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## **BLACK TROOPS & SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR**

A Working Bibliography of MHI Sources

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Concentrates on 1898.

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\_\_\_\_\_. Correspondence Relating to the War with Spain.... Vol. I. Wash, DC: GPO, 1902.  
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**TROOP LIST**

Black units in active service, 1898-1902:

-Regulars

9<sup>th</sup> Cavalry  
10<sup>th</sup> Cavalry  
24<sup>th</sup> Infantry  
25<sup>th</sup> Infantry

-Federal Volunteers

"Immunes"

7<sup>th</sup> US Volunteer Infantry  
8<sup>th</sup> US Volunteer Infantry  
9<sup>th</sup> US Volunteer Infantry  
10<sup>th</sup> US Volunteer Infantry

Other

48<sup>th</sup> US Volunteer Infantry  
49<sup>th</sup> US Volunteer Infantry

-State Volunteers

3<sup>rd</sup> Alabama  
8<sup>th</sup> Illinois  
1<sup>st</sup> Indiana (COs A&B)  
23<sup>rd</sup> Kansas  
6<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts (Co L)  
3<sup>rd</sup> North Carolina  
9<sup>th</sup> Ohio  
6<sup>th</sup> Virginia

**REGULAR UNITS:**

**-9<sup>th</sup> Cavalry**

Batson, Matthew A. News clippings, 1898-1901. SAW Survey, Arch.

Service with 9<sup>th</sup> in Cuba & Philippines; see also three boxes of Batson papers in the general manuscript collection.

Moseley, George Van Horn. Letter. SAW Survey, Arch.

Regimental Adjutant.

**-10<sup>th</sup> Cavalry**

Jordon, Thomas. Service documents and letters. SAW Survey, Arch.  
Served as First Sergeant, Troop F.

"10th United States Cavalry, 1898-1899: Plate No 591." Military Collector & Historian  
(Summer 1986): pp. 84-85. Per.  
Depicts uniforms.

Tucker, Charles. Service documents. SAW Survey, Arch.

**-24<sup>th</sup> Infantry**

Gose, Ernest B. Letters to his father, 1888-1913. Papers. Arch.  
Officer of unit, who occasionally reported regimental news.

Johnson, Edward A. History of Negro Soldiers in the Spanish-American War... Raleigh, NC: Capital,  
1899. 147 p. E725.5.N3.J6.  
See account of SGM Pullen, pp. 20-32.

Ole, Henry R. Service docs. SAW Survey, Arch.  
Sergeant in Company A.

Roberts, Frank E. "1898: Assault on San Juan Heights." Assembly (Sep 1994): pp. 13-19. Per.

**-25<sup>th</sup> Infantry**

Burt, Andrew S. Papers. Arch.  
Intermittently Colonel of 25<sup>th</sup>, 1892-1902.

Leniham, Michael J. "I Remember-I Remember." Typed autobiography, n.d. 125 p. Papers. Arch.  
See pp. 28-29 on his 1899-05 service.

Lyon, Samuel P. Diaries and letters, 1889-1901. (photocopies). ca 200 p. Papers. Arch.  
Lieutenant in 25<sup>th</sup>, 1894-1901. His diaries and large number of letters provide a wealth  
of detail.

Moss, James A. Memories of the Campaign of Santiago. San Francisco: Mysell-Rollins, 1899. 64 p.  
#603-25.1899  
Diary.

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**-General**

Bullard, Robert L. "The Negro Volunteer: Some Characteristics." Journal of the Military Service Institution of the US (Jul 1901): pp. 29-39. Per.

Praised conduct of blacks in this war (but altered his position in WWI).

Cunningham, Roger D. "'A Lot of Fine, Sturdy Black Warriors': Texas's African American 'Immunes' in the Spanish-American War." In Brothers to the Buffalo Soldiers: Perspectives on the African American Militia and Volunteers, 1865-1917 Columbia, MO: U MO, 2011. pp. 186-208. E185.63.B768.

Fletcher, Marvin. "The Black Volunteers in the Spanish-American War." Military Affairs (Apr 1974): pp. 48-53. Per.

\_\_\_\_\_. "The Black Volunteers in the Spanish-American War." In Brothers to the Buffalo Soldiers: Perspectives on the African American Militia and Volunteers, 1865-1917, cited above. pp. 129-42. E185.63.B768.

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-Spanish-American War Veterans Survey Collection (Arch) for discharge certificates & other minor items from veterans, along with their completed questionnaires.

**-Federal**

**9<sup>th</sup> US Volunteer Infantry**

Brown, Fletcher. Completed questionnaire & discharge certificate. SAW Survey, Arch.

Coston, William H. The Spanish-American War Volunteer. Freeport, NY: Books for Libraries, 1971 reprint of 1899 edition. 224 p. E725.4.C63.

By unit's black chaplain. Includes biographical sketches of the black officers.

Crane, Charles Judson. The Experiences of a Colonel of Infantry. NY: Knickerbocker, 1923. 578 p. U53.C72.A3.

Colonel of 9<sup>th</sup>; see chaps IX-XVI.

Thomas, Edward. Completed questionnaire & service record. SAW Survey, Arch.

**10<sup>th</sup> U.S. Volunteer Infantry**

Brown, Russell K. "A Flag for the Tenth Immunes." In Brothers to the Buffalo Soldiers: Perspectives on the African American Militia and Volunteers, 1865-1917, cited above. pp. 209-22. E185.63.B768.

**48<sup>th</sup> U.S. Volunteer Infantry**

Allen, John H. See 6<sup>th</sup> Virginia Infantry below.

Johnson, Richard. "My Life in the U.S. Army, 1899 to 1922." Manuscript. 225 p. SAW Survey, Arch. Served in Company M.

Romes, W.T. Completed questionnaire & pension correspondence. SAW Survey, Arch. Member of Company G.

**49<sup>th</sup> U.S. Volunteer Infantry**

Jackson, Westley. Completed questionnaire & discharge. SAW Survey, Arch. Member Company B.

Pembroke, Harold. Completed questionnaire & discharge. SAW Survey, Arch. Member Company B.

**-State Volunteers**

**8<sup>th</sup> Illinois**

Braboy, Kit. Questionnaire & discharge. SAW Survey, Arch. Served in Company H.

**23<sup>rd</sup> Kansas**

Gatewood, Willard B., Jr. "Black Kansans and the Spanish-American War." In Brothers to the Buffalo Soldiers: Perspectives on the African American Militia and Volunteers, 1865-1917, cited above. pp. 172-85. E185.63.B768.

Jones, Samuel T., Lt. Letter to wife, dated 22 Sep 1898, San Luis, Cuba. 4 p., photocopy. Arch. Jones, a Negro officer of the Negro 23<sup>rd</sup> Kansas, made candid comments on the poor relations between white officers and the Negro troops, including those of the 8<sup>th</sup> Illinois.

Moore, Sidney. Questionnaire & service docs. SAW Survey, Arch. Member Company B.

**Missouri**

Cunningham, Roger D. "I Believe That the Regiment is Composed of Good Material...": Missouri's Black 'Immunes' in the Spanish-American War." Military Collector & Historian (2004): pp. 14-23. Per.

**3<sup>rd</sup> North Carolina**

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Hunter, Wm L. Company C.  
Moss, Edward W. Company A.  
Murphy, Charles. Company F.  
Wilson, George. Company H.

**6<sup>th</sup> Virginia**

Alexander, Ann F. "No Officers, No Fight! The Sixth Virginia Volunteers in the Spanish-American War." In Brothers to the Buffalo Soldiers: Perspectives on the African American Militia and Volunteers, 1865-1917, cited above. pp. 159-71. E185.63.B768.

Allen, John H. Completed questionnaire. SAW Survey. Arch.  
Sergeant with both 6<sup>th</sup> and 48<sup>th</sup> U.S. Volunteer Infantry.

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