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Creator: Neal, W.A.

Abstract: The 1st Regiment, Missouri Engineers Collection contains a history of the 25th Regiment Missouri Infantry and Bissell’s Engineer Regiment of the West and how they consolidated into the 1st Regiment, Missouri Engineers and includes unit rosters. This history was edited and compiled by Dr. W.A. Neal, who served as the assistant surgeon in the 1st Missouri Engineers.

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Historical Note:

In July 1861, Colonel J.W. Bissel proposed the formation of a unit comprised of mechanics, artisans and laborers to form the Engineer Regiment of the West. The army tasked the regiment with the construction of military fortifications, guarding and repairing key railroads and roads, along with their regular military duties. Companies A through K, comprised of 907 men, organized on October 31, 1861. In August 1861, the regiment travelled by train from St. Louis, Missouri to Cape Girardeau, Missouri, where they labored building fortifications. In September 1861, the regiment travelled by train from Camp Genesee in St. Louis, to Lamine Bridge in Central, Missouri. They named the site Camp Julia, where they remained until late October. They were then relocated to Flat Creek in Sedalia, naming the site Camp Hasie.

Originally organized as the 13th Missouri Infantry in June 1861, the 25th Missouri Infantry was designated as such in September 1861. In August of 1861 the regiment was ordered to guard a part of the line of the Hannibal and St. Joseph Railroad. In late August, they were ordered to Lexington, Missouri. In March the regiment travelled to Pittsburgh Landing to serve under the command of General Grant. They were placed in McKean’s brigade in Prentiss’s division. They were then ordered to Iron Mountain, St. Francois County, Missouri.

In March 1863, the regiment returned from Iron Mountain and was ordered to St. Joseph, Missouri under orders to clear Northwest Missouri of bushwhackers, which it did until June 1863, at which time they were sent to New Madrid, Missouri. While there, the regiment reconstructed fortifications and garrisoned the post.

On February 4, 1864, Bissell’s Engineer Regiment of the West and the 25th Missouri Infantry consolidated into the 1st Missouri Engineers. This took effect in Nashville, Tennessee where both regiments were stationed. After the consolidation, the regiment was ordered to complete the western twenty miles of the Nashville and Northwestern Railroad. The regiment mustered out in July 1865.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged in its original published order in one folder.

Scope and Content Note:

This collection contains a history of the 25th infantry regiment as well as the history of the 1st Missouri Engineers. W.A. Neal, a veteran of the 1st Missouri Engineers, edited and compiled the history after the consolidated regiments held their first reunion in St. Louis in September 1887. The work soon expanded to 400 pages in length. These materials contain illustrations of commanding officers of the two units, unit rosters, an introduction by W.A. Neal written after reunion, and a brief history of the two units and their consolidation.

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