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Partial list of abstract of Army for June 30, 1863

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General Headquarters 15 officers 1 man, present and absent agg. 17

California 46 officers, 1,018 men, grand total 1,553, 174 pieces art. 8 field

District of Oregon (Alford) 63 officers, 893 men, grand total 1,283

District of Humboldt (Lippitt) 20 officers, 190 men, grand total 387

District of Utah (Connor) 47 officers, 857 men, 80648 1,226 grand total

District Southern California (Forman) 41 officers, 1,043 men.

(Grand total includes aggregate present and absent.

California includes: San Francisco, the Presidio, Fort Point, Alcatraz Island, Benicia Barracks and Arsenal, Fort Crook, Camp Union and Camp Baker, Oregon.

Department of the Pacific, Brig. Gen George Wright, U.S. Army commanding.

District of Oregon.

Fort Vancouver, Wash. Ter. Maj. Andrew W. Bowman.

9th United States Company A.

Vancouver Arsenal, Wash. Ter. Capt. Theodore J. Inkerson, detachment of Ordnance, U.S. Army.

Fort Colville, Wash. Ter. Maj. Calvin H. Russell, 1st Wash. Territory Companies B and C.

Fort Walla Walla, Wash. Ter. Col. Justus Steinberger, 1st Washington Territory, Company A.

Camp Lapwai, Wash. Ter. Maj. Sewall Truman. 1st Oregon Cavalry Company F. First Washington Territory Company E.

Fort Dalles, Oregon. Capt. William V. Spencer. 1st Oregon Cavalry Company B. 1st Washington Territory Companies F.

Camp Babbitt, Visalia, Calif. Lieut. Col. William Jones, 2d Calif. Cavalry Company I.

Cpls. Henry M. Black, description of arms and acc. (others not copied)

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Ft. Tejon.

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Headquarters, Department of the Pacific, San Francisco, Cal. July 9,
1863.

Capt. M.A. McLaughlin, Second Cavalry, California Volunteers.

Comdg. Camp Independence, Owen's River Valley, Cal.

Sir: The department commander desires you to make immediate
preparations for moving the force under your command to Fort Tejon
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which will be reoccupied. Until the close of the summer one company will
be camped near to or on the South Fork of Kern River, or at such other
point in that vicinity as you may deem best to give the necessary
protection to the whites residing in the country known as Owen's
Lake Valley. Settlers cutting hay or wood in the valley will not, for
the general directs, be molested or removed from the land claimed under
the preemption laws.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant

R.C. Drum

Assistant Adjutant General.

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HdQRS. Dept. of the Pacific

Special Orders No. 162

San Francisco, Cal. July 10, 1863

1-Camp Independence will be abandoned as soon after the receipt of
this order as practicable and the troops thereat will proceed to
and reoccupy Fort Tejon, taking with them all the movable property
By order of Brigadier General Wright.

Richd. C. Drum

Assistant Adjutant General.

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(Fort Tejon.)

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Headquarters, Department of the Pacific, San Francisco, July 28, 1863
Capt. M.A. McLaughlin, Second Cavalry, Vols. Comdg. Fort Tejon, Cal.

Sir: It has been represented to the general commanding that the regularly constituted agent of the Indian Department at Fort Tejon or on the Indian reservation near that post, has been interfered with while attempting to discharge the duties assigned him by the Superintendent Wentworth; also that private persons and property have been molested. The general disapproves of any action of this nature and desires you to restore everything to the condition it was found if practicable. Particular complaint has been made that Lieutenant Daley assumed authority not delegated and interfered or destroyed private property. The general desires you to report in full on the subject above alluded to.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant

R.C. Drum

Assistant Adjutant General.

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Headquarters, Department of the Pacific, San Francisco, Cal. Aug 5, 1863
Capt. M.A. McLaughlin, Second Cavalry, California Vols. Comdg. Fort Tejon, Cal.

Sir: Your letter of the 22d ultimo reporting the removal of Indians from Owen's River Valley to the Tejon Reservation has been submitted to the general commanding, who approves your course. The general directs that you will hold in close confinement the balance of persons implicated in the killing of Indians until it is fully determined whether there is any law applicable to the case.

Very Respectfully, your obedient servant. R.C. Drum, Assistant Adj. Gen.

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Camp Babbitt

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Camp Babbitt, August 6, 1863, 7:30 p.m.

(Via Visalia)

Col. R. C. Drum:

Sergeant Stroble of Company I was deliberately shot and killed today by one James Wells, a noted rebel of this place. He made his escape. There is a detachment in pursuit. I have arrested one Gordon Douglass, who was connected in the shooting. An outbreak may be looked for at any moment. The rebels are well organized. I have issued all the spare arms to the home guards. We need more. We can take care of ourselves if we had more arms.

Wm. Jones

Lieutenant-Colonel, Commanding Camp.

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San Francisco, August 8, 1863

Lieutenant Colonel Jones, Visalia, Cal.

McLaughlin ordered to send you with strongest company with arms and ammunition for citizens. Maintain your position at all hazards. If wires are down send express with copy of this to McLaughlin.

R. C. Drum Assistant adjt. gen.

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Hdqs. Department of the Pacific

San Francisco, August 11, 1863

Special Orders No. 1188

2-The headquarters and three companies of the Second Regiment Infantry California Volunteers will proceed by water to Stockton and thence to Millerton, Fresno County, Cal. The headquarters and two companies will reoccupy old Fort Miller, and the third company will move to Camp Babbitt, near Visalia, and report for duty to Lieut. Colonel Jones.

Richd. C. Drum.

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Headquarters Department of the Pacific
San Francisco, Cal. August 11, 1863

Lieut. Col. William Jones
Second Cavalry California Volunteers
Commanding Camp Babbitt near Visalia, Calif.

Sir: The general commanding has directed the following movement of troops for the purpose of assisting you to preserve the peace and giving the necessary protection to the Union element in Fresno and Tulare counties: headquarters and two companies of Second Infantry to take post at Old Fort Miller, one company of same regiment to proceed to Camp Babbitt and report to you for duty. The general desires you to be prudent in the exercise of your authority, but should the occasion require it to act with firmness and promptness in putting down any disloyal demonstration. You will encourage the formation into companies of all persons in whose loyalty there is no doubt with the understanding that in the event of an outbreak they will cooperate with your forces. With this understanding they can be supplied with arms from the surplus on hand in the several companies.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant

R. C. Drum

Assistant Adjutant General.

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San Francisco, August 11, 1863

Col. H. M. Black, Benicia, Cal.

The headquarters and three companies of the Second Infantry go to old Fort Miller. One company of Second, preferably Norton's, will go to Sacramento en route to Chico, the latter to be sent up on the day the boats connect at Sacramento. Schindler is under orders to join Olney. (Col. Olney)

R. C. Drum
Assistant Adjutant General

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Fort Miller. Olney

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R.C. Drum

assistant adjut. Gen.

Headquarters, Department of the Pacific, San Francisco, Cali. Aug. 11, '63
Col. Henry M. Black, Sixth Infantry, California Volunteers, Commanding
Benicia Barracks, Benicia, Cal.

Sir: Such of the regimental records as may be absolutely necessary will be taken in the movement directed in orders; the balance with such company property as may be left at Benicia, will be sent at a future day. The command will take a good supply of ammunition and sixty stand of rifled muskets; surplus with necessary equipments, to be left at Fort Miller. If the amount of ammunition called for on requisitions is not deemed sufficient, other requisitions will be forwarded to include the arms above mentioned. It is desirable that Colonel Olney's force should be in position before the 1st of September next. The company for Chico will be sent up on the Sacramento boat for Red Bluffs, and transferred next morning and proceed at once for Chico.

R.C. Drum

Assistant Adjutant General.

Camp Babbitt

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Camp Babbitt, near Visalia, Cal. August 16, 1863

Col. R.C. Drum

Asst. Adj. Gen. Dept of the Pacific, San Francisco, Cal.

Sir: I have the honor to report that the general excitement caused by the occurrence of the 6th instant which resulted in the death of Sergeant Stroble of Company I, Second Cavalry, California Volunteers has to a great degree subsided. Ex-Governor Weller and Downey addressed their rebel friends in this place, guaranteeing to them their protection in the event of their election, of which they assured them there was no doubt. Their address did not serve to allay the excitement but rather increased it. The news that this camp is to be reinforced by two companies and also that Fort Miller is to be reoccupied has had a beneficial influence upon the moral conduct of rebels generally. I am satisfied that an attack upon this camp was planned receiving aid from Fresno and above. James Wells, the principal actor in the affray on the 6th has not yet been arrested. His friends will not give him up to the civil authorities upon the conditions as telegraphed to you. They of course allege that they know nothing of him. I am satisfied that he is yet in Fresno County. The testimony in the cases of prisoners Gordon Douglass and Robert Henderson will be taken as soon as all is quiet and forwarded to headquarters for the action of the general commanding. Captain Noble arrived at this camp on the evening of the 11th with a detachment of sixteen men, leaving Fort Tejon on the morning of the 10th. Captain McLaughlin had not yet arrived at the fort. When the order arrived Captain Noble, learning its purport and having been advised by messenger the day before to hold himself in readiness at once left with all the men that could be spared from that post without further orders. Captain Noble has returned to Fort Tejon for the balance

of his company and will arrive in about five days. Twenty-eight of the home guards have been doing duty at this camp for the last ten days. I did not deem it necessary for them to remain any longer. They were therefore dismissed from further duty this morning. I permitted them to retain thirty carbines with twenty rounds of ammunition each, so as to be ready for any emergency that may arise. That company consists of sixty-odd good and efficient men, well drilled, and in case arms could be procured for them they will render reliable service in preserving the peace or putting down any attempt to open insurrection. With the military preparations now being made in the rebel counties in this part of the State, I apprehend no further trouble of a serious nature, unless the State should be carried on the 2d of September for Downey and his co-rebels. In the event of their success an outbreak is inevitable.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant

Wm. Jones

Lieut. Col. Second Cavalry California Vols. Comdg. Camp Babbitt.

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Fort Walla Walla

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Headquarters Dept. of the Pacific

San Francisco, Cal. Aug 18, 1863

Brig. Gen. Benjamin Alvord U.S. Volunteers

Commanding, District of Oregon, Fort Vancouver, Wash. Ter

General: The department commander directs, that the headquarters of the Oregon cavalry will, as recommended in your letter of the 5th instant, winter at Fort Walla Walla. Having the headquarters of two regiments at Walla Walla, will, the general thinks, be beneficial to both.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant

R. C. Drum

Assistant Adjutant-General

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Fort Boise. Lugenbeel desertions

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Headquarters District of Oregon

Fort Vancouver, Wash. Ter. August 18, 1863

Assistant Adjutant General

Headquarters, Department of the Pacific, San Francisco

Colonel: I have the honor to report, for the information of the general commanding the department, that Maj. P. Lugenbeel, Nineteenth U.S. (copy) infantry, commanding expedition to Boise, has located the new military post of Fort Boise. The site selected is on a small creek one mile and a quarter from Boise River, on the north side, forty-three miles from the confluence with the Snake River and 250 miles from Fort Walla Walla

Many of the roads through that country run near it; those from the eastern States, Salt Lake and Washington Territory in sight. Some difficulty is experienced in building the post in consequence of the low rates of legal tender notes. In that country they bear merely a nominal value.

The depreciation of the Government currency not only embarrasses the quartermaster's department but also tends greatly to disaffect the men. The difference between their pay and the promises held out by the richest mines perhaps on the coast (the proximity of which makes them all the more tempting) is so great p 580

that many desertions occur. At last date about fifty desertions had occurred in the four companies with which he left Fort Walla Walla. Three good reservations have been selected beside the garrison for hay wood and saw mill, maps of which Major Lugenbeel promises as soon as surveyed. He has established a saw mill run by mule power, seven miles from the post. By cutting a road to Grimes' Creek, five miles farther, he expects finally to establish the saw mill run by water. On account of the desertions he has been compelled to hire more citizen employes than he had intended. He has found lime marl, material for adobes, and sandstone near the fort, and contemplated building a large

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Fort Boise. Construction.

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Headquarters,

Camp Boise, Idaho. Ter. Aug. 20, 1863

Acting Assistant Adjutant-General

Hdqs. District of Oregon, Fort Vancouver, Wash. Ter

Sir: I have the honor to transmit herewith inclosed post returns of this post for the 1st, 2d and 3d of August, 1863. The buildings are progressing in a satisfactory manner. It has cost a good deal of time and money to construct a wagon road between the saw-mill and garrison p. 586

but I think that it will be completed during the present month, when we will have no further difficulty in supplying ourselves with all the lumber and shingles we may require. The want of a sufficient number of enlisted men has rendered necessary the employment of a large number of citizens as laborers. The very great loss of oxen, mules and horses has driven many freighters from the road, and we may find some difficulty in having all our supplies brought forward this season. I propose sending Captain Hughes, assistant quartermaster, to Walla Walla to make the necessary arrangements about our supplies. I regret very much to inform you that I have heard nothing about any medicines or medical stores being en route for this post.

Pinkney Lugenbeel

Major U.S. Army Commanding.

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Columbia River fortifications. Ainsworth. [595]

Headquarters, Dept. of Oregon

Port Vancouver, Wash. Ter. Aug 28, 1863

Brig. Gen. J. W. Ripley. Chief of Ordnance, Washington City, D.C.

General: Allow me to again invite your attention to the matter of heavy ordnance for the mouth of the Columbia promised in your letter of the 22nd of December, last. Capt. G. H. Elliot, Corps of Engineers, has for some time been at work building batteries at the mouth of the Columbia. Allow me to remind you that he recommended that some of the guns for Cape Disappointment should have depression carriages as in some portions of the channel vessels would come within a quarter of a mile or less of the cape... Benj. Alvord. Brig. Gen. U.S. Vols. Commanding Dist.

Headquarters, District of Oregon

Port Vancouver, Wash. Ter. Aug 28, 1863

Capt. G. H. Elliot, Corps of Engineers in charge of construction of batteries, Cape Disappointment, near Astoria, Oreg.

Captain: I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 13th of July stating that you had arrived at Cape Disappointment to commence the erection of batteries at the mouth of the Columbia. I write to invite you to pay me a visit, but I have a favor to ask of you--that on your way up the river, you will get the steamer Couch to permit you to examine an island in the river presenting, according to Capt. J. A. Ainsworth, president Oregon Steam Navigation Company, extraordinary advantages as a place on which to plant a battery. He calls it Three Tree Point or Three Tree Island. It is in the lower portion of p. 596 the river; its exact position I do not know. He says that it possesses advantages much superior to Tongue Point. Once going above Astoria to plant defenses we should go, he says, to that point. He commanded a steamer for years on the river and is therefore familiar with it. He says the channel is there very narrow and a battery would be very formidable

Benj. Alvord. Brig. Gen. U.S. Vols. Commanding District

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Fort Walla Walla

Fort Dalles

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Headquarters, District of Oregon

Fort Vancouver, Wash. Ter, Sept. 1, 1863

Commanding Officers at Fort Walla Walla, Wash. Ter

Colonel: The general commanding understood you to say that certain quarters of your post had been authorized to be built for the wants

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of six companies during the coming winter. By a communication of the 22d ultimo, just received from headquarters Department of the Pacific, he is notified that Col. Maury and the headquarters of his regiment and one of the companies now with him will come to Fort Dalles to winter. That will leave two companies of infantry at Fort Walla Walla. The general directs me to inform you of this in order that the arrangements for forage, fuel and quarters may be regulated accordingly

J.W. Hopkins

First Lieutenant, First Oregon Cavalry, Act. Asst. Adj. Gen.

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Secession... California election 1863

San Francisco, Sept. 3, 1863

Abraham Lincoln, Washington D.C.

Loyal California sends greeting. The Union, State and Congressional tickets were elected by a majority of 25,000 to 30,000

F.P. Low

(Governor)

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Winder.

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Headquarters Department of the Pacific
San Francisco, Cal. Oct. 5, 1863

Capt. William A. Winder

Third Artillery, Commanding Fort Alcatraz:

Sir: This department commander desires you to make a special and full report as to the matter of firing certain signal guns from Alcatraz on the arrival of Her Britannic Majesty's ship, Sjtlej in this harbor.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant

R. C. Drum

Assistant Adjutant General

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Lugenboel

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Headquarters Department of the Pacific

San Francisco, Cal. Oct. 31, 1863

Special Orders

No. 247 1-Lieut. Col. Thomas C. English of the First Infantry
Washington Territory Volunteers, will immediately proceed to
Portland, Oreg. and relieve Maj. Pinkney Lugeneboel, Nineteenth
Infantry, as acting assistant provost marshal general for the
State of Oregon and Territory of Washington.

By order of Brigadier-General Wright

E. Sparrow Purdy

assistant adjutant general.

Abstract of Return of Dept. of Pacific, Brig. Gen

George Wright, U.S. Army commanding, for Dec. 31, 1863.

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(in part)

General headquarters 11 officers, 1 man, 19 aggregate, aggregate present and absent 20

District of California (Wright) 71 officers, 1,549 men, 2,110 agg., 2,535 agg. present and absent.

District of Oregon (Alvord) 64 officers, 709 1,044 1,1172

District of Humboldt (Whipple) 27, 262, 416 545

District of Utah (Connor) 42 920 1,195 1,307

District of Southern California (Curtis) 32 591 865 999

totals: 259 officers, 4,032 aggregate men, 5,647 aggregate present;

6,378 aggregate present and absent 178 heavy pieces; 41 field pieces

organization of troops
(briefed)
District of California

Alcatraz Island. Capt. William A. Winder . 30 U.S. Artillery

9th U.S. Companies G and K. 3d U.S. Artillery Batteries D and I

Benicia Barracks. Col. Henry M. Black. 6th California (Three companies)

1st California Cavalry Company I.

Benicia Arsenal Cal. Detachment of Ordnance U.S. Army, Capt.

Julian McAllister.

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Camp Babbitt Capt. Heman Noble. 2d California Cavalry

Companies E and I. 2d California Company G.

Fort Miller. Capt. Alfred Morton 2d California Companies A and K.

District of Oregon

Brig. Gen. Benjamin Alvord.

Fort Vancouver, Wash. Ter. Capt. Richard S. Caldwell. 1st

Oregon Cavalry Companies D and G. 9th U.S. Company A.

Fort Walla Walla/ Col. Justus Steinberger. 1st Oregon Cavalry

Companies A and E. 1st Washington Territorial Cavalry

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Camp Babbitt, Visalia

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Headquarters Department of the Pacific

Special Orders No. 23

San Francisco, Cal. Feb. 1, 1864

2-Maj. Edward McGarry, Second Cavalry California Volunteers will proceed to and assume command of the troops at Camp Babbitt, Visalia, Cal. The quartermaster's department will furnish the necessary transportation. By order of Brigadier General Wright

Richd. C. Drum

Assistant Adjutant-General

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Camp Babbitt

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Headquarters District of Utah

Camp Douglas, Utah, Ter. April 13, 1864

Special Orders

No. 32

I-Lieut.Col. William Jones, Second Cavalry California Volunteers will on receipt of this order, turn over the command of the troops at the Rush Valley Reservation to Maj. John M. O'Neill, of the same regiment.

II-Lieutenant-Colonel Jones upon being relieved will repair immediately to Camp Babbitt, Visalia. Captain Stover, assistant quartermaster, will furnish the necessary transportation to Sacramento, Cal. By command of Brigadier General Conner.

M.G. Lewis

Acting Adjutant General