

BOOKER, Richard M. Capt., Provost Marshal

The National Archives files for Officers contain seventy-seven documents for Richard M. Booker. The illustrated National Archives typed career summary contains details of his service record. All known examples of his endorsement consist only of initials with no rank or title.

Richard M. Booker, a native of Virginia, was appointed at Richmond, Virginia, on May 24th, 1861, as 2nd Lieutenant, Infantry, P.A.C.S., taking rank on the same day. With Special Order No. 91 dated June 21st, 1861, Booker was ordered to report for duty at Richmond, Virginia, reporting to Gen'l J. H. Winder, Commanding the Department of Henrico. Booker filed an abstract on September 28th, 1861, in which he was listed as an Acting Assistant Quarter Master in charge of prisoners of war.

On April 2nd, 1862, in a Special Order at Head Quarters Forces in Virginia at Williamsburg, Booker was mentioned as an assistant in the Pay Department who would accompany Maj. George Booker, AQM, on a trip to Richmond and back.

Booker was appointed on October 16th, 1862, as Captain, retroactively taking rank on May 15th, 1862, and reporting to Gen'l J. H. Winder. Booker signed a special requisition as Captain & Assistant Provost Marshal for 250 bushels of coal on December 4th, 1862, at Richmond, Virginia.

A requisition for forage for one horse placed Booker at Richmond, Virginia, during the month of July, 1863, which he signed as "Capt. Comdg. Exchange men." On December 17th, 1863, Booker was ordered to report to Col. Thomas M. Jones, commander of Fort Caswell, North Carolina, for duty as Adjutant of the post. His rank of Captain was apparently temporary and he reverted to 2nd Lt.

On July 5th, 1864, Booker signed a special requisition at Fort Caswell, North Carolina, as "Capt. & Adjt." Booker was admitted to General Military Hospital No. 4 at Wilmington, North Carolina, on October 28th, 1864, with a diagnosis of "Gonorrhoea." He was returned to duty on November 7th.

Booker was later admitted to the hospital at Petersburg, Virginia, on February 10th, 1865, and was furloughed on March 14th, 1865. A medical examining board at Petersburg, Virginia, certified on March 27th that Booker suffered from "Sub-acute Rheumatism right leg and arm with some atrophy of leg." Booker wrote a letter at Petersburg on March 27th, 1865, to Gen'l S. Cooper, Adjutant General at Richmond:

I have the honor to report for such duty, as the enclosed certificate recommends. Since (illegible) 1864 I was granted a leave of absence for sixty (? partly illegible) days on surgeon's certificate at which time I was serving as Adjutant at Fort Caswell, N. Carolina. Since that time an extension was granted by a medical Board at this place, for thirty days which expired on the 26th inst.

I respectfully request that I be assigned to some Post duty till I am able to go to the field, and if possible, would wish that I be placed on duty in Richmond Va.

Events at Petersburg were to take a turn for the worse on April 2nd, when Grant's army broke through Confederate lines. Petersburg and Richmond both fell the next day. Capt. Booker, P.A.C.S., was granted parole at Richmond, Virginia, on April 20th, 1865, and "having taken the oath of parole, has permission to go to his home in Elizabeth City Co., Va." [Elizabeth City County later became a part of Hampton, Virginia]

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R. M. Booker's
signatures from the
National Archives.

The earliest known
example, signed on
August 23rd, 1861,
at Richmond,
Virginia, as "2nd Lt
C. S. Inf't."

above account.
R M Booker 2nd Lt C S Inf't.

Signed on
December 4th, 1862,
at Richmond,
Virginia, as "Capt
and A(ssistant)
P(rovoost) Marshal."

R M Booker
Capt and A. P. Marshall

Signed on February
13th, 1863, at
Richmond, Virginia,
as "Capt & Asst
Provost Mar,
Western District."

R M Booker
Capt & Asst Provost Mar
Western District

Signed on June 1st,
1864, at Fort
Caswell, North
Carolina, as "Capt
& Adj't Post."

R M Booker
Capt & Adj't Post

Signed on April 20th,
1865, on his parole
document at
Richmond, Virginia,
as "Capt P.A.C.S."

R M Booker
Capt P.A.C.S.

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R. M. Booker	
Capt, adj. Ft. Caswell	
Appears on a register of	
C. S. A. General Military Hospital, No. 4, Wilmington, N. C.	
Date	Oct. 28, 1864.
Disease	Gonorrhoea
Post office	Wilmington, N.C.
Returned to duty	Nov. 7, 1864.
Furloughed	186 .
Discharged	186 .
Deserted	186 .
Death	186 .
Remarks: .	

National Archives summary card for R. M. Booker's
treatment at General Military Hospital No. 4, Wilmington,
North Carolina, dated October 28th, 1864.

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BOOKER, RICHARD M., 2d Lieut. Tenn. rank Capt. *asst. Prov. Mar.*

- Booker, Richard M.*
- ✓ May 24, 1861. Appointed 2d Lt. Inf., C.S.A., from Va., May 24, 1861; confirmed Oct. 11, 1862; to take rank May 24, 1861; accepted June 14, 1861. (1-88-110; 1-45-296; Report A.O.)
 - ✓ June 21, 1861. Ordered to report to Gen. Magruder, Yorktown, Va. (S.O. 77 (2) A. & I.G.O.)
 - ✓ July 12, 1861. Ordered to Col. W. Gilham, comdg. Camp of Instruction near Richmond, Va. (S.O. 95 (5) A. & I.G.O.)
 - ✓ July 24, 1861. Relieved from duty at Col. Gilham's Camp, and will report for duty to Gen. Winder, Richmond, Va. (S.O. 105 (5) A. & I.G.O.)
 - ✓ Dec. 20, 1861. From Williamsburg, Maj. Booker desired the services of R.M. Booker, Lt. C.S.A. (1-47-115. Report A.O.)
 - ✓ Feb. 1, 1862. Lt., P.A.; detailed for duty in O.M. Dept., and will report to Maj. Geo. Booker, A.O.M., at Williamsburg, Va. (S.O. 26 (17) A. & I.G.O.)
 - ✓ April 21, 1862. Gen. J.H. Winder asks for detail of Lt. Richard M. Booker for duty in Dept. Henrico. (A.G.O. Letter 583-W.)
 - ✓ April 21, 1862. Ordered to report to Gen. J.H. Winder, Dept. Henrico. (S.O. 91 (2) A. & I.G.O.)
 - ✓ No date. R.M.T. Hunter recommends Lt. Booker for promotion to the rank of Captain. These papers were withdrawn by W.S. Reed June 17, 1862. (Personal Papers.)
 - ✓ July 17, 1862. Appointed to temporary rank of Capt. (Act No. 155), July 17, 1862; to report to Gen. J.H. Winder. (1-115-196. Report A.O.)
 - ✓ Sept. 22, 1862. Richmond-R.M. Booker, Lt. & A. Pro. Mar., wrote to A.G.O. relative to a deserter. (1-50-504. Report A.O.)
 - ✓ Sept. 28, 1862. Writes to Sec of War relative to his promotion to Captain. (A.G.O. Letter 2475-B.)
 - ✓ May 15, 1863. Granted 30 days leave of absence. (S.O. 116 (11) A. & I.G.O.)
 - ✓ Dec. 9, 1863. Medical Examining Board certify that Capt. R.M. Booker, P.A.C.S., is fit for service. (A.G.O. Letter. 2246-W.)
 - ✓ Dec. 9, 1863. Col. Thos. M. Jones requests that Capt. Booker report to him for duty. Indorsement: "Order as Lieut., temporary rank gone, having no command." (A.G.O. Letter 2665-B.)
 - ✓ Dec. 17, 1863. 2d Lt. P.A.C.S.; ordered to report to Col. Thos. M. Jones, comdg. Fort Caswell, N.C., for assignment to duty as Adjutant of the post. (S.O. 299 (21) A. & I.G.O.)
 - ✓ Dec. 21, 1863. Requests leave of absence for 15 days. (A.G.O. Letter 2725 B.)
 - ✓ Dec. 21, 1863. Granted leave of absence for 15 days. (S.O. 302 (11) A. & I.G.O.)
 - ✓ March 27, 1865. From Petersburg, Va., writes to A. & I.G. inclosing certificate of Med. Examining Board. States that in Dec. 1864, he was granted leave of absence for 60 days, at which time he was serving as Adj. at Ft. Caswell, N.C. Since that time an extension of 30 days leave had been granted. Reports for duty. (Personal papers.)
 - ✓ March 29, 1865. Granted 30 days leave of absence. (S.O. 74 (24) A. & I.G.O.)
- and request assignment at Richmond*