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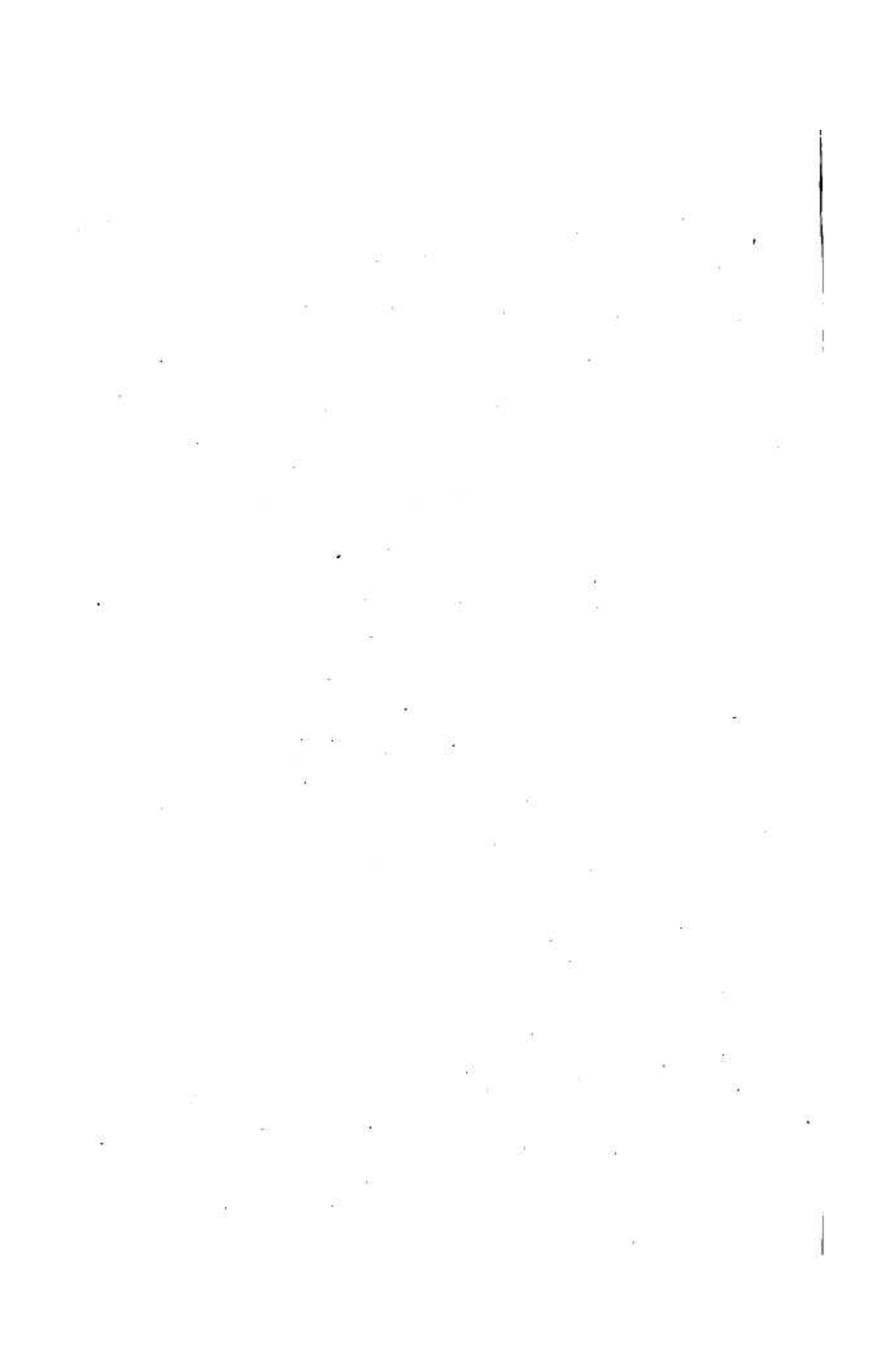
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State of Connecticut

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OF THE

ADJUTANT GENERAL.

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ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

HARTFORD, September 30, 1918.

*To His Excellency, The Governor.*

SIR:—In accordance with Chapter 11, Section 13, Militia Law, I respectfully submit herewith a report "on the condition of the national guard, and such other matters relating to the militia" during the past two years.

As was stated in my last report September 30, 1916, the only state troops of the Connecticut National Guard at their home stations at that time, were 13 companies Conn. Coast Artillery, the 1st Separate Company Infantry, colored, and the Conn. Naval Militia. All other troops were in the Federal Service, on duty at the Mexican border.

As indicated in my last report, Federal recognition having been withdrawn from the 10th Militia Field Artillery, that regiment was disbanded (excepting Batteries E and F), by General Orders No. 32, A. G. O., Conn., series 1916, to take effect December 1, 1916. Batteries E and F were ordered, by the War Department, to the Mexican border (El Paso, Texas) where they remained until early spring of 1917.

All of the Connecticut troops were finally relieved from duty at the Mexican border and returned to their home stations; they were mustered out of the Federal Service as fol-



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lows: Machine Gun Company and Companies C and M, 1st Infantry, October 19, 1916; Companies D and G, 1st Infantry, October 21, 1916; Companies A, B, F, H and K, 1st Infantry, October 23, 1916; Company L, 1st Infantry, October 24, 1916; Companies E and I, 1st Infantry, October 25, 1916; Sanitary Detachment 1st Infantry, October 26, 1916; Ambulance Company, Signal Corps, Troop B, Cavalry and Headquarters Company, 1st Infantry, October 28, 1916; Supply Company, 1st Infantry, October 30, 1916; Troop A, Cavalry, November 4, 1916; Companies I, K and L, 2nd Infantry, November 7, 1916; Field Hospital, Headquarters Company, Machine Gun Company, Companies B, C, D, E and F, 2nd Infantry, November 8, 1916; Sanitary Detachment, Companies A, G, H and M, 2nd Infantry, November 9, 1916; Supply Company, 2nd Infantry, November 14, 1916; Battery E, Field Artillery, March 17, 1917; Battery F, Field Artillery, March 16 and 19, 1917.

Regular weekly drills were ordered to be resumed by all organizations upon their return to the State, in accordance with General Orders, No. 28, A. G. O., Conn., October 19, 1916.

On February 14, 1917, the Governor received a request from the Commanding General, Eastern Department, (General Wood) for military guards for the protection of important railroad bridges throughout the State, to prevent their being blown up by alien enemies; in compliance with this request the 9th Company, Conn. Coast Artillery was ordered out in Special Orders No. 30, A. G. O., Conn., February 15, 1917, and the 13th Company, Conn. Coast Artillery was ordered out for the same duty in Special Orders No. 42, A. G. O., Conn., March 2, 1917.

On April 3, 1917, upon request of the Secretary of War, the 2nd and 4th Companies, Conn. Coast Artillery were ordered to be mobilized for Federal service and to relieve the 9th and 13th Companies on bridge duty. (See paragraph 1, Special Orders No. 67 and paragraph 8, Special Orders No. 69, A. G. O., Conn., March 31, and April 3, 1917, respectively).

On March 25, 1917, Special Orders No. 61, A. G. O., Conn., upon the call of the President for troops of the National Guard, the 1st Regiment, Conn. Infantry, was ordered to mobilize for Federal service at 7:00 A. M. March 26, 1917.

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On March 28, 1917, Special Orders No. 64, A. G. O., Conn. the 2nd Regiment, Conn. Infantry was ordered to mobilize same day for Federal service.

On March 30, 1917, Special Orders No. 66, A. G. O., Conn., Batteries E and F, Conn. Field Artillery were ordered to mobilize same day for Federal service.

On April 6, 1917, Special Orders No. 72, A. G. O., Conn., the Naval Militia of this State was ordered to mobilize for Federal service at 7:00 A. M., April 7, 1917.

The Naval Militia left for the Boston Navy Yard on April 9, 1917, at 7:00 A. M.; all of the land forces ordered out remained at their home stations for some time for the purpose of recruiting to war strength, the 2nd Regiment, Conn. Infantry was encamped at Yale Field, New Haven, soon after mobilization and the 1st Regiment, Conn. Infantry, after having been in camp on the State Armory grounds at Hartford for some time, went into camp on July 23rd, 1917, at Pratt Field, bounded on the Yale Field, New Haven, where the 2nd Infantry was in camp.

On April 13, 1917, to complete the organization of the cavalry quota of the National Guard of this State, as required by the War Department, Troops L and M were ordered to be organized in General Orders No. 19, A. G. O., Conn. It should be noted here that the four troops of cavalry were, after entering the Federal service, organized into and are now known as the 161st Machine Gun Battalion, (Companies A, B, C and D).

On July 16, 1917, in General Orders No. 34, A. G. O., Conn., all the troops not previously entered into Federal service, were ordered to mobilize for Federal service, on July 25, 1917, at 7:00 A. M. These troops went into camp as follows: Cavalry, July 27th and 28th; Field Hospital, Ambulance Company, Signal Corps and 1st Separate Company, Infantry, colored, all to Niantic, Conn., July 28th; Coast Artillery to Fort H. G. Wright, Fishers' Island, N. Y., on July 28, 1917.

In accordance with General Orders No. 90, War Department, July 12, 1917, all organizations of the National Guard excepting the Naval Militia, were drafted into the Federal ser-

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vice as of and from the fifth day of August, 1917, and stood "discharged from the militia" from that date, this included a detachment of the Quartermaster Corps, newly organized and not heretofore mentioned.

The Naval Militia does not come under the draft, but all its members, before entering the Federal Service, were required to subscribe to the oath of the National Naval Volunteers, and at the completion of the war they may be placed on an inactive status in the Naval Reserve Force of the United States and not returned to the Naval Militia of the State.

I beg to state here that Army Regulations require copies of initial muster rolls of all Militia Organizations mustered into the Federal service to be furnished the Adjutants General of their respective States; these rolls were received as soon as each organization was mustered after the first call in March 1917. After the initial muster into the Federal service, commanding officers are not required to furnish any further rolls or reports to their respective States. Hundreds of men were enlisted into the National Guard between the time when first called (mustered) into the Federal service, and August 5th, 1917, the date of final draft.

This office has made every possible effort to obtain copies of enlistment papers of men enlisted up to August 5th, and the numbers accredited in this report to each organization as in service on date of draft is based on enlistment papers on file at this office. In reply to a request on The Adjutant General, U. S. Army, for a loan of enlistment papers or muster rolls after the troops were drafted, to enable this office to copy them and thus obtain an absolutely correct record of all men enlisted in the several organizations of the Connecticut National Guard for this war, this office was informed that the papers could not be loaned, but the files would be accessible to any person sent to Washington by the State of Connecticut for the purpose of copying such records. It appears now that this course will have to be pursued after the close of the war, or as soon as the present rush of work in the adjutant general's department in Washington has sufficiently subsided to allow this matter the required time and attention.