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Guthrie 9th Infy.

Asking additional allowance of clothing for Company H, 9th Infy.

Respectfully referred to the general com the dep. for his consideration and reference to the War Dept. In the war against the Seminole Indians there are precedents for an extra allowance of clothing to soldiers ... in the field. Silas Casey, Lt. Col. 9th.

Respectfully forwarded to the adjutant general, John Wool, 15, May, 56.

Respectfully submitted to the Secretary of War. The allowance of clothing to the army at the present time is given in the accompanying general order. S. Cooper.

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Irregularly presented. 8606. Jefferson Davis, Secty of War. Received June 16, 1856.

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Sir:

I would respectfully report that in consequence of the unexampled country in which the soldiers of my company have been serving against the hostile Indians they are unable to preserve their clothing or make it last any length of time.

Travelling almost constantly in swamps filled with water, fallen trees, heavy and thick bush or brush, the bootees and pants are worn out and become in a short time unfit for use.

I would respectfully ask that my company be allowed an additional amount of clothing. Say three pair of bootees, two pair pants, two pair drawers and two shirts each year while serving in this territory against hostile Indians.

At the present time the men of my company are wearing clothes bought by themselves from citizens and not clothing ordered by regulations. They have drawn all and over their yearly allowance from the government and it is worn out in service. I am etc.

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