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Army Era Records 1881-1931 Bulk dates: 1886-1918

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HISTORY

1872 – Yellowstone National Park created

1877 – Nez Perce War. Members of the Nez Perce tribe are pursued through Yellowstone by the U.S. Army, have several skirmishes with park visitors and take some of them prisoner. This may be the only war fought within an existing (American) national park.

1886 – The beginning of the Army administration of the park. Captain Moses Harris, commanding fifty soldiers of Troop M, First Cavalry, arrives at the park and establishes Camp Sheridan at Mammoth Hot Springs.

1891 – Construction begins on the buildings that would become Fort Yellowstone, replacing Camp Sheridan.

1894 – The Lacey Act finally gave park officials the authority to arrest and prosecute law violators in the park. This legislation became a cornerstone for future conservation policies.

1913 – The last building constructed at Fort Yellowstone, the chapel, is completed.

1916 – National Park Service created

1916 – Soldiers who were members of the Yellowstone Park Detachment, and desired to remain in the park, were discharged from the Army and appointed rangers in the National Park Service. After complaints from the public and elected officials, soldiers return to duty at Yellowstone in June 1917 and the initial ranger force was dismissed from service.

1918 – Final abandonment of Fort Yellowstone on October 31.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

Army Era Records
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DESCRIPTION This collection contains materials related to the United States Army's administration of Yellowstone National Park from 1886 to 1918.

The records mostly concern the Army's management of the park, not on military activities, such as the construction of park infrastructure like buildings, roads and trails, concessions, permits, poaching, wildlife, and park appropriations.

Researchers may find these records valuable on the following topics: the relationship between the Army and the Department of Interior (and other Federal agencies) in managing Yellowstone; the development of administrative procedures and programs which were later adopted and continued by the National Park Service; earlier conceptualization of wildlife conservation; and the development of concessions in national parks. Other areas of interest include crime (e.g. stagecoach robberies), and the challenging relationship between park officials and concessionaires like E. C. Waters.

ORGANIZATION This collection is organized into five series:

Series I, Pre-1909 Correspondence Files
Series II, Post-1908 Scheduled Files
Series III, Soldier Stations and Snowshoe Cabins Records
Series IV, Scouts and Superintendents Office Diaries
Series V, Fort Yellowstone Cemetery Internment Records

PROVENANCE These records were left in the park when the Army departed Yellowstone in 1918 and were largely ignored until rediscovered by Aubrey Haines. Haines began working as a park ranger in Yellowstone in 1938, was appointed records disposal officer in the late 1950s, and became the park's

first official historian in 1960. Beginning in 1961, he cataloged and indexed a portion of these records marking them with a consecutive number stamp. In the past this group of records has often been called the “First 4,000” by staff and researchers.

Late in the 1960s, a grant was received from the Hill Family Foundation of St. Paul, Minnesota, to microfilm pre-National Park Service records now found in this collection. The microfilming was completed in 1972.

In the early 1970s Paul Schullery continued Haines’ work and stated that he cataloged and indexed all incoming correspondence received during the first eleven years of the Army administration, or from 1886 to 1897. In order to accomplish this task, Schullery also assigned each document a number, writing on each one with a pencil. This group of records has often been referred to by staff and researchers as the “First 10,000.” (For more information, see Schullery’s 1976 master’s thesis, “The Yellowstone Archives: Past, Present, and Future”).

This record group is accessioned by the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) and placed on deposit at its affiliated repository, the Yellowstone National Park Archives.

RESTRICTIONS

NO

ASSOCIATED MATERIALS

Yellowstone Magistrate, U.S. Circuit Court of Wyoming, Yellowstone National Park Archives

Record Group 94, Returns from U.S. Military Posts, 1800-1916, National Archives

Record Group 391, Returns from Regular Army Cavalry Regiments, 1833-1916, National Archives

Record Group 393, Records of U.S. Army Continental Commands, 1821-1920, National Archives

Note: Microfilm copies of selected records from RG 94 and RG 393 are available at the Yellowstone Research Library.

SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

I. Pre-1909 Correspondence Files

This series contains official Army (and some Department of Interior) correspondence and holographs from various individuals and companies. The handling of correspondence followed the established protocols of the time. For instance, letters sent and received were typically transcribed by the post adjutant's staff in bound volumes. Topics include but are not limited to: animal and timber harvesting; automobiles; buildings; cattle; Chittenden's employees; complaints; concessions; expenditures; fencing; fires; fish; grazing; law enforcement; Native Americans; poaching; roads; scouts; stages; telephones and telegraphs; trails; Wylie and Company; E. C. Waters; Yellowstone Boat Company; Yellowstone Park Association's transportation and hotels.

This series also contains some pre-Army (1882-1886) records pertaining to the early civilian administration of the park.

II. Post-1908 Scheduled Files

Series II contains official correspondence and letters and are arranged by the Army's numeric records scheme which was instituted in 1909 (see Appendix A). The topics include but are not limited to: animals; automobiles; buildings; complaints; employees; expenditures; grazing; fencing; licenses; permits; annual reports; roads and trails; telephone and telegraphs; timber; and undesirables.

This series also contains some earlier records (i.e. before the new 1909 records schedule), as well as some post-Army (1918-1924) records regarding the park's administration by the National Park Service.

III. Soldier Stations and Snowshoe Cabins Records

Series III contains daily, weekly, and monthly logbooks and reports for the soldier stations which housed small detachments throughout the park. By the end of the Army era, detachments were stationed at sixteen locations. These buildings became the ranger stations of the opening years of the National Park Service administration. Also within this series are records for Knowles Cabin and Swan Lake (snowshoe cabins?) as well as circulars and information about cabin supplies. See Appendix C for a list of soldier stations.

IV. Scouts and Superintendents Office Diaries

This series contains the daily diaries of Army scouts (civilians) employed to patrol the park. Typical entries include observations on weather, wildlife, distances travelled, and unusual activities.

This series also contains the two diaries from the Superintendent's Office and includes some pre-1886 (pre-Army) entries regarding Department of the Interior property inventories and appropriations.

V. Fort Yellowstone Cemetery Internment Records

Series V contains records about burials at the Fort Yellowstone Cemetery including the names and other information about the individuals interred at the cemetery.

CONTAINER LIST

Series	Series Title
1	Pre-1909 Correspondence Files
Box	Title
001	Secretary of the Interior, 1882-1892
002	Secretary of the Interior, 1893-1899
003	Secretary of the Interior, 1897-1899
004	Secretary of the Interior, 1902-1905
005	Secretary of the Interior, 1904-1907
006	Secretary of the Interior, 1904-1908
007	Department of the Interior Employees, 1882-1903
008	Department of the Interior Employees, 1904-1908
009	A-E, 1882-1899
010	A-E, 1897-1899
011	A-E, 1903-1912
012	F-K, 1881-1899
013	F-K, 1900-1908
014	L-R, 1882-1899
015	L-R, 1900-1908
016	L-R, 1904-1908
017	S-Z, 1881-1895
018	S-Z, 1896-1902
019	S-Z, 1900-1904
020	S-Z, 1905-1908
021	A-Y, 1904-1909
022	Letters sent, 1886-1887
023	Letters sent, 1887-1899
024	Letters sent, 1889-1892
025	Letters sent, 1892-1894
026	Letters sent, 1894-1896
027	Letters sent, 1896-1897
028	Letters sent, 1897-1898
029	Letters sent; Diaries of Scouts, Whittaker & Morrison, 1898-1899
030	Letters received, 1897-1899
031	Letters sent, 1899-1900
032	Letters received, 1899-1901
033	Letters sent, 1900-1901
034	Letters sent, 1901-1902
035	Letters received; Superintendent, Y.N.P., 1901-1902
036	Letters sent, 1902-1903
037	Letters received, 1902-1903
038	Letters sent, March 1903-October 1903
039	Letters sent, October 1903-October 1904
040	Letters received, June 1903-April 1905
041	Letters sent, October 1904-November 1905
042	Letters received, April 1905-September 1906
043	Letters sent, November 1905-April 1907
044	Letters sent, April 1907-October 1907
045	Letters received, September 1906-December 1908
046	Letters sent, June 1908
047	Letters sent, June-December 1908

Series	Series Title
2	Post-1908 Scheduled Files
Box	Title
048	Name Index A-L, 1909-1914
049	Name Index M-Z, 1909-1914
050	1. Administration, 1906-1916
051	10. Accommodations, Hotels and etc., 1915-1916
052	20. Animals and Birds, 1909-1915
053	20. Animals and Birds, 1909-1914
054	20. Animals and Birds, 1907-1917
055	20. Animals and Birds, 1909-1917
056	20. Animals and Birds, 1913-1917
057	30. Applications and Miscellaneous, 1907-1913
058	40. Automobiles, 1913-1915
059	40. Automobiles, 1916-1917
060	40. Automobiles - Records of Automobiles entering and leaving Y.N.P (all entrances), 1915-1916
061	40. Automobiles - Records of Automobiles entering Y.N.P. (all entrances), 1917
062	40. Automobiles - Records of Automobiles entering Y.N.P. (all entrances), 1918
063	40. Automobiles - Records of Automobiles entering Y.N.P. West Entrance; Special permits, 1918; Reports of travel, 1918
064	40. Automobiles - Record of outgoing automobiles at the north entrance, June 16, 1918 - October 9, 1922
065	40. Automobiles - Incoming automobiles at the West Entrance, June 20, 1917 - July 25, 1919
066	40. Automobiles - Automobiles entering Y.N.P. West Entrance, 1915-1916
067	40. Automobiles - Record of Auto Tickets Sold at East Entrance, 1915-1917
068	40. Automobiles - Automobiles, North Entrance, 1915-1917
069	40. Automobiles - Record of Automobiles in the Park, (North Entrance?) [contains names] June 14, 1916 - August 5, 1917
070	40. Automobiles - Automobiles in Park (North Entrance?) [contains names], August 6, 1917 - March 12, 1918; Auto North Entrance, June 16, 1918, 1922, July 2, 1924
071	50. Buildings and Building Sites, 1900-1915
072	50. Buildings and Building Sites, 1911-1915
073	50. Buildings and Building Sites, 1886-1912
074	70. United States Commissioner in the Park, 1910-1916; 80. Complaints
075	80. Complaints, 1910-1917
076	80. Complaints, 1908-1916
077	90. Employees, Department, 1902-1903
078	90. Employees, Department, 1908-1917
079	90. Employees, Department, 1909-1917
080	90. Employees, Department, 1908-1917
081	90. Employees, Department, 1910-1915
082	110. Expenditures (Disbursements), circa 1909
083	110. Expenditures (Disbursements), 1898-1905
084	110. Expenditures (Disbursements), 1911-1915
085	110. Expenditures (Disbursements), 1909-1918
086	110. Expenditures (Disbursements), 1897-1909
087	110. Expenditures (Disbursements), 1907-1911
088	110. Expenditures (Disbursements), 1906-1918
089	110. Expenditures (Disbursements), 1903-1918
090	110. Expenditures (Disbursements), 1909-1916
091	110. Expenditures (Disbursements), 1910-1918
092	120. Fences and Fencing Park, 1908-1915

Series II (cont.)

Box	Title
093	130. Financial Reports, Lessees, 1910-1917
094	130. Financial Reports, Lessees, 1910-1916
095	140. Fish and Fish Hatchery, 1909-1916
096	150. Grazing Privileges, 1908-1916
097	150. Grazing Privileges, 1900-1922
098	160. Health Precautions, 1909-1916
099	170. Inspections, Official, 1909-1917
100	190. Leases and Contracts, Department, 1906-1916
101	190. Leases and Contracts, Department, 1884-1915
102	190. Leases and Contracts, Department, 1882-1915
103	200. Licenses or Permits, Department; Register of Camping Parties, Fountain Station, 1899-1907
104	200. Licenses or Permits, Department; Register of Camping Parties [Fountain Station or near North Entrance?], 1907-1917
105	200. Licenses or Permits, Department; Register of Camping Parties, Grand Canyon, 1909-1917
106	200. Licenses or Permits, Department; Register of Camping Parties, Lake Station, 1898-1909
107	200. Licenses or Permits, Department; Register of Camping Parties, Mammoth, 1900-1907
108	200. Licenses or Permits, Department; Register of Passengers Carried by Licensed Transportation, 1902-1909 [lists employees, stage number, and stage driver]
109	200. Licenses or Permits, Department; Register of Camping Parties, Guard House, Fort Yellowstone, 1908-1911
110	200. Licenses or Permits, Department; Register of Passengers Carried by Licensed Transportation, 1915-1920 (Gardiner Soldier Station - Mammoth) [includes stagecoaches and automobile passengers], 1915-1920
111	200. Licenses and Permits, Department; Register of Camping Parties, Norris, 1911-1917
112	200. Licenses and Permits, Department; Register of Passengers carried by licensed transportation, 1898-1914
113	200. Licenses and Permits, Department; Register of Camping Parties, Riverside Station, 1907-1914
114	200. Licenses and Permits, Department; Register of Camping Parties [Riverside Station?], 1915-1917
115	200. Licenses and Permits, Department; Register of Camping Parties, Soda Butte Station, 1898-1915
116	200. Licenses and Permits, Department; Register of Camping Parties [probably Snake River Station], 1914-1923
117	200. Licenses and Permits, Department; Register of Camping Parties, Sylvan Pass Station, 1903-1917
118	200. Licenses and Permits, Department; Register of Camping Parties, Tower Falls, 1909-1917
119	200. Licenses and Permits, Department; Register of Camping Parties, Upper Basin, 1898-1922
120	200. Licenses and Permits, Department; Register of Camping Parties by Automobile, West Entrance, 1915
121	200. Licenses and Permits, Department; Register of Camping Parties by Automobile, West Entrance, August 20, 1917 - September 30, 1917
122	200. Licenses and Permits, Department; Register of Camping Parties by Automobile, West Entrance, June 20, 1917 - August 19, 1917

Series II (cont.)

Box	Title
123	200. Licenses and Permits, Department; Register of Camping Parties [West Entrance?], 1898-1907
124	200. Licenses and Permits, Department; Register of Camping Parties, [West] Thumb Station, 1908-1918
125	200. Licenses and Permits, Department; Register of Passengers carried by licensed transportation, 1909-1915 [Lists passenger's city & state, & drivers]
126	200. Licenses and Permits, Department; Register for Wylie Permanent Camping Company, 1906-1915 [lists employees, passengers, drivers, and stage number]
127	200. Licenses and Permits, 1884-1919
128	200. Licenses and Permits, 1883-1910
129	200. Licenses and Permits, 1904-1908
130	200. Licenses and Permits, E.C. Waters, 1907
131	200. Licenses and Permits, E.C. Waters, 1904 -1908
132	200. Licenses and Permits, 1908-1915
133	200. Licenses and Permits, 1909-1914
134	200. Licenses and Permits, 1909-1915
135	200. Licenses and Permits, 1910-1915
136	220. Maps, blue prints, tracings, etc., 1909-1914; Military Reservations, 1909-1913
137	250. Permits, 1909-1915
138	250. Permits, 1909-1915
139	280. Property, Department and Other, 1891-1918
140	290. Protection, 1909-1915
141	290. Protection, 1909-1915
142	300. Regulations and Laws, Department, etc., 1905-1918
143	300. Regulations and Laws, Department, etc., 1908-1918
144	310. Reports, 1909-1915
145	311. Reports, Miscellaneous Reports, Roads and Trails, 1889-1915 [1 of 3]
146	311. Reports, Miscellaneous Reports, Roads and Trails, 1909-1917 [2 of 3]
147	311. Reports, Miscellaneous Reports, Roads and Trails, 1915-1918 [3 of 3]
148	311. Reports, Miscellaneous Reports, Travel; 312. Reports, Special Employees of Fires; 313. Reports, Special Accidents, Deaths, Births; 314. Reports, Special Roads and Improvements, 1909-1915
149	320. Rentals, Taxes, etc., 1910-1917 [1 of 2]
150	320. Rentals, Taxes, etc., (Concessions) 1910-1915 [2 of 2]
151	340. Roads and Bridges (Improvements), 1909-1918 [1 of 2]
152	340. Roads and Bridges (Improvements), 1910-1917 [2 of 2]
153	350. Schedules of Rates, 1908-1918
154	380. Store Privileges; 390. Supplies - Stationery; 1909-1915
155	390. Supplies - Stationery; The United States in Account with Quartermaster, U.S. Army, at Yellowstone National Park, 1895-1917
156	400. Surveys, 1891-1897
157	400. Surveys, 1897-1910
158	410. Telegraph and Telephone Lines, 1909-1917
159	420. Telegrams and Letters of Introduction, 1908-1915
160	430. Timber Cut by Lessees and Others; 440. Transportation - Capacity, etc.; 450. Troops for Park and Use of; 460. Trophies, Disposal, and Taking Thru; 1909-1916
161	470. Undesirables, 1908
162	470. Undesirables, 1886-1921
163	480. Waters of Park, Character and etc., 1905-1915
164	500. Miscellaneous, 1906-1917

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3	Soldier Stations and Snowshoe Cabins Records
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166	Gallatin [Daily Logbook], 1910-1917
167	Gardiner [Daily Logbook], 1903-1915
168	Lake [Daily Logbook], 1898-1911
169	Lake [Daily Logbook], 1911-1931
170	Lower Basin [Daily Logbook], 1908-1918
171	Norris [Daily Logbook], 1911-1921
172	Riverside [Daily Logbook], 1898-1910
173	Riverside [Daily Logbook], 1910-1920
174	Snake River [Daily Logbook], 1914-1922
175	Soda Butte [Daily Logbook], 1894-1899
176	Soda Butte [Daily Logbook], 1899-1910
177	Soda Butte [Daily Logbook], 1911-1913
178	Soda Butte [Daily Logbook], 1913-1919
179	Sylvan Pass [Daily Logbook], 1903-1924
180	Thumb [Daily Logbook], 1898-1916
181	Thumb [Daily Logbook], 1916-1924
182	Tower [Daily Logbook], 1903-1919
183	Upper Basin [Daily Logbook], 1898-1923
184	Upper Basin [Daily Logbook], 1899-1917
185	Bechler [Weekly Report], July 1910-November 1916
186	Canyon [Weekly Report], July 1910-October 1916
187	Crevice [Weekly Report], July 1910-November 1917
188	Fountain [Weekly Report], July 1910-September 1916
189	Gallatin [Weekly Report], July 1910-December 1917
190	Gardiner [Weekly Report], July 1910-January 1918
191	Lake [Weekly Report], July 1910-November 1917
192	Norris [Weekly Report], July 1910-December 1915
193	Riverside [Weekly Report], July 1910-December 1915
194	Snake River [Weekly Report], July 1910-December 1915
195	Soda Butte [Weekly Report], July 1910-December 1915
196	Sylvan Pass [Weekly Report], July 1910-December 1915
197	Thumb [Weekly Report], July 1910-September 1916
198	Tower Falls [Weekly Report], July 1910-December 1915
199	Upper Basin [Weekly Report], July 1910-September 1916
200	Bechler River [Monthly Report], 1910-1917; Canyon [Monthly Report], 1898-1917; Crevice [Monthly Report], 1917; Fountain [Monthly Report], 1893-1917; Gallatin [Monthly Report], 1908-1917; Gardiner [Monthly Report], 1895-1918; Knowles Cabin [Monthly Report], 1910
201	Lake [Monthly Report], 1898-1918; Mud Geyser [Monthly Report], 1895-1898; Norris [Monthly Report], 1895-1910
202	Riverside [Monthly Report], 1893-1910; Snake River [Monthly Report], 1894-1910
203	Soda Butte [Monthly Report], 1894-1918
204	Sylvan [Monthly Report], 1903-1910; Swan Lake [Monthly Report], 1898; Tower Falls [Monthly Report], 1903-1917; Thumb [Monthly Report], 1897-1917; Upper Geyser [Monthly Report], 1895-1917
205	Circulars of other Instructions to Stations, 1897, 1901-1908
206	Development and Supply of Snowshoe Cabins, 1909-1916
207	Receipts for Rations [Snowshoe Cabins], 1909

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Series Title

Scouts and Superintendents Office Diaries

Box.File**Title**

208.01	Anderson, E.C., 1909
208.02	Anderson, Henry, 1910
208.03	Anderson, Henry, 1911
208.04	Black, Cruze, 1915-1916
208.05	Brown, Jesse, 1908-1909
208.06	Brown, Jesse, 1909
208.07	Brown, Jesse, 1910
208.08	Brown, Jesse, 1911
208.09	Burgess, Felix, 1898-1899
208.10	Buzzell, June and Newcomb, Thomas, 1895
208.11	Fitzgerald, Selleck M., 1907
208.12	Graham, Samuel, 1906
208.13	Graham, Samuel, 1906-1907
208.14	Graham, Samuel, 1908
208.15	Holt, Peter, 1899-1900
208.16	Holt, Peter, 1899-1901
209.01	Holman (?), 1897-1898
209.02	Jackson, Joseph, 1914
209.03	Johnson, Lester, 1914
209.04	Kilpatrick, Stephen M., 1915
209.05	Little, Raymond, 1911-1912
209.06	Martin, Louis, 1900-1901
209.07	Mason, John, 1909
209.08	McBride, James, 1907-1908
209.09	McBride, James, 1908-1909
209.10	McBride, James, 1909-1910
209.11	McBride, James, 1910-1912
209.12	McBride, James, 1912-1913
210.01	Morrison, James, 1897-1898
210.02	Morrison, James, 1898
210.03	Morrison, James, 1899
210.04	Rubin, Walter, 1911
210.05	Smith, Charles, 1915
210.06	Stevenson, Donald, 1915-1916
210.07	Trischman, Harry, 1909
210.08	Trischman, Harry, 1909-1910
210.09	Trischman, Harry, 1910-1911
210.10	Trischman, Harry, 1911-1912
210.11	Trischman, Harry, 1912-1915
210.12	Wall, M.J., 1898
211.01	Wilson, Charley, 1910
211.02	Wilson, James, 1907-1908
211.03	Wilson, James, 1908
211.04	Whittaker, George, 1897-1898
211.05	Whittaker, George, 1897-1898
211.06	Whittaker, George, 1898
211.07	Whittaker, George, 1898-1899
211.08	Whittaker, George, 1899
211.09	Whittaker, George, 1899
211.10	Whittaker, George, 1899
211.11	Whittaker, George, 1899-1900

211.12	Whittaker, George, 1899-1900
211.13	Whittaker, George, 1901
211.14	Whittaker, George, 1907-1908
211.15	Whittaker, George, 1908-1909
212	Inventory of Interior Department Property, 1885; Acting Superintendent's Journal, 1900-1903
213	Appropriations, 1884; Acting Superintendent's Journal, 1903-1921

Series**Series Title**

5 Fort Yellowstone Cemetery Internment Records

Title

214 Fort Yellowstone Cemetery [internments], 1888-1914; Official Record of Internments in the Post Cemetery, 1888-1916

APPENDIX A

Post-1908 Records Schedule

1. Administration
10. Accommodations – hotels, etc.
20. Animals and Birds
30. Applications, miscellaneous
40. Automobiles
50. Buildings and Building Sites
60. Camps, Regulations of
70. Commissioner, U.S., in Park
80. Complaints
90. Employees, Department
100. Estimates, Regular
110. Expenditures (Disbursements)
120. Fences and Fencing Park
130. Financial Reports, Lessees
140. Fish and Fish Hatchery
150. Grazing Privileges
160. Health Precautions
170. Inspections, Official
180. Lost
190. Leases and Contracts, Department
200. Licenses and Permits
210. Mail Route through Park
220. Maps, Blueprints, Tracings, etc.
230. Military Reservation
240. Names, Official, Objects, etc.
250. Permits, miscellaneous, Superintendent's
260. Phenomena, Natural
270. [blank]
280. Property, Department and Other
290. Protection
300. Regulations and Laws, Department, etc.
310. Reports
320. Rentals, Taxes, etc.
330. Reorganization Companies in Park
340. Roads and Bridges (Improvements)
350. Schedule of Rates
360. Season in Park
370. Specimens, Gathering (see Permits)
380. Store Privileges
390. Supplies – Stationary, etc.
400. Surveys
410. Telegraph and Telephone Lines

- 420. Telegrams and Letters of Introduction
- 430. Timber Cut by Lessees and Others
- 440. Transportation – Capacity, etc.
- 450. Troops for Park and Use of
- 460. Trophies, Disposal and Taking through
- 470. Undesirables
- 480. Waters of Park, Character, etc.
- 490. Yosemite and other National Parks
- 500. Miscellaneous Inquires

APPENDIX B

Army Units detailed to Yellowstone National Park, 1886-1918

- 1886 Troop M, 1st Cavalry
- 1887 Troop M, 1st Cavalry
- 1888 Troop M, 1st Cavalry (with Lt. Moody and 15 men of the 22nd Infantry at the Upper Geyser Basin after July 22)
- 1889 Troop M, 1st Cavalry to Troops A & K, 1st Cavalry
- 1890 Troops A & K, 1st Cavalry
- 1891 Troops A & K, 1st Cavalry to Troops D & I, 6th Cavalry
- 1892 Troops D & I, 6th Cavalry
- 1893 Troops D & I, 6th Cavalry
- 1894 Troops D & I, 6th Cavalry
- 1895 Troops D & I, 6th Cavalry
- 1896 Troops D & I, 6th Cavalry
- 1897 Troops D & I, 6th Cavalry to Troops H & D, 4th Cavalry
- 1898 Troops H & D, 4th Cavalry
- 1899 Troops H & D, 4th Cavalry to Troop M, 1st Cavalry
- 1900 Troop M, 1st Cavalry to Troop G, 1st Cavalry
- 1901 Troop G, 1st Cavalry (with Troop F arriving for duty at Nez Perce Creek after August 3)
- 1902 Troops F & G, 1st Cavalry to Troops B & C, 3rd Cavalry (with Troops A & C, 13th Cavalry, arriving June 3 for temporary duty)
- 1903 Troops B, C, & D, 3rd Cavalry (with Troop F arriving June 18, and Troop A arriving June 24)
- 1904 Troops, B, C, D, & F, 3rd Cavalry
- 1905 Troops, B, C, D, & F, 3rd Cavalry to Troop K, 6th Cavalry
- 1906 Troop K, 6th Cavalry
- 1907 Troops K & I, 6th Cavalry to Troops F & G, 8th Cavalry
- 1908 Troops F & G, 8th Cavalry to Troops E & F, 5th Cavalry
- 1909 Troops E & F, Fifth Cavalry
- 1910 Troops E & F, Fifth Cavalry to Troops E, F, G, & H, 1st Cavalry (with a machine gun platoon)
- 1911 Troops E, F, G, & H, 1st Cavalry
- 1912 Troops E, F, G, & H, 1st Cavalry
- 1913 Troops E, F, G, & H, 1st Cavalry
- 1914 Troops E, F, G, & H, 1st Cavalry to Troops 1 & 2, Yellowstone Park Detachment
- 1915 Troops 1 & 2, Yellowstone Park Detachment
- 1916 Troops 1 & 2, Yellowstone Park Detachment

In 1916 Soldiers who were members of the Yellowstone Park Detachment and desired to remain in the park were discharged from the Army and appointed rangers in the National Park Service. After complaints from the public and elected officials, soldiers return to duty at Yellowstone in June 1917 and the initial ranger force was dismissed from service.

- 1917 Troop J, 6th Cavalry to Troops A, B, C, & D, 7th Cavalry
- 1918 Troops D & G, 11th Cavalry to final abandonment of Fort Yellowstone on October 31

APPENDIX C

The following lists the soldier stations with records in this series (year of construction in parentheses):

1. Bechler (1911)
2. Canyon (1886)
3. Crevice (1901 & 1912)
4. Fountain/Lower Geyser Basin (1886)
5. Gallatin (1908)
6. Gardiner (1903)
7. Mud Geyser/Lake (1887)
8. Old Faithful/Upper Geyser Basin (1886)
9. Norris (1886)
10. Riverside (1886)
11. Snake River (1892 & 1902)
12. Soda Butte (1886)
13. Sylvan Pass (1904)
14. Thumb [West Thumb] (1897)
15. Tower [Falls/Junction] (1901 & 1907)

Note that the records for the Cooke City Soldier Station (built in 1904) are missing.