

Troop movements: Numbers

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Abstract from return of the Department of the Pacific, Brig. Gen.

Edwin R. V. Sumner, U.S. Army commanding, for the month of June, 1861

General headquarters, 18 officers, 1 men.

Aggregate, 19, aggregate present and absent 20; pieces of
artillery, heavy, blank; field, blank.

District of Oregon-31 officers, 483 men, 701 aggregate present; 974
aggregate present and absent; heavy ~~pieces~~ pieces of artillery blank,
field 16.

Troops serving in California and Nevada 65 officers, 1,575 men, 2,085 a
aggregate present, 2,367 aggregate present and absent; 79 pieces
heavy artillery, 17 pieces field artillery.

Totals, 114 officers, 2064 men, 2,805 aggregate present, 3,361
aggregate present and absent; 79 pieces heavy artillery and 33
pieces field artillery.

Fort Vancouver: Captain Henry M. Black, 3rd U.S. Artillery Company D.
9th Infantry, Company C.

Vancouver Depot, Lieut William T. Welcker, Detachment of
Ordnance U.S. Army.

Fort Colville, Wash Ter. Lt. Major Pinkney Lugenbeel, 9th U.S.
Infantry, Companies A, C and K.

Camp Picket, San Juan Island, Capt. George E. Pickett, 9th U.S.
Infantry, Company D.

Fort Steilacoom, Cap. Dickinson Woodruff, 9th U.S. Infantry,
Companies F and H.

Fort Walla Walla, Major Enoch Steen. 1st U.S. Dragoons,
Companies C.E. and I.

Fort Dalles, Oregon. Bvt. Lieut Col. Robert C. Buchanan,
1st U.S. Dragoons, Company H.

Fort Yamhill, Ore. Lieut Philip H. Sheridan, 4th U.S. Infantry,
Company K. (detachment)

Fort Hoskins, Oregon. Capt. Christopher C. Augur, 4th U.S.
Infantry, Company G (th U.S. Infantry, Company B.

Fort Umpqua, OO Lieut Martin D. Hardin, 3rd U.S. Artillery,
Company L (detachment)

New San Diego, Cal. bvt. Maj. Granville O. Haller, 4th U.S.
Infantry, Company I. (Troops serving in California and Nevada)

(as of June 30, 1861)

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Organization of troops in the Department of the Pacific, commanded by
Brig. Gen. Edwin V. Sumner, U.S. Army, June 30, 1861 (Listed in part)

District of Oregon

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D; 9th U.S. Infantry, company G.

Vancouver Depot, Wash ter. Lt. William T. Welcker. Detachment of
ordnance, U.S. Army.

Fort Colville, Wash Ter. Bvt. Maj. Pinkney Lugenbeel. 9th
U.S. Infantry, companies A.C. and K.

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Infantry, Companies F and H.

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Dragoons, Company H.

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Company G, 9th U.S. Infantry, Company B.

Fort Umpqua, Oreg. Lieut Martin D. Hardin, 3d U.S. Artillery Company L
(detachment)

Troops serving in Calif and Nevada

At ~~Fort Point, Cal.~~ ~~San Diego, Cal.~~ New San Diego. Bvt. Maj. Granville O. Haller,
4th U.S. Infantry, Company I

Nevada

Fort Churchill, Nev. Ter. Maj. A.H. Blake, 1st U.S. Dragoons, Company A,
6th U.S. Infantry, companies A.G. and H.

California and Nevada:

Fort Bragg, Cal.

Fort Point, Cal.

New San Diego

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Headquarters dept of the Pacific, San Francisco Calif, July 2, 1861

Col George Wright, ninth regiment of infantry, commanding district of Oregon, Fort Vancouver, Wash ter.

Sir: Captain Pickett, ninth infantry, having tendered his resignation as an officer of the Army, the general commanding the department desires you to withdraw the company at present on San Juan Island substituting therefor one having a captain in command.

Richard C. Drum

Assistant Adjutant General

Headquarters District of Oregon, Fort Vancouver, Wash Ter. July 11, 1861
Special Orders No. 18--S-Capt. T.C. English, ninth infantry with his company (H) will proceed without delay to San Juan Island and relieve the garrison now at that place.

II-Capt. G.E. Pickett, Ninth Infantry on being relieved by Capt. English will move with his company to Fort Steilacoom and turn over his command and public property to Captain Woodruff. Captain Pickett will then be permitted to avail himself of the leave of absence granted in Special Orders 118 current series from department headquarters. by order of Colonel Wright. Jno S. Mason.

Indian abuses

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Fort Brag , July 3, 1861

Assistant Adjutant General, Headquarters Department of the Pacific,
San Francisco.

At Fort Humboldt on inspection... ~~89~~ Upward of 200 Indians (men with few ~~exceptions~~ accidental exceptions have been killed by the different detachments. Presuming that this slaughter is to stop at some point short of extermination, for the alleged depredations of the Indians would hardly justify that, I have ventured to advise the officers in command to discontinue it now until other depredations are committed

(Lieut Orlando H. Moore, Fort Bragg, Cal. 6th U.S. Infantry, Company D.
D.C. Buell, assistant adjutant general and inspector.

Capt. Charles S. Lovell, sixth infantry, commanding Fort Humboldt, Cal.
Camp on Larrabee Creek, July 9 1861, from Buell. ~~concerning~~ notifying
advise to commanders of detachments in the field to make no more attacks
on Indians except for depredations actually committed

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Fort Gaston, July 13, 1861

Captain C.S. Lovell, Sixth Infantry, Commanding Fort Humboldt.

Sir: The volunteers from Lieutenant Martin's camp brought away with them three Indian children, whom they captured during their recent operations against the Indians, and whom I learn, they design to retain in their service. I deem it proper to bring this matter to your notice, because I imagine it will meet with the disapprobation of the department commander, to whom I shall feel it my duty to report as well as other like cases which have occurred in some of the detachments now in the field. D.C. Buell, assistant adjutant-general acting inspector general.

Pickett: Troop movements

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Special Orders No. 18, headquarters District of Oregon, Fort Vancouver, Wash. Per July 11, 1861

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Fort Steilacoom, Wash Per July 26, 1861

First Lieut J.S. Mason, third artillery, acting assistant adjutant-general, hdqrs District of Oregon, Fort Vancouver.

Sir: I have the honor to report that in obedience to Special Orders No 18 headquarters District of Oregon, Captain T.C. English with his company H, Ninth Infantry, on the 24th instant relieved my company (B) as the garrison of Camp Pickett, San Juan Island and I at the same time turned over the command of the post to him. I arrived

P 545) here this morning on the Massachusetts, and have turned over to Captain Woodruff, Ninth Infantry, commanding this post, my company and company property in compliance with above mentioned order. G.E. Pickett, Captain, Ninth Infantry.

Archer. Troop movements

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Special Orders No. 20, Headquarters District of Oregon, Fort

Vancouver, Wash Ter July 15, 1861

11-First Lieut P.H. Sheridan, Fourth Infantry, will relieve Captain
Archer in command of Company I, Ninth Infantry, receiving and

receipting for the company and public property pertaining thereto.

Lieutenant Sheridan will remain in command of Fort Hoskins

until the arrival of an officer of the Ninth Infantry. By order of

Colonel Wright.

Special orders No 20

Headquarters District of Oregon, Fort Vancouver, Wash Ter. July 15, 1861

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Headquarters District of Oregon, Fort Vancouver, Wash Ter Aug 9, 1861

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Troop movements

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Fort Dalles, Ore , July 29, 1861

to Fort Vancouver

Obedience to Special Order 11, left Fort Colville, Wash
Ter en route for this place on the 10th of July. I was delayed three
days at the Spokane River, waiting for transportation and seven days
at Snake River. There being no transportation on the south side of Snake
River, Captain Kirkham having made arrangements for water
transportation from that place, the company was there embarked
for the Des Chutes and reached this place on the 28th, all in good
health and everything in good condition. The order for the movement
of the company was received on the evening of the 4th of July and the
movement was commenced as soon as the quartermaster provided the
necessary transportation.

James Van Voast, Captain, Ninth Infantry, Commanding Company K

Steen to Guell from Fort Walla Walla, July 30, 1861

There is danger of Indian troubles..large portion of the Nez Perces
refuse to come into council and receive their annuities and it is
unless
expected they will join the Sakes..I am reenforced by a company
of infantry and another of dragoons I ~~will~~ ^{have} be unable to do anything
beyond taking care of the post. here are now but forty eight men
or guard duty at this post. Snakes 15 miles from post, ran off horses,
killed three and wounded two.. E. Steen..

Troop movements

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zCamp Chehalis..

Fort Vancouver, Wash ter Aug 6, 1861.

Second Lieut C.D Emory, ninth infantry, comdg detachment under orders for Camp Chehalis, Fort Vancouver, "ash ter

..On reaching Camp Chehalis with your command you will assume charge of the public buildings together with all government property you may find at that place.

I am advised by su t of Indian affairs that his agent will be at Camp Chehalis about the 15th instant for the purpose of proceeding to the agency established a few miles north of that place and erecting the necessary Odd Odd buildings.

Your object in sending yourself and command to Chehalis is to restore confidence of settlers in that quarter and to afford protection to the Indian agent and his party in establishing themselves. You will obtain the most reliable information of the number, character and habits of the Indians in that region. I also wish you to make a topographical sketch accompanied by a brief memoir of the country you may pass over...Your men should be prepared to bake their own bread. Take with you the necessary equipage including about two tents, two axes and haches etc. G. Wright Col Ninth Infantry commanding.

p 573, August 16

Reported to d Arrived 15th instant at 12:30 p.m. the reservation, which is on the north side of Gray's Harbor. The Indians in the immediate vicinity of Camp Chehalis do not number more than thirty-men, women and children. The rest of the tribe are at Chinook and Sheal Water Bay, about fifty more. They are peaceable in character. The place selected for the establishment of the agency is about thirty-five miles north of this post. The Indians there are more numerous... (Emory)

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Columbia, August 11, 1861

President Davis:

General A.S. Johnston crossed the Colorado at Yuma July 1 accompanied by Armistead, Shaaff, Brewer, Mallory, Riley, Wickliffe and Hardcastle--all resigned--with civilians about thirty. They will probably reach San Antonio on the 1st of September. Perhaps you may have been informed of this but I know it was important to you and as I have it certain, I thought I would let you know. The Smith recently sent to a fortress in New York and seized from an Aspinwall steamer is a son of Hon William Smith of Be Virginia and was sent to the fortress expressly by order of Lincoln as a political prisoner

F.W. Pickens

Transfers

Wright

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Headquarters Dept of the Pacific, San Francisco, August 26, 1861, 3:40

p.m. Col George Wright commanding district of Oregon

On the arrival of Col B.L. Beall turn over your command to him and repair to this place as soon as possible. You will probably be here for some time. Colonel Beall goes on the boat tomorrow.

Order Lieutenant-Colonel Buchanan with the headquarters of his regiment to repair here immediately. E.V. Sumner, Brigadier General U.S. Army commanding.

Ordered by Richard C. Drumm.. August 26 to acquaint Beall with Indian affairs and particularly with regard to all matters pertaining to the occupancy of San Juan Island.

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Wright

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Headquarters Dept. of the Pacific
San Francisco, Aug st 26, 1861, 3:40 p.m.

Col. George Wright;

Commanding district of Oregon

On the arrival of Col. B.L. Beall turn over your command to him and repair to this place as soon as possible. You will probably be here for some time. Colonel Beall goes up in the boat tomorrow. Order Lt. Col Buchanan with the headquarters of his regiment to repair here immediately.

E.V. Sumner

Brig. Gen. U.S. Army
commanding

Headquarters, Department of the Pacific, San Francisco, Cal. Aug 26, 1861
Col. George Wright, commanding district of Oregon Fort Vancouver, Wash.
ter.

Sir: The general commanding the department desires you in turning over the command of the District of Oregon to Col. Beall to inform him very generally regarding Indian affairs within the district and particularly with regard to all matters pertaining to the occupancy of San Juan Island. Richard C. Drum, assistant adjutant general.

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(Portage reference)

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Cascades

Fort Cascades, Wash Ter, Aug. 28, 1861 Lieut A.C. Wildbick, third artillery,
hdqrs. District of Oregon, Fort Vancouver, Wash ter.

Lieutenant: Since my last report on the 26th instant I sent Capt.
Van Voast with a party to examine an old trail which comes into the river,
Oregon side, at Eagle Creek. He started early in the morning and followed
the trail until all signs and traces of it disappeared when he continued
on until it became dangerous for himself and command to climb over the
rocks et. He reports that he saw no signs of Indians and thinks neither
white man nor Indian had ever been to the point he reached.

I also started with a party the same morning and at the same time to
examine ~~in~~ the country lying to the north of this post and back
of the Portage on this side of the river. Mr. Jones, late sutler's agent
at this post and Mr. Hamilton kindly volunteered to accompany me and I
found them of great assistance. We followed the military road as far as
the bridge, then turned to the left into the woods; followed an old
wood road for about a mile then struck into the woods without a trail
but by the compass nearly north to strike a lake which lies back of the
Upper Cascades and after a very tiresome march over very high ~~high~~ hills
covered with rocks and through very thick underbrush we succeeded in our
object of reaching this Blue Lake. Saw no Indian signs whatever
and I think I may safely say that we were the first whites who had
ever reached that lake or chain of lakes so high up from this side or
end of the Portage and it is a question if many, or any, Indians
had ever done so. We then struck a trail and came to the river a short
distance above Mr. Bradford's store at the Upper Cascades and got upon
the military road at a lake near the Upper Cascades, thence back to this
post. I have nothing further to add to my previous reports.

H.M. Black

Captain, Ninth Infantry, commanding U.S. Troops at Cascades.

Dalles. At Fort Vancouver are two companies under Captain Black-- twelve men are detached at Camp Chehalis. At Fort Hoskins one company under Captain Dent--eleven men detached under Lieut. Mullan. At Fort Steilacoom two companies under Captain Woodruff ^{not} and half full either of them. At San Juan Island one company under Captain English, half full. The present disposition of the troops is believed to be the best that can be made.

The companies at the reservations are small and cannot be dispensed with. The companies are generally much reduced and have many men detached.

I have called for a company of volunteer cavalry to be mustered in by Captain Whittlesley at Fort Dalles. Capt. Whittlesey cannot be removed from Fort Dalles as he has to muster in and take charge of the volunteer cavalry. There is much alarm beyond the Dalles but I apprehend that no real danger exists. In all events Capt. Whittlesley with his own volunteer force will manage to keep everything quiet. The large bodies of Indians at Yamhill and Hoskins some of them rather disaffected render it prudent to keep a small company at each place. I invite your careful attention to my order and letter books and to the orders and instructions from department headquarters. G. Wright Col. 9th infantry commanding.

-- Headquarters District of Oregon,
Fort Vancouver Wash Te Sept 13, 1861

General Orders No 1-First Lieut A.C. Wildrick Third artillery will immediately relieve Maj. E.B. Babbitt quartermaster U.S. Army in his duties as chief quartermaster and commissary at the Vancouver depot. II-after being relieved Major Babbitt will repair immediately to San Francisco to relieve Lieut. Col Swords. *****IV The command of the District of Oregon is hereby transferred to Col B.L. Beal, First Dragoons, G. Wright Colonel Ninth infantry, commanding