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On the three rolls of this microfilm publication are reproduced the compiled service records of volunteer soldiers in two Mormon organizations that served in the Mexican War. The first of these organizations, the Mormon Battalion, Volunteers, was organized at Council Bluffs, Iowa, on July 16, 1846. This battalion consisted of five companies of Mormon emigrants, then en route to California, who enlisted for one year. At the end of this term of enlistment, an attempt was made to re-enroll all the members but only one company was organized at Los Angeles, Cal., on July 20, 1847. This second Mormon organization, which was designated as Captain Davis' Company A, Mormon Volunteers, served for six months.

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 and returns. 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 the Mormon organizations are arranged by unit and thereunder alphabetically by soldiers' surnames.

Preceding the jacket-envelope for the individual soldiers in the two units 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 various volunteer organizations.

The compiled military service records reproduced in this micro-copy 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 Adjutant General.

If an application for 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.

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