

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR.

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No. 47.—Statement of the number of interments registered during the war, white and black, loyal and disloyal, so far as reports have been received at this office, under General Orders No. 40, Quartermaster General's office, 1865.

States.	Reports to—	Report of interments to—	White.	Black.	Loyal.	Dis-loyal.	Refu-gees.	Contra-bands.	Total.
Missouri	Sep. 14, 1865	Aug. 5, 1865	10,695	837	10,150	1,382	.....	627	12,159
Illinois	Sep. 4, 1865	Aug. 1, 1865	11,718	219	5,776	6,161	360	1,482	13,779
Indiana	Aug. 30, 1865	.....do.....	6,005	67	2,925	3,147	.....	.....	6,072
Ohio	Aug. 19, 1865	.....do.....	1,338	3	1,121	220	.....	.....	1,341
Michigan	Sep. 19, 1865	.....do.....	149	.....	149	.....	.....	.....	149
Pennsylvania	Aug. 15, 1865	.....do.....	355	.....	342	13	.....	.....	355
Massachusetts .....	.....do.....	.....do.....	238	43	281	.....	.....	.....	281
District of Columbia	July 31, 1865	July 19, 1865	12,347	5,620	17,493	474	.....	.....	17,967
Maryland	Aug. 16, 1865	July 26, 1865	5,555	250	5,576	229	10	.....	5,815
Kentucky	Aug. 15, 1865	Aug. 1, 1865	6,778	2,059	8,536	301	.....	.....	8,837
Louisiana	Aug. 29, 1865	.....do.....	7,441	5,786	12,951	276	.....	.....	13,227
New York	Aug. 7, 1865	.....do.....	3,140	71	3,000	211	.....	.....	3,211
Connecticut	July 28, 1865	June 30, 1865	222	64	285	1	.....	.....	286
Rhode Island	Aug. 9, 1865	Aug. 1, 1865	333	26	353	6	.....	.....	359
Virginia	July 27, 1865	July 1, 1865	3,803	308	4,075	36	35	59	4,205
South Carolina	Aug. 14, 1865	Aug. 1, 1865	649	681	1,325	5	.....	.....	1,330
Tennessee	Sep. 6, 1865	Aug. 14, 1865	10,025	186	10,077	134	195	1,957	12,363
<i>Reinterments.</i>									
Andersonville	Oct. 21, 1865	Oct., 1865	12,912	.....	12,912	.....	.....	.....	12,912
Spottsylvania .....	.....do.....	.....do.....	1,500	.....	1,500	.....	.....	.....	1,500
Wilderness .....	.....do.....	.....do.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total .....	.....	.....	95,203	16,220	98,827	12,596	600	4,125	116,148

Total number of whites interred..... 95,803
Total number of blacks interred 20,345

I certify that the foregoing is a correct abstract of reports received at this office under General Orders No. 40, Quartermaster General's office, 1865, and on special reports of Captain Moore.

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No. 48—Extract from annual report of Captain J. M. Moore, assistant quartermaster United States army, for the year ending June 30, 1865.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

The charge of the national cemeteries and burial of deceased soldiers and others dying in the service of the United States in hospitals in and about Washington is under the jurisdiction of this office, and is probably the most important of my specialties. It was deemed advisable, at the expiration of the burial contract, December 31, 1863, for the government to manufacture all the coffins required for interments in the national cemeteries, as well as those needed for shipment to distant points. The coffins now issued cost less than one-half the price paid by contract, and are far superior. The hearses used for transportation to the graves are covered ambulances, painted black, and are well suited for the purpose. The tablets or headboards are principally of white pine, with the exception of some four thousand of black walnut, purchased more than two years ago. They are painted in white and lettered in black, with the name, company, regiment, and date of death. I would here remark that unless tablets are painted before lettering, the wood will absorb the oil in the paint and the rain soon wash off the lead in the lettering.

By much pains and labor I have succeeded in preparing a mortuary record for future reference, giving a succinct history of the deceased, every page of which has been compared with the records of hospitals, and up to the present date believed to be the most reliable register of the dead extant. Information is daily furnished to numerous friends respecting deceased soldiers, and frequently before it can be obtained elsewhere, as the record is always kept up to date, no matter how great may be the mortality.

In accordance with Special Order No. 132, Headquarters Middle Military Di-