

Finding Aid for the New York State Adjutant General's Office National Guard Muster Rolls series.

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Online Finding Aid Record:

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Overview of Records

Repository:

New York State Archives

Summary:

This series consists of muster rolls for each division and brigade in the New York National Guard, as well as all organizations in the New York Naval Militia. Information provided generally includes: name; rank; whether present or absent at annual muster; date of rank; date and rank of original entry into service; and remarks on any change in status. Each roll also lists names of men gained or lost since the last annual muster, by discharge, promotion, expulsion, transfer, removal, desertion, or death. NOTE: Only Naval Militia muster rolls are available for the period 1942-1954.

Creator:

New York (State). Adjutant General's Office

Title:

National Guard muster rolls

Inclusive Dates:

1878-1954

Quantity:

89.5 cubic feet (313 volumes)

Series Number:

13726

Arrangement:

13726-83: Chronological by year, then by brigade number (with the divisions put first).

13726-84: Arranged by type of unit (artillery, cavalry, medical, signal corps, depot units, separate companies, or regiment) and therein chronological by year.

13726-86: Organized into four subseries: Subseries 1, Annual Returns, 1915-1934 (102 volumes); Subseries 2, Naval Militia Annual Muster Rolls, 1891-1954 (10 volumes); Subseries 3, Semi-Annual Returns, 1916-1917 (4 volumes); Subseries 4, Monthly Returns, 1935-1941 (90 volumes). Within subseries arrangement is by organizational unit and therein chronological by year.

13726-08: Chronological by year, then by regiment and company.

Scope and Contact Note:

This series consists of muster rolls for each division and brigade in the New York National Guard, as well as all organizations in the New York Naval Militia. The rolls are bound together in one volume for all divisions, and one volume for each brigade. Chapter 80 of the Laws of 1870 provided for annual musters and inspections of units of the National Guard and return of the same to the Adjutant General. The division volume lists general and staff officers for each division as well as the officers and privates in each separate company of infantry or battery of artillery attached to the several divisions. The brigade volumes list general and staff officers for each brigade, artillery, and troop of cavalry. The following information is given for each commissioned officer: name; rank; whether present or absent at annual muster; date of rank; date and rank of original entry into service; and remarks on any change in status. The information for non-commissioned officers and privates is similar, except that each entry gives date and term of enlistment or re-enlistment, and age at the time. Each roll also lists names of men gained or lost since the last annual muster, by discharge, promotion, expulsion, transfer, removal, desertion, or death. Each muster roll contains a certificate of the commanding officer which includes remarks on the state of discipline, drill, arms and accoutrements, clothing, and equipment of the unit. Company muster rolls have a record of drills, inspections, and parades performed during the past year. Each muster roll also has summary statistics on gains and losses and on present strength. The cover sheet of each roll gives identifying information on the unit, including names of commanding and mustering officers, and date and location of muster. Each volume contains inside the cover a typewritten list of muster rolls contained therein. The

list gives name of unit and date and place of muster. There is also one volume of "Muster Out Rolls 1882" which contains rolls for infantry companies, artillery batteries, and a cavalry troop disbanded in the years 1882-1885. The form is the same used for regular muster rolls. There is occasionally information on the reasons for disbandment. 13726-08: This accretion consists of two volumes of muster rolls of the 3rd Brigade, New York National Guard, for May 7-30, 1880 and October 10-26, 1881 respectively. Included are muster rolls for companies in the 7th, 8th, 69th and 71st Infantry regiments.

Use of Records:

Access Restrictions:

There are no restrictions regarding access to or use of the material.

Alternate Formats Available:

Scanned images of muster rolls for the "Harlem Hellfighters" New York unit are available at the New York State Archives.

Related Information:

Related Materials:

Series B2001, New York National Guard service cards, contains related records.

Other Finding Aids:

13726-83: Container list, and a table of volumes present and absent.

13726-84, 13726-08: Volume list.

13726-86: Item list (volume contents by unit).

Access Terms:

Subjects:

- Military history
- Sailors--New York (State)--History
- Armed Forces
- Soldiers

- Veterans

Corporate Names:

- New York (State). Adjutant General's Office
- New York State Archives
- New York (State). National Guard
- New York (State). Executive Department
- New York (State). Division of Military and Naval Affairs
- New York (State). National Guard

Genres:

- Muster rolls
- Military records

Geographic Names:

- New York (State)--Armed Forces
- United States--National Guard
- New York (State)
- New York (State)--History, Military

Functions:

- Monitoring
- Supervising
- Maintaining military records

Detailed Description:

Contact repository for copy with container list information.