

ORGANIZATIONS IN SERVICE JANUARY 1, 1865—Continued.

<i>Designation.</i>	<i>Call under which recruited and organized.</i>	<i>Date of muster in U. S. service.</i>	<i>Place where mustered into service.</i>
Thirty-eighth (38th) Regiment.		October 3d, 1864.	Trenton, N. J.
Thirty-ninth (39th) Regiment.			Newark, N. J.
Fortieth (40th) Regiment.		Organized under G. O. 243, and forwarded to the field by companies, last company organized March 10, 1865.	Trenton, N. J.
Battery A, or First Battery.	Re-enlisted under G. O. War Department.		In the field.
Battery B, or Second Battery.	" " "		In the field.
Battery C, or Third Battery.	July 18th, 1863.	September 11th, 1863.	Trenton, N. J.
Battery D, or Fourth Battery.	" " "	September 16th, 1863.	Trenton, N. J.
Battery E, or Fifth Battery.	" " "	September 8th, 1863.	Trenton, N. J.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

ADJUTANT GENERAL

OF THE

STATE OF NEW JERSEY,

FOR THE YEAR 1866.

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ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE, }
TRENTON, N. J., December 16, 1866. }

*To his Excellency Marcus L. Ward, Governor, Commander-in-Chief,
&c. :*

SIR:—Being required by law to report “all proceedings relative to the details of the military force ordered by the Commander-in-Chief upon requisition of the President of the United States,” together with “the general state of the militia, as also any improvement to advance the discipline and benefit the militia,” I beg leave to submit the following report of military transactions through this department during the past year.

The return of peace has materially reduced the labors of this office ; it has therefore been placed upon a peace footing, and the expenses reduced in accordance therewith.

An act of the Legislature, approved February 20, 1862, and supplement thereto, provides “that the Treasurer is hereby directed to pay the Adjutant General * * * * * at the rate of two hundred and fifty dollars per month for actual and unusual service, until, in the opinion of the Governor, such actual and unusual service shall be no longer necessary.” I surrendered my privileges under this act when, in my opinion, the time had arrived for this salary to cease, and did not wait to receive instructions from your Excellency. The clerical force of the office has been reduced, only such persons being retained as were absolutely necessary.

In comparison with a few previous years, the past one has not proved eventful, as far as the business of this office is concerned. Following the ending of the war, the work performed has been of a nature that may be termed regular office business, and has been confined to that connected with the returned volunteers, perfecting the records and the duties connected with the militia of the State. While the clerical force has been actively engaged, the business has been of such a character that I have but to report progress in the important work of perfecting the records, which will compare favorably, I think, with similar records elsewhere. The work that has been effected has been thorough, and only six hundred names remain upon the rolls to be accounted for. This want of accuracy arises from the fact that the State has not had access to the muster-out rolls of certain organi-

zations mustered out during the year 1864. Means have been taken, however, to obtain the information necessary to account for these names which bids fair to be successful.

The Thirty-fourth Regiment returned during the year, being the last from this State in the United States service. The muster-out rolls were received, examined, and State pay stopped.

Under provisions of an act passed by the Legislature at its last session, State pay has been ordered to members of the First and Tenth Infantry New Jersey Volunteers, from date of enlistment to date of acceptance of the regiments by the State. Death records have been received, compared with the rolls of this office, and necessary entries and corrections made. An entire revision has been made of all muster-out rolls of regiments and batteries from this State, proper corrections and changes made. Hospital reports, bi-monthly musters, and reports of casualties were undergoing revision, but the work upon them has been temporarily suspended, the force of the office being engaged upon the forwarding of soldiers' certificates; it will be resumed at an early day, pushed to completion, and the records proved. I would respectfully suggest that the Legislature make provision for the publication of the corrected records of this office. The importance of doing this at their present session, arises from the fact that those who, from continual use, have become familiar with records should superintend their publication. The routine business of the office may be estimated by the number of letters deemed of sufficient importance to copy. The number of letters during the past year, of this description, having been about three thousand.

The compilation of the military laws of this State, spoken of in my last annual report, was published to the militia during the past year, and the practical working under it has been observed with great care, in order that the efficiency of the law might be tested. While no serious difficulty has been experienced, yet, owing to the incongruous nature of many of the acts, a diversity of opinion has arisen on many questions, which may prove detrimental to the militia. The difficulty arises, I think, from the fact that there is too much law. I would, therefore, recommend that a suitable person or persons be appointed by your Excellency, to still further revise the present law, divesting it of all unnecessary matter.

A battalion of veterans, numbering two hundred and thirty-four (234) men, has been organized and attached to the Newark Brigade during the past year. Seven new companies have been added to the Rifle Corps of this State during the same period, and two companies disbanded.

The present strength of the Rifle Corps may be seen by the report of the Brigade Inspector, herewith attached.

The Rifle Corps were ordered for escort to the Governor upon his inauguration. The details of the encampment of the Rifle Corps, ordered from this office in July last, cannot be given, as no report has been received, but the Corps made a fine appearance upon review,

made by your Excellency at the close of the encampment, and the discipline manifested was highly creditable to each individual member. The drills and parades provided by law have been punctually attended to, and the efficiency of the Corps well established.


The militia of the State is fast being absorbed into the Rifle Corps, while the organization composed of veterans, inaugurated at Newark, is being followed in other parts of the State. These two organizations should be fostered by the State.

The issue of certificates to soldiers from the State who received an honorable discharge—ordered by the Legislature at its last session—has been promptly attended to. It is necessary to examine the record of each individual soldier, and proper entries made, before the certificate can be issued. The work has been pushed forward, and no unnecessary delay has occurred. Since these certificates were forwarded by your Excellency to this office, an average of seventy-three (73) per day have been distributed.

I herewith forward you the report of the Assistant Adjutant General, Chief of Enrollment and Drafting.

Respectfully submitted.

R. F. STOCKTON,
Adjutant General New Jersey Militia.



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THIRD REGIMENT.	Commissioned.		Musicians	Privates.	Total.	Absent.	Total	
	Commissioned.	Non-Commissioned.						
Field & Staff	8							Inspected November 15th, 1866.
Company ... A	3	11	5	36	55	35	90	
" B	3	8	2	21	34	28	62	
" C	3	8	3	31	45	19	64	
" D	3	4	3	29	39	34	73	
" E	3	8	4	50	64	12	76	
" F	3	11	3	71	88		88	
" G								
" H								
" I								

FIRST BATTALION.	Commissioned.		Musicians.	Privates.	Total.	Absent.	Total.	
	Commissioned.	Non-Commissioned.						
Field & Staff	2							Inspected December 3d, 1866.
Company ... A	3	6	2	30	41		41	
" B								Disbanded.
" C	3	7		21	31		31	
" D								Disbanded.

SECOND BATTALION.	Commissioned.		Musicians.	Privates	Total	Absent.	Total	
	Commissioned.	Non-Commissioned.						
Field & Staff	5	5						Inspected November 14th, 1866
Company ... A	1	3	3	11	17	28	45	
" B	3	8	3	39	53	17	70	
" C	2	10		21	33	17	50	
" D	4	9	2	18	31	24	57	

FIRST BATTALION VETERANS, NEWARK.	Commissioned.	Non-Commissioned.	Musicians.	Privates.	Total.	Absent.	Total.	
Field & Staff.	4							Inspected November 27, 1866.
Company ... A	2	8	2	33	45		45	
" B	2	8	2	54	66		66	Not uniformed or equipped.
" C	3	10	1	49	63		63	" " "
" D	2	8	2	48	60		60	" " "

NEWARK CITY BATTERY.	Commissioned.	Non-Commissioned.	Musicians.	Privates.	Total.	Absent.	Total.	
	2	4		18	24		24	Inspected November 26, 1866.

UNATTACHED COMPANY, HUDSON CITY.	Commissioned.	Non-Commissioned.	Musicians.	Privates.	Total.	Absent.	Total.	
Company ... A	3	8	2	64	77		77	Inspected December 20, 1866. Not uniformed or equipped.

Total aggregate.....1559

GEO. T. GOULD.

Brigade Major, Inspector and Chief of Staff.

December 20, 1866.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ADJUTANT GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT, }
 BUREAU OF ENROLLING AND DRAFTING, }
 TRENTON, January 1, 1867. }

GENERAL :—The act entitled "An act for the more effectual organization of the militia," approved April 6, 1866, provides "that there shall be in the Adjutant General's Department a Bureau of Enrolling and Drafting, under an Assistant Adjutant General, who shall be Chief of Enrolling and Drafting," and it is made the duty of said officer to receive the enrollment lists, when made by the Commissioners of Enrollment, as provided in the act.

No measures have been taken during the year towards the organization of this Bureau. The act above referred to provides for the appointment by the Commander-in-Chief, on the recommendation of the Brigadier General, of a Commission of Enrolling and Drafting for each county, with the rank of Captain of Cavalry. No appointments of Commissioners have been made in accordance with this provision, and consequently no enrollment lists of the able bodied white male inhabitants, between the ages of eighteen and forty-five years, have been transmitted to this Bureau, as prescribed therein.

By "An act establishing a militia system," passed March 17, 1852, the Assessors of the several and respective townships and wards throughout the State were required to designate and make out enrolled schedules of all white male persons within their respective districts, upon each annual assessment, between the ages of eighteen and forty-five years, who were liable to perform military duty, and forward the same, under proper certificate, addressed to the Adjutant General, at Trenton, on or before the first day of September, annually, and the sum of one dollar for every one hundred names in each schedule was allowed to the Assessors forwarding the same, to be paid by the several and respective townships and cities in which such enrolled schedules were made out and forwarded according to law.

After the passage of the act of 1866, which provides for the enrollment of the militia under the direction of this Bureau, a circular was issued by me to the Assessors of the several and respective townships and wards throughout the State, reciting the provisions of the act of 1852, and instructing them that said act had been repealed, and that the duties required of them under that act having devolved, by the act of 1866, upon Commissioners of Enrollment, to be appointed by the Commander-in-Chief, no enrolled schedules would hereafter be required of or received from said Assessors; therefore, there is no information, from any source, of the number of persons in this State liable to do military duty for the year 1866.

Until I am notified of the appointment of Commissioners of Enrollment, as provided for in the Militia Law, no measures can be taken for the further organization of this Bureau.

I am, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

S. M. DICKINSON,
*Assistant Adjutant General New Jersey Militia,
Chief of Bureau Enrolling and Drafting.*

To Maj. Gen. R. F. STOCKTON,
Adjutant General New Jersey Militia.

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