

Dear Reader:

There are a total of eight books in this collection of the history of the National Guard of the State of Washington. The first written was titled "A Brief History of the Washington National Guard". This document was completed in the mid 1950's and, as the title suggests, it is a short but remarkably complete collection of the basic history of the Washington National Guard. This document was prepared by Major Reginald Heafield under the direction of Brigadier General Lilburn H. Stevens, The Adjutant General.

The next seven volumes present a more detailed account were compiled by Virgil F. Field Colonel, U. S. Army, Retired on the behest of Major General George M. Haskett, The Adjutant General. The last volume, Volume VII, was completed in 1967 under the direction of Adjutant General Major General Howard S. McGee

The volumes contained on this CD are titled:

Volume I: HERITAGE OF THE WASHINGTON TERRITORIAL MILITIA
Volume II: WASHINGTON TERRITORIAL MILITIA IN THE INDIAN WARS OF 1855-56
Volume III: WASHINGTON TERRITORIAL MILITIA IN THE CIVIL WAR
Volume IV: THE WASHINGTON NATIONAL GUARD IN THE PHILIPPINE INSURRECTION
Volume V: WASHINGTON NATIONAL GUARD IN WORLD WAR I
Volume VI: WASHINGTON NATIONAL GUARD IN WORLD WAR II
Volume VII: WASHINGTON NATIONAL GUARD IN POST WORLD WAR II

In digitizing these volumes from the original mimeographed version, a few changes were made. None of the basic information was altered. The prime change was made in unit rosters in order, if possible, to put one unit on one page. There were two cases where information was obtained after the completion and issuance of a volume and was not included in the appropriate volume but as an addendum to the next volume. Since, in the digitizing process this data was easily moveable, it was incorporated in the volume in which it should have been originally. Only one case of omission was corrected. This omission was of the 161st Infantry Regiment actions in the Guadalcanal and New Georgia campaigns. Again more information was obtained and has been incorporated.

Should the reader be further interested in the history of the Washington Militia or National Guard or the military history of the state, several other books are suggested.

"Bugles in the Valley, Garnett's Fort Simcoe", by H. Dean Guie, Portland: Oregon Historical Society, 1977. F897.Y18 G8

"Campaigning in the Philippines", by Karl Irving Faust*

"The history of the 66th Artillery Brigade, by The Smith Brooks Printing Company, Denver, Colorado*

"The history of the 161st Infantry, Golden Gate in 48", by 161st Regimental Staff enlisted personnel.*

"Guadalcanal, The First Campaign", by John Miller Jr., Library of Congress card No. 50-13988

"Munda Trail, New Georgia Campaign", by Eric M. Hammel, ISBN 0-935553-36-x

'Lightning Forward", a History of the 25th Infantry Division (Tropic Lightning) 1941-1978, by Melvin C. Walthall, 25th Division Association.

*CD available at Museum.