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REPORT.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT MICHIGAN, }
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE, }
Lansing, Sept. 30, 1884. }

To GOVERNOR JOSIAH W. BEGOLE, *Commander-in-Chief*:

GOVERNOR.—I have the honor to submit the following report of this department for 1873 and 1884:

For the past two years the business of the office in connection with the State Troops has been increasing, and, in order to keep up the necessary system which has been adopted, considerable clerical labor is required.

Notwithstanding nearly twenty years have passed since the war ended, numerous applications of soldiers and of the War Department for official papers are still made, and a large correspondence is still continued and increasing in regard to business connected with unsettled claims of soldiers of the war, requiring certificates as evidence of service, in place of lost discharges, on which to base applications for back pay, pensions, bounties, and homestead claims, including answers to the numerous letters of inquiry as to names and present address of surgeons and other officers of the late war, and also including the work incident to the issue of the book "Michigan in the War," all combined make the labor of the office heavy and continuous, and rendering it too much for one clerk, thereby, from necessity, abandoning the work of arranging and re-copying the record books of the regiments of the war, and delaying other necessary business. I therefore recommend and earnestly ask that authority be given for the employment of another clerk in this department, as an absolute necessity.

I desire to say, in this connection, that a register of officers having been published in "Michigan in the War," I earnestly request that authority be asked from the coming Legislature directing the Adjutant General to compile for publication a volume containing a register of the enlisted men, and quote from "Michigan in the War" on that subject. "This compilation of history and register of officers should not be accepted as completing the war record of Michigan, as it must occur to every one that in justice to those who served in the ranks, a register containing their names should also be made and printed in a volume, and it is hoped that at no distant day this will be accomplished.

Such a compilation would not only be recognized and accepted with much interest and favor by those whose names appeared therein, but in the future would

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prove of incalculable value in the adjustment of any claims arising on account of their services, while it would be cherished by their families and friends, as well as the people of the State, as a most sacred memorial of those who, at a great sacrifice, rendered heroic and faithful service to their country in the day of its extreme trial."

STATE TROOPS.

At the date of my last report twenty-nine companies constituted the entire military force of the State. Since then one company has been accepted and mustered into service at Detroit, assigned to the First Battalion. This completes the number (30) of companies authorized by law.

The composition, organization, and strength of the State Troops for 1883 are set forth in the following statement:

Brigadier General John Robertson, Detroit, Adjutant General, March 15, 1861.

Brigadier General Frederick S. Hutchinson, Ionia, Inspector General, January 1, 1883.

Brigadier General William Shakespeare, Kalamazoo, Quartermaster General, January 1, 1883.

Colonel Edwin F. Conely, Detroit, A. D. C., January 1, 1883.

Colonel James H. Cummins, Holly, A. D. C., January 1, 1883.

Colonel Robert F. Hill, Kalamazoo, A. D. C., January 1, 1883.

Colonel Smith W. Fowler, Manistee, A. D. C., January 1, 1883.

Colonel Marshall H. Godfrey, Detroit, Member State Military Board, January 1, 1883.

Colonel O'Brien J. Atkinson, Port Huron, Member State Military Board, January 1, 1883.

Major William Stevenson, Flint, Military Secretary, January 1, 1883.

Major James J. Atkinson, Detroit, Judge Advocate, January 1, 1883.

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BRIGADIER GENERAL AND STAFF.

WM. H. WITTINGTON, Jackson, Brigadier General, July 15, 1879.
 EDWARD A. SUMNER, Jackson, Lieutenant Colonel and Assistant
 Adjutant General, Oct. 31, 1879.
 JAMES H. KIDD, Ionia, Lieutenant Colonel and Brigade Inspector,
 June 6, 1882.
 JOHN D. CLARK, Jackson, Lieutenant Colonel and Brigade Quar-
 master, June 6, 1882.

FIRST REGIMENT.

D. HENRY McCOMAS, Lansing, Colonel, April 10, 1883.
 BENJAMIN F. WHEELER, Adrian, Lieutenant Colonel, April 19, 1882.
 ELMER W. ROWEN, Ypsilanti, Major, April 10, 1883.
 CHARLES M. WOODWARD, Tecumseh, Surgeon, April 30, 1883.

COMPANY.	Where Located.	Date of Muster.	Captain.	Appointed.	First Lieutenant.	Appointed.	Second Lieutenant.	Appointed.	Strength.
Field and Staff									8
A	Ann Arbor	Sept. 22, 1868	Charles H. Manley	July 29, 1879	Jacob F. Scheub	Jan. 6, 1880	Charles Fiscook	Jan. 5, 1881	71
B	Ann Arbor	Dec. 20, 1870	Frederick W. Wood	Sept. 1, 1883	James B. Keaneley	Sept. 7, 1883	Thomas B. Kric	Sept. 12, 1883	69
C	Tecumseh	Dec. 29, 1870	Adam Rupp	Jan. 1, 1883	George U. Lomanger	Jan. 1, 1883	Merrell E. Webb	Oct. 14, 1881	69
D	Moore	Dec. 23, 1872	Lewis E. Childs	May 17, 1883	Joseph H. Manning	Aug. 25, 1881	Oscar J. Jorgens	Mar. 4, 1883	74
E	Ypsilanti	Feb. 2, 1872	John Casbath	Jan. 4, 1883	Warren Drummond	Jan. 4, 1883	Fred Shubel Jr.	May 22, 1883	74
F	Jackson	Mar. 17, 1874	Wyman W. Stacy	June 5, 1882	Ford J. North	July 31, 1881	Chas. D. Wiley, Bvt.	June 17, 1883	69
G	Lansing	June 16, 1877	Andrew W. Mchan.	May 2, 1882	Harry O. Oall	May 2, 1881	Lucius H. Ives	June 30, 1883	61
K	Mason								
Total									629

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FIRST BATTALION.

EUGENE ROBINSON, Detroit, Lieutenant Colonel, Oct. 6, 1881.
CHARLES H. W. STOCKING, Detroit, Chaplain, Dec. 3, 1881.
AUGUST GOEBEL, Detroit, Major, March 25, 1882.
J. IRVING HAIGHT, Detroit, Adjutant, June 20, 1882.
JAMES B. BOOE, Detroit, Surgeon, Dec. 3, 1881.
JOSIAH W. DAVIS, Detroit, Quartermaster, June 23, 1876.
JOHN E. CLARE, Detroit, Assistant Surgeon, Dec. 3, 1881.

COMPANY.	Where Located.	Date of Muster.	Captain.	Appointed.	First Lieutenant.	Appointed.	Second Lieutenant.	Appointed.	Strength.
Field and Staff	Detroit	Nov. 16, 1881.	A. P. T. Bentzen.	Jan. 1, 1872.	Fredk E. Farnsworth	July 17, 1880.	Samuel A. Murray	July 17, 1882.	7
A.	Detroit	Mar. 27, 1871.	Patrick Sheehan	April 1, 1873.	James W. Pichas	Mar. 5, 1881.	W. G. Lathrop, Evs	June 16, 1882.	71
B.	Detroit	Aug. 2, 1871.	Gustav Fiedor	Dec. 13, 1881.	Fredk W. Braden	Dec. 13, 1882.	Edward Roth	July 2, 1883.	72
C.	Detroit	Aug. 15, 1881.	Chas. Dupont	April 2, 1883.	George W. Dorn	May 9, 1882.	Henry B. Lathrop	Dec. 4, 1882.	67
D.	Detroit	Aug. 15, 1881.	Chas. Dupont	April 2, 1883.	George W. Dorn	May 9, 1882.	Henry B. Lathrop	Dec. 4, 1882.	74
Total									288

RECAPITULATION OF STRENGTH SEPTEMBER 30, 1883.

General and staff	7
First Regiment	629
Second Regiment	675
Third Regiment	577
First Battalion	288
Total strength of Brigade	1,681

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It becoming inexpedient to continue the organization of the Second Battalion in the Upper Peninsula it was disbanded in accordance with the following order:

MILITARY DEPARTMENT MICHIGAN, }
 ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE, }
Lansing, June 22, 1883. }

General Orders, No. 16.

The Second Battalion Mich. State Troops, stationed in the Upper Peninsula, is hereby disbanded and the two Companies which composed that organization are assigned to the 3d Regiment.

The Captains of these Companies will report by letter their commands to Colonel Brown, commanding the regiment at Flint.

In view of this assignment Colonel Brown is authorized to arrange and designate the letters of the companies of his regiment as he may deem advisable.

By order of the Commander-in-Chief,
 JNO. ROBERTSON,
Adjutant General.

In accordance with law, the annual encampment of instruction for 1883 was held in compliance with the following order:

MILITARY DEPARTMENT MICHIGAN, }
 ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE, }
Lansing, June 6, 1883. }

General Orders, No. 14.

The encampment of instruction for 1883 for the Brigade of State Troops, as provided for in section 87, State Military Law, will be held at Island Lake, near Brighton, commencing Thursday, August 9th, ensuing, continuing five full days, including Monday, August 13, following.

Company Commanders will, on arrival at camp, report their commands to their Regimental Commanders, and as the time allowed is limited, it is expected that the troops will move so as to enable them to reach camp and be ready for duty on the 9th at Reveille.

To afford a better opportunity for the regimental target practice competition, it has been decided to devote the two days prior to the commencement of camp, viz.: Tuesday and Wednesday, the 7th and 8th, to that purpose; therefore, the Captains of companies will send their teams so as to report to the Inspector General, at the camp, on the evening of the 6th.

The Quartermaster General will establish the necessary camp for the teams, and arrange for their transportation and subsistence.

Second Lieutenant Frank M. Barnes, Company G, Second Regiment, is assigned to duty as Acting Assistant Inspector General at the target practice, and will report to the Inspector General at the camp for that duty on the evening of the 6th.

The camp will be under the command of Brigadier General Withington, who will establish and govern it in accordance with the State law and rules and regulations together with such orders, not in conflict therewith, as he may deem necessary.

In order that companies may enter their encampments in good condition, as regards drill, new members will not be admitted for thirty days prior to going into camp, and only those who have been thirty days or over in service will be deemed eligible for camp duty.

Company muster rolls will be made out, properly certified, giving names and dates of enlistment of all members of companies who are to be present at the encampment of their respective regiments and battalions, such rolls to be forwarded through the regimental and brigade headquarters to the Adjutant General twenty-five days prior to the date of the encampment, and on the arrival of the companies at camp they will be mustered on these rolls by the Inspector General, or his assistants, for camp duty.

In addition to the inspection directed in section 70 of the law, the Inspector General will require such drill and battalion movements, under his supervision, as he may deem necessary to show the instruction and discipline of the troops.

It is expected that companies will be prepared for the regimental target practice competition under the "rules for rifle practice," as prescribed in the instructions of the Inspector General, who will have charge of the practice.

The "Roehm & Wright" and "Bagley" prizes will be competed for by the com-