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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

ADJUTANT GENERAL

OF THE

STATE OF NEW JERSEY,

FOR THE YEAR 1869.

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REPORT.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE, }
TRENTON, November 30, 1869.

*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 1869:

The current expenses of this office were, at the commencement of the year, reduced to the lowest point consistent with the varied nature of the demands made upon us for authentic information. It is not thought either possible or proper to lessen these necessary expenses for some time to come. The routine office business and correspondence continues without the slightest apparent diminution.

Certificates of military record are in constant demand. These documents, requiring the most careful research, are used in case of lost discharges, to supply evidence to procure naturalization papers or exemption from bounty tax, for the collection of property claims in foreign countries, for the admission of invalid soldiers and sailors into the Government and State Asylums, and the children of the same into the Home provided by this State. The number of these documents to be issued will increase year by year.

Honorable testimonials continue to be asked for; many claiming them now have just returned to the State after serving a term of enlistment in the regular army.

Owing to the fact that the United States authorities have failed to forward to this office, muster-out rolls of men credited to this State, in the Marine Corps, the Navy and Colored Troops a very large amount of claims for State pay still remain unsettled.

One year ago I reported the Roster of officers, and enlisted men in the volunteer organizations of this State during the late war as completed. Every voucher in the office has been most carefully exam-

ined, and I feel confident from the data thus obtained it will be found to favorably compare with the Registers of sixteen other States already published. New Hampshire has issued five volumes replete, with valuable military records of the Revolutionary war, the war of 1812, the Mexican war, and of the rebellion. Indiana sends us eight volumes beautifully bound, minute in every particular. Illinois has published eight volumes equally handsome. Kentucky has two large volumes the most perfect in arrangement—the most complete in details. Other States might be mentioned and I respectfully call the attention of the Legislature to the necessity of New Jersey making the contribution to the history of the war. As compiled it would make a volume of about one thousand pages quarto, and would contain the name and record of every officer appointed from New Jersey to the United States Regular Army and Regular Navy, into the Volunteer Staff Corps of the Army and Volunteer Navy; of the name, rank, enrollment or commission date, muster-in date, period of service, promotions, date, place and cause of honorable discharge, date of transfer, date and place of desertion, date, place, cause of death and burial place of each officer and soldier of the eighty-eight thousand three hundred and five (88,305) men credited on the quota of this State. If the Legislature deem it proper to print the original Roster of New Jersey Regiments, with its now hardly less valuable additions, posterity will never have reason to blame us for neglect.

At the close of the last year this office contained the names, and in some cases the muster-in dates of four thousand (4000) men, enlisting in regiments of colored troops: of five thousand four hundred (5400) men enrolled in the Naval and Marine service, and about two thousand five hundred (2500) enlistments in the Regular Army, scarcely any name having a final record. The labor incident to the collection of this history can hardly be estimated. It involved an immense amount of correspondence with officers and men, with officials of State and National government. In some cases, by courtesy of officers of the Regular Army, I have been allowed to copy official records in their possession. The task was a difficult one, but it is with the greatest personal satisfaction that I see a prospect of its early completion.

The act organizing the National Guard of the State, approved March 9, 1869, was immediately put in operation. By your order an inspection was made of all the company organizations of the Rifle Corps and Active Militia. This inspection was rigorous as to the number of men present and absent, and of their drill and efficiency, and eighteen companies failing to come up to the standard as required by the new law were instantly disbanded.

On the fourteenth day of April the transfer, assignment and organization of the National Guard was made. The First Brigade, having for its bounds the counties of Essex, Hudson, Bergen and Passaic, was composed of the First, Second, Fourth and Fifth (Vet-

eran) Regiments, the First and Second Battalions and Battery A, in all thirty-one (31) companies of infantry, one (1) of artillery and one vacancy, the county of Passaic. The Second Brigade included all the remaining counties of the State, and contained the Third regiment, the Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Battalions—in all eleven (11) companies of infantry and eleven vacancies—the counties of Sussex, Warren, Hunterdon, Morris, Atlantic, Ocean, Gloucester, Salem, Cumberland and Cape May. One hundred and nine (109) commissioned officers and two thousand five hundred and sixteen (2516) men of the Rifle Corps and Active Militia were transferred to the different commands.

The proviso in Sec. I of the act reserved one company of infantry to each county of the State. After the inspection there were twelve (12) counties without any military organization—at present there are eleven (11) the county of Cumberland now having a Battalion within its bounds.

As before remarked, forty-two (42) companies of Infantry and one (1) of Artillery were transferred. Since then four (4) new companies of Infantry have been organized, and four (4) companies of Infantry and one (1) of Artillery are now being organized by order of Brigade Boards. One company of Infantry (E. company, 3rd regiment), failing to inspect the legal number of men, has been disbanded. This will make a total of forty-nine (49) companies of Infantry, two (2) companies of Artillery, and eleven (11) counties without military organizations—which is by law the complement of the National Guard.

The cost of the National Guard has been this year eighteen thousand eight hundred and eighty-three dollars and ninety-one cents, (\$18,883.91.) This amount has been paid, as required by law, to the paymasters of Regiments and Battalions, as will be seen by items in the Treasurer's report of this date. By this showing it appears that this is the most economical military law this State has had for many years.

The system of Infantry Tactics prepared by General Upton, and in use by the United States army, has been adopted for the instruction of the National Guard. Complete sets of regimental and company books have been issued, and the active military force of the State, as appears by these records, was never in better condition.

Parades, reviews and inspections of the several organizations of the State have been regularly held. All who witnessed the review of the First Brigade, October 20th, must have been impressed with the discipline and soldiery bearing of that command.

A new feature has been introduced into the National Guard, by the inauguration in this State of the American Wimbledon. On the eighteenth day of September, Major General Runyon, commanding the Division of the National Guard, offered a gold medal as a prize to the best marksman in his command. One soldier from each company, who had made the most accurate firing during the year, was

allowed to become a competitor. This order produced a great enthusiasm among the force, and no doubt resulted in great good. The contest took place at the Shooting Park in Newark, October 19th. The novel plan adopted of recording the firing was that now in use in the Hythe school of musketry in England, and under the charge of an efficient board of judges, was carried out to the satisfaction of all. The interest which was then evinced will, without doubt, be increased next year, and we will see these competitive trials of skill in musketry, inaugurated as they have thus been by the National Guard of this State, become nationalized by the military force of the country.

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

The report of the Inspector General, as required by Sec. 21 of the law, with the returns of Brigade Inspectors of the National Guards is added, to which you are referred for specific information as to its numbers, arms, drill, clothing and general efficiency.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM S. STRYKER,
Adjutant General of New Jersey.

APPENDIX.

REPORT OF ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
BUREAU OF ENROLLING AND DRAFTING,
TRENTON, Nov. 30th, 1869. }

GENERAL:—I have the honor to report that the estimated number “of white male 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-one thousand two hundred and fifty-four (121,254). This constitutes the reserve militia of the State.

I am, General, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,

S. M. DICKINSON,

Col., and Ass't Adj't Gen'l of New Jersey.

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

INSPECTOR GENERAL'S REPORT.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,
ELIZABETH, Nov. 30, 1869. }

GENERAL:—I have the honor to transmit the enclosed Inspection Returns of the various regiments and battalions composing the National Guards of the State, and to submit the following report of the department for the year 1869 :

The returns show that the military spirit is increasing throughout the State, but many companies fall below the minimum number required by the law under which the present National Guard is organized. The following is a list of the companies which have not the requisite number of enlisted men to entitle them to organization :

1st Brigade—Co.'s B, D, E, F, G and H. 2d Regiment—Co.'s D, E, F and G. 4th Regiment—Co.'s F, G and H. 5th Regiment—Co. B. 1st Battalion, 2d Brigade. Co. B., 3d Regiment.

With regard to all the above companies, I would respectfully recommend that the appropriation of five hundred dollars, to which they are each entitled on the first day of April next, be withheld, and that a special inspection of said companies be ordered within the next sixty days, and in case of failure of any of the said companies to parade with at least fifty men, besides officers, at such inspection, that they be at once disbanded.

By reference to the Inspection Return of the Third Regiment, it will appear that Company E of said regiment failed to parade for inspection. I would recommend that the said company be immediately disbanded. For the same reason I would recommend the disbanding of Company F, First Regiment.

The thirty-one companies of infantry, composing the First Brigade, report a total of 1,631 officers and men. They paraded for inspection 888 officers and men. The average present at company drills during the year in this brigade has not been reported, except upon the returns of the First and Second regiments, which regiments, with a total of 692, report the average present at company drills as 330.

Battery A, attached to the brigade, has upon its rolls a total of 63 officers and men, and paraded for inspection 59 officers and men. I feel it to be due to this command to make particular mention of its good discipline and efficiency.

The Second Brigade is composed of fifteen companies of infantry, and report a total of 950 officers and men. They paraded 437 men at the annual inspection, and report the average present at company drills during the year as 341.

The reports as to condition of the arms in the hands of the National Guard show but forty unserviceable arms in the entire division.

It has been my duty as Inspector General during the past year to attend but one review, which was the brigade review and parade of the First Brigade, commanded by Brigadier General Joseph W. Plume, at Newark, on the 20th of October last. The drill, the precision with which the manual of arms was performed, the brigade and regimental movements and the marching in review before his Excellency, the Governor, with the steadiness of veterans showed that great interest and pride is taken in that brigade in keeping up the reputation won by New Jersey soldiers in the field, and reflected credit alike upon the officers and men composing the brigade.

Respectfully submitted,

J. AUGUSTUS FAY, JR.,

Colonel and Inspector General of New Jersey.

BRIG. GEN. WILLIAM S. STRYKER,

Adjutant General of New Jersey, Trenton.

TABULAR STATEMENTS

ACCOMPANYING THE

INSPECTOR GENERAL'S REPORT.

INSPECTION RETURN OF THE NATIONAL GUARD.

FIRST BRIGADE.

| | 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. |
|----------------------|-------------------|--------------|------------------|-------------|---------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------|---------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| FIRST REGIMENT. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Field and Staff..... | 7 | 28 | 1 | 27 | 8 | 80 | ..... | Fair. | Average | Good. | Fair. |
| Company A..... | 3 | 26 | 1 | 32 | 58 | 80 | ..... | Fair. | Average | Good. | Fair. |
| Company B..... | 2 | 28 | ..... | 23 | 61 | 80 | ..... | Fair. | Average | Good. | Fair. |
| Company C..... | 3 | 23 | 2 | 35 | 54 | 80 | ..... | Fair. | Average | Good. | Fair. |
| Company D..... | 1 | 36 | ..... | 24 | 61 | 80 | ..... | Fair. | Average | Good. | Fair. |
| Company E..... | 3 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 63 | 64 | 4 | Fair. | Average | Good. | Fair. |
| Company F*..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| | 19 | 141 | 4 | 141 | 305 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |

*Did not inspect.

INSPECTION RETURN OF THE NATIONAL GUARD.

FIRST BRIGADE.

| | 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. |
|----------------------|-------------------|--------------|------------------|-------------|---------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------|---------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| FOURTH REGIMENT. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Field and Staff..... | 9 | 18 | 2 | 48 | 11 | ..... | ..... | ..... | Good. | Good. | Fair. |
| Company A..... | 3 | 20 | ..... | 36 | 69 | ..... | ..... | ..... | Good. | Good. | Fair. |
| Company B..... | 3 | 33 | ..... | 27 | 59 | ..... | ..... | ..... | Good. | Good. | Fair. |
| Company C..... | 2 | 33 | 1 | 17 | 63 | ..... | ..... | ..... | Good. | Good. | Fair. |
| Company D..... | 3 | 30 | ..... | 22 | 50 | ..... | ..... | ..... | Good. | Good. | Fair. |
| Company E..... | 1 | 19 | 1 | 23 | 43 | ..... | ..... | ..... | Good. | Good. | Fair. |
| Company F..... | 3 | 22 | ..... | 23 | 48 | ..... | ..... | ..... | Good. | Good. | Fair. |
| Company G..... | 2 | 17 | 1 | 23 | 43 | ..... | ..... | ..... | Good. | Good. | Fair. |
| | 26 | 159 | 5 | 196 | 386 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |

INSPECTION RETURN OF THE NATIONAL GUARD.

FIRST BRIGADE.

| | 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. |
|----------------------|-------------------|--------------|------------------|-------------|---------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------|---------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| FIRST BATTALION. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Field and Staff..... | 7 | 28 | 1 | 23 | 8 | ..... | ..... | Good. | Good. | ..... | Fair. |
| Company A..... | 2 | 33 | ..... | 15 | 51 | ..... | ..... | Good. | Good. | ..... | Fair. |
| Company B..... | 3 | 27 | ..... | 25 | 55 | ..... | ..... | Good. | Good. | ..... | Fair. |
| Company C..... | 3 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| | 15 | 88 | 1 | 63 | 167 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| SECOND BATTALION.* | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Company A..... | 3 | 47 | ..... | 18 | 68 | ..... | ..... | Fair. | Good. | ..... | Fair. |
| Battery A†..... | 3 | 56 | ..... | 4 | 63 | ..... | ..... | Good. | Good. | Good. | ..... |

*One vacancy—Company of Infantry in Passaic county.

†Six guns in excellent order.

INSPECTION RETURN OF THE NATIONAL GUARD.

SECOND BRIGADE.

| | 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. |
|------------------|-------------------|--------------|------------------|-------------|---------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------|---------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| THIRD REGIMENT. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Field and Staff. | 3 | 22 | 10 | 34 | 13 | 65 | 7 | Good. | Good. | Good. | Good. |
| Company A. | 2 | 23 | 1 | 19 | 59 | 39 | | Good. | Good. | Good. | Good. |
| Company B. | 1 | 23 | | 24 | 43 | 60 | | Good. | Good. | Good. | Good. |
| Company C. | 3 | 29 | | 10 | 56 | 50 | | Good. | Good. | Good. | Good. |
| Company D. | 2 | 42 | 1 | 10 | 55 | 50 | | Good. | Good. | Good. | Good. |
| Company E*. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Company F. | 3 | 19 | | 44 | 66 | 80 | | Good. | Good. | Good. | Good. |
| Company G. | 1 | 26 | 2 | 48 | 77 | 74 | 6 | Good. | Good. | Good. | Good. |
| | 15 | 161 | 14 | 179 | 369 | | | | | | |

*Failed to parade for inspection.

INSPECTION RETURN OF THE NATIONAL GUARD.

SECOND BRIGADE.

| | Officers present. | Men present. | Officers absent. | Men absent. | Total present and absent. | Arms serviceable. | Arms unserviceable. | Drill. | Condition of clothing and equipments. | Condition of armoury. | Manual of arms. |
|----------------------|-------------------|--------------|------------------|-------------|---------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| THIRD BATTALION. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Field and Staff..... | 4 | 30 | 12 | 19 | 64 | 80 | 1 | Good. | Good. | Good. | Good. |
| Company A..... | 3 | 33 | 2 | 40 | 76 | 79 | 1 | Good. | Good. | Good. | Good. |
| Company B..... | 3 | 33 | 2 | 9 | 63 | 50 | 1 | Good. | Good. | Good. | Good. |
| Company D*..... | 1 | 51 | 2 | 9 | 63 | 50 | 1 | Good. | Good. | Good. | Good. |
| | 11 | 123 | 14 | 69 | 215 | 215 | 1 | Good. | Good. | Good. | Good. |

*Not fully uniformed.

FOURTH BATTALION --Not organized, Five vacancies --one Company of Infantry in each of the counties of Sussex, Warren, Hunterdon, Morris and Somerset.

INSPECTION RETURN OF THE NATIONAL GUARD.

SECOND BRIGADE.

| | 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. |
|----------------------|-------------------|--------------|------------------|-------------|---------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------|---------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| FIFTH BATTALION.* | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Field and Staff..... | 1 | 21 | 2 | 58 | 3 | 75 | 17 | Good. | Good. | Good. | Good. |
| Company A..... | 3 | 33 | 1 | 20 | 56 | 60 | ..... | Good. | Good. | Good. | Good. |
| Company B..... | 2 | 34 | 2 | 16 | 53 | 53 | ..... | Good. | Good. | Good. | Good. |
| Company C†..... | 1 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| SIXTH BATTALION.† | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Field and Staff..... | 7 | 88 | 5 | 94 | 194 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Company A..... | 3 | 56 | 1 | 13 | 4 | 66 | ..... | Fair. | Good. | Good. | Fair. |
| Company B\|\|..... | 3 | 74 | ..... | 18 | 95 | 90 | ..... | Fair. | Good. | Good. | Fair. |
| | 9 | 130 | 1 | 31 | 171 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |

*Two vacancies—one Company of Infantry in each of the counties of Ocean and Atlantic. †Not fully uniformed.
 ‡Three vacancies—one Company of Infantry in each of the counties of Gloucester, Salem and Cape May. ||Not uniformed.

RECAPITULATION.

| | Officers present. | Men present. | Officers absent. | Men absent. | Total present and absent. |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|--------------|------------------|-------------|---------------------------|
| First Regiment..... | 19 | 141 | 4 | 141 | 305 |
| Second Regiment..... | 25 | 198 | 6 | 158 | 487 |
| Fourth Regiment..... | 26 | 159 | 5 | 196 | 386 |
| Fifth Regiment (Veteran)..... | 14 | 153 | 5 | 146 | 318 |
| First Battalion..... | 15 | 88 | 1 | 63 | 167 |
| Second Battalion..... | 3 | 47 | ..... | 18 | 68 |
| Battery A..... | 3 | 56 | ..... | 4 | 63 |
| Third Regiment..... | 15 | 161 | 14 | 179 | 369 |
| Third Battalion..... | 11 | 123 | 14 | 68 | 216 |
| Fifth Battalion..... | 7 | 88 | 5 | 94 | 194 |
| Sixth Battalion..... | 9 | 130 | 1 | 31 | 171 |
| | 147 | 1344 | 55 | 1098 | 2644 |

