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ADJUTANT GENERAL

An Inventory of Its Annual and Biennial Reports

OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

- Agency:** Minnesota. Office of the Adjutant General.
- Series Title:** Annual and biennial reports,
- Dates:** 1860-1924.
- Abstract:** These reports provide extensive information on military events involving Minnesotans. Each report includes a statement from the Adjutant General and appendices containing rosters, muster rolls, supply and ordnance lists, casualty lists, general and special orders, and statistics concerning pensions, arrears in pay, and other claims.
- Quantity:** 1.0 cu. ft. (3 boxes).
- Location:** lower shelves stack row 121, alphabetical

SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE RECORDS

The annual and biennial reports of the Adjutant General contain extensive information on military events involving Minnesotans from territorial days (1860 report) through 1924. The reports are complete from 1860 through 1906 with the exception of 1866, 1879, and 1881, which either are missing or were never published. The biennial reports begin with the 1880 report (the 1882 report is annotated as the first biennial report, but labeling of subsequent reports, if correct, makes 1880 the first) and end with the 1918, 1922, and 1924 reports.

Each report contains a statement from the Adjutant General, followed by many pages of appendices containing rosters, muster rolls, supply and ordnance lists, casualty lists, general and special orders, and statistics concerning pensions, arrears in pay, and other claims.

In addition, the 1861 report contains a report from the Bull Run battlefield and a list of persons sheltered at Fort Ridgely. The 1862 report contains more than 100 pages of narrative on the Dakota Conflict; lists of dead, discharged, deserted, and transferred soldiers; and an additional report to the extra session of the state legislature. Reports from the Civil War years contain detailed reports from Minnesota units in the field, muster rolls, casualty lists, and general and special orders.

Reports from the 1870s contain reports from the trustees, superintendent, and secretary/treasurer of the Soldiers Orphans' Home. The 1870 report also includes lists of

Minnesota soldiers buried at various cemeteries throughout the east and south. In the 1880s, National Guard rosters, camp reports, property accounts, paymaster's reports, and rifle practice reports appear. The 1890 report contains narratives on the *Sea Wing* disaster (shipwreck) and on strikes in Duluth and Cloquet. The 1898 report contains muster-in-rolls of recruits in the Spanish-American War. The 1900 report contains lists of Minnesota soldiers who lost their life during this conflict as well as an alphabetical list of all Minnesotans who served in that war.

The 1906 report contains an inspection report from the ship the *U.S.S. Gopher*, as well as minutes from the 26th and 27th annual conventions of the Minnesota National Guard Association.

The 1918 report contains draft board statistics by county, as well as reports of activities of the Minnesota Home Guard, established by the Commission on Public Safety.

The 1924 report, in addition to the usual rosters and orders, contains a report on the soldiers bonus payment program, 1919-1924, and a report on the cyclone relief effort in Lyon, Lincoln, Redwood, and Cottonwood Counties.

INDEX TERMS

This collection is indexed under the following headings in the catalog of the Minnesota Historical Society. Researchers desiring materials about related topics, persons or places should search the catalog using these headings.

Topics:

- Sea Wing (Steamboat).
- Military departments and divisions--Minnesota.
- Civil defense--Minnesota.
- Dakota Indians--Wars, 1862-1865.
- Draft--Minnesota--Statistics.
- Military pensions--Minnesota.
- Tornadoes--Minnesota.
- Spanish-American War, 1898.
- Veterans--Minnesota--Registers, lists, etc.

Places:

- Minnesota--Civil defense.
- Minnesota--Militia.
- United States--Armed Forces--Reserves.
- United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.

Organizations:

- Minnesota. National Guard.
- Minnesota Home Guard.

Types of Documents:

- Muster rolls.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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See the Chicago Manual of Style for additional examples.

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Condition note: The bindings on several volumes are badly broken and in need of repair. Microfilming might be warranted, especially since these seem to be the only copies extant. At minimum the reports should be rebound, preferably only one year per binding. At present, the volumes are bulky and hard to use. Many have fold-outs which potentially face damage very time they are folded in and out. Reports from the 1890s are brittle and contain browning pages.

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VOLUME LIST

Note to Researchers: To request materials, please note both the location and box numbers shown below.

Location

stack row 121, alpha	1860 - 1862. 1863 - 1865. 1867 - 1878, 1880, 1882, 1884, 1886, 1888, 1890. 1892, 1894, 1896, 1898, 1900, 1902, 1904. 1906. 1918. 1922. 1924.
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