

Military Annals of Mississippi

MILITARY ORGANIZATIONS WHICH
ENTERED THE SERVICE OF THE

Confederate States of America

FROM THE STATE OF
MISSISSIPPI

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ORDER OF MILITARY BOARD.

By order of the Military Board of the State of Mississippi, dated March 26, 1861, the following companies were organized into two regiments, and designated as the Northern and Southern Regiments, Mississippi Volunteers, afterwards numbered respectively 9th and 10th. These twenty companies were the first Mississippi Volunteers who offered their services, and after being accepted, were transferred to the Confederate States Army, and enlisting for 12 months, was organized at Pensacola, Florida, for active service, during the month of April 1861.

NINTH MISSISSIPPI REGIMENT.

Company A.—Jeff Davis Guards, Holly Springs, Marshall county, Captain Samuel Benton, Commissioned Jan. 29, 1861—100 men.
 Company B.—Irepressibles, Hernando, DeSoto county, Captain James R. Chalmers—100 men.
 Company C.—Corinth Rifles, Corinth, Tishomingo Co. Captain W. H. Kirkpatrick.—80 men.
 Company D.—Invincibles, Holmes county, Albert B. Bowdrie—90 men.
 Company E.—Lafayette Guards, Holmes county, Captain William Delay.—95 men.
 Company F.—Home Guards, Holly Springs, Marshall Co., Captain Thomas W. Harris—100 men.
 Company G.—Home State Volunteers, DeSoto county, Captain John W. Foster—80 men,
 Company H.—Quitman Guards, Marshall county, Captain Robert McTowan—100 men,
 Company I.—DeSoto Guards—DeSoto Guards, Captain S. O. B. Crockett—90 men
 Company K.—Panola Guards, Panola county, Captain B. Moore—80 men.

TENTH MISSISSIPPI REGIMENT.

Company A.—Mississippi Rifles, Jackson, Hinds Co., Miss., Captain R. A. Smith, Commissioned Jan. 29, 1861.

Company B.—Madison county, Captain Joseph R. Davis Jan. 29, 1861—100 men.
 Company C.—Ben. Bullard Rifles, Itawamba county, Captain Jas. G. Bullard—100 men.
 Company D.—Yazoo Minute Rifles, Yazoo City, Yazoo County, Captain S. M. Phillips—90 men.
 Company E.—Lowndes Southrons, Columbus, Lowndes county, Captain W. B. Wade—80 men.
 Company F.—Bahala Rifles, Bahala, Marshall county, Captain George T. Gibbs—95 men.
 Company G.—Rankin Rifles, Brandon, Rankin county, Captain George N. Miller—100 men.
 Company H.—Southern Avengers, Columbus, Lowndes county, Captain George H. Lipscomb—100 men.
 Company I.—Port Gibson Rifles, Port Gibson, Claiborne County, Captain Wm. H. McKeever.—90 men.
 Company K.—Hill City Cadets, Vicksburg, Warren county, Captain Jesse F. White—100 men.

Mississippi Militia--Infantry.

When the Mississippi Militia were used in the service of the Confederate States Service the troops were paid by the Confederate States Government.

Fifth Regiment, 1st Brigade, May 6, 1862.—5d, 4th 11th, 12th 8th, 9th Regiments.
 Second Brigade—1st Regiment, 1st Battalion. 2d Regiment, 4th Brigade. 2d Regiment, 1st Brigade.
 Minute Men—1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th, Regiments, 1st, 2d, 3d, 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th Battalions; 4th Regiment, 3d Brigade; 3d Regiment 1st Brigade, 2d Regiment 3d Brigade.
 Mississippi State Troops, Dec. 3, 1862: Third Brigade—1st; 2d, 5th Regiment.
 First Regiment Infantry, W. S. Patton, Colonel, Aug. 24, 1864.
 Second Regiment Infantry G. C. Chandler, Colonel, Sept. 2, 1864.
 Third Regiment Infantry, James Summerfeld, Colonel, Sept. 1, 1864.
 Wirt Adams Cavalry Wirt Adam's Colonel; Rorbet C. Wood, Jr., Lieut.-Colonel; James Hogan, Major.

Wilson, Joseph S., Tennessee.
McGowan, R. T., Substitute for R. McGowan, Sr.

COMPANY G.—Ninth Mississippi Regiment.

COMPANY OFFICERS.

Organized at Corinth, Tishomingo County, March 27, 1861.

Captain, H. W. Kilpatrick; 1st Lieut. F. E. Whitfield; 2d Lieut., James Vaughn; 3d Lieut., James Dobbins.
First Sergeant, Dan Allen; 2d Sergeant, Berry Whitmore.

PRIVATEES.

Emmett Murdaugh, John Murdaugh, Arche Wright, George Boyd, John Lloyd, B. F. Williams, Leon Adams, G. W. Small, Charley Cox, Dick Davis, Ed Bradford, Lill Martin, Jordan Moore, David Small, Tom Robinson, Albert Mitchell, Charley Young, Jake Grider, Levy Rodgers, Kent Crisp, Dr. Alexander Young, Lafayette Settle, Tal Settle, Josh Settle, Frank McCallin, Joe Minrey, Fayette McGill, John Smith, W. R. Henderson, Win. Turner and W. P. Curlee.

WALKER RESERVES.

Organized at Byhalia, Marshall Co., Miss., May 1, 1861.

Dr. Wm. M. Compton, Captain, G. M. Moseley, 1st Lieut. S. S. Patterson, 2d Lieut. G. F. Edding, 3d Lieut. D. C. Rogers, Orderly Sergeant.

WASHINGTON GUARDS.

Organized at Holly Springs May 10, 1861, for home protection.

Prof. C. W. Sears, Captain. J. W. C. Watson, 1st Lieut.
Rev. H. H. Paine, 2d Lieut. U. H. Ross, 3d Lieut.
A. C. McEwin, Orderly Sergeant, W. Friedrich, Ensign.
Jerome Cookron, Surgeon.

MISSISSIPPI RANGERS.

This company was tendered and accepted by Governor John J. Pettus on the 13th day on May, 1861. This company, which was composed of young men, was organized by John McFurk, Adjutant General of the State, whose intention was to resign his commission and accept the Captaincy of the Mississippi Rangers.

NINTH AND TENTH MISSISSIPPI REGIMENTS.

The history of these two regiments was one common story. They fought, bled and died together. The glory of one was the pride of the other. On every battlefield of the Armies of Mississippi and Tennessee they fought side by side, shoulder to shoulder, and never lost hope until the glorious Confederate banner went down forever in peace with the world at large.

CHALKER'S BRIGADE.

Brigadier General Chalker's Brigade, which on account of the spirit and bravery of the gallant Mississippians who compose it, received from Gen. Braxton Bragg himself the distinguished title of the "High-Pressure Mississippi Brigade." It was after Shiloh, commanded successively by (Gen. Patton Anderson, of Florida, Gen. W. Tucker, of Okalona, and Gen. J. H. Sharp, of Columbus, Miss. Until the hour when the Southern Flag was furled before the foe against whose advance it had so long and so honorably waived in proud defiance continued to sustain its bright name, and in the Army of Tennessee it maintained a character and reputation corresponding to that which the daimiless Brigades of Barksdale, Featherston, Humphreys, and Harris bore in the Old Army of Virginia.

REGIMENTAL FIELD AND STAFF OFFICERS.

S. M. Phillips, Yazoo City, Colonel.
 Joseph R. Davis, Canton, Lieutenant-Colonel.
 E. H. Gregory, Columbus, Major.
 H. Powell, Yazoo City, Adjutant.
 T. H. Dixon, Yazoo City, Sergeant-Major.
 William French, Jackson, Bugler.
 David H. Dickson, Jackson, Drill Master.
 P. Rivinac, Leader Band.

COMPANY OFFICERS.

Co. A—Mississippi Rifles, tendered Jan. 29, 1861; mustered at Jackson, Feb. 1, 1861. Captain, Robert A. Smith; N. F. Brinkdale, 1st Lieut.; N. F. Hawkins, 2d Lieut.; James Barr, 3d Lieut.
 Co. B—Ben Bullard Rifles, Fulton, Itawamba County; Capt., James G. Bullard; James L. Finley, 1st Lieut.; Henry Smith, M. M. Shelby, 3d Lieuts. Ordered to Pensacola.
 Co. C—Madison Rifles, Canton, Madison County; Jos. R. Davis; George Ward, 1st Lieut.; John W. Yeargain, 2d Lieut.; Geo. R. Featin, 3d Lieut. Ordered to Pensacola.
 Co. D—Lowndes Southrons, Columbus, Lowndes County; Capt., W. T. Wade; T. B. Shields, 1st Lieut.; W. C. Richards, 2d Lieut.; I. Isaacs, 3d Lieut. Ordered to Pensacola.
 Co. E—Pahala Rifles, Copiah County; Capt., Octavus Gibbs; Elijah A. Peyton, 1st Lieut.; Francis M. Thomas, 2d Lieut.; Jefferson J. Little, 3d Lieut. Ordered to Pensacola.
 Co. F—Southern Avengers, Columbus; Capt., George H. Lipscomb; Thomas I. Sharp, 1st Lieut.; W. A. Bell, 2d Lieut. Ordered to Pensacola.
 Co. G—Hill City Cadets, Vicksburg, Warren County; Captain, Jesse B. White; W. G. Paxton, 1st Lieut.; T. G. Johnson, 2d Lieut.; Chas. T. Brooks, 3d Lieut. Ordered to Pensacola.
 Co. H—Rankin Rifles, Brandon, Rankin County; Capt., Geo. N. Milber; Manshall M. Smith, 1st Lieut.; Duncan A. Campbell, 2d Lieut.; Daniel Morrison, 3d Lieut. Ordered to Pensacola.
 Co. I—Yazoo Rifles, Yazoo City, Yazoo County; Capt., S. M. Phillips; H. Powell, 1st Lieut.; H. P. Garrison, 2d Lieut.; H. Peake, 3d Lieut. Ordered to Pensacola.
 Co. K—Port Gibson Rifles, Port Gibson, Claiborne Co.; Capt., Wm. McKeever; S. J. Smith, 1st Lieut.; S. M. Ferris, 2d Lieut.; A. K. Stampley, 3d Lieut. Ordered to Pensacola.
 1,500 rank and file.

Regimental Commanders—S. M. Phillips, R. A. Smith and James Walker.

Brigade Commanders.—Brigadier-General James R. Chalmers, Division Commanders.—Major-General R. Ruggles.

Army Commanders—General Braxton Bragg, Pensacola Forces. Battles—Attack on Fort Pickens on Santa Rosa Island, Three Days Bombardment between Fort Pickens and Forts Barrancas and McKae and Navy Yard at Pensacola.

Promotions—Colonel S. M. Phillips having died in camp two months after organization of the regiment, and Lieutenant Colonel J. R. Davis being promoted as Commander of a Legion in the Virginia Army by President Davis, another election was ordered by Gen. Bragg to fill the vacancy, which resulted in the following selections:

REGIMENTAL FIELD AND STAFF OFFICERS FOR 1861.

Robert A. Smith.....Colonel.
 J. G. Bullard.....Lieut.-Colonel.
 E. H. Gregory.....Major.
 W. G. Paxton.....Adjutant.
 T. H. Dixon.....Sergt.-Major.
 Wm. French.....Bugler.
 P. Rivinac.....Leader Band.

The Tenth Mississippi Regiment of Volunteers was made up of the first troops of the organized militia of the State leaving Mississippi for service in the Confederate States Army, to fill the first requisition on Governor J. J. Pettus, for fifteen hundred infantry, to serve twelve months at Pensacola, Florida; and together with the Ninth Volunteer Infantry Regiment, which after arrival from Mississippi went into camps at the Pensacola Bay Lighthouse, and was organized and mustered into the Confederate States Service by order of Gen. Bragg on the 13th day of April 1861, composing a part of the Pensacola Troops, occupying the City of Pensacola, Warrenton, U. S. Navy Yard, Barracks and Forts Barrancas and McKae—a Federal Force being in possession of Fort Pickens, situated on Santa Rosa Island, on the opposite side of Pensacola Bay, commanding entrance by channel to Bay and Pensacola.

The Ninth and Tenth Mississippi Regiments were encamped together between Fort Barrancas and McKae, and after organization were formed into a Mississippi Brigade, numbering two thousand men, Colonel James R. Chalmers, Commanding, and placed in Gen. Ruggles's Division.

After eleven months service, time about expiring, Gen. Bragg issued a circular requesting his army to re-enlist for three years or the war, the men to receive 30 day furloughs with privilege of