

6/12 Maxey Bgde orders-In compliance with the 4/21 act to organize Sharpshooter Bns & G O's from Richmond of 5/3, Maj Burnet is hereby authorized to organize & transport to this Bgde a Bn of sharpshooters of not less than 3 Co's or more than 6 Co's to consist of 64-125 Pvt's each. This Bn will be armed with the most approved long-range rifles & equipped upon reporting to this Bgde. He will be careful in selecting the best men for this honorable organization & as far as possible the best rifle shots in the country

8/1/62 At Camp Jackson, Paris, Lamar Co., Tex, the Bn was officially organized on 1 Aug 1862 & assigned to Sam Bell Maxey's Bgde.¹

Organized in obedience to S O #57 Maxey Bgde dated 6/12.

10/28/62 Orders from Richmond-The men composing the following Co's of Tex Vols: [names 6 Capt's **including Martin & Baker**] will be taken to the Bgde of Gen Maxey for which they volunteered there to be fitted as sharpshooters & other men of the Bgde if necessary, may be detailed & the Bn organized
Major Jas Burnet of Maxey's 9th Tex Vols is detailed to execute this order

2/8/63 they left Camp Johnson & reached Jefferson, TX on Feb 10, 1863, a distance of 35 miles.¹

2/11 they left Jefferson boarding on the steamer *P. E. Bonford*, & reached Alexandria, LA on Feb. 14, a distance of 270 miles.¹

2/14 Arrive Alexandria-served in the Gunboat Webb expedition against Queen of West

2/15 on the morning of Feb. 15, 1863 they embarked on the C. S. Gunboat *Grand Duke & Webb* on an expedition against the federal ram *Queen of the West*.¹

Adj't R. S. Dulin with one NCO & 25 men went on the *Queen of the West* (sic). 2nd Lt. W. R. Hale with one NCO & 10 men went on board the *Grand Era*.¹

2/18/63 they arrived at Fort DeRussy on the Red River, a distance of 50 miles¹

3/6/63 leaves Ft DeRussey on board the *Nina Sims* & arrived at Port Hudson on the same day, a distance of 140 miles. They were present at the bombardment of the place by the Federal Fleet on the night of the 14th of March 1863. The federal Man of War *Ms* was disabled by the CS Btrys at Port Hudson & was abandoned & burned by the enemy.^{1 4}

G O #20, Hqs. Dist. of Western Louisiana,
Alexandria, April 2, 1863.

The major-general commanding takes pleasure, in behalf of the Government, in returning thanks to the detachment of Texas troops of Major [James] Burnet's command; of Tennessee troops of Capt. J. D. Thomas' command, and to the section of Maryland Light Artillery Battery, under command of Lieutenant [W. Thompson] Patten and Sergeant [Edward] Langley, for the valuable and gallant services rendered by them in the gunboat engagement with the United States steam ram Indianola. Their bravery and soldierly conduct entitle them to the gratitude of the nation and the highest appreciation of their countrymen, and should excite the just emulation of their comrades. The major-general commanding, in justice to themselves and his own feelings, cannot allow them to return to their commands in another department without making this public acknowledgment of their gallant and meritorious services.

By command of Major-General Taylor

May - June, 1863, assigned to Maxey's Bgde, Loring's Div, Dept of the West.²

July 1863 - September 1863, assigned to Maxey's Bgde, French's Div, Dept of Ms & East La.²

11/16/63 Richmond, **S O #272**-The 1st Texas Bn Sharpshooters, Maj James Burnet cdg, is transferred to the Trans-Ms Dept, & will report to Lt Gen E. K. Smith, cdg, at Shreveport. QM's & commissaries will furnish the necessary transportation & subsistence. By command of the Sec of War: John Withers, AAG.³

12/17/63 the Bn was transported back across the Miss River, the command being ferried across the river by small boats & skiffs between Federal naval patrols. Once returned to the Trans-Miss Dept, the unit served in the Indian Territory

1/21/64 Kirby Smith orders 1st Tex SS Bn to Ind. Terr. to report to Maxey

7/20/64 Fort Towson, Col Portlock's remarks to accompany the tabular inspection report:

1st Bn Tex Sharpshooters, Maj Burnett cdg-this excellent command was organized by special orders from Sec of War for the duty designated by its name. It consists of 5 Co's & is in a fine state of discipline & drill, for which its officers deserve credit. It presents a military appearance but little inferior to regulars. It is now acting as a special support to Howell's Btry

4/25/65 S O #115 Hqs Dist of Tex, etc.-Houston

VII In accordance S O #97/I, current series, Dept Hqs, Gen Bee is assigned to the command of the 2nd Bgde of Maxey's Div of Infy.

VIII. The following commands will constitute a part of the 2nd Bgde of Maxey's Div, in addition to those already designated:

20th Tex DC (Bn), Major J. R. Johnson;

1st Bn Tex SS, Major James Burnet