

Annual Report of the 63 rd Regiment of G. M. Commanded by
Jn^o S. Porter

Byron Georgia 25 th June 1829		Colonel	Lieut Colonel	Majors	Adjutant	Quartermaster	Pay Master	Surgeon	Surgeon's Mate	Cpts	1st Lieuts	2nd Lieuts	Ensigns	Quartermaster Serg.	Drum Major	Seargants	Corporals	Musicians	Privates	Total	Aggregate
Field & Staff		1	"	1	"	"	1	"	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	4	4
Capt. Wilson		"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	1	1	1	"	"	4	4	"	47	55	59
" Grimsley		"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	1	1	1	"	"	4	4	"	58	66	70
" Hair		"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	1	1	1	"	"	4	4	"	37	45	49
" Boyce		"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	1	1	1	"	"	3	4	"	33	40	44
" Roberts		"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"		1	1	1	"	"	4	4	"	41	49	52
" Keel		"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	1	"	"	"	4	4	"	46	54	56
		1	"	1	"	"	1	"	1	4	6	6	5			23	24	"	262	313	334

Jn^o S Porter Col^o Com^s
63 rd Reeg^t
G.M

Baker
Early County

Quarter Master's Department

2^d Div Geo. M.^a Augusta Geo. June 19, 1929th

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Sir

I am directed by Maj. General Montgomery, to inform you, that the Arms, accoutrements &c issued to the Citizens of Augusta, during the late alarm, have been returned by them, and are now stored in an insecure place, and in a condition that requires immediate attention, in order to preserve them for future use.

In obedience to your verbal instructions, when last in Augusta, I wrote to Maj. Kennon, the Military Store Keeper at Milledgeville, requesting him to enquire of the armourer employed by the State, at what rate he would undertake to clean, oil & box the arms in this place. I am without reply from him. Allow me, Sir, to request that the proper Officers be instructed to attend, to this duty. — There are three hundred and eighty stands that have been used, I think they can be put in order for forty cents each.

I have made an arrangement with L^t Col. Fanning of the Army, to receive the Arms &c, as a deposit; provided they are marked as the property of the State. Your wishes on these subjects, will be attended to immediately by me, when known.

I have the honor to be,
Sir, Very respectfully,

Your ob.^t Serv.^t

L. A. Rigail

Maj. & Q.M. 2^d Div. Geo. Ma.

(Reverse)

On State Service
L A. Rigail
Major & Q.M.

To His Excellency,
John Forsyth
Governor of Georgia

For His Excellency,
John Forsyth

Governor of Georgia
Milledgeville, Geo.

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Executive Department

June 23^d 1829

Sir

Your letter of the 19th Ins.^t has been rec.^d The military Store Keeper at this place States to the Executive that the Guns can be Cleaned Oiled & Boxed for One Dollar per Box- and that as he had so written you.

The arms ^{agreeably} can, to your arrgmt.^t With Lt. Col.^l Fannin be deposited in the Arsenal and marked as the property of the State.

The Governor is some what surprised that such an expense should be necessary to put in order Arms which have been so short a time in use.

Very Respectfully

Y.^r ob s.^t

E. H. Pierce

Maj.^r L. A. Rignall

(Reverse)

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Milledgeville 11th July 1829

To His Excellency
Governor Forsyth,

Sir,

Agreeably to a Resolution of the Legislature
Authorising the military Store Keeper under the direction of your
Excellency to make fit for service such arms as would not be attend-
ed with considerable expence. I have the Honor to Report to your Ex-
cellency that I have received from Mr Gladin fifty muskets and w
twenty four rifles well repaired and fit for the field. The mili-
tary store Keeper contracted for the repairing & putting in good
order the same as two dollars for Guns.

Respectfully your obedient

Servant

Tho H Kenan

M.S. Keeper

(on reverse)

To His Excellency

Govr Forsyth

Per S

Thomas H. Kenan

Military Store Keeper

11th July 1829

Filed same day

Arms

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War Department

5th August, 1829

Sir,

I have received your communication, and the enclosures of the 27th July.

If there be sufficient grounds to authorize an apprehension of Indian hostility on the frontier of Georgia, it is hoped the additional force ordered to the Creek Nation may prevent it, and give confidence to the frontier Settlers. I very well know how easy, rumours of this sort obtain, and how rapidly they magnify as they progress. It is hardly credible, the Indians can be so stupid. Surrounded by a white population & themselves ill prepared for War, and conscious of our great superiority, they will not even meditate the execution of purposes, which could, as they well know, but eventuate in their destruction. There may be occasional lawless parties, who may commit mischief on our borders, but as it regards war, as an act of the Nation, I feel satisfied that we shall witness it no more, amongst our Southern tribes; they are too well apprised of our strength, and of their own weakness. I perceive that one of your correspondents, (M^r Woolfolk) considers the rumors as ill founded, and resting rather in the apprehensions of Col^o Crowell, than in anything of reality.

I have to request, as matter of caution that you will seek to obtain the earliest information of any unfavorable appearances amongst the Indians, and from time to time communicate to this Department every thing of fact, or opinion, that you shall consider may conduce to the public good, that we may take here, the earliest

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steps to meet any exigency that may arise.

The President will not depart from the policy he has determined upon as to the Indians. His conclusions as already communicated by himself, and thro' this Department, were the result of sound reflection, and will not be yielded, until Congress, shall require it. If in pursuing this policy, the end and object of which is kindness and humanity and safety to our red brothers, they shall determine to act in opposition - to draw the Sword and appeal to battle, deeply as he will regret it, the consequences must abide with them.

Orders have been issued some time ago, that the Indians should not pass into Georgia, but under a permit from the Agent stating particularly their business. The Commandant at Fort Mitchell will be instructed as to the enforcing this order, the consequence of which will be to give quiet to the Citizens, along the borders of your State. -

Very Respectfully,

Jn^o. A. Eaton

To His Excellency

John Forsyth,

Governor of Georgia -

(REVERSE)

Secretary of War

5 August 1829

An^d. 17 Aug. 1829

Indian Affairs

Georgia)

Butts County)

I Richard Bailey Colⁿ commanding the 59 Rig^t G. M.
do certify that the above as Stands; is a true Return of the
Com^{sd} & non com^{sd} officers & Efficient men as made by the com-
manders of Each District to me in Said Regiment Given under my
Hand this the 16 July 1829

Richard Bailey Colⁿ
of the 59 Regiment G M

REVERSE

Return of the 59 Regt G M Butts County

(Original contains the number of officers in this regiment. L. F. H.)

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29th July 1829

His Excellency John Forsyth

Sir

In Consequence

of the Inclimency of the Weather on the days of Review in Green County in One Regiment we had only Six Companys out. there whole number would have Been Eight

The other Regiment we did not attend understanding from their officers that they had So issued their orders that One Battalion attended the Muster ground the day before and would not be out on that day. After your order of the 30 May directing the returns to be made full I Issued an order to the Col.^d When I had not obtained full returns to cause them to be made out forthwith and returned to me I have waited until I believe it to be unnecessary to wait longer and no return

Yours Respectfully

Elisha Strong

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of notification of appointment to the Staff of your Excellency-

For this testimonial of your confidence be pleased to accept my thanks - I accept it as an evidence of the continuance of the friendly feeling that has hitherto been extended to me by your Excellency- which on my part has been cherished and reciprocated with sincerity

Permit me to inform you that there are at this time in the Village of Sparta, some twenty or thirty muskets belonging to the State which have been and are sustaining injury from exposure and want of care - These are the remnant of a greater number many years since loaned, or entrusted to the Commandant of an uniform Company of Infantry in Hancock (Capt Thomas F. Wells I believe) - The company has long since been disbanded many of the arms have been carried off or are in the hands of individuals - Some few however remain in the Court House of the County, and with such as may yet be reclaimed from the present wrongful posseson, may readily under the orders of your Excellency, be conveyed to the Arsenal or other place of security-

Very respectfully Yr. Excell^{ys}hm^l Sev^tNathⁿ C. Sayre

Aid de Camp.

To His Excellency

The Commander in Chief

(On reverse)
Letter N. C. Sayre

Public Arms.

To His Excellency.

George R. Gilmer

Commander in Chief
Executive DepartmentRecd and Ans^d 24 Novem. 1829

Clinton 15th Decr 1829.

Dr Sir

There has been a volunteer company existing in this county (Jones) for the last Eight or nine years and at the commencement of its existence its officers received muskets of the state for the use of said company, many of them as we have understood was then in bad order which from use from that time till same has become unfit to exercise with and do not at all correspond with the general Elegance of the Company. This letter is addressed to you by the undersigned a committee selected by the company for the purpose to ask of you to let us have in Exchange as many muskets that are in good order as we shall return of those we now have which shall be put in as good order as can conveniently be done.

We have the honor to be yours with respect

W^m D. Taylor
A F Gibson
R. V. Hardeman

His Excellency
George R. Gilmer

Committee

(Reverse)

Committee
Clinton Blues

Arms

Answer Within

Dec. 17 1829

Public Arms

His Excellency George R Gilmer
Governor of Georgia

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Milledgeville Dec^r. 15th 1829

Sir

Should it become necessary to call out, for War, a Military force suited to my grade while I hold the commission of Brigadier Gen^l. of this State, and should it not be material to regard regular details according to rank, I request you will consider me first on the list of Volunteers, and this my application for active Service.

Respectfully,

y^r. obt. Sert.

Ch^s. Floyd

Brig^r. Gen^l. G. M.

His Excellency

The Governor of

Georgia

REVERSE

Genl. Chas. Floyd's Letter

Executive Department
Decem 16, 1829

Gentlemen:

Your letter of the 15th Ins. has been rec^d. It has not been the practice of the Department to exchange arms with volunteer Corps for the reason that the State under such a practice would be at an endless expense for Repairs - However I believe in your case, Governor Forsyth agreed if the Clinton Blues would at their own cost put the arms which they wish to exchange in as good order as they were when delivered from the State he would instruct the Military Store Keeper to receive them into the arsenal and deliver the Corps a like number of muskets fit for service. I am instructed by Governor Gilmer to say this will yet be done. You can either have the Guns properly changed in Clinton or employ the Military Store Keeper to have the work done here.

Very Respectfully
Your Ob^t Serv^t

F. H. Pierce
Secretary E.D

Messrs Paylor, Gibson &
Hardeman

Majors' Office

Savannah Decr 28th 1829

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 21st inst. The man who brought the Pamphlets was arrested on the day subsequent to the seizure of the parcel and examined in presence of the Captain of the Brig. but as he appears totally ignorant of the nature of the contents and there was no evidence whatever on which to found a commitment, he was, discharged after first examining his baggage there was no attempt to distribute the pamphlets by him or any other person.

Several of the most influential of our Citizens have suggested an application to Congress to obtain the enactment of a law making it penal to other publication of this kind, and I beg leave to present for the consideration of your Excellency the propriety of a communication from yourself to the Georgia Delegation on the subject accompanied by the Pamphlets

I remain

very respectfully

Your Excellency's most obt

W. T. Williams

Major

P. S. A certified copy of the law relative to this subject would be desirable to give the publicity necessary and to prevent vessels at the north from shipping blocks for this fort.

His Excellency 182/3
G. R. Gilmer
Milledgeville

W^m T. Williams
Savannah 28 Dec. 1829

(Post Mark)
Savannah
Geo
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Annual Return of Militia of the 57 Regiment of the State of Georgia
for the Year 1829.

William C Redding Col. Commanding the 57 Reg. G.W.

Regimental Staff with their address. William C. Redding Colonel
Commandant. Henry Long adjutant, Singleton Durham Surgeant Major;
James Thereatt Surgeon; Stephen Cotton Surgeon Mate, Anderson Redding
Paymaster, John H. Green Quartermaster, William Johnigan Quarter Master
Surgeant.

The Arms Accoutrements and Amunition Is Left Blank. the return having
been made out when not on the Field consequently no accurate return
of them can be made at this time.

W. C. Redding Col
Commanding the
57th R.G.M.

Henry Long Adjutant
57 Regiment G.M.

(This manuscript contains an unnumbered list of arms accoutrements
ammunition & also the number of officers - L.F.H.)

A Return of the actual strength of the Militia of the 45th Regiment
for Gwinnett County 1829

		2	Volunteer companies
12	Companies Infantry	1	Rifle company
1	Colonel	1	Captain
1	Lieutenant Colonel	1	Lieutenant
1	Majors		Lieutenants
1	Adjutant	1	Ensigns
1	Surgeons	4	Serjeants
2	Surgeons Mates		Corporals
1	Quarter Master	41	Privates
1	Quarter Master Serjeant	48	Total number
1	Serjeant Major		
1	Pay Master	1	Company Cavalry
2	Drum & fife Majors	1	Captain
1	Clerks	1	1 st Lieutenant
1	Captains infantry	1	2 nd Lieutenant
	Lieutenants	1	Cornet
14	Lieutenants	4	Serjeants
9	Ensigns		
45	Serjeants	4	Corporals
36	Corporals	32	Privates
1377	Privates	44	Total number.

1577 Aggregate of the whole
meaning Infantry & volunteers

Richard Richardson
Col com 45th Reg

Mem. of Arms, Accoutrements, Ammunition & required for the use
of the 2nd Div. Geo. Ma. under the command of Maj. Genrl. W. W.

Montgomery.

520	Muskets & Bayonets
520	Cartiridge & Boxes
520	do " " & Belts
520	Bayonet Scabbards
520	do " " & Belts
7920	Muskets Cartiridges
1600	Flints
20	Ball Screws
20	Screw Drivers
69	Artillery Sunds
69	do " " & Belts

Augusta Geo. April 30th. 1820

L. S. Rigall

Maj. & Qrm. 2nd. Div. Geo. Ma.

(On Reverse)

Mem. Arms &
Required

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(Circular)

Ordnance Department

June 22nd. 1822.

To the Governor of the
State of Georgia.

Sir,

The small Arms accoutrements and Artillery
procured during the six preceeding years under the act of April
23^d. 1808. "for Arming and equipping the whole body of the Militia
of the United States", are now ready for delivery. The act di-
rects that the Arms shall be distributed to the several States
and Territories in proportion to the number of the effective Mi-
litia in each respectively- Measures were recently taken to make
an immediate distribution of the Arms due to each State up to the
close of the last year, but the Militia returns are found to be so
defective that the distribution is necessarily postponed for the
present. From some of the States no returns have been received
within the last Six years: and from none have complete returns
for each year been received.

In the margin is noted the years for which
no returns have been received. And I am directed by the Secre-
tary of War respectfully to call your attention to the subject
and to request that you will cause the returns for the years
noted to be forwarded as early as practicable. As soon as the
effective strength of the Militia of each State is made known to
the War Department, the Arms procured under the act will be
apportioned and the number due to each, will be delivered accord-
ingly.

(Reverse)

I have the honor to be Sir,

Returns of the Militia of the State of Georgia are
deficient for the years 1816.
1817. 1818. 1820 & 1821-

Very Respectfully Y^r Ob^t. Serv^t

Geo: Bomford, L^t. Co.¹

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