



Confederate Prisoners of War, 1861–1865

On July 17, 1862, the War Department established the Office of the Commissary General of Prisoners, an independent agency within the Department, that had the responsibility for the supervision of Confederate prisoners of war and political prisoners confined in Union prisons. The office also supervised correspondence and other business relating to the exchange of Confederate and Federal prisoners of war as well as prisoners confined in the South, maintained camps for paroled Federal prisoners of war, and supervised parolees. In 1867 the War Department abolished the Office of the Commissary General of Prisoners.

Confederate Army Prisoners of War

___M598, *Selected Records of the War Department Relating to Confederate Prisoners of War, 1861–1865*. 145 rolls. DP. Arranged in three sections: records relating to all prisoners; records relating to a specific prison or camp; and records relating to several prisons. There is no comprehensive name index. See the following rolls for the prisons where “Galvanized Yankees,” Confederate prisoners of war who secured their release from prison by enlisting in the Union Army, were recruited: Alton, Illinois (rolls 13–20); Camp Douglas, Illinois (rolls 53–64); Camp Morton, Illinois (rolls 99–103); Point Lookout, Maryland (rolls 111–129); and Rock Island, Illinois (rolls 131–135.)

For more information about “Galvanized Yankees,” see the reference report: *Military Service in the U.S. Volunteer Infantry, “Galvanized Yankees,” 1864–1866*.

___M918, *Register of Confederate Soldiers, Sailors, and Citizens Who Died in Federal Prisons and Military Hospitals in the North, 1861–1865*. 1 roll. DP. Arranged alphabetically by name of prison camp or other location where Confederate prisoners died, and then alphabetically by name of deceased. The lists provide name, rank, company, regiment, date of death, and number and location of grave for each soldier interred.

___M1781, *Muster Rolls and Lists of Confederate Troops Paroled in North Carolina*. 7 rolls. DP. Arranged alphabetically by name of town where the parole took place, and thereunder by list number assigned by the War Department. Some lists are unnumbered and others are duplicates. Unit names and dates of surrender are also identified.

Note: Similar muster rolls and lists exist for Confederate troops paroled in other states, but have not been microfilmed. They may be found in Record Group 109.

___M2072, *Lists of Confederates Captured at Vicksburg, Mississippi, July 4, 1863*. 1 roll. DP. Arranged alphabetically by state, thereunder by unit. The lists provide the following information about each prisoner: name, rank, regiment, company, date and place of capture, and remarks.

Confederate Navy Prisoners of War

___M260, *Records Relating to Confederate Naval and Marine Personnel*. 7 rolls. DP. Arranged alphabetically by surname of sailor or marine. Rolls 1–4 include hospital and prison records.

___M1091, *Subject File of the Confederate States Navy, 1861–1865*. 61 rolls. DP. Arranged by general subject category. Rolls 43–44 contain Category R–Prisoners and Prisons. The category is further divided into the following subtopics: RB–Prisoner of War Rolls and Lists (Persons Captured by Union Forces); RE–Release and Exchange; RL–Paroles; and RV–Miscellaneous. The subtopics are arranged alphabetically by name of ship, naval station, or individual.

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