

GRIBBLE, Risdon D. Capt., AQM

The National Archives files for Officers contain forty-seven documents for R. D. Gribble of Louisiana; thirty-four documents for R. D. Gribble are found in the files for Miscellaneous; two documents are found in the Louisiana files for the Crescent Regiment.

On March 24th, 1862, at Jackson, Tennessee, Gribble wrote a letter that he had posted his bond on March 3rd in New Orleans, Louisiana, in the sum of twenty thousand dollars before Judge Moise of the C. S. Court. His bond was forwarded by Maj. Winnemore to Richmond, and he reported as AQM to the Crescent Regiment Louisiana Infantry. Gribble appeared on muster rolls for that regiment during the time period of March 5th through June 3rd, 1862; the unit was disbanded on that date after having fought at the Battle of Shiloh and retreated to Corinth, Mississippi. (see: www.acadiansingray.com/Crescent (24th) Regt.Inf)

On October 14th, 1863, at Marietta, Georgia, Gribble wrote A. R. Lawton, QM General in Richmond:

"I have just received your letter of 6 inst and am surprised to hear that my name does not appear on the rolls as an officer in your department.

I was commissioned in the State of Louisiana on the 4th December 1861 as QM of the Crescent Regiment La Volunteers. Early in March 1862 the said Regiment entered the Confederate Service and on the 4th day of that month (Mch 1862) I gave my bonds which were accepted by Judge Moise and forwarded to Richmond by Maj. J. T. Winnemore now of Augusta Ga with

instructions to forward the Commission to my friends Messrs. Perkins & Co. New Orleans in whose employ I had been since 1853. I had every reason to believe that my Commission had been sent to New Orleans & as I was told by prominent officers that my name was on the list of bonded officers, I felt satisfied and gave myself no further trouble.

A Tupelo Miss I was detached by Maj. Gen'l Sam'l Jones from the Regiment, on duty for Walker's Brigade & when the Army was moving to Kentucky, Col. O'Bannon asked me to report to Maj. L. O. Bridewell Chief QM of Hardee's Corps (the Crescent Regiment had been disbanded just as we left Tupelo). At Bardstown Ky General Polk Comdg Army of Mississippi ordered me to Shelbyville & Frankfort to purchase clothing &c for that Army. I purchased and brought out safely 75,000 yards of Jeans & Linseys which was about all the Army of Mississippi secured. On our arrival at Chattanooga in November last Col. O'Bannon ordered me to take charge of the building and supplying of Hospitals. I remained on that duty until Gen'l Bragg evacuated that place where he gave me the following order."

Maj. M. B. McMicken, Chief QM, appended orders on this letter, directing Gribble to proceed to Dalton and Marietta, Georgia, "to make the necessary arrangements for the erection and the furnishing of Hospitals at these and other points in the rear of the Army...." These orders were approved and signed by Gen'l Braxton Bragg.

Formal letters of support for Capt. Gribble to A. R. Lawton were written on the same day, October 14th, 1863, by Maj. Thomas Peters, AQM, Maj. G. W. Cunningham, QM, who wrote that "Maj.



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Peters, having known Capt. Gribble for a long time and knowing him to be possessed of business qualifications which render him particularly useful in the Department," and Albert J. Smith, Chief Pay Quarter Master Dept of Tennessee, wrote "I know Capt. Gribble to be a faithful officer of great integrity."

Gribble was appointed on November 3rd, 1863, as Capt. & AQM reporting to the QM General and taking rank on May 2nd, 1863. He received \$10,000.00 in Quartermaster funds at Atlanta, Georgia, on the same date. The endorsement on the Treasury note of February 25th, 1863, predates his appointment to the QM General. National Archives summary cards noted that Gribble appeared on a list of Quartermasters reporting to Maj. Alfred M. Barbour, Chief QM, West Department, Army of Tennessee, dated March 1st, 1863, and stationed at Chattanooga, Tennessee. This document also noted that Gribble was a bonded Post & Hospital QM at Chattanooga.

A voucher for travel expenses noted that Gribble traveled from Chattanooga, Tennessee, to Charleston, South Carolina, on August 5th, 1863, and returned to Chattanooga via Macon, Georgia, on August 16th, 1863. Orders for this travel originated with Maj. M. B. McMicken, Chief Quartermaster at Chattanooga, and were addressed to Gen'l Braxton Bragg.

A voucher for travel expenses noted that Gribble traveled from Chattanooga, Tennessee, to Atlanta, Georgia, on September 2nd, 1863, and returned later that month on an undisclosed date to Chattanooga.

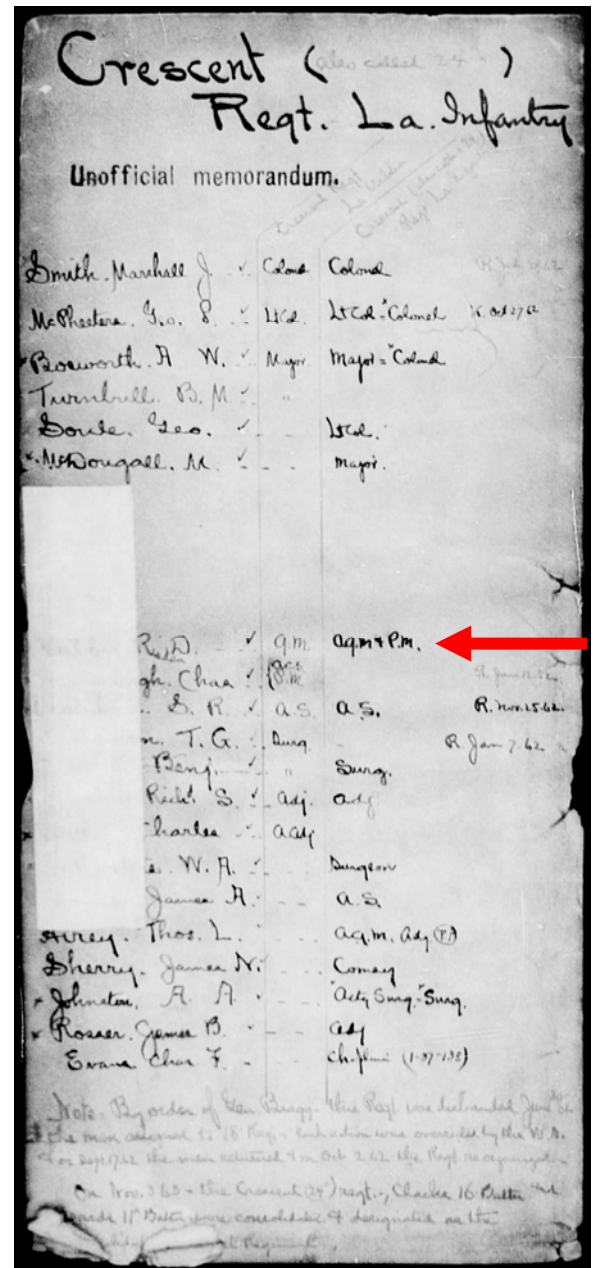
Gribble was assigned as Post & Hospital QM at Marietta, Georgia, on February 1st, 1864, and he received \$15,000.00 in Quartermaster funds on February 10th, 1864, at Atlanta, Georgia, from Maj. G. R. Fairbanks, QM. Vouchers for forage supplies and postage dated from January 30th to June 30th, 1864, located Gribble at Marietta, Georgia, where he was listed as the Post & Hospital QM. On June 30th, 1864, Maj. J. P. Horbach, QM, transferred stores to Gribble at Atlanta, Georgia.

On August 25th, 1864, just prior to the fall of Atlanta, Gribble was assigned to duty with the 2nd Florida Cavalry, although no records in that unit are found for Gribble.

An affidavit signed by a Justice of the Peace and dated January 6th, 1865, was executed at Madison, Florida, and described the loss of two mules which had died of disease, one of "cholic" and the other of "blind staggers," as Public Property in October and December of 1864 at that location in the service of Capt. Gribble, AQM. A National Archives summary card noted that Gribble was relieved of

duty on February 9th, 1865. That order was revoked (i.e., he was reinstated) on March 30th, 1865.

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Unit card for the Crescent Regiment Louisiana Infantry with an annotation for (blank), Risdon D., AQM & PM. image: Fold3.com

R. D. Gribble's signatures from the National Archives.



*R. D. Gribble
Capt & A.Q.M.*

The earliest known example, signed on March 24th, 1862, at Jackson, Tennessee, as "Capt & A.Q.M."

*R. D. Gribble
Capt & A.Q.M.*

Signed on June 30th, 1863, at Chattanooga, Tennessee, as "Capt & A.Q.M."

*R. D. Gribble
Capt & A.Q.M.*

Signed on February 10th, 1864, at Atlanta, Georgia, as "Capt & A.Q.M."

I certify, on honor, that the foregoing account is correct and just; that the letters and packages on which postage has been paid as therein stated, were all on public service; that I have actually paid the amount charged.

Received at Marietta, the 30th day of June, 1864, of CAPT. R. D. GRIBBLE, Assistant Quartermaster Confederate States Army,

Thirty two dollars and — cents, in full of the above account.

(Signed Duplicates)

*R. D. Gribble
Capt & A.Q.M.*

Signed on June 30th, 1864, at Marietta, Georgia, as "Capt & A.Q.M."

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