

REPORT

OF

NATHANIEL B. BAKER,

Adjutant General

AND

A. Q. M. G. OF THE STATE OF IOWA,

TO

HON. CYRUS C. CARPENTER,

GOVERNOR OF IOWA.

JANUARY 1, 1874, TO JANUARY 1, 1875.

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STATE OF IOWA,
ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Des Moines, January 1, 1875. }

HON. CYRUS C. CARPENTER, *Governor of Iowa, and Commander-
in-Chief of the Militia thereof:*

SIR:—I have the honor to submit my report as Adjutant-General
and Acting Quartermaster-General of the State of Iowa.

ROSTER OF COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF AND STAFF, JANUARY 1, 1875.

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RANK.	NAMES.	RESIDENCE.	OFFICE.	WHEN COM- MISSIONED.	REMARKS.
Governor	Cyrus C. Carpenter	Des Moines, Polk Co...	Commander-in-Chief.....		Com. of Subsistence U. S. V., March 24, 1862; Chief Com. of Subs. 16th Army Corps, Sept. 26th, 1864; Chief Com. of Subs. 15th Army Corps, Nov. 9, 1864; honorably mustered out, July 14, 1865; confirmed as brevet Colonel of Volunteers, Feb. 5, 1866, for efficient and meritorious services, to rank from July 12, 1865. Register of State Land Office, 1867 to 1871. Inaugurated Governor of the State, Jan. 11, 1872; re-elected in 1873. At time of first election, a resident of Webster county.
Brig-Gen.	Nathaniel B. Baker	Des Moines, Polk Co...	Adjutant and Inspector General, A. Q. M. Gen., A. Com. Gen., and Paymaster Gen.	July 25, 1861	Originally appointed from Clinton, Clinton Co., by Governor Samuel J. Kirkwood in 1861; re-appointed by Gov. Kirkwood in 1862; re-appointed by Gov. Wm. M. Stone, Jan. 1864, and in 1866; re-appointed by Gov. Merrill in 1868 and 1870, and by Gov. Carpenter in 1872 and 1874.
Lieut-Col.	Geo. Rollett.....	Ft. Madison, Lee Co...	Special Aid-de-Camp...	March 22, 73	Private and 1st Serg't Co. D, 7th Iowa Infantry.
Lieut-Col.	Eugene C. Haynes	Centerville, Appanoose	Special Aid-de-Camp ..	March 22, 73	Private and 1st Lieut. Co. D, 6th Iowa Infantry.
Lieut-Col.	Richard Hulit.....	Le Claire, Scott Co.....	Special Aid-de-Camp ..	March 22, 73	Private and 2d Corporal Co. K, 20th Iowa Infantry.
Lieut-Col.	Albert D. Collier...	Cedar Rapids, Linn Co.....		Jan. 28, 1874	
Captain...	Wm. H. Fleming...	Des Moines, Polk Co...	Military Secretary.....	April 7, 1869	One of the principal clerks in Adjutant-General's office during the war and for some time after. Subsequently appointed Deputy Secretary of State from Clinton county, and served as such from Jan. 8, 1867, to April 8, 1869, when he was appointed Military and Private Secretary of Governor Merrill. Re-appointed by Gov. Merrill in 1870, and was appointed Military and Private Secretary of Governor Carpenter in 1872 and 1874.

OFFICERS.	NAME OF COMPANY.	LOCATION.	ARMS.
Capt. Farron Olmsted..... 1st Lieut. Frank A. Shepard..... 2d Lieut. John A. Smith.....	Olmsted Zouaves	Des Moines, Polk county.....	Springfield B. L. rifles....
Capt. Charles V. Mount..... 1st Lieut. Martin D. Sterling..... 2d Lieut. Lyman H. Starks.....	Vinton Zouaves	Vinton, Benton county.....	Springfield B. L. rifles....
Capt. Truman A. Darling..... Senr. 1st Lieut. Wm. H. Parker..... Junr. 1st Lieut. David H. Holmes..... Senr. 2d Lieut. David G. Harvey..... Junr. 2d Lieut. Frank Burns.....	Lawler Battery.....	Lawler, Chickasaw county.....	1 6-pdr. cannon.....
Capt. Wm. Rowland	McGregor Artillery.....	McGregor, Clayton county.....	1 6-pdr. cannon.....
1st Lieut.—vacant..... 2d Lieut.—vacant.....			
Capt. Thomas G. Ferreby..... 1st Lieut. John H. Tierney..... 2d Lieut. Noah W. Denison.....	Clinton Artillery.....	Clinton, Clinton county.....	1 6-pdr. cannon.....
Capt. Wm. W. White..... 1st Lieut. Wm. H. Patterson..... 2d Lieut. Albert Brownslow.....	Battery "A," Cresco Artillery...	Cresco, Howard county.....	1 6-pdr. cannon.....
Ft. Madison.....	For defence of Penitentiary...	Ft. Madison, Lee county.....	Springfield B. L. rifles....
Capt. Stephen G. Barnes..... 1st Lieut. Thomas T. Baker..... 2d Lieut. Hamilton M. Bartlett.....	Iowa College Company.....	Grinnell, Poweshiek county.....	Springfield B. L. rifles....

Senior 1st Lieut. William Burton	Iowa College Artillery.....	Grinnell, Poweshiek county	1 12-pdr. cannon
Capt. J. S. Stickney	Iowa State Agricultural College		
1st Lieut. A. E. Hitchcock.....	Company	Ames, Story county.....	Enfield rifles, 'Spring-
2d Lieut. A. M. Blodgett.....			field B. L. rifles.....
Senior 1st Lieut. C. H. Lee.....	Geddes Battery	Ames, Story county.....	1 12-pdr. cannon.....
Capt. Wilson Lumpkin.....	Fort Dodge Battery	Fort Dodge, Webster county.....	1 12-pdr. cannon.....
1st Lieut. Sidney J. Bennett.....			
2d Lieut. Waldo J. Medearis.....			
Capt. Wm. A. Gebhart.....	Keosauqua Artillery.....	Keosauqua, Van Buren county...	1 12-pdr. cannon.....
1st Lieut. Russell Johnston.....			
2d Lieut. Rutledge Lea.....			
Capt. R. V. Ankeney.....	Crocker Veteran Guards	Des Moines, Polk county.....	Springfield B. L. rifles...
1st Lieut. Godfrey Zelle			
2d Lieut. James Murphy.....			
Capt. Fabian Brydolf†.....	Burlington Guards *	Burlington, Des Moines county...	Springfield B. L. rifles...
1st Lieut. Joseph S. Halliday.....			
2d Lieut. James A. Bentley.....			
Capt. Orrin B. Crane.....	Anamosa Artillery.....	Anamosa, Jones county.....	1 12-pdr. cannon.....
1st Lieut. George L. Yount.....			
2d Lieut. Henry Brasted.....			
1st Lieut. John L. Day.....	Keokuk Veteran Guards	Keokuk, Lee county	Springfield B. L. rifles...

† Reorganized as Veteran Guards of Burlington. * Captain Brydolf and Lieutenant Bentley resigned. Lieut. Halliday was promoted to Captain and Richard Baylor elected 1st Lieutenant, and W. J. Carson 2d Lieutenant.

OFFICERS.	NAME OF COMPANY.	LOCATION.	ARMS.
Capt. Simon B. Dexter..... 1st Lieut. George H. Shockey..... 2d Lieut. Warren N. Jones.....	Mason City Zouaves.....	Mason City, Cerro Gordo county..	Enfield rifles.....
Capt. Daniel J. Duane..... 1st Lieut. Timothy D. Lee..... 2d Lieut. Michael J. Cooney.....	Dubuque Rifles.....	Dubuque, Dubuque county.....	Springfield B. L. rifles...
Capt. Robert A. Austin..... 1st Lieut. Daniel F. Anderson..... 2d Lieut. E. K. Fassett.....	Baker Guards.....	Cedar Rapids, Linn county.....	Springfield B. L. rifles...
Senior 1st Lieut. Frank Clark.....	Baker Battery.....	Des Moines, Polk county.....	1 12-pdr. cannon.....
Capt. H. F. Royce..... 1st Lieut. Wm. H. Quick..... 2d Lieut. C. D. Sprague.....	Railroad Volunteers.....	Des Moines, Polk county.....	Springfield B. L. rifles...
Capt. Orville L. Aldrich..... 1st Lieut. James R. Haines..... 2d Lieut. Geo. E. Hartwell.....	Gerhart Lt. Artillery.....	Marshalltown, Marshall county...	1-pdr. iron gun and En- field rifles.....
Capt. Geo. W. Kingsworth..... 1st Lieut. Robert A. Broadbent..... 2d Lieut. Henry Munchrath.....	Sioux City Guards.....	Sioux City, Woodbury county.....	Enfield rifles.....
Capt. Thomas J. Smith..... 1st Lieut. Geo. Hesse..... 2d Lieut. Edward L. Swem.....	Leach Battery.....	Cedar Rapids, Linn county.....	1 12-pdr. iron gun, Rem- ington pistols and sabres.....

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Capt. James H. Dean..... 1st Lieut. Geo. Curran..... 2d Lieut. Jud K. Taylor.....	Belknap Guards.....	Grant Township, Polk county.....	Enfield rifles.....
Capt. Edward H. Kenny..... 1st Lieut. Chas. M. Bailey..... 2d Lieut. Sylvanus A. Wright.....	Osceola County Guards.....	Sibley, Osceola County.....	Enfield rifles.....
Capt. Thos. H. Ruth..... 1st Lieut. Stephen H. Wills..... 2d Lieut. Lyman B. McAlpine.....	Hawleyville Blues.....	Hawleyville, Page County.....	Enfield rifles.....
Capt. J. P. Rockwell..... 1st Lieut. W. R. Crumpton..... 2d Lieut. Geo. Kant.....	City Guards.....	Burlington, Des Moines County...	Springfield B. L. rifles...
Capt. Parn Hillyard..... 1st Lieut. Montgomery McCormick... 2d Lieut. Martin Onderkirk.....	Warren Guards.....	Sandyville, Warren County.....	Enfield Rifles.....
Capt. Wm. A. Fenwick..... 1st Lieut. Jacob B. Lawson..... 2d Lieut. Amasa Carter.....	Valley Guards.....	Valley Township, Polk County...	Enfield Rifles.....
Capt. Michael L. Crane..... Senior 1st Lieut. Geo. W. Pierson... Junior 1st Lieut. Edward Olenthal... Senior 2d Lieut. Henry J. Wakerly... Junior 2d Lieut. John Carson.....	Lyon Battery.....	Burlington, Des Moines county...	1 6-pdr. cannon.....
Capt. Geo. Hill..... 1st Lieut. Lee R. Seaton..... 2d Lieut. Loren S. Tyler.....	Keokuk Battery.....	Keokuk, Lee County.....	1 6-pdr. cannon.....
Capt. Lewis T. Barney..... 1st Lieut. Edward H. Stilson..... 2d Lieut. Wells M. Irwin.....	Keokuk State Guards.....	Keokuk, Lee County, Iowa.....	Springfield B. L. rifles...

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Capt. J. M. Ball	Osceola Zouaves.....	Osceola, Clark County	Springfield B. L. rifles....
1st Lieut. W. B. Johnson			
2d Lieut. J. Wells			

HOWARD COUNTY REGIMENT.

OFFICERS.	LOCATION.		
Colonel C. V. Jacobs.....	Cresco.....		
Lieut.-Col. W. W. White.....			
Major J. E. Peck			
Adjutant J. J. Caward.....			
Quartermaster W. C. Nichols.....			
Surgeon L. A. Merriam			
COMPANY A.			
Capt. W. H. Patterson.....	Cresco		
1st Lieut. Albert Brownslow.....			
2d Lieut. W. B. Mitson.....			
COMPANY B.			
Capt. George M. Van Leuven.....	Lime Springs.....		
1st Lieut. Peter Velie, Jr			
2d Lieut. S. A. Miller.....			
COMPANY C.			
Capt. Madison Taft.....	Florenceville.....		
1st Lieut. Frank Richards			
2d Lieut. Charles Ashlev.....			

COMPANY F.			
Capt. Frank Kyte.....	Busti		
1st Lieut. Wm. Burke.....			
2d Lieut. S. A. Sutton.....			
COMPANY G.			
Capt. Geo. W. Webster.....	Howard Center.....		
1st Lieut. R. O. Thayer.....			
2d Lieut. H. N. Brown.....			
COMPANY H.			
Capt. David Patterson.....	Riceville.....		
1st Lieut. C. D. Cutting.....			
2d Lieut. G. B. Spencer.....			
COMPANY I.			
Capt. G. W. Merry.....	Pond Valley.....		
1st Lieut. Ed. Merry.....			
2d Lieut. E. I. Isbell.....			
COMPANY K.			
Capt. Wm. E. Haskins.....	Chester.....		
1st Lieut. Wm. C. Nye.....			
2d Lieut. A. C. Blair.....			

MILITIA RETURNS.

STATE OF IOWA FOR 1874.

COUNTIES.	NO.	COUNTIES.	NO.
Adair.....	918	Johnson.....	3351
Adams.....	1044	Jones.....	2329
Allamakee.....	2144	Keokuk.....	2731
Appanoose.....	2232	Kossuth.....	739
Audubon.....	371	Lee.....	4395
Benton.....	2920	Linn.....	1788
Black Hawk.....	2928	Louisia.....	1553
Boone.....	2254	Lucas.....	180
Bremer.....	1426	Lyon.....	2387
Buchanan.....	2058	Madison.....	3231
Buena Vista.....	530	Mahaska.....	3190
Butler.....	1470	Marion.....	2553
Calhoun.....	405	Marshall.....	1491
Carroll.....	794	Mills.....	1203
Cass.....	1584	Mitchell.....	962
Cedar.....	2233	Monona.....	1687
Cerro Gordo.....	771	Monroe.....	1588
Cherokee.....	768	Montgomery.....	2617
Chickasaw.....	1223	Muscatine.....	356
Clarke.....	1395	O'Brien.....	263
Clay.....	682	Osceola.....	2111
Clayton.....	2960	Page.....	438
Clinton.....	3315	Palo Alto.....	859
Crawford.....	656	Plymouth.....	276
Dallas.....	2119	Pocahontas.....	3549
Davis.....	1997	Polk.....	2069
Decatur.....	1830	Pottawattamie.....	2312
Delaware.....	1987	Poweshiek.....	943
Des Moines.....	2611	Ringgold.....	456
Dickinson.....	313	Sac.....	4838
Dubuque.....	5313	Scott.....	575
Emmett.....	209	Shelby.....	586
Fayette.....	2600	Sioux.....	1656
Floyd.....	1570	Story.....	2418
Franklin.....	834	Tama.....	1386
Fremont.....	1831	Taylor.....	740
Greene.....	1073	Union.....	2476
Grundy.....	977	Van Buren.....	3454
Guthrie.....	1326	Wapello.....	2663
Hamilton.....	560	Warren.....	2583
Hancock.....	201	Washington.....	1768
Hardin.....	2969	Wayne.....	1699
Harrison.....	1573	Webster.....	414
Henry.....	2641	Winnebago.....	2573
Howard.....	1059	Winneshiek.....	893
Humboldt.....	456	Woodbury.....	567
Ida.....	126	Worth.....	432
Iowa.....	1946	Wright.....	
Jackson.....	2716		
Jasper.....	3506		
Jefferson.....	2304		
		Total.....	170563

ARMS, ACCOUTREMENTS, &c. ISSUED IN 1874.

TO WHOM ISSUED.	Six-pdr. cannon.	Springfield B. L. rifles.	Enfield rifles.	Remington pistols.	Non-commissioned officers' swords.	Cartridge boxes & plates.	Cartridge-box belts and plates.	Waist-belts and plates.	Cap-pouches and pickets.	Bayonet-scar-bards.	Gun-slings.
Capt. John M. Ball, Osceola, Clark county.....	1	40	60	1	5	5	40	40	40	40	40
Capt. J. S. Halliday, Burlington, Des Moines county.....	1	60	60	1	5	5	40	40	40	40	40
Capt. J. P. Rockwell, Burlington, Des Moines county.....	1	60	60	1	5	5	40	40	40	40	40
Capt. M. L. Crane, Burlington, Des Moines county.....	1	60	60	1	5	5	40	40	40	40	40
Capt. Geo. Hill, Keokuk, Lee county.....	1	60	60	1	5	5	40	40	40	40	40
Capt. Lewis T. Barney, Keokuk, Lee county.....	1	60	60	1	5	5	40	40	40	40	40
Capt. Thos. G. Smith, Cedar Rapids, Linn county.....	1	60	60	1	5	5	40	40	40	40	40
Capt. F. H. Smith, Keosauqua, Keosauqua county.....	1	60	60	1	5	5	40	40	40	40	40
Capt. W. B. Farnum, Valley, Polk.....	1	60	60	1	5	5	40	40	40	40	40
Capt. Thos. H. Ruth, Hawleyville, Page county.....	1	60	60	1	5	5	40	40	40	40	40
Capt. Parn Hillyard, Sandyville, Warren county.....	1	60	60	1	5	5	40	40	40	40	40
Total.....	2	240	200	35	26	26	440	440	200	440	440

* With equipment. † With equipment. ‡ Also 15 sabres.

DISTRIBUTION OF ARMS, ACCOUTREMENTS, &c. AS DISTRIBUTED UP TO JAN. 1, 1875.

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COUNTIES.	IN WHOSE POSSESSION.	12-pdr. cannon. *	6-pdr. cannon. †	Springfield B. L. rifles.	Enfield rifles.	Remington pistols.	Artillery sabres.	Colt's revolvers.	Non-commiss'd officers' swords.	Cones.	Screw-drivers.	Wipers.	Vises.	Ball-screws.	Cartridge-boxes & plates.	Cartridge-box belts & plates.	Waist-belts and plates.	Cap-pouches and picks.	Bayonet scabbards.	Gun-slings.
Benton.....	Capt. Charles V. Mount.....	1	1	60					2	25	8	8	8	8	60	60	60	60	60	60
Chickasaw.....	Capt. T. A. Darling.....	1	1																	
Clayton.....	Capt. Wm. Rowland.....	1	1																	
Clinton.....	Capt. T. G. Ferrey.....	1	1																	
Clark.....	Capt. John M. Ball.....	1	1	40					5	4					40	40	40	40	40	40
Cerro Gordo.....	Capt. Simon B. Dexter.....	1	1	40	40										40	40	40	40	40	40
Des Moines.....	Capt. Joseph H. Halliday.....	1	1	60					5						60	60	60	60	60	60
Des Moines.....	Capt. M. L. Crane.....	1	1																	
Dubuque.....	Capt. Daniel J. Duane.....	1	1	40	40				4						40	40	40	40	40	40
Howard.....	Capt. W. W. White.....	1	1			25														
Jones.....	Capt. Orrin B. Crane.....	1	1																	
Jones.....	State Penitentiary.....			20																
Lee.....	State Penitentiary.....			20				12												
Lee.....	Lieut. J. L. Day.....			40					5						40	40	40	40	40	40
Lee.....	Capt. L. T. Barney.....			80					5						80	160	80	80	80	80
Lee.....	Capt. Geo. Hill.....	1	1																	
Linn.....	Capt. Robert A. Austin.....			40					5						40	40	40	40	40	40
Linn.....	Capt. Thos. G. Smith.....	1	1			35	15													
Marshall.....	Capt. O. L. Aldrich.....			60											60	60	60	60	60	60
Oscola.....	Capt. Edward L. Kinney.....			60											60	60	60	60	60	60
Polk.....	Capt. F. Olmsted.....			40	40				5						40	40	40	40	40	40
Polk.....	Lieut. Frank Clark.....					20														
Polk.....	Capt. H. F. Royce.....			20																
Polk.....	Capt. James H. Dean.....			40					3						40	40	40	40	40	40
Polk.....	Capt. Wm. A. Fenwick.....			60	4										60	60	60	60	60	60
Page.....	Capt. Thos. H. Ruth.....			40											40	40	40	40	40	40

Pottawattamie.....	Capt. Chas. E. Provost.....	1	1	60					2						60	60	60	60	60	60
Poweshiek.....	Capt. Stephen G. Barnes.....	1	1																	
Poweshiek.....	Lieut. Wm. Burton.....	1	1	40	40				4						40	40	40	40	40	40
Story.....	Capt. J. S. Stickney.....	1	1																	
Story.....	Lieut. C. H. Lee.....	1	1																	
Van Buren.....	Capt. W. A. Gebhart.....	1	1																	
Warren.....	Capt. Faren Hillyard.....			40					3						40	40	40	40	40	40
Webster.....	Capt. W. Lumpkin.....	1	1												60	60	60	60	60	60
Woodbury.....	Capt. Geo. W. Kingwarth.....			60																
Total.....		6	8	569	500	39	60	12	52	25	8	8	8	8	800	1080	900	600	900	900

* With equipments.

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	Garling gun.	12-pdr. cannon.	6-pdr. cannon.	Springfield B. L. rifles.	Enfield rifles, etc.	Remington pistols.	Colt's revolvers.	Artillery and cavalry sabres.	Non-commissioned officers swords.	Cartridges.	Tompions.	Cartridge boxes and plates.	Cartridge-box bells and plates.	Waist-bells and plates.	Bayonet-sabrebards.	Gren-slings.	Cap pouches and picks.
On hand as per last report.	1	1	1	654	1556	100	100	36	22	20000	1816	1576	1640	1566	1552	1880	1020
Received from United States.	1	1	1	2	240	200	35	28	22000	440	440	440	440	440	440	440	200
Received from Capt. Eichle, Guthrie County.	1	1	1	40	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
Returned to State, unserviceable.	1	1	1	177	177	35	35	20	22000	440	440	440	440	440	440	440	200
Total.	1	1	1	654	1556	100	100	36	47	30000	1816	1576	1640	1566	1552	1880	1020
Issued during 1874 as per abstract.	1	1	1	2	240	200	35	28	22000	440	440	440	440	440	440	440	200
Expended.	1	1	1	40	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
Unaccounted for by Companies.	1	1	1	177	177	35	35	20	22000	440	440	440	440	440	440	440	200
Sold.	1	1	1	4	240	386	35	20	22000	440	440	440	440	440	440	440	200
Total.	1	1	1	414	1210	65	100	36	21	8000	1127	887	951	877	863	1191	331
On hand January 1, 1875.	1	1	1	414	1210	65	100	36	21	8000	1127	887	951	877	863	1191	331

THE MILITIA.

As I expressed my opinions on the militia, its needs and requirements, in my report to you, January, 1874, I deem it unnecessary to repeat my views here.

I will make one short extract, as many may see this published report who did not see that of January 1, 1874.

"We certainly ought to have in the State a few well organized and well drilled 'active' militia companies. They may be required in an emergency, and would serve as a nucleus around which volunteers could rally in case of a 'call' for them. Many such companies we cannot have under the present law. If the people of this State want a small militia organization only, that cannot be had unless the law is made more stringent in its provisions, and unless officers and soldiers are properly paid for their services.

If a regiment could be organized in each Congressional District, with companies judiciously scattered in the limits of each district, under laws which compelled company drills for a sufficient number of days that would make the members of the organization skilled in the handling of arms, and proficient in company movements, and a regimental muster once in each year of several days' continuance, for company and regimental drill and evolutions, we should soon find organizations of which we should be proud, emulation for superiority in the qualities that would make good soldiers, a body of men ready to move effectually and promptly when an emergency demanded, and as before stated, in relation to well-drilled companies, the nucleus around which volunteers could rally in case of greatest danger to the State or nation, and with instructors who could educate the new recruits for new regiments.

To do this, the companies should be compelled to drill *at least* ten days in each year, and the regimental muster should continue *at least* three days. Officers and soldiers should be armed and equipped by the State, and should be well paid for their time and services. A small tax on each voter in the State would pay all the expenses of such organizations, provided the minimum of the companies was fixed at a low number.

It is useless to urge upon a portion of the people of this State the

importance of maintaining an active and efficient militia, and ask officers and soldiers to expend ten or fifteen days each year in that service without compensation. If the State requires a thoroughly drilled, respectable and efficient militia, it can, in my opinion, only be obtained by proper compensation to the members who compose the organizations.

It has been hoped that Congress would have acted in this matter long since, under the provision of the United States Constitution "to provide for organizing," "arming and disciplining the militia;" but as the remembrance of our late great danger is gradually becoming only mere history, and no warning to a large number of our people, there is a strong probability that we shall hear no more from Congress until some other danger threatens, and we find ourselves almost as unprepared to act as many of the States were at the beginning of the rebellion—without arms, without equipments, without organizations, and without discipline.

Some will object to the plan I have proposed, on account of its expense, but it is the opinion of many statesmen and soldiers, that if the State militia had been properly organized at the North at the commencement of the rebellion, and larger forces, properly drilled and efficiently armed, and under the command of competent officers, could have been moved to the front without such delay as did occur, the rebellion would have been crushed in a very short period, and immense sums of money and rivers of blood would have been saved the nation.

I know that some will urge against any militia organization, that we have veteran officers and soldiers among us who would be ready, in emergency, to organize, drill, and prepare for the field, volunteers who might be called for. There is where a great mistake would be found. The tactics have changed, rules and regulations have been altered, and one of our veteran officers or soldiers would have now about as much to learn as many did at the commencement of the late rebellion. Besides the lack of knowledge, the need of practice would be evident, if we "called for" volunteers to-day, among the best of the veterans which Iowa ever furnished. We could furnish as good and brave men as ever faced an enemy, but drill and discipline and practice would be wanting.

A large class among us may talk of peace and satisfy themselves that there never will be any danger of war. But the history of the world contradicts their opinions and belief. Our own history contradicts them.

We have been at war or in danger of war many times since the independence of this nation, and during the space of less than seventy-five years. The records of our wars or dangers of wars are as follows:

In 1799 with France, in 1812 with England, in 1830 with South Carolina, in 1836 with France, in 1838 with the Indians in Florida, in 1839 with England, in 1841 with England and the Canadas, in 1842 with England, in 1846 with Mexico, in 1846 with England, in 1861 the war of the rebellion, in 1873 the Indian (Modoc) war, and again Spain, 1873—to say nothing of the continued outbreaks of Indians on the Mexican frontier."

I can add that we have not been without our dangers during the past year, and that others seem to threaten us.

CLAIMS AGAINST THE STATE.

There still remains due to soldiers of the 1st Iowa Cavalry and the 2d and 3d Iowa Infantry, or their widows, children or heirs, a considerable amount. I have inserted the laws and hope that claimants will attend to the immediate adjustment of their dues.

GRAY UNIFORM OF THE SECOND AND THIRD IOWA INFANTRY.

The Eleventh General Assembly passed the following law:

CHAPTER 123. *AN ACT to provide for the refunding of certain moneys to the Second and Third Regiments of Iowa Infantry.*

WHEREAS, In the year 1861, the State of Iowa furnished the Second and Third Regiments of Iowa Infantry Volunteers with a suit of gray uniform, which at the time it was received was understood by the members of said regiments to be a gift from the State; and,

WHEREAS, By an arrangement entered into between the General Government and the State of Iowa many of the Second and a majority of the Third Regiment of Infantry, paid for the said suit at the rate of \$14.25 each; and,

WHEREAS, Soon after said suit had been received, an order was promulgated by the War Department prohibiting the wearing of any uniform other than blue; and,

WHEREAS, By virtue of said order the gray uniform was abandoned, and entirely lost after having been worn about two months; therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa*, That there be and is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of thirteen thousand and five hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary for the refunding of any and all moneys deducted for said suit: *Provided*, that no payments shall be made under the provisions of this act, until the General Government refund to the State the amounts stopped against the pay of said regiment for said clothing.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the Adjutant-General to ascertain, by referring to the original rolls now on file in the office of the Paymaster-General of the U. S. A., the amount so deducted, and from whom; and that he be required to make out certificates for the amount deducted, as shown by said rolls, for all members of said regiments who shall thus be by him found entitled to the same; and if any member so entitled to said certificate be dead, the same shall be given to the widow, if any; if there be no widow, then his child or children, if any.

SEC. 3. That the Auditor of State be and is hereby directed to issue warrants on the State Treasurer for the amounts as certified to by the Adjutant-General.

The Twelfth General Assembly passed the following law:

CHAPTER 8.—*AN ACT to amend chapter 123 of the Laws of the Eleventh General Assembly relating to the "Gray Uniform," so called, which was furnished by the State to certain members of the 2d and 3d Iowa Infantry.*

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa*, That the Adjutant-General of this State be directed to procure from the Paymaster-General, U. S. A., or from the Second Auditor of the Treasury of the United States, copies of all rolls that can be used as evidence in relation to the claims of said soldiers of the Second and Third Iowa Infantry for the "gray uniform," so called, and if said rolls, or remarks thereon, are not satisfactory proofs to said Adjutant-General, he may take, or cause to be taken, or direct to be furnished to him, the evidence of officers or soldiers in order to enable him to decide

upon the validity of said claim or claims, and if sufficient evidence is taken and furnished to satisfy said Adjutant-General of the validity of said claim or claims, then the said Adjutant-General shall issue his certificate in the same manner as provided in said chapter, to which this is an amendment, and as in cases where full evidence existed on said rolls.

SEC. 2. In case any soldier of either of said regiments shall have been entitled to said certificates or shall have paid for said clothing and is now deceased, then said certificate for said amount shall be given to his widow, if any, and if there is no widow, to said soldier's child or children, and if said soldier died leaving no wife or child, then the said certificate shall be given to the next heir at law.

SEC. 3. This act being deemed of immediate importance shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the *Iowa State Register*, *Iowa Homestead*, and *Iowa Statesman*, newspapers published at Des Moines.

The Thirteenth General Assembly passed the following act:

CHAPTER 93.—*AN ACT to amend chapter 123 of the Laws of the Eleventh General Assembly, relating to the Gray Uniform furnished to certain members of the 2d and 3d Iowa Infantry.*

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa*, That there is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to refund to the members of the Second and Third Iowa Infantry, the cost of the "gray uniform" (so called), said amounts to be ascertained and drawn in the manner now provided by chapter 123, Laws of the Eleventh General Assembly, and chapter 8, Laws of Twelfth General Assembly.

Approved, April 12, 1870.

Under these laws, I have paid out to the members of the Second Iowa Infantry, on 330 certificates.....	\$ 4,621.13
And to the members of the Third Iowa Infantry, on 618 certificates.....	8,810.88
During the past year, I have paid to members of the Second Iowa Infantry, on three certificates.....	42.75
And to members of the Third Iowa Infantry, on two certificates.....	28.50

Total paid to date.....	\$13,503.26
Appropriation of 1866.....	\$13,500.00
Appropriation of 1870.....	5,000.00

Total appropriations.....	\$18,500.00
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Balance unexpended.....	\$ 4,996.74
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Much of this unexpended balance is due to soldiers or their heirs. I have no doubt over \$2,000 is due to the Third Iowa Infantry. The amount due the Second Infantry is undoubtedly less than the sum last named. Proper blanks for soldiers, widows, children, and heirs will be furnished on application to this office.

CLAIMS OF FIRST IOWA CAVALRY.

The Twelfth General Assembly passed the following act:

CHAPTER 120.—*AN ACT to provide for the adjustment of claims of the members of the First Iowa Cavalry.*

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* That the Adjutant-General shall examine into the claims of any members of the first Iowa Cavalry, for services and horses, prior to July 31, 1861; where said members have not been paid by the State, or the United States, and whenever the Adjutant-General has had sufficient and satisfactory proof of any such claim, he shall cause to be made out regular officers' pay rolls for the officers, and regular company pay rolls for the privates and non-commissioned officers, and the same being receipted by the soldier, or, in case of his death, by his administrator or executor, or his lawful heir or heirs, or should any of the heirs be minors, then by their guardian, the Adjutant-General shall issue his certificate therefor, directed to the State Auditor, and said State Auditor, upon receipt thereof, properly indorsed by the owner of the certificate, shall draw his warrant upon the State Treasurer for the amount so certified by the Adjutant-General.

SEC. 2. In case any disbursing officer of the United States Government shall pay the amount due prior to July 31, 1861, to officers and soldiers of the First Iowa Cavalry, or in case payment shall be provided for the same by an act of the Congress of the United States previous to this act taking effect, then the Adjutant-General of this State shall take no action in relation to the payment of said officers and soldiers of said regiment as is provided for in this act.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication according to law.

Applicants will take notice that applications must be made in duplicate under this law, in order that the State may collect the amount

from the United States and preserve proper evidence of payment, etc., in this office. Proper blanks will be provided on application to this office.

Up to January 1, 1874, I had paid in 652 certificates on these claims—\$31,499.58
During the past year I have paid in ten certificates..... 377.53

Total paid to date.....\$31,877.11

All amounts paid out up to January 1, 1874, have been settled with the United States.

I repeat on this subject what I stated in my last report.

I know of no person, designated in the laws, whose duty it is to attend to the collection of these claims and other claims against the United States.

I shall endeavor to obtain some repayments, but it would seem proper that the General Assembly should take some action in these matters.

In the cases of the Second and Third Iowa Infantry's gray suit, the money in the State Treasury awaits the legal claimant. In cases of the First Iowa Cavalry the State has made proper provision for payment, but the State has to present its claim to the General Government.

MISCELLANEOUS SUGGESTIONS.

I copy some of the suggestions made in my last report, as on some of the matters there may be need of action of the Executive Council.

Section 1556 of the Code provides that the Quartermaster-General shall keep in good repair and attend to the due preservation, safe keeping, and cleaning and transportation of the ordnance, arms, accoutrements, ammunition, and military supplies and stores which belong to the State. Under this law the Adjutant-General, who is acting Quartermaster-General, has to pay all the expenses of services directed in said section, including cleaning and transportation of ordnance, arms, military stores, etc., for the offices, but the Code has repealed, as I apprehend, Chap. 49, Laws of Tenth General Assembly, approved March 18, 1864, and I am left powerless. I am ordered to perform certain duties, and deprived of the means to enable me to obey.

It will be found on examination of the correspondence in this office and the number of certificates of military service issued to soldiers, for

the past year, who had lost their discharges, that the clerk hire allowed this office by the last General Assembly was insufficient. The Adjutant-General of Iowa should have a competent clerk, with a salary of at least \$1,200.00 a year. Besides all the ordinary business of the office in the Adjutant-General's and Quartermaster-General's Departments, I have had the extra duty of correcting the Rolls of Honor of the Quartermaster-General's Department (U. S.) so far as deceased Iowa soldiers are concerned. The labor involved in the necessary examination and correction of these rolls can be somewhat estimated when it is known that there were four thousand seven hundred and eighty-six different corrections made in relation to Iowa soldiers' names, their companies, regiments, and dates of death.

Many of the volumes containing the rolls of the Iowa regiments have been so much used for the last eleven years that they should be copied into new books. The old ones can be carefully preserved.

In the nine years' use of the arsenal floor, it has been much worn and injured, and there is need of its repair.

With great respect,

I have the honor to be

Yours truly,

N. B. BAKER,

Adjutant-General of Iowa.

REPORT

OF

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Adjutant General

AND

A. Q. M. G. OF THE STATE OF IOWA.,

TO

HON. CYRUS C. CARPENTER,

GOVERNOR OF IOWA.

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