

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL ASSESSMENT FORM

Type of Memorial (check all applicable)

☒ Monument ☒ with Sculpture ☐ without Sculpture ☐ with Cannon ☐ standalone Cannon
☐ Historical Marker ☐ Plaque ☐ Other (flag pole, G.A.R. buildings, stained glass windows, etc.)

Note: try to record items separately. Cannons near monuments should be recorded & photographed separately, etc. Thank you.

Affiliation

☐ GAR ☐ MOLLUS ☐ SUVCW ☐ WRC ☐ ASUVCW
☐ LGAR ☐ DUVCW ☒ Other

If known, record name and number of post, camp, corps, auxiliary, tent, circle or appropriate information of other groups:

State of Iowa

Original Dedication Date 17 Nov 1906

Please consult any/all newspaper archives for a local paper's article that would have information on the *first* dedication ceremony and/or other facts on the memorial. Please submit a copy of your findings with full identification of the paper & date of publication. Thank you.

Location

Andersonville National Historic Site

The Memorial is *currently* located at: Andersonville National Cemetery, Section K

Street/Road address or site location

Main Address: 760 POW Rd

GPS Coordinates N32°12'7.42999" W84°7'53.65000"

City/Village &/or Township Andersonville

County Macon

State GA

Zip Code 31711

The front of the Memorial faces: ☐ North ☐ South ☐ East ☐ West

Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner

Name National Park Service

Dept./Div. Andersonville National Historic Site

Street Address 760 POW Rd

City Andersonville

State GA

Zip Code 31711

Contact Person Division of Interpretation

Telephone (229) 518-2846

ext

Is Memorial on the National Register of Historic Places ☒ Yes ☐ No ID # if known 70000070

Entire historic site and cemetery

For Monuments with/without sculpture:

Physical Details

Material of Monument or base under a Sculpture or Cannon = ☒ Stone ☐ Concrete ☐ Metal ☐ Other

If known, name specific material (color of granite, marble, etc.) White Granite

Material of the Sculpture ☒ Stone ☐ Concrete ☐ Metal ☐ Other Is it hollow or solid?

If known, name specific material (color of granite, marble, etc.)

For Historic Marker or Plaque:

Material of Plaque or Historical Marker / Tablet = _____

For Cannons with/without monument:

Material of Cannon = _____ Bronze _____ Iron Type of Cannon (if known) _____

Rifled _____ Yes _____ No

Markings: Muzzle _____ Base Ring/Breech _____

Left Trunion _____ Right Trunion _____

Is inert ammunition a part of the Memorial? _____ Yes _____ No

[For camp/department monuments officer's use: Cannon on list of known ordnance] _____ Yes _____ No

For Other Memorials: (flag pole, G.A.R. buildings, stained glass windows, etc.)

What best describes the memorial _____

Materials of the Memorial _____

Complete for All Memorials**Approximate Dimensions** (indicate unit of measure) - taken from tallest / widest points20 ft _____ Height 8 ft _____ Width 8 ft _____ Depth or _____ Diameter

For Memorials with multiple Sculptures, please record this information on a separate sheet of paper for each statue (service, pose, etc) and attach to this form. Please describe the "pose" of each statue and any weapons/implements involved (in case your photos become separated from this form). Thank you!

Markings/Inscriptions (on stone-work / metal-work of monument, base, sculpture)

Maker or Fabricator mark / name? If so, give name & location found _____

Please attach legible photographs of all text &/or Record the text in the space below. Please use the addendum – narrative sheet if necessary.

[\[See Photos\]](#)

Environmental Setting

(The general vicinity and immediate locale surrounding a memorial can play a major role in its overall condition.)

Type of Location

☒ Cemetery &/or ☒ Park ☐ Plaza/Courtyard ☐ "Town Square" ☐ Post Office
☐ School ☐ Municipal Building ☐ State Capitol ☐ Courthouse ☐ College Campus
☐ Traffic Circle ☐ Library Other: _____

General Vicinity

☒ Rural (low population, open land) ☐ Suburban (residential, near city) ☐ Town ☐ Urban / Metropolitan

Immediate Locale (check as many as may apply) **most near roadways and cleared of trees**

☐ Industrial ☐ Commercial ☒ Street/Roadside within 20 feet ☐ Tree Covered (overhanging branches)
☐ Protected from the elements (canopy or enclosure, indoors) ☐ Protected from the public (fence or other barrier)

Any other significant environmental factor _____

[To detail the condition of a monument used the addendum form for *Monument's Condition*]

Submission of this form requires at least one type of identification so that you may be contacted regarding the information on this form. This information will most likely be in the public domain. Your name is required; please include one (or more) pieces of contact information.

1. If a member of an Allied Order, the name of your camp, auxiliary, tent, circle or corps; along with your department;
2. Physical Address;
3. Phone Number
4. E-Mail address.

By submitting this, you are allowing the posting of this information on the internet.

Inspector Identification _____ Date of On-site Survey 11/22/2025
 Your Name Walter E Busch, PDC & P-Commander Central Region Allied Orders Assoc
 Address 1240 Konert Valley Dr
 City Fenton State MO Zip Code 63026
 Telephone () _____ E-Mail cwmemorials@suvchw.org

Are you a member of the Allied Orders of the G.A.R.? If so, which one?

US Grant Camp 68 MO-SUVCW, Central Region Allied Orders of the GAR, MOLLUS, Logan Brigade

Supplemental Background Information

In addition to your on-site survey, any additional information you can provide on the described Memorial will be welcomed. Please label each account with its source (author, title, publisher, date, pages). Topics include any reference to the points listed on this questionnaire, plus any previous conservation treatments - or efforts to raise money for treatment. Photographs & GPS Co-ordinates are very much desired.

Pages 4 & 5 attached to this electronic file are the Monument's Condition and the Narrative forms. Only the Monument's Condition form is required if you are requesting grant money using form CWM-62 *SUVCW Memorial Grant Application Form and Instructions*.

Please mail (or e-mail pdf, and picture files) to:

Walt Busch, PDC, Chair, 1240 Konert Valley Dr., Fenton, MO 63026, cwmemorials@suvchw.org (314) 630-8407

Thank you for your help, and attention to detail.

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War - Civil War Memorials Committee.

>This form may be photocopied.<

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SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL ASSESSMENT FORM
ADDENDUM – NARRATIVE

[Generally used to record the text of monuments, but may be used for any other useful information, such as if the monument has been moved or if you have information about the day of dedication. May repeat use of page as often as necessary.]

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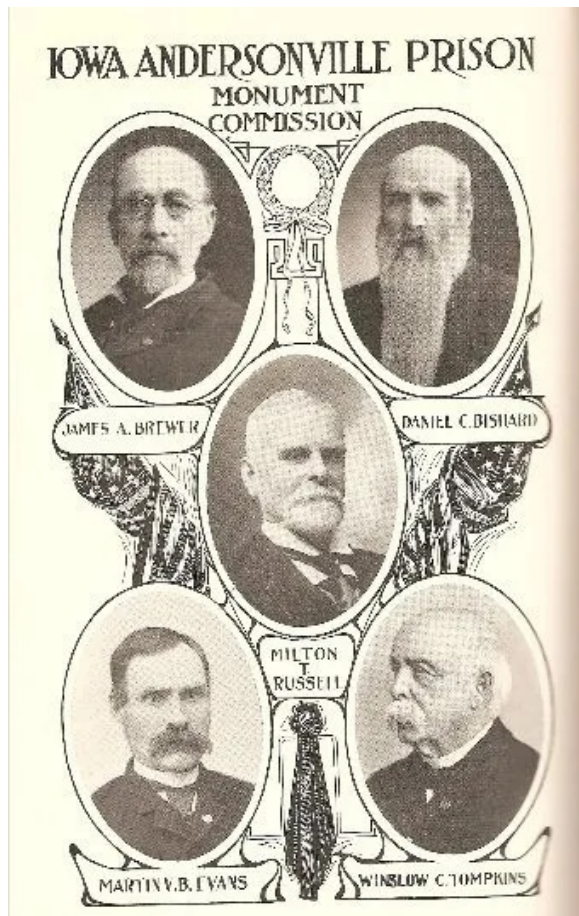
State GA

Zip Code 31711

TEXT

Iowa Monument at Andersonville

The Andersonville prison near Americus, Georgia was for Union enlisted men and operated from February of 1864 to April of 1865. The death rates were very high with terrible crowding, sanitation and diet. There are 12,912 graves in the National Cemetery located there. The Iowa Monument, dedicated on November 17, 1906, is considered one of the most moving with inscriptions of 214 Iowa soldiers who died there. The weeping female figure is Rebecca from the Bible. It is based on a drawing by Thomas Nast in Harpers Weekly. Iowa Gov. A. B. Cummins at the dedication described it as "Iowa crying for the sons she has lost." The 20 foot monument cost \$8130 and is located in the National Cemetery. There is a photo of the Commission Members, all of whom were prisoners.



Inspector's Name Walter Busch

Date 11/22/2025

Iowa Monument



The Iowa Monument stands between the graves of section K.

NPS/Andersonville NHS

In 1904, the Iowa General Assembly appropriated \$10,000 to build a monument at Andersonville "in commemoration of the patriotism, suffering and martyrdom of the Iowa soldiers who were imprisoned and died" at Camp Sumter military prison. Iowans were not alone in remembering the Civil War through memorials in the early twentieth century. As the country

approached the fiftieth anniversary of the conflict, more and more veterans passed away. People who lived through the war began to fear that future generations would forget the conflict entirely in the reunited nation, so they spent considerable time and resources memorializing the events of the Civil War. The Iowa Monument at Andersonville is only one example of several at this site alone demonstrating that effort to remember.

At the Iowa Monument's dedication on November 17, 1906, Governor Albert B. Cummins of Iowa reminded the audience of the sacrifices all Andersonville prisoners made, not just those the monument is dedicated to. He said, "these boys suffered the unparalleled inhumanity of prison and the infinite cruelties of the stockade rather than surrender for a single moment their privilege to fight and die for the Union, and for the sovereignty of the old flag." His words show how important his generation believed it was to remember the suffering the Civil War caused.

A commission of veterans selected the design. The figure of a weeping woman kneels on top of the square red column, where she

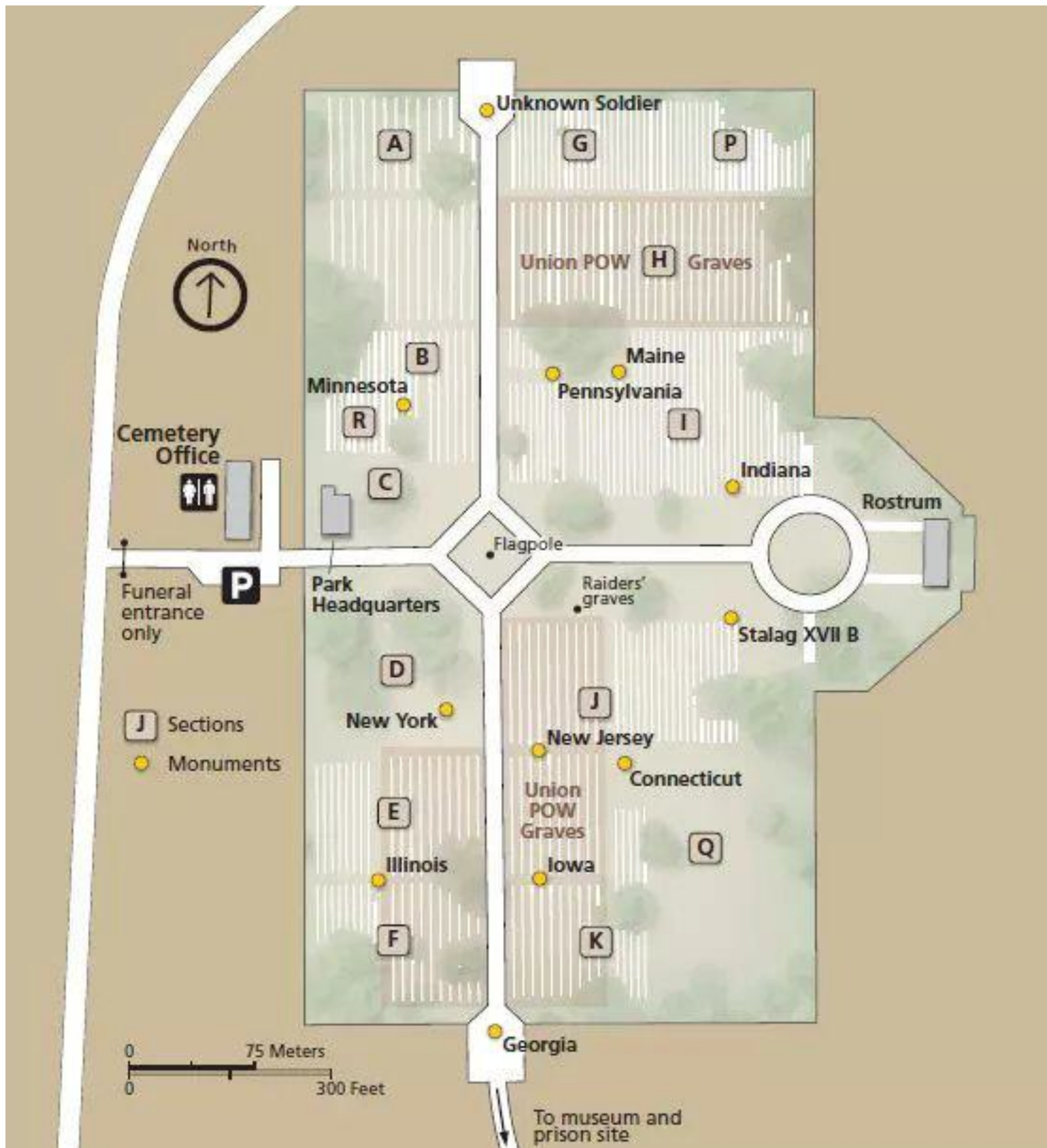
mourns the loss of so many lives. This south face of the monument includes the inscription,

**IOWA HONORS THE TURF
THAT WRAPS THEIR CLAY
THE UNKNOWN
THEIR NAMES ARE RECORDED
IN THE ARCHIVES OF THEIR
COUNTRY**

A relief above this inscription shows an Iowan infantryman, dressed for battle, in the fields of his home state. The north and west sides of the monument list the names of Iowans known to have died at Andersonville under the inscription "DEATH BEFORE DISHONOR," while the east side quotes Revelation 7:16-17.

All four sides include a smaller red tablet near the bottom, three of which include information about the people who erected the monument. However, former Andersonville prisoners believed the uncovering of Providence Spring was so important, that the tablet under the Bible verse remembers this event with the words, "GOD SMOTE THE SIDE HILL AND GAVE THEM DRINK, AUGUST 16 1864." Today, the Iowa Monument still stands in the National Cemetery surrounded by the Civil War burials in section K. This monument in particular remains a well-known symbol of Andersonville National Cemetery.

Written by Kim Campbell, July 2014





IOWA.

"Death Before Dishonor."

Underneath this legend is recorded the names, company and regiment of 214 Iowa soldiers who died while in prison here.

"Iowa Honors the Turf that Wraps Their Clay."

Erected A. D. 1905.



IOWA



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NOR ANY HEAT: FOR THE
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MIDST OF THE THRONE
SHALL FEED THEM AND SHALL
LEAD THEM UNTO LIVING
FOUNTAINS OF WATER
AND GOD SHALL WIPE
AWAY ALL TEARS FROM
THEIR EYES: REV VII 16-17

ACT OF THIRTIETH
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GOD SMOTE THE SIDE HILL
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AUGUST 15 1854



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IOWA

DEATH BEFORE DISHONOR

INFANTRY	
NAME	RANK CO REGT
JONES C	B 4
KENNEDY B	I 16
KING A	H 17
KING C	B 12
KNIGHT J F	I 9
KOLENBRANDEN H	H 17
LANNING C M	H 39
LANNING J A	I 13
LATHROP M	K 12
LINDSEY R	E 14
LITTLE JOHN T S	C 5
LORD L	C 13
LOUDENBACH M	CORP B 5
LUTHER J	CORP B 9
MANN J	A 16
MARTIN S S	C 11
MASON W H	F 12
MAYNARD I V	B 4
MCALLISTER A P	C 14
MCAMMON W T	A 4
MCCLURE Z L	C 16
MECOY C B	C 5
MEKUNE J E	C 14
MEMULLEN J	C 4
MEGULLOUGH J A	T 12
MENEILEY J W	I 4
MENEILEY U	CORP I 14
MERCHANT W	G 13
MILLER E	CORP C 31
MILLER J	D 5
MILLER F M	H 5
MOON J	H 39
MOON JAMES	H 39
MOORE W W	A 15
MURRAY J I	I 17
MYERS E	C 5
NICHOLS J E	H 12
NASH B E	CORP K 12
NOYES C H	B 12
NYE M	B 7
O'CONNOR R	I 26
OSBORN F L	A 16
OVERTURE C W	SERGT H 5
PALMER L	D 9
PECK J E	B 12
PECK S	B 12
PETERSON J	E 26
PHILPOTS C P	B 31
PITTS J W	I 16
PUTNAM O	F 27
RATCLIFFE E	I 4
REEVE T F	I 9
REID R R	I 16
ROBERTSON D	G 13
ROE M J	CORP B 12
ROGERS A	G 4
RULE J T	A 10
RUSSELL E W	C 4
SACKETT C W	C 12
SAYRE W H	E 5
SEELEY N	B 9
SHADLE J	C 16
SHAW M W	H 5
SCHRIENOR T	K 5
SHERMAN J	I 3
SMICE W	E 3
SMITH R T	CORP H 10
SMITH C	CORP F 26
SMITH J W	A 13
SMITH C	D 5
SPARKS M T	K 5
STARR C F	H 30
STATTLER J N	K 30
STEVENS A B	SERGT H 6
STONEMAN J F	CORP K 8
STOUT J C	A 5
SYMMES W W	D 3
TAYLOR T W	E 7
THOMPSON M	C 5
THEIN A F	B 3
TIPPERY W	K 5
TOIKELSON N	H 10
TORMEY J	K 10
TRUSSELL C W	D 6
TURNER H	I 14
VOLK J M	CORP B 5
WACCENER J B	C 3
WAHLRATH C E	SERGT K 5
WALKER S J	C 7
WARD O R	A 3
WELLS F	SERGT I 5
WHELAN J	SERGT D 26
WHITE W M	B 12
WHITENACK A R	CORP K 9
WHITMAN O K	CORP E 5
WHITMIRE J	I 14
WILLIAMS J D	C 14
WILSON P D	CORP G 5
WILSON P	K 12
WIDOWS W H	SERGT H 8
WOLFE B F	B 8
WOLSTON S P	SERGT H 13
WOODWARD J	SUTLER 9
WRIGHT C C	C 12 U S
WADSWORTH B	C 12 U S
YOUNG R S	CORP C 8
YOUNG A B	H 39

ERECTED BY THE
STATE OF IOWA
A D 1905



IOWA

DEATH BEFORE DISHONOR

CAVALRY					
NAME	RANK	CO. REGT.	NAME	RANK	CO. REGT.
AUSTIN W.	K. 3		JUNK C. A.	Q.M.S.	C. 8
BEERS D. S.	CORP.	D. 3	KING E.		C. 2
BEEZLY N.	I. 4		LITTLEJOHN L. J.		B. 4
BILLINGS J. K. P.	B. 5		LOUDENBECK D. C.		B. 5
CELLAN J.	A. 3		MACY C. F.		K. 8
CHAMBERLAIN J. B. SERGT.	A. 8		MARTIN J. B.		B. 5
COBB E.	C. 3		MC CALL T. H.		M. 8
COX W. A.	I. 5		MERCER J. A.		I. 4
COX H.	I. 5		MILLER T. J.	CAPT. D.	3
CULVER W. V. SERGT.	D. 8		PUGH A.	CORP. M.	8
DELAY J. W. SERGT.	I. 3		RASSER A.		L. 8
DENOYA W. H.	M. 5		RICHARDSON J.		I. 2
DERICKSON W. W. CORP.	M. 8		SMITH D.		D. 3
ESTELLE D. W. SERGT.	L. 2		SUTTON S.		I. 5
FARNSWORTH S.	H. 2		TALBOTT D. E.		C. 8
HARRIS J.	H. 8		WHITTEN J. A.		I. 5
HIMES D.	I. 3		WILLIAMS S. H.		D. 8
IRELAND J. S.	H. 5		WOLFE J. H.		C. 2
JONES J. H. SERGT.	L. 4				
INFANTRY					
AIRD D.	CORP.	G. 3	DAVIS T. M.		E. 3
ALDERMAN W. H.	F. 31		DEAN J. W.		I. 12
ALLEN M.	K. 3		DEMOTTE L.		C. 5
AMES M. A.	D. 8		DENSLOW F.		C. 12 U.S.
ASHFORD A. M.	C. 11		DINGMAN W.		D. 31
BAIRD J. L.	H. 26		DOWNER D.		K. 12
BARNES A. C.	H. 15		DRISKELL S. P.		F. 26
BARR W. H.	K. 6		ECCLES F.	LIEUT. C.	14
BARTSCHE C. P.	K. 5		ENCLAND T.		F. 9
BIXTER D.	B. 5		ENNES W. H.	CORP. B.	4
BOYLAN C.	C. 14		EUBANKS C. J.	SERGT. H.	17
BEADEL H.	C. 12		FERGUSON A. W.		A. 15
BINGMAN W. H.	H. 39		FERGUSON W. W. SERGT.	E. 8	
BLAKELY C. H.	G. 3		FIELD J. M.		K. 5
BOWLES M. B.	D. 11		FOSTER S. B.	SERGT. E.	8
BUCKMASTER F.	K. 15		FREDERICKS J. Q. A.		C. 16
CHAPMAN P. J.	G. 3		FREEL J. W.		F. 10
CHENOWETH W. M.	K. 4		GARD B. M.		H. 14
CLARK D.	F. 12		CARNE L.	CORP. C.	6
CLAUSEN H.	E. 26		COTHARD I.		F. 2
CLEVENS C.	B. 12		CENDER J.		I. 5
CODER E.	I. 31		GENTLE C.		E. 4
COLLINS H. M. SERGT.	D. 4		CRAUSHOFF C.		I. 26
COLLINS M. J.	F. 3		GRAY J.		C. 11
COLLINS W. H.	H. 12		HANSON J.		B. 12
COOPER S.	CORP. B.	5	HASTINGS J. B. SERGT.	B. 11	
COWLES J. W. SERGT.	K. 5		HELLER A.		D. 5
COX E. D.	CORP. C.	5	HENSON M.		B. 16
CROMWELL G. W. CORP.	F. 27		HOISINGTON L. P.		B. 7
CROW B.	E. 4		HUFFMAN R. J. H. CORP.	H. 5	
CULBERTSON S. B. CORP.	H. 5		HUGHES THOS.		E. 8
DAVIS H.	A. 17		HURLEY I. B.		H. 8
DAVIS J.	D. 15		JACKSON L. W. LIEUT. H.	12	

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