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## INTRODUCTION

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## SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection consists of two volumes of Descriptive Books for Company A, 3rd Regiment of the Illinois National Guard, dating from 1898-1916. These books include the name, age, description, birth place, occupation, enlistment information, and term of the soldier. The two volumes also contains a remarks column that lists discharge information. Indexes to these two volumes are located in the Inventory folder. Rosters and roll calls for Company A, from 1906 to 1913 are found in the five small volumes.

For further information regarding the Illinois National Guard, 3rd Regiment the researcher should consult VFM 19.3, Records of Events and Roster of the 129th U.S. Infantry and the Embree photograph collection (RC 2). Additional information on men from this regiment who participated in World War I can be found in Honor Roll - DeKalb County, Illinois F547 .D3 H656 1919.

## HISTORICAL SKETCH

The Third Regiment of the Illinois National Guard dates from October 25, 1811. General Orders No. 3, A.G.O., December 21, 1875, designated the following organizations to form the Third Regiment: Sterling City Guards, Rockford Guards, Sycamore Union Guards (Company A), LaSalle Light Guards, Morris Guards, Dwight Guards, Streator Veteran Guards (Company C), Bohemian Rifles, Naperville Guards (Company K), Elgin Guards, Lena Guards (Company H), Genoa (Company F).

During the Mexican War the regiment was composed of ten companies commanded by Colonel Ferris Foreman. The first regiment of the Civil War called to service was given the designation of the Seventh, as the first six regiments had served in the Mexican War. The separate unites of the 3rd Illinois merged into the Seventh regiment.

During World War I the Regiment was renamed the 129th United States Infantry. This regiment was ordered to Camp Logan, Houston, Texas, for training where they received the designation of the 129th Infantry, 65th Brigade, 33rd Division. Under orders to proceed overseas the regiment began entraining May 2, 1918. The Regiment remained overseas until the end of

the war. They were discharged from U.S. service from June 2 to June 6, 1919 at Camp Grant, Illinois.

SUBJECT TRACINGS

Illinois National Guard, Third Regiment  
National Guard  
United States Infantry, 129th

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