Civil War Unit Histories: Regimental Histories and Personal Narratives
Microfiche. E492 C58 1990

Includes basic reference works on the war history of each state, including adjutant general's office reports, rosters and casualty lists, and state military histories and bibliographies. Personal narratives include some 2,000 personal letters, diaries, and reminiscences, mostly written by Union and Confederate citizen-soldiers. Encompasses and expands upon the unit histories and personal narratives printed between 1861 and 1920 as listed in Charles E. Dornbusch's Military Bibliography of the Civil War (stacks and Special Collections: E464 D676). Periodicals, bibliographies, and works published after 1920 are excluded. Primary organization of each part is by state. Each state's section begins with a general reference section. Unit histories and personal narratives for each state are arranged by branch of service, unit, then alphabetically by author.

Part 1. The Confederate States of America and Border States
Part 2. The Union — New England
Part 3. The Union — Mid-Atlantic
Part 4. The Union — Midwest and West
Part 5. The Union — Higher and Independent Commands and Naval Forces

• Documents concerning artillery, the cavalry, communications, espionage, the quartermaster/commissary of subsistence, transportation, medical service, and the U.S. Colored Troops.

• Naval coverage is based on Myron J. Smith Jr.'s American Civil War Navies: A Bibliography (stacks and Special Collections: Z1242 S63). Includes the U.S. Naval Registers for 1861–1865.


Regimental Histories of the American Civil War: Unit 5
Microfiche. E464 R43 1991

Published narratives, official and semi-official regimental histories of Confederate units, along with regimental rosters, transportation documents, honor rolls and casualty statistics, promotion and court martial documents, memoranda, and home addresses of veterans. Infantry, artillery, and cavalry divisions are covered.


Microfilms from the National Archives are the principal source of service records of soldiers and sailors in the Civil War. The library has print finding aids for most of our NARA film holdings; finding aids are frequently included on the films themselves. The National Archives has put portions of finding aids to these microfilms (keyed to NARA microfilm number) online at <http://www.archives.gov/research_room/genealogy/military/civil_war_records.html>. The National Park Service's ongoing Civil War Soldiers and Sailors System <http://www.itd.nps.gov/cwss/> also identifies service records on these films. Format note: The records are on narrow (16 mm) film. Observe instructions on readers about positioning these films on spindles and reels.

Compiled Service Records Series

The several sets of compiled records for Confederate and Union troops are arranged by state. Each reproduces an alphabetical card index. The cards give the name of the soldier, his rank, and the unit in which he served. The compiled service records reproduced consist of a "jacket-envelope" for each soldier, labeled with his name and containing (1) card abstracts of entries relating to the soldier as found in original muster rolls, returns, hospital rolls, descriptive books, lists of deserters, and lists of prisoners; and (2) the originals of any papers relating solely to the particular soldier. Detailed indexes are included in the films series, arranged by state, call numbers E551.4 U52 through E580.4 W5.

Compiled Service Records of Confederate Soldiers ... from the State of Virginia
Microfilm. E581.4 C65
National Archives microfilm publication M 324.


Compiled Service Records of Volunteer Union Soldiers ... from the State of Virginia
Microfilm. E581.4 C66
National Archives microfilm publication M 398
Compiled Service Records of Volunteer Union Soldiers... from the State of West Virginia
Microfilm. E563.3 I53 1963
National Archives microfilm publication M 507.

Similar Compiled Service Records microfilms are available for these states:
- Mississippi. (National Archives microfilm publication M 232) Microfilm E568.4 U52 1956
- North Carolina. (National Archives microfilm publications M 230) Microfilm E573.4 U52 1956
- South Carolina. (National Archives microfilm publications M 381) Microfilm E577.4 U5 1962
- Tennessee. (National Archives microfilm publication M 231) Microfilm E579.4 U52 1956
- Texas. (National Archives microfilm publication M 227) Microfilm E580.4 U5 1955
Finding aids are entitled Index to Compiled Service Records of Confederate Soldiers Who Served in Organizations from the State of ___. Their call numbers correspond to the films. Most are in the Reference Room and on the 1st reels of each series.

Records of the Virginia Forces, 1861
Microfilm E581.4 R43 1975
Records of Virginia units mobilized at the outset of the Civil War up to their transfer to Confederate government command, including official letters and endorsements, registers of letters and telegrams received, general orders and morning reports of troops around Richmond. National Archives microfilm publication M 998.

Records Relating to Confederate Naval and Marine Personnel
Microfilm E596 U5 1958
Arranged into hospital and prison records (with abstracts of medical and prison/parole files, and papers about individual sailors/marines) and reference cards (which include rank, vessel papers, payrolls, muster rolls, and papers about individual sailors/marines. Each section is arranged alphabetically by surname of sailor/marine. National Archives microfilm publication M 260.
Finding aid: at beginning of first reel.

Selected Records of the War Department Relating to Confederate Prisoners of War, 1861-65
Microfilm E625 S45
National Archives microfilm publication M 598.
Information from registers of prisoners, descriptive lists of prisoners, letters sent and received, prisoner's articles and money received, prisoner transfers, prisoners exchanged, prisoners released, register of oaths of allegiance, hospital records, and prisoner deaths. The exact types of information available vary from prison to prison.

Related materials
This is a selective guide to microform resources on these topics at Virginia Tech. To view the wider range of related available materials, start by searching Addison for the following subjects:
- Soldiers -- Southern States -- Registers -- Indexes
- United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865 -- Records, lists, etc.
- United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865 -- Regimental histories
- United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865 -- Registers
- United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865 -- Sources
- Virginia -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865 -- Sources.
- Virginia -- History, Military -- Sources.
See also these resources:

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