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INTRODUCTION

The Office of District Provost Marshal, Columbus, KY, Records are copies from a book of military orders issued by military personnel of the Union Army and the Treasury Department. The orders are signed by the Major and Provost Marshal General for the District of Columbus, which was headquartered in Columbus, KY. Orders issued directly from the Provost Marshal General also bear the name of a Brigadier General from the district. The book was found while demolishing an old house in Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

DONOR INFORMATION

The papers were donated to the University of Missouri by the New Madrid Historical Museum on 24 March 1987 (Accession No. 394).

ORGANIZATIONAL SKETCH

The Office of Provost Marshal General handles military police and security for its jurisdiction. An officer who holds the title of Provost Marshal has a rank of major general. The District of Columbus was a Union district in Western Kentucky. It contained troops from the 6th Division, XVI Corps at its conception in 1863. In 1864 they were changed to the 3rd Division, XVI Corps. The district eventually was renamed the District of Western Kentucky and the troops were replaced by the XXIII Corps.

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