records of Confederate soldiers was begun in 1903 under the direction of Brig. Gen. Fred C. Ainsworth, head of the Record and Pension Office of the War Department. Abstracts were made from documents in the War Department Collection of Confederate Records and from documents borrowed by the War Department in an effort to obtain as nearly complete military service records as possible. The abstracts made from the original records were carefully checked to ensure that the abstracts were accurate.

Most of the compiled service records reproduced in this microcopy are arranged according to an organizational breakdown ending with the regiment or the independent battalion or company. Under each unit the service records are arranged alphabetically by soldiers' surnames.

In the case of a special corps whose personnel did not belong to a unit at or below the regimental level, there is a separate series of service records arranged alphabetically by soldiers' surnames. Another series for the personnel of bands is similarly arranged.

Preceding the jacket-envelopes for the individual soldiers in each organizational unit there usually are empty envelopes on which are listed the officers of the unit, jacket-envelopes containing caption cards for muster-in and muster-out rolls showing the exact caption of the rolls that were copied and the certificate of the mustering officer verifying the accuracy of the rolls, and jacket-envelopes containing record-of-events cards indicating the activities in which any part of the unit had been engaged. Because of the irregular way in which most of these units were organized, there are relatively few caption cards. Record-of-events cards are more numerous but sometimes do not contain any account of happenings because no such notation was made in the original record.

Two separate indexes contain entries for the service records reproduced in this microcopy. One is an alphabetical card index to the service records of soldiers who served in units raised directly or otherwise formed by the Confederate Government or who served in some capacity that did not involve belonging to a unit at or below the regimental level. In this index each card gives the name of the soldier, his rank, the unit or capacity in which he served, and often a statement about the origin or background of the unit. Entries in this "non-State" index are duplicated in a "consolidated" or master index (reproduced as Microcopy 253), which contains the names of all Confederate soldiers 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 or otherwise formed by the Confederate Government, or in some capacity that did not involve belonging to a unit at or below the regimental level.

The compiled service records and the indexes referred to above are part of Record Group 109, War Department Collection of Confederate Records.

The compiled service record of some Confederate soldiers who served in one of the organizations covered by this microcopy may not be found for several reasons. First, the soldier may have served under a different name or used a different spelling of his name. Second, proper records of his service may not have been made by the Confederate Army; or, if made, they may have been lost or destroyed in the confusion that often attended the initial mobilization, subsequent military operations, or the final surrender of the Confederate military

forces. Third, the references to the soldier in the original records may have been so vague that it was not practicable to determine his correct name or the unit in which he served.

In addition to the series of compiled service records reproduced in this microcopy, the National Archives has other records that may contain information relating to a particular Confederate soldier. Among them are the compiled service records of soldiers in organizations from individual States that have been reproduced in separate microfilm publications. A separate series entitled Compiled Service Records of Generals and of Officers and Enlisted Men Who Served in Confederate Staff Organizations has been reproduced as Microcopy 331.

Another series is made up of the card abstracts and personal papers that were accumulated by the War Department to be interfiled with the regular series of compiled service records but, for one reason or another, were not interfiled. The usual reason was that the information was insufficient or contained discrepancies and could not be positively identified with any soldier for whom there was a compiled service record. Other reasons were that no compiled service record had been established on the basis of regular service records and that the item did not provide enough evidence to justify establishing one. These card abstracts and personal papers, which are arranged in alphabetical order by name of soldier, are reproduced in Microcopy 347. They are not indexed.

Sometimes supposed Confederate military service is shown by the records to have been service in a civilian capacity, as in the case of government employees. Evidence of such service, or of having aided the Confederate cause as a civilian in some other way, may sometimes be obtained from a series of records in the National Archives known as the "Citizens File," consisting of Confederate documents each of which relates to a particular civilian (reproduced as Microcopy 346). They are arranged alphabetically by name of person and are not indexed.

Other information about the activities of Confederate civilians is contained in similar unindexed series of documents accumulated by Union provost marshals and known as the "Provost Marshal File." One of these series has been filmed under the title of Union Provost Marshal's File of One-Name Papers Relating to Citizens (Microcopy 345).

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