

Annual Report of the Secretary of War.

WAR DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, CITY, November 14, 1896. Mr. President: - Disbandment of the volunteer forces in service at the time the rebel armies surrendered...

The entire number of volunteer troops to be recruited out was, on May 15, 1865, 1,024,064, and my last annual report accounted the operation of disbanding this force until November 15, 1865, when 60,632 troops were transported...

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The troops in service were regularly paid, and the demands of those discharged and mustered out promptly met. During the fiscal year ending June 30, 1866, 40,042 were disbursed to the army and military academy...

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ALBION R. KITCHEN, SECRETARY.

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