

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

ADJUTANT GENERAL

OF THE

STATE OF NEW JERSEY,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 31, 1870.



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REPORT.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE, }
TRENTON, October 31, 1870.

*To His Excellency, Theodore F. Randolph,
Governor, and Commander in Chief:*

SIR:—I have the honor to submit the following report of this Department for the year 1870:

The routine business of this office has about the same variety, and requires about the same amount of labor and research, as in the other years since the war. Correspondence on every subject relating to the volunteers from this State daily receives our attention. The departments of the General Government, which, for years, will be employed in settling accounts and correcting records growing out of the war, demand daily of us such data of unknown soldiers as they do not possess. Our records have now been compiled with such care that it is seldom that we cannot furnish all the needed information.

Every year the requests become more numerous for duplicate discharge papers from soldiers who have lost the originals. As these documents are invaluable to them for the purpose of naturalization, or exemption from sundry taxes, their loss is greatly felt. The War Department very properly declines to issue a new discharge. The certificate of their military record, under the seal of this office, as directed by the last Legislature to be affixed, makes a document which can be used in every case in lieu of a lost discharge. We have thus far been able to give to each applicant a complete official record.

A large amount of State pay, especially to naval volunteers and colored troops from this State, is still due. It is really unaccountable why applications for this pay are not more promptly presented. It is still owing, in the cases above cited, to the wives, dependent children, or widowed mothers, of enlisted men credited to this State from March 31, 1865, to date of discharge, provided they resided in this State on the day first mentioned. It has been estimated that

the State is yet indebted, on this account, some thirty thousand dollars.

During the past year we have obtained the complete military history of twenty five hundred (2,500) men who enlisted in the regular army, and of four thousand (4,000) colored troops, residents of and credited to the State. It has been a most arduous task, requiring great, patient research; but the result, thus far, has been complete and satisfactory. We still need, and hope to obtain during the coming year, the record of a large number of men enrolled in this State for the naval and marine service.

I would again mention that the roster of officers and enlisted men of the volunteer organizations of this State during the late war is complete and on file in this office. In my last report I gave a somewhat minute detail of this work, which it is unnecessary to repeat. It will, I am sure, be found unequalled in its arrangement and as a correct and minute record. As fifteen other States have already published a document of like character in reference to their troops, I earnestly hope the Legislature of this State will see fit to print this register at an early day.

On the 30th of November, 1869, the National Guard of this State numbered forty-nine (49) companies of infantry and two (2) companies of artillery, either fully organized or in process of organization. Eleven counties of this State were then without a military force.

Since that date two (2) companies, "F" Company, 1st Regiment, 1st Brigade, and "A" Company, 3d Regiment, 2d Brigade, having fallen below the standard of numbers required by law have been disbanded. One company of infantry is now being organized by the First Brigade Board, and one company by the Second Brigade Board to fill these vacancies. The counties of Atlantic and Ocean, heretofore unrepresented in the National Guard, have each organized a company of infantry, leaving nine counties now—Cape May, Gloucester, Hunterdon, Morris, Passaic, Salem, Somerset, Sussex and Warren—without military organization.

There are to-day forty-nine (49) companies of infantry organized, two (2) companies in process of organization and nine vacancies, reserved by law for and only to be filled by the counties just mentioned. Besides this there are two (2) batteries of artillery. This statement shows the quota of infantry companies, as allowed by law, sixty (60) in all, to be full.

The six companies of the Fifth Battalion, on August 24th, were transferred, with the new company organized in Ocean county, to a new regiment called the Sixth Regiment, headquarters at Camden.

The numerical designation of the Sixth Battalion has been changed to the Fourth Battalion.

The First Brigade now includes the First, Second, Fourth and Fifth (veteran) Regiments, First and Second Battalions and Battery "A."

The Second Brigade includes the Third and Sixth Regiments, Third and Fourth Battalions and Battery "B."

The Second Annual Competitive Trial of Skill in Musketry, by order of the Major General commanding the National Guard, took place at Clifton Park, near Paterson, on September 29th, and continued on October 17th, with even more enthusiasm than last year. Some four hundred officers and men assembled to contend for the prizes—medals offered by yourself and Major General Runyon. The contest was conducted with the greatest fairness and in a most soldierly style.

The parades, reviews and inspections of the several organizations of the National Guard have been regularly held during the year. The annual review of the Second Brigade took place at Trenton, May 18th, and of the First Brigade at Camp Frelinghuysen, near Newark, October 19th. Both commands displayed a good degree of discipline, and presented a fine appearance on the field.

I would recommend at an early day the exchange of the muskets now in the hands of the military force of the State, for breach loading rifles. As, however, the War Department, on inquiry, has not yet adopted a new arm for the regular army, it would manifestly be inexpedient for us hastily to adopt one at present. I think there is no one thing would encourage the men more than an accurate, effective breach-loading weapon. At the earliest moment possible I would urge your serious attention to this matter.

The cost of the National Guard has been during the last fiscal year twenty-six thousand one hundred and twenty-six dollars and fifty-five cents (\$26,126.55). This amount has been paid, as required by law, to the Paymasters of the different organizations, as will appear in the Treasurer's report of this date.


To the members of the National Guard, and to all others who take an interest in the military of the State, the great superiority of the present law over those of other years is apparent. In strong contrast with the incongruous, conflicting laws in force just prior to the adoption of the present one, we see now an efficient law giving us a popular State organization, a compact, well officered, drilled and disciplined body of men, available at any time, at any place for immediate service. It is with pride I thus write.

The report of the Assistant Adjutant General, chief of enrolling and drafting, has been received and is herewith annexed.

The report of the Inspector General, with the returns of Brigade Inspectors of the National Guard, is subjoined, to which you are referred for special information as to its numbers, condition of arms, drill and general efficiency.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM S. STRYKER,
Adjutant General of New Jersey.



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A P P E N D I X .

REPORT OF ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
BUREAU OF ENROLLING AND DRAFTING, }
TRENTON, October 31, 1870. }

GENERAL:—I have the honor to report that the estimated number “of persons between the ages of eighteen (18) and forty-five (45) years, who are liable to perform military duty,” in this State, at this date, is one hundred and twenty-seven thousand six hundred and eighty (127,680). This constitutes the reserve militia of the State.

I am, General, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

S. M. DICKINSON,

Colonel, and Assistant Adjutant General of N. J.

Brig. Gen. WILLIAM S. STRYKER, *Adj't Gen'l of New Jersey.*

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,
ELIZABETH, November 15th, 1870. }

GENERAL:—I have the honor to transmit the enclosed inspection returns of the various regiments and battalions composing the National Guard of the State, for the year 1870:

The National Guard is now composed of fifty-one companies of infantry and two batteries of artillery, which are divided into two brigades.

The First Brigade, commanded by Brigadier General Joseph W. Plume, has its headquarters at Newark. This brigade is composed of four regiments and two battalions of infantry, having in the aggregate thirty-one companies, and one battery of artillery, viz:—Battery A.

The Second Brigade, commanded by Brigadier General Uriah De-Hart, has its headquarters at New Brunswick, and is composed of twenty companies of infantry, divided into two regiments and two battalions, and one battery of artillery, viz:—Battery B.

The total strength of the First Brigade is 1848 officers and men; the total strength of the Second Brigade is 1265 officers and men—making the total effective force of the National Guard of the State (including 33 officers of the State and General's staff,) 3146. The total strength of the National Guard for the year 1869 was 2644, so that its numbers have been augmented 502 during the year.

The thirty-one companies of infantry and the battery composing the First Brigade paraded for inspection 1015 officers and men. The total of 1848 equipped men in this brigade is made up of 136 officers and 1712 non-commissioned officers, musicians and privates. The average attendance at company drills throughout the year has been 787.

The Second Brigade paraded for inspection 842 officers and men. The total of 1265 equipped men in this brigade is made up of 97 officers and 1168 non-commissioned officers, musicians and privates. The average attendance at company drills throughout the year has been 597.

The First Brigade reports 80 unserviceable arms and the Second Brigade reports 14, making the number of arms unserviceable in the entire division but 94.

The inspections of the year show that the National Guard is rapidly increasing in numbers; not a single company falls below the minimum, while many are almost up to the maximum standard.

From the fact, also, that out of 2880 enlisted men in the Guard, 1384 have on an average attended the company drills throughout the year, we may safely say that the military spirit in the State is unabated.

Respectfully submitted.

J. AUGUSTUS FAY, JR.,

Brigadier General and Inspector General.

To Brig. Gen. WILLIAM S. STRYKER, *Adj't Gen'l of N. J.*

INSPECTION RETURN OF THE NATIONAL GUARD.

FIRST BRIGADE.

FIRST REGIMENT.		Officers present.	Men present.	Officers absent.	Men absent.	Total present and absent.	Arms serviceable.	Arms unserviceable.	Drill.	Condition of clothing and equipments.	Condition of armory.	Manual of arms.	Average attendance at company drills.	Station.
Field and Staff.....	14	123	2	156	301	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Newark.
Company A.....	1	37	.....	22	61	79	1	Good	Incomplete	Good	Good	Good	23	Newark.
Company B.....	1	29	.....	26	59	65	15	Good	Incomplete	Good	Good	Good	25	Newark.
Company C.....	1	23	.....	26	54	44	6	Good	Incomplete	Good	Good	Good	23	Newark.
Company D.....	1	13	44	63	77	1	Good	Incomplete	Good	Good	Good	30	Newark.
Company E.....	1	21	34	58	39	Good	Incomplete	Good	Good	32	Newark.

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FIRST BRIGADE.

APPENDIX.

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FOURTH REGIMENT.													
Field and Staff	Officers present.	Men present.	Officers absent.	Men absent.	Total present and absent.	Arms serviceable.	Arms unserviceable.	Drill.	Condition of clothing and equipments.	Condition of armory.	Manual of arms.	Average attendance at company drills.	Station.
Field and Staff	22	179	9	172	382	79	1	1 Good	Good	Good	Good	20	Jersey City.
Company A	1	12	3	34	49	55	1	1 Good	Good	Good	Good	18	Hudson City.
Company B	1	18	2	52	73	71	3	3 Good	Good	Good	Good	25	Hudson City.
Company C	2	26	1	17	46	40	..	Good	Good	Good	Good	25	Bergen.
Company D	3	36	..	7	46	60	..	Good	Good	Good	Good	30	Jersey City.
Company E	3	43	..	9	55	55	2	2 Good	Good	Good	Good	15	Jersey City.
Company F	2	18	1	24	45	36	4	4 Good	Good	Good	Good	20	Bayonne.
Company G	2	26	..	29	57

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FIRST BRIGADE.

FIFTH REGIMENT--VETERAN.

FIFTH REGIMENT--VETERAN.													Station.
Field and Staff.	Officers present.	Men present.	Officers absent.	Men absent.	Total present and absent.	Arms serviceable.	Arms unserviceable.	Drill.	Condition of clothing and equipments.	Condition of army.	Manual of arms.	Average attendance at company drills.	Newark, Orange, Newark, Newark, Newark, Newark, Newark, Newark.
Field and Staff.	5	51	4	11	65	51	3	Good	Imperft	Good	Good	30	Newark, Orange, Newark, Newark, Newark, Newark, Newark, Newark.
Company A.	3	13	1	35	51	77	3	Good	Good	Good	Good	20	Newark, Orange, Newark, Newark, Newark, Newark, Newark, Newark.
Company C.	3	13	1	19	66	56	3	Good	Good	Good	Good	40	Newark, Orange, Newark, Newark, Newark, Newark, Newark, Newark.
Company D.	2	44	2	26	51	47	3	Good	Good	Good	Good	20	Newark, Orange, Newark, Newark, Newark, Newark, Newark, Newark.
Company E.	1	22	2	20	44	50	10	Good	Good	Good	Good	30	Newark, Orange, Newark, Newark, Newark, Newark, Newark, Newark.
Company F.	2	21	1	33	62	40	5	Good	Good	Good	Good	25	Newark, Orange, Newark, Newark, Newark, Newark, Newark, Newark.
Company G.	2	26	1	11	60	32	8	Good	Good	Good	Good	30	Newark, Orange, Newark, Newark, Newark, Newark, Newark, Newark.
Company H.	3	46	1	11	60	32	8	Good	Good	Good	Good	30	Newark, Orange, Newark, Newark, Newark, Newark, Newark, Newark.
	21	223	9	155	408								

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FIRST BRIGADE.

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FIRST BATTALION.	Station.												Hoboken. Hoboken. Weehawken. Hoboken. Hoboken.
	Officers present.	Men present.	Officers absent.	Men absent.	Total present and absent.	Arms serviceable.	Arms unserviceable.	Drill.	Condition of clothing and equipments.	Condition of armory.	Manual of arms.	Average attendance at company drills.	
Field and Staff.....	3	3	3	3	6	32	3	3	Good	Good	Good	18	
Company A.....	3	31	1	32	66	59	32	1	Good	Good	Good	30	
Company B.....	2	21	...	25	49	38	59	1	Good	Good	Good	30	
Company C.....	3	42	...	23	68	38	38	2	Good	Good	Good	30	
*Company D.....	5	25	1	26	54	30	
	13	119	5	106	243	

* New Company.

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FIRST BRIGADE.

SECOND BATTALION.														Station.		
														Leonia. Weehawken.		
														Officers present.	3	3
														Men present.	35	56
														Officers absent.	15	4
														Men absent.	51	63
														Total present and absent.	53	63
														Arms serviceable.	60	.....
														Arms unserviceable.	.....	.....
														Drill.	Good	Good
														Condition of clothing and equipments.	Good	Good
														Condition of armory.	Good	Good
														Manual of arms.	Good	.....
														Average attendance at company drill.	25	40
															Leonia. Weehawken.	

INSPECTION RETURN OF THE NATIONAL GUARD.

SECOND BRIGADE.

THIRD REGIMENT.													Station.
Field and Staff	Officers present.	Men present.	Officers absent.	Men absent.	Total present and absent.	Arms serviceable.	Arms unserviceable.	Drill.	Condition of clothing and equipments.	Condition of armory.	Manual of arms.	Average attendance at company drills.	
Elizabeth.	6	57	5	11	60	44	1	Good	Good	Good	Good	.....	Elizabeth.
*Company A.....	3	31	2	26	60	44	1	Good	Good	Good	Good	.....	Elizabeth.
Company B.....	1	27	..	15	45	60	..	Good	Good	Good	Good	.....	Elizabeth.
Company C.....	3	24	..	20	46	50	..	Good	Good	Good	Good	.....	Elizabeth.
Company D.....	12	25	1	27	58	60	..	Good	Good	Good	Fair	.....	New Brunswick.
Company E.....	12	32	1	8	43	70	..	Good	Fair	Good	Fair	.....	Elizabeth.
Company F.....	12	32	1	21	47	40	..	Good	Good	Good	Fair	.....	New Brunswick.
Company G.....	23	23	1	21	47	40	..	Good	Good	Good	Good	Keyport.
	21	222	10	117	370	

* New Company.

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SECOND BRIGADE.

SIXTH REGIMENT.	Officers present.	Men present.	Officers absent.	Men absent.	Total present and absent.	Arms serviceable.	Arms unserviceable.	Drill.	Condition of clothing and equipments.	Condition of armory.	Manual of arms.	Average attendance at company drills.	Station.
Field and Staff.....	12				13								Camden.
Company A.....	1	20		30	53	76		Good	Good	Good	Good		Burlington.
Company B.....	3	29		17	49	58	2	Good	Good	Good	Good		Camden.
Company C.....	1	29		15	46	51	2	Good	Good	Good	Good		Camden.
Company D.....	1	26	1	13	41	52	3	Good	Good	Good	Good		Camden.
Company E.....	2	25	1	41	69	52	1	Good	Good	Good	Good		Camden.
* Company F.....	1	33	2	12	53								Atlantic City.
* Company G.....	3	67			70								Tom's River.
	21	234	3	128	394								

* New companies.

INSPECTION RETURN OF THE NATIONAL GUARD.

SECOND BRIGADE.

THIRD BATTALION.	Station.											
	Officers present.	Men present.	Officers absent.	Men absent.	Total present and absent.	Arms serviceable.	Arms unserviceable.	Drill.	Condition of clothing and equipments.	Condition of armory.	Manual of arms.	Average attendance at company drills.
Field and Staff.....	6	38	4	26	10	83	5	Good	Good	Good	Good	.....
Company A.....	3	35	1	44	67	75	5	Good	Good	Good	Good	.....
Company B.....	3	35	.....	44	82	75	5	Good	Good	Good	Good	.....
*Company C.....	3	49	.....	.....	52	.....	.....	Good	Good	Good	Good	.....
Company D.....	2	29	.....	19	50	43	.....	Good	Fair	Fair	Fair	.....
	16	151	5	89	261	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

* New Company.

INSPECTION RETURN OF THE NATIONAL GUARD.

SECOND BRIGADE.

FOURTH BATTALION.	Station.									
	Officers present.	Men present.	Officers absent.	Men absent.	Total present and absent.	Arms serviceable.	Arms unserviceable.	Drill.	Condition of clothing and equipments.	Condition of armory.
Field and Staff.....	2	61	2	8	4	4	66	Fair	Good	Good
Company A.....	3	61	1	28	72	66	99	Fair	Good	Good
Company B.....	3	64	1	28	95	99	99	Fair	Good	Good
Battery B	7	125	3	36	171				Good	Good
	3	39		27	69				Good	Good
									Manual of arms.	Average attendance at company drills.
									Fair	40
									Fair	50
									Good	Camden.

Millville.
 Millville.
 Bridgeton.

RECAPITULATION.

REGIMENTS AND BATTALIONS.	Officers present.	Men present.	Officers absent.	Men absent.	Total present and absent.
FIRST BRIGADE.					
First Regiment.....	14	123	8	156	301
Second Regiment.....	22	182	7	187	398
Fourth Regiment.....	22	179	9	172	382
Fifth Regiment (Veteran).....	21	223	9	155	408
First Battalion.....	13	119	5	106	243
Second Battalion.....	3	35	.....	15	53
Battery A.....	3	56	.....	4	63
	98	917	38	795	1,848
SECOND BRIGADE.					
Third Regiment.....	21	222	10	117	370
Sixth Regiment.....	24	234	8	128	394
Third Battalion.....	16	151	5	89	261
Fourth Battalion.....	7	125	3	36	171
Battery B.....	3	39	.....	27	69
	71	771	26	397	1,265
Total.....	169	1,688	64	1,192	3,113

