

REPORT OF NATHANIEL B. BAKER,

ADJUTANT

AND

INSPECTOR-GENERAL

AND

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

TO

HON. SAMUEL MERRILL, GOVERNOR OF IOWA.

JANUARY 1, 1871, TO JANUARY 1, 1872.

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REPORT.

STATE OF IOWA, }
ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE, }
January 1, 1872. }

HON. SAMUEL MERRILL, *Governor of Iowa, and Commander in
Chief of the Militia thereof.*

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

The Roster of Commander-in-Chief and Staff is as follows:

RANK.	NAMES.	RESIDENCE.	OFFICE.	WHEN COMMISSIONED.	REMARKS.
Governor.	Samuel Merrill.....	McGregor, Clayton county.....	Commander-in Chief.....	.....	Inaugurated, Jan. 16, 1868; inaugurated 2d term Jan. 13, 1870; formerly Col, 21st Iowa Infantry.
Brig.-Gen.	Nathaniel B. Baker..	Des Moines, Polk county.....	Adj't and Inspector Gen., Com. Gen., A. Q. M. G. and Act'g as P. M. Gen.	July 25, '61	Originally appointed from Clinton, Clinton county, by Gov. Samuel J. Kirkwood; re-appointed, by Gov. Wm. M. Stone, January, 1864; re-appointed, by Governor Samuel Merrill, January, 1868. . .
Lt-Colonel	Joseph C. Stone.....	Burlington, Des Moines county.	Special Aid-de-Camp.	June 3, '68	Formerly Adjutant 1st Iowa Cav. . .
.....	William B. Leach.....	Cedar Rapids, Linn county. . .	.....	.....	Formerly 1st Lieut. and Adjutant 1st Minnesota Vols.; afterwards A. A. G. with rank of Captain..
.....	Alexander Voorhees.	Grand Junction, Greene county	.....	.....	Formerly Captain Co. K, 21st Iowa Infantry
.....	Samuel D. Pryce.....	Iowa City, Johnson county . . .	.....	.....	Formerly Captain Co. A, 22d Iowa Infantry
Captain ..	William H. Fleming.	Des Moines, Polk county.....	Military Secretary...	April 7, '69	.....

DISTRIBUTION OF ARMS, ACCOUTREMENTS, &c., 1871.

COUNTIES.	IN WHOSE POSSESSION.																							
		12 pounder cannon.	8 pounder cannon.	Springfield B.L. rifles.	Enfield rifles.	Spencer carbines.	Artillery sabres.	Light cavalry sabres.	N. C. officers swords.	Cartridges.	Cones.	Screw-drivers.	Wipers.	Vises.	Ball screws.	Tomplons.	Cartridge boxes and plates.	Bayonet belts & plates.	Waist belts and plates.	Cap pouches & pickets.	Bayonet scabbards.	Gun slings.		
Benton.....	Captain Chas. V. Mount.....	.....	.....	60	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	25	8	8	4	8	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
Chickasaw.....	" Truman A. Darling.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Clayton.....	" Wm. Rowland.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Clinton.....	Colonel T. G. Ferrey.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Des Moines.....	City of Burlington.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Howard.....	Captain Wm. White.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Johnson.....	" J. R. Elliot.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lee.....	Martin Helsley, Warden.....	.....	.....	40	.....	40	.....	40	.....	.....	10	10	10	10	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lee.....	City of Keokuk.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Marshall.....	Colonel S. G. Bridges.....	.....	.....	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	1000	100	40	40	40	.....	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Folk.....	Captain Geo. B. McCord.....	.....	.....	60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pottawattamie.....	Colonel F. Olmstead.....	.....	.....	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	1000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40	40	40	40	40	40	40
Poweshiek.....	Captain Chas. E. Provost.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Story.....	" A. S. Hardy.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Story.....	General J. L. Geddes.....	.....	1	.....	60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
Webster.....	Captain Jas. H. Durham.....	.....	.....	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	1000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40	40	40	40	40	40	40
Van Buren.....	Captain C. G. Snelzer.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Van Buren.....	" Wm. A. Gebhart.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....		3	7	140	340	40	25	80	18	4000	125	58	58	51	18	340	400	400	400	400	400	400	340

DES MOINES, IOWA, January 1, 1872.

ARMS, ACCOUTREMENTS, ETC., ISSUED IN 1871.

TO WHOM ISSUED.	12 pdr cannon.	6 pdr cannon.	Springfield B. L. Rifles.	Enfield rifles.	Spencer carbines.	Artillery sabres.	Light cavalry sabres.	N. C. officers swords.	Cartridges.	Cones.	Screw drivers.	Wipers.	Vises.	Ball screws.	Tompson's Cartridges, boxes and plates.	Cartridge boxes, belts and plates.	Waist belts and plates.	Cap pouches and picks.	Bayonet Scabbards.	Gun slings.
Capt. Chas. V. Mount, Benton county.....	1	1	1	60	60	40	35	2	2000	35	8	4	8	8	60	60	60	60	60	60
Capt. Truman A. Darling, Chickasaw county.....	1	1	1	60	60	40	35	2	2000	35	8	4	8	8	60	60	60	60	60	60
Col. Thomas G. Ferreby, Clinton county.....	1	1	1	60	60	40	35	2	2000	35	8	4	8	8	60	60	60	60	60	60
Capt. Wm. White, Howard county.....	1	1	1	60	60	40	35	2	2000	35	8	4	8	8	60	60	60	60	60	60
Capt. J. R. Elliot, Johnson county.....	1	1	1	60	60	40	35	2	2000	35	8	4	8	8	60	60	60	60	60	60
Capt. Geo. B. McCord, Marshall county.....	1	1	1	60	60	40	35	2	2000	35	8	4	8	8	60	60	60	60	60	60
Capt. Chas. E. Provoost, Pottawattamie county.....	1	1	1	60	60	40	35	2	2000	35	8	4	8	8	60	60	60	60	60	60
Capt. A. S. Hardy, Poweshiek county.....	1	1	1	60	60	40	35	2	2000	35	8	4	8	8	60	60	60	60	60	60
General J. L. Geddes, Story county.....	1	1	1	60	60	40	35	2	2000	35	8	4	8	8	60	60	60	60	60	60
Capt. J. H. Durham, Story county.....	1	1	1	60	60	40	35	2	2000	35	8	4	8	8	60	60	60	60	60	60
Capt. C. C. Smeltzer, Webster county.....	1	1	1	60	60	40	35	2	2000	35	8	4	8	8	60	60	60	60	60	60
Capt. W. A. Gebhardt, Van Buren county.....	1	1	1	60	60	40	35	2	2000	35	8	4	8	8	60	60	60	60	60	60
Col. F. Olmsted, Polk county.....	1	1	1	60	60	40	35	2	2000	35	8	4	8	8	60	60	60	60	60	60
Total.....	2	4	100	200	40	25	80	5	18	2000	35	8	4	8	200	260	260	200	200	200

ARMS, ACCOUTREMENTS, ETC., RECEIVED AND ACCOUNTED FOR DURING THE YEAR 1871.

FROM WHOM RECEIVED.	12-pounder cannon.	6-pounder cannon.	Springfield breech-loading rifles.	Enfield rifles.	Austrian muskets.	Garibaldi muskets.	French muskets.	United States muskets.	Prussian muskets.	Rifles—sundry pat's.	Spencer carbines.	Artillery sabres.	Light cavalry sabres.	N. C. officers swords.	Cartridges.	Cones.	Screw drivers.	Wipers.	Vises.	Ball screws.	Tompson's Cartridges, boxes and plates.	Cartridge boxes and plates.	Waist belts and plates.	Cap pouches and picks.	Bayonet scabbards.	Gun slings.	
Capt. R. S. Alexander.....	1	1	1	85	60	60	60	100	64	25	80	1000	1000	1000	1500	80	30	30	2	2	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
Capt. Henry W. Wilson.....	1	1	1	85	60	60	60	100	64	25	80	1000	1000	1000	1500	80	30	30	2	2	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
Capt. W. D. Clapp.....	1	1	1	85	60	60	60	100	64	25	80	1000	1000	1000	1500	80	30	30	2	2	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
Capt. W. D. Peck.....	1	1	1	85	60	60	60	100	64	25	80	1000	1000	1000	1500	80	30	30	2	2	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
Capt. R. F. Ratcliffe.....	1	1	1	85	60	60	60	100	64	25	80	1000	1000	1000	1500	80	30	30	2	2	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
Capt. A. C. Price.....	1	1	1	85	60	60	60	100	64	25	80	1000	1000	1000	1500	80	30	30	2	2	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
Capt. W. G. Thompson.....	1	1	1	85	60	60	60	100	64	25	80	1000	1000	1000	1500	80	30	30	2	2	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
Capt. H. A. Hamlin.....	1	1	1	85	60	60	60	100	64	25	80	1000	1000	1000	1500	80	30	30	2	2	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
Capt. S. B. Graybill.....	1	1	1	85	60	60	60	100	64	25	80	1000	1000	1000	1500	80	30	30	2	2	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
Capt. C. E. Whiting.....	1	1	1	85	60	60	60	100	64	25	80	1000	1000	1000	1500	80	30	30	2	2	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
Capt. W. G. Crawford.....	1	1	1	85	60	60	60	100	64	25	80	1000	1000	1000	1500	80	30	30	2	2	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
Capt. T. M. Robinson.....	1	1	1	85	60	60	60	100	64	25	80	1000	1000	1000	1500	80	30	30	2	2	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
United States.....	1	1	1	200	80	145	60	566	64	131	131	33	25	25	23720	40	20	20	5	13	40	40	40	40	40	40	40
Total.....	1	1	1	200	80	145	60	566	64	131	131	33	25	25	23720	40	20	20	5	13	40	40	40	40	40	40	40

ARMS, ACCOUTREMENTS, ETC., SOLD, LOST, DESTROYED, AND EXPENDED DURING THE YEAR 1871.

HOW DISPOSED OF.	Enfield rifles.	Austrian muskets.	Garibaldi muskets.	French muskets.	United States muskets.	Prussian muskets.	Rifles—sundry patterns.	Cartridges.	Cones.	Screw drivers.	Wipers.	Vises.	Ball screws.	Tumbler punches.	Tompions.	Cartridge boxes and plates.	Cartridge-box belt and plates.	Waist belts and plates.	Cap pouches and picks.	Bayonet scabbards.	Gun slings.
Sold.....	45	.....	82	30	91	40	75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	301	301	250	342	315	200
Lost, destroyed, and expended, etc.*.....	35	90	63	30	475	24	56	36150	235	468	415	67	91	4	80	318	318	246	225	302	75
Total.....	80	90	145	60	566	64	131	36150	295	498	415	67	91	4	80	619	619	496	567	617	275

*This includes most of those lost, destroyed, and expended for several years back, and are inserted to close the account, and save the trouble of keeping on the books accounts of arms, etc., which are not now in the possession of the State.

DES MOINES, Jan. 1st, 1872

ARMS, ACCOUTREMENTS, etc., RECEIVED, ISSUED, SOLD, LOST, etc., AND REMAINING ON HAND JAN. 1, 1872.

	Cannon.	Springfield B. L. rifles and fix'ts	Enfield rifles.	Gar'baldi, Fre'ch, Austrian, Prussian, U. S. and other muskets.	Spencer Carbines.	Artillery Sabres.	Light cav. Sabres	N. C. offic'rs swd's	Cartridges.	Cones.	Screw drivers.	Wipers.	Vises.	Ball screws.	Tumbler punch's	Tompions.	Cartridge boxes and plates.	Cartridge box belts and plates.	Waist belts and plates.	Cap pouches and Picks.	Bayonet scab-bards.	Gun slings.
On hand per last return.....	5	120	2500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7600	50	198	150	.....	10	4	2460	2460	2460	2460	2460	2460	2460
Received per abstract.....	2	200	80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	33150	210	278	273	71	.....	.....	80	619	619	496	567	617	275
Total.....	7	320	2580	1056	40	25	80	20	40150	260	476	423	71	99	4	2540	3079	3079	2956	3027	3077	2733
Issued per abstract.....	5	100	200	.....	40	25	80	18	2000	25	8	8	4	8	.....	200	260	260	260	200	260	200
Sold, lost, destroyed, and expended, per abstract.....	.....	.....	80	1056	.....	.....	.....	.....	36150	235	468	415	67	91	4	80	619	619	496	567	617	275
Total.....	5	100	280	1056	40	25	80	18	38150	260	476	423	71	99	4	280	879	879	756	767	877	475
On hand January 1st, 1872.....	2	220	2300	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	2000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2200	2200	2200	2200	2260	2200	2260

STATE OF IOWA.

MILITIA RETURNS, 1871.

COUNTIES.	NO.	COUNTIES.	NO.
Adair	765	Jasper	3266
Adams	813	Jefferson	2097
Allamakee*	2000	Johnson	3076
Appanoose	2285	Jones	2851
Audubon	160	Keokuk	2818
Benton	2354	Kossuth	436
Black Hawk	2580	Lee	1763
Boone	2126	Linn	3829
Bremer	1302	Louisa	1677
Buchanan	2160	Lucas	1039
Buena Vista	391	Lyon .....	.....
Butler	1574	Madison	2186
Calhoun	227	Mahaska	3010
Carroll	465	Marion	3746
Cass	1029	Marshall	1929
Cedar	2708	Mills	1375
Cerro Gordo	520	Mitchell	1196
Cherokee	378	Monona	700
Chickasaw	1148	Monroe	1679
Clarke	1406	Montgomery	965
Clay	425	Muscatine	2844
Clayton	1677	O'Brien*	100
Clinton	4025	Osceola*	50
Crawford	388	Page	1611
Crocker*	25	Palo Alto*	150
Dallas	1951	Plymouth	359
Davis	2217	Pocahontas	193
Decatur	1415	Polk	3317
Delaware	2082	Pottawattamie	887
Des Moines	3186	Poweshiek	2447
Dickinson*	250	Ringgold	884
Dubuque	3716	Sac	109
Emmett	184	Scott	2166
Fayette	2274	Shelby	334
Floyd	1521	Sioux	147
Franklin	544	Story	1436
Fremont	1384	Tama	2316
Greene	727	Taylor	916
Grundy	1004	Union	915
Guthrie	1247	Van Buren	2531
Hamilton	777	Wapello	3002
Hancock	185	Warren	2881
Hardin	2073	Washington	2605
Harrison	1574	Wayne	1505
Henry*	3500	Webster	1049
Howard	892	Winnebago*	200
Humboldt	253	Winneshiek	2162
Ida	49	Woodbury	948
Iowa	2137	Worth	302
Jackson	2612	Wright	302
Total .....	.....	.....	148,992

*No returns—estimated.

N. B. BAKER,

A. G. and A. Q. M. G. of Iowa.

DES MOINES, IOWA,
December 31, 1871.

GRAY UNIFORM OF THE SECOND AND THIRD IOWA INFANTRY-

The Eleventh General Assembly passed the following law :

CHAP. 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 regiments 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 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 his 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 has 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 certificate 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 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 the Twelfth General Assembly.

Approved, April 12, 1870.

Under these laws there had been issued from this department, up to January 1, 1871, certificates as follows:

316 certificates to the members, etc., late Second Iowa Infantry, amounting to.....	\$ 4421.63
11 certificates issued during 1871, amounting to.....	156.75
Total to Second Iowa Infantry to this date.....	\$4578.38
605 certificates to the members, etc., late Third Iowa Infantry, amounting to.....	8625.63
12 certificates issued during 1871, amounting to.....	171.00
Total to Third Iowa Infantry to this date.....	\$8796.63

Issued to Second Iowa Infantry.....	\$ 4578.38
Issued to Third Iowa Infantry.....	8796.63
	<u>\$13375.01</u>
Appropriation of 1866.....	13500.00
Appropriation of 1870.....	5000.00
	<u>\$18500.00</u>
Balance unexpended.....	\$5124.99

There are, undoubtedly, many soldiers, or heirs of soldiers, entitled to portions of the balance still unexpended. Under the laws, different classes of claimants are entitled to certificates. I give the forms of each class:

Form of application of a soldier for amount of stoppage on account of "gray uniform" furnished members of the 2d and 3d Iowa Infantry and refunded under Laws of the Eleventh, Twelfth, and Thirteenth General Assemblies of Iowa.

I....., being duly sworn on oath, do state that I am the identical.....who was a.....in Company.....in the..... Regiment Iowa Volunteer Infantry; that I was honorably discharged from the service on or about the...day of.....186., and that I make this application for the purpose of obtaining the amount stopped against me on account of a certain gray suit furnished by the State of Iowa, which amount is directed to be refunded by Acts of Eleventh, Twelfth, and Thirteenth General Assemblies of the State of Iowa, and.....of.....is hereby constituted my attorney to prosecute this claim.

Subscribed and sworn to before me.....this.....day of.....187..

We.....and.....certify on oath that we are personally acquainted with the above named claimant and know him to be the identical.....who was a.....in company.....Iowa Infantry, and that the above signature is genuine.

Subscribed and sworn to before me.....this.....day of.....187..

Form of application of a widow of a deceased soldier for amount of stoppage on accounts of "gray uniform" furnished members of the 2d and 3d Iowa Infantry, and refunded under laws of 11th, 12th, and 13th General Assemblies of Iowa.

I, being duly sworn, on oath do state that I am the widow of the identical..... who was a..... in Company..... in the..... Regiment Iowa Volunteer Infantry; that the said..... died on or about the..... day of..... 18...., and that I make this application for the purpose of obtaining the amount stopped against said..... on account of a certain grey suit furnished by the State of Iowa, which amount is directed to be refunded by acts of the 11th, 12th, and 13th General Assemblies of the State of Iowa, and of..... is hereby constituted my attorney to prosecute this claim.

Subscribed and sworn to before me,..... this..... day of....., 187..

We..... and..... certify on oath that we are personally acquainted with the above named claimant, and that we know that said..... is dead, that the said..... is the widow of the identical..... who was a..... in Company..... Iowa Infantry, and that the signature on the above affidavit is genuine.

Subscribed and sworn to before me,..... this..... day of..... 187..

Form of application of a child or children of a deceased soldier for amount of stoppage on account of "gray uniform" furnished members of the 2d and 3d Iowa Infantry, and refunded under the laws of the 11th, 12th, and 13th General Assemblies of Iowa.

..... being duly sworn, on oath do state that..... is the identical..... who was a..... in Company..... in the..... Regiment Iowa Volunteer infantry; that said..... died on or about the..... day of..... 18....; that there if no widow of said..... living; and that..... make this application for the purpose of obtaining the amount stopped against the said..... on account of a certain gray suit furnished by the State of Iowa, which amount is directed to be refunded by acts of 11th, 12th, and 13th General Assemblies of the State of Iowa, and..... of..... is hereby constituted..... attorney to prosecute this claim.

Subscribed and sworn to before me..... this..... day of..... 187..

We..... and..... certify on oath that we are personally acquainted with the above named claimant; that we know that said..... is dead; and that there is no widow of said..... living; that the claimant..... of the said..... and that the above signature..... is genuine.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this..... day of..... 187..

Form of application of the heirs of a deceased soldier, for amount of stoppage on account of a gray uniform furnished members of the 2d and 3d Iowa Infantry, and refunded under laws of the 11th, 12th, and 13th General Assemblies of Iowa :

..... being duly sworn, on oath do state that..... the lawful heir of the identical..... who was a..... in Company..... in the..... Regiment Iowa Volunteer Infantry; that the said..... died on or about the..... day of..... 18....; that there is no widow or child of said..... living; and that..... make this application for the purpose of obtaining the amount stopped against said..... on account of a certain gray suit, furnished by the State of Iowa, which amount is directed to be refunded by Acts of 11th, 12th, and 13th General Assemblies of the State of Iowa, and that..... of..... is hereby constituted..... attorney to prosecute this claim.

Subscribed and sworn to before me..... this..... day of..... 187..

We..... and..... certify on oath, that we are personally acquainted with the above-named claimant; that we know that said..... is dead, that there is no widow or child of said..... living, and know that said..... the lawful heir of the identical..... who was a..... in Company..... Iowa Infantry, and that the above signature..... genuine.

Subscribed and sworn to before me..... this..... day of..... 187..

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 officer's 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.

Under this law, up to January 1st, 1871, there had been issued by this department,

608 certificates, amounting to.....	\$29,856 99
5 certificates, issued during 1871, amounting to.....	220 63
Total.....	\$30,077 62

The form of application, etc., under this law, required by this department, is as follows :

STATE OF IOWA, }
..... COUNTY. } ss.

On this .day of . . . A. D., 187., personally appeared before me, a . . . in and for the county aforesaid . . . , who, being duly sworn according to law, states that . . . the identical . . . who was mustered

into the service of the United States as a . . . in Company . . . First Iowa Cavalry, on the . . . day of . . . 1861, and who left the said service on or about the . . . day of . . . 186., by reason of . . . , and that he makes application to the Adjutant-General of Iowa, for the purpose of obtaining the amount due from the State of Iowa for services rendered in the First Iowa Cavalry as such . . . , from the . . . day of . . . 1861, to the . . . day of July, 1861; and for the use of his horse from the . . . day of . . . 1861, to the . . . day of July, 1861; which said payments are authorized to be paid by Chapter 120 of the Laws of the 12th General Assembly of the State of Iowa—that the pay and allowances now claimed and set forth as aforesaid, have never been paid to him, the said. . . . , by the United States, or any of its officers, or the State of Iowa. The claimant hereby appoints . . . of . . . of . . . Iowa, his Attorney for the prosecution of this claim, and authorizes him to receive and receipt for, in his, the said claimant's own name, the certificates or moneys that may be issued or paid upon the foregoing application; to sign the required pay-rolls in his, the said claimant's own name, and do any or all acts necessary to effect the purpose of this said appointment.

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(Here claimant will sign.)

Also, personally appeared before me . . . and . . . of . . . , in the county of . . . , and State of . . . , who, being duly sworn according to law, declare that they have been for . . . years acquainted with . . . the above named claimant, and know . . . identical . . . who was a . . . in Company . . . First Iowa Cavalry; that the above signature is genuine, and that from their personal knowledge the facts set forth in the above application are true, and that the services and use of the horse were rendered at the times and during the periods therein stated.

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(Here the two witnesses will sign.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this . . . day of . . . 187., and I certify that the witnesses are creditable persons, and that the [SEAL] contents of the above instrument were read and duly explained to all the deponents before signing.

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Notary Public.

I have expressed my views in relation to our present Militia System in my reports of 1867, 1868, and 1870. It is needless for me to repeat them now. I firmly believe that the State should have a better militia law, and a well organized military force. Neglect in this matter will repeat, in the future, the history of the past, not only in relation to this State, but as regards the whole nation.

We have 2,500 Enfield Rifles in serviceable order. They should all be sold, or exchanged for breech-loaders, or remodeled to breech loaders. If remodeled there would be an expense to the State of at least \$25,000. The expense would be so great that the State would hesitate, in times of peace, to make an appropriation of so large an amount for such a purpose, and particularly so, when the demands on the State Treasury for public buildings, and charities are so large. But the Enfield's could be exchanged for some kind of approved breech-loader, and thus our State militia could be furnished with proper arms, and the State be enabled to meet emergencies which may arise, and to send forth troops in such emergency, properly armed and equipped.

The general index of all Iowa soldiers, with the designation of regiment and company to which each soldier belonged, should be published in book form, and distributed in the different counties of the State, and with it should be published a book containing the cemetery records of Iowa soldiers. The "Rolls of Honor" furnished by the United States, containing the description of national cemeteries, &c., the names of the soldiers, number of regiment, and letter of company, the number and section of each soldier's grave, would furnish the means of procuring much of the material of such a book.

As our official connection is soon to close, I cannot forbear expressing to you my grateful obligations for your constant kindness, and assistance in the discharge of the duties of my office.

N. B. BAKER,

Adjutant-General, &c., and Acting Q. M. General, &c., of Iowa.