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PREFACE

This bibliography is published for the information of all who are interested in the history of the Marine Corps during the Civil War. Inclusion of a particular work does not necessarily constitute Marine Corps endorsement of that work.

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Introduction

The list which follows consists basically of published materials, both primary and secondary, dealing specifically with the Marines of both sides in the Civil War. For contextual reference, however, a number of general works have been included as well. The annotation "notes" indicates that the publication is documented as to research sources; "bibliog." indicates that a bibliography of research materials is appended.

General


An account of the Christmas Day 1864 joint Federal Army, Navy, and Marine Corps amphibious assault on a major Confederate stronghold on the North Carolina coast. Here, as in some of the landings of other wars to come, pre-assault bombardment and the coordination of the landing forces was a definite problem.


An account of one of the last Confederate attempts to clear the James river of Federal control using a task force of CSA, CSN, and CSMC personnel under the direction of Lt Read, CSN.


List of publications pertaining to naval aspects of the Civil War.


General account of naval operations during the Civil War.


Operations in which both Union and Confederate Marines took part: New Orleans, Apr 1862; Virginia-Cumberland, Mar 1862; Drewry's Bluff, May 1862; Alabama-Ariel, Nov 1862; Alabama-Kearsarge, Jun 1864; Mobile Bay, Aug 1864; and Fort Fisher, Dec 1864-Jan 1865.


Bibliography of official documents and secondary sources pertaining to the whole complex of naval operations in the Civil War and a detailed chronology of Civil War naval actions.


Chronological entries pertaining to naval aspects of the war; parts covering the period 1861-1863 published as of 1963.

Documents pertaining to naval--and related land--actions of the Civil War.


A list of books relating to Civil War naval operations and personalities.


Documents pertaining to land--and related naval--operations during the Civil War.

**United States Marines**


General account of U. S. Marines in the Civil War.


Extensive quotations from Corp John F. Mackie's account of the action at Drewry's Bluff, 15 May 1862, and a short statement of Sgt Richard Binder concerning the Marines at Fort Fisher, 15 Jan 1865.

List of Marine Medal of Honor winners in the Civil War with briefs of heroism for which the medals were awarded.


A Marine private's chronological record of service aboard the Susquehanna from her commissioning, 17 Aug 1860, until 5 May 1863; includes an undated roster of the ship's personnel.


Contains a report of operations by 1stLt George G. Stoddard, USMC, commander of the Marine battalion in the Broad River expedition, Nov 1864 - Jan 1865.


General account of U. S. Marine activities in the war, interspersed with the texts of official orders and reports.


General account. Probably the first publication of the error regarding Marines on the Star of the West.


Reminiscence of a former Marine private who served in the San Jacinto at the time of the "Trent Affair" and on blockade in the Gulf of Mexico.

Reminiscence by a former Marine private of his service in the USS San Jacinto in the Gulf of Mexico, 1864. (A biographical sketch of Fredd by Corp Martin A. McGrory, USMC, is printed ibid., on pp. 2-3). Also published in Marines Magazine, v. 1, no. 1 (Dec 1915), pp. 9-11.


Marine veteran's description of the uniform he wore during the Civil War.


Brief military biographies of U. S. Marine officers who served in the Civil War.


Emphasizes organizational problems and the philosophy of employment of the U. S. Marine Corps and other amphibious forces in the Civil War.


Brief account of Marine operations in the Civil War.


General account with emphasis on the operations of the "naval brigade" composed of Marines and sailors.

Biographical sketch of an officer, later Commandant of the Marine Corps, who had extensive sea duty during the Civil War.


Chronology of U. S. Marine operations, 5 Jan 1861 - 28 Feb 1865.


Raids involving the use of Marines as skirmishers, Sep 1862 - Feb 1865.

29. Francis A. Lord. "Army and Navy Textbooks Used by the North during the Civil War." *Military Collector & Historian*, v. 9, no. 3 (Fall 1957), pp. 61-67; no. 4 (Winter 1957), pp. 95-102. illus., facsims. bibliog.

Discussion and annotated bibliography of publications, many of which were used by the Marines. Also printed with some additions, in the author's *They Fought for the Union* (Harrisburg, Pa.: The Stackpole Company, 1960), pp. 39-52.


Description of this uniform with indication of major changes made in it over the 16 years it was in effect. Accompanies Plate 13, "Military Dress in America," issued separately.

   Description of the uniform worn by Marines in the field during the Civil War. Accompanies Plate 71, "Military Dress in America," issued separately; a line drawing of the plate accompanies this description.


   An account emphasizing the operations of the U. S. Marines, interspersed with quotations from various official reports.


   U. S. Marines in the New Orleans operation, Apr 1862, with many quotations from contemporary sources.


   Brief account of the Marines' part in the abandonment of the Navy Yard.


   Description of the sword, Model 1850 assigned to Marine noncommissioned officers since 1875 but worn by Marine commissioned officers during the Civil War.

The foundering on 2 Nov 1862 of a vessel carrying a battalion of Marines which was to participate in the Port Royal operation.


General account of U. S. Marine activities during the Civil War.


General account based upon published sources and secondary works.


Brief chronological entries on Marine activities and operations, 1861-1865.


Reproduces contemporary photographs and prints illustrating Marine activity in the Civil War.

Contains extensive descriptions of Marine Corps records of the Civil War era in the custody of the National Archives and Federal Records Centers.


Brief account of 2dLt Henry C. Cochrane, USMC, in the Honor Guard for the President at Gettysburg, Jul 1863, with commentary on Cochrane's personality and later career.


Memoirs of a Marine lieutenant who served with the battalion assigned to the Charleston operation, 1863, and later aboard the Niagara in European waters, 1864-1865. Includes the texts of some private letters affording brief glimpses of Marine life. A volume entitled Civil War Letters and Documents of Frederick Tomlinson Peet (Newport, R. I., 1917), a copy of which is in the Columbia University Library, has not been available to the compilers of this bibliography.


General account of the U. S. Marines in the Civil War.


Description of uniforms worn by U. S. Marines during the Civil War.


The story of the Marine heroes of the USS *Galena* in the Battle of Drewry's Bluff, 13 May 1862.


A brief description of the two assaults on Fort Fisher.


General account covering the Marine actions of 24-25 Dec 1864 and 13-15 Jan 1865.


The report of Maj John G. Reynolds concerning the Marine battalion aboard the *Governor* which foundered on 2 Nov 1862.


Contains the testimony of a number of participants and eyewitnesses bearing on the Marines at Bull Run, 21 Jul 1861.

Contains the testimony of several Marine officers and enlisted men who were present at Pensacola and Norfolk.


Official description and specifications for the Marine uniform of the Civil War era, accompanied by color illustrations and line drawings of uniforms and personal equipment.


General account based on published sources.


Official reports pertaining to naval operations during the war.


Useful biographical data on Marine officers.


Official reports of Army operations, many of which involved Marines.
Confederate States Marines


A general account of the CSM, it adds little to earlier or later general accounts.


Brief general account.

60. "Confederate Commandos." Marine Corps Gazette, v. 30, no. 12 (Dec 1946), cover IV.

Boarding of USS Underwriter at New Bern, North Carolina, by Confederate Marines, 2 Feb 1864.


Lists the actions in which the Confederate Marines took part, 9 Jul 1861 - 9 Apr 1865, and the ships on which they served.


A scholarly account of Confederate Marine operational and training activities in the vicinity of their principal Virginia base.


Description of dress and weapons based upon extensive research in primary source material.

General account based on secondary sources.


A description of the first known example of postal markings on a letter originating from a member of the CSMC.


A scholarly survey based primarily on materials contained in the Official Records.


The wartime letters of an officer of Georgia troops and of the CSMC. Lt Graves served in the CSS Savannah and on the Savannah station of the CSN. This is the only published collection of the three known groups of letters from CSMC officers.

68. Maj Patrick Laughlin, USMC. "Rebel Marines." Marine Corps Gazette, v. 37, no. 11 (Nov 1953), pp. 52-55. illus

General account with emphasis on the actions at Drewry's Bluff, Virginia.


A general account, this brief story has largely been superseded by later research.

General account containing some statistics and excerpts from contemporary documents.


Contains some material on the organization of the Confederate States Marine Corps and tells of a near clash between Confederate and Federal Marines at Port Royal. The implication that the two corps never met in battle is erroneous (see no. 3 above).

72. H. G. Russell. "Devil Dogs of Dixie." Adventure (Dec 1942), pp. 65-71, also see pages, 6, 8, and 118.

A popular account now largely superseded by later accounts.


Contains many references to the Confederate Marines.


Contains biographical data on Confederate Marine officers.


A compilation of factual data on personnel and conditions of service with brief accounts of combat operations.

A popular account written for the Civil War buff, this article contains little new material.


Discussion of "carte de visite" portrait of Cameron in a uniform presumed to be that of the Confederate Marines.

78. LtCol H. W. Williams, Jr., USAR (Ret.). "A Confederate Marine Corps Button?" Military Collector & Historian, v. 8, no. 3 (Fall 1956), p. 81. illus.

A Confederate button bearing the letter "M" in the possession of the author.