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On the 19 rolls of this microfilm publication are reproduced the compiled service records of volunteer soldiers belonging to units from the State of Texas who served in the Mexican War. 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 (1) card abstracts of entries relating to the soldier as found in original muster rolls, returns, and occasionally pay vouchers; and (2) the originals of any papers relating solely to the particular soldier. There are cross-reference jacket-envelopes for soldiers' names that appear in the records under more than one spelling.

The compilation of the service records of soldiers of the Mexican War was begun around 1891 under the direction of Maj. Fred C. Ainsworth, head of the Record and Pension Division of the War Department. The abstracts made from the original records were verified by a separate operation of comparison and every conceivable precaution was taken to ensure that the abstracts and indexes were accurate.

The compiled service records of soldiers belonging to units from the State of Texas are arranged according to a complicated organizational breakdown ending with either the regiment or the independent battalion or company. Under each unit the service records are arranged alphabetically by soldiers' surnames.

Preceding the jacket-envelopes for the individual soldiers in each organizational unit there are jacket-envelopes containing record-of-events cards, indicating the station of the unit and occasionally the activities in which any portion of the unit had been engaged.

There is an alphabetical card index to the compiled military service records for volunteer soldiers who served in the Mexican War. This index contains the names of the soldiers, their rank, and the unit in which they served. The index, however, is a master index containing entries for soldiers who served in organizations from various States.

The compiled service records reproduced in this microcopy and the index referred to above are part of a body of records in the National Archives designated as Record Group 94, Records of the Office of the Adjutant General.

The compiled service record of a Mexican War soldier from Texas may not appear in this microcopy for several reasons. First, he may

not have served in a Texas unit. Second, he may have served under a different name or used a different spelling of his name. Third, proper records of his service may not have been made, or, if made, may have been destroyed or lost in the confusion that often attended the initial mobilization or subsequent military operations and disbandment of troops. Fourth, the references to the soldier in the original records may be so vague that it has not been practicable to determine his correct name or the unit in which he served. Fifth, the soldier may have served in the Regular Army instead of a volunteer organization.

If an application for a pension or bounty-land warrant was made, additional information concerning a soldier may be found among the pension and bounty-land-warrant application files of the Veterans' Administration.