



Carded Medical Records for Volunteer Soldiers, Regular Army, and Naval Personnel, 1821–1912

In the 1890s, the War Department created various types of carded records relating to service in the U.S. military. In addition to compiled service records for volunteers, the Record and Pension Office produced carded medical records for both volunteer and regular army personnel, using records transferred to its custody from the Office of the Surgeon General. Intended to help with the verification and approval process for pension applications, the carded medical records provide additional information about soldiers, especially service-related wounds, injuries, sicknesses, hospitalizations, and deaths. Carded medical records are available for volunteers from the Mexican War to the Philippine Insurrection, and for Regular Army service from 1821 to 1912. Carded records are also available for Navy and Marine personnel from 1821 to 1884.

Regular Army

___ **Carded Medical Records, Regular Army, 1821-84** (RG94, Entry 529). These carded records provide such information as the soldier's name; rank; organization; nature of complaint; date of admittance and name of military hospital; date returned to duty, deserted, discharged, sent to a general hospital, furloughed, or died; remarks; and references to the original hospital record. The cards cover enlisted men and noncommissioned personnel; cards for commissioned officers are filed with their military service records. The medical cards are arranged by number of regiment, then by type of unit, then by initial letter of the soldier's surname. Regimental designations are followed by Ordnance, Engineers, Signal Corps, Scouts, and miscellaneous personnel (including recruits, prisoners, service troops, and the General Mounted Service).

___ **Carded Medical Records, Regular Army, 1894-1912** (RG94, Entry 530). These cards indicate the soldier's name, rank, organization, age, race, birthplace, date entered service, reference to original record, date of admission to hospital, source of admission, name of hospital, cause of admission (whether sustained in the line of duty), complications, disposition of the case, and date of disposition. The records are arranged by arm of service, thereunder by number of regiment, and then by initial letter of the soldier's surname. Infantry, Cavalry, and Artillery regiments are followed by Coast and Field Artillery batteries, Philippine Scouts, Prisoners, Engineers, Ordnance, Signal Corps, Service School Detachment, Navy, Marines, Transports, men on duty at West Point, the Hospital Corps, and miscellaneous personnel.

___ **Carded Medical Records of Hospital Attendants, Matrons, and Nurses, 1861-65** (RG94, Entry 535). This series of cards shows the name of the individual, hospital muster roll and date of original record, when attached, capacity in which employed, by whom and to what date last paid, whether present or absent, and remarks. The cards are arranged by initial letter of the individual's surname.

Volunteer Soldiers

___ **Carded Medical Records, Volunteers: Mexican and Civil Wars, 1846-65** (RG94, Entry 534). Similar in nature to the Regular Army cards, these show the soldier's name; rank; organization; nature of complaint; date admitted and name of hospital; date returned to duty, deserted, discharged, sent to a general hospital, furloughed, or died; remarks; and reference to the original hospital record. The cards are arranged by State, then by numerical designation of organization, and thereunder by initial letter of the soldier's surname, the Mexican War records for each organization following those of the Civil War. The U.S. Colored Troops and Veteran Reserve Corps are included in the alphabetical file, which is followed by miscellaneous personnel (persons whose organizations were apparently unknown), teamsters, laborers, and other employees and civilians; prisoners; recruits, substitutes, drafted, and unassigned; and persons belonging to named organizations (no State designations).

Note: The medical cards for volunteers in the Spanish-American War and the Philippine Insurrection are filed with the compiled military service records for those conflicts.

Naval and Marine Personnel

___ **Carded Medical Records, Marine Corps, 1821-84** (RG94, Entry 533). The records in this series are similar to those described in Entry 529 for the Regular Army. They cover marines who were treated in Army hospitals, and are arranged by the initial letter of the marine's surname.

___ **Carded Medical Records, Gunboat and Naval Service, 1861-65** (RG94, Entry 536). These carded records provide the individual's name and rank; the name of the vessel on which he served; the nature of the complaint; date of admission and name of hospital; date returned to duty, deserted, discharged, sent to a general hospital, furloughed, or died; remarks; and references to the original source material. They are arranged by the initial letter of the surname.

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