

»REPORT«

OF THE

ADJUTANT GENERAL

OF THE

STATE OF MARYLAND.

—1887—



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# ADJUTANT GENERAL'S REPORT.

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STATE OF MARYLAND,  
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE.

ANNAPOLIS, December 1st, 1887.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY, HENRY LLOYD,

*Governor and Commander-in-Chief.*

SIR: In my last Biennial Report, dated December 3d, 1885, on the

## CONDITION OF THE MILITIA.

occurs the following statement:

“The condition of the troops is not satisfactory. This state of affairs is entirely due to the meagre appropriation made for their support. If ‘a well regulated militia is the proper and natural defence of a free government,’ as set forth in our Declaration of Rights, then it is manifestly the duty of the State to foster a military spirit amongst her people and generously encourage such organizations as we have in existence. The sum appropriated for their support is ridiculously small, and, in fact, does not support them at all. The clothing, camp and garrison equipage, etc., now on hand, was purchased and issued many years ago, and are now become almost entirely unserviceable. The present uniforms have, in many cases, been bought by the men with their private means, and in others, been patched and kept together, also, at their own expense. Some of the companies not only are unable to present a decent appearance, but should they be called into active service in case of emergency, would be subjected to positive suffering by exposure.

“It may be asked, is such an emergency likely to arise? Surely, every man of common sense should know, as the experience of the past few years has

taught, that riots and disorders, involving loss of life and great destruction of property, are likely to occur, especially in large cities, without a moment's warning."

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It affords me great satisfaction to state that at the session of the last Legislature these facts and views were urged upon the Committees on Ways and Means and on Militia, by officers representing the various commands, resulting in a recommendation of a liberal and generous appropriation, which met with the hearty approval of both houses and the Executive. At the same time it was earnestly urged that, in place of the old militia law which did not meet the requirements of the service, other important amendments, as suggested, should be enacted. In this view, also, the Legislature concurred, and the law, consequently, as it now stands is all that is desired. It is therein provided, amongst other things, that officers and men shall be sworn into the service of the State for a term of three years, and that there shall be held a biennial encampment for instruction and discipline.

The total force of the State, as limited by law, consists of thirty-eight companies, organized into one brigade of regiments, battalions and independent companies, as follows :

Fifth Regiment Infantry—10 companies, Col. Chas. D. Gaither, stationed in Baltimore city.

First Regiment Infantry—9 companies, Col. H. Kyd Douglas, stationed in

Baltimore City ; one.

Waverly, Baltimore County ; one.

Catonsville, Baltimore County ; one.

Towson, Baltimore County ; one.

Annapolis, Anne Arundel County ; one.

Hagerstown, Washington County ; one.

Unionville and  
Frederick City, { Frederick County ; } one each.

Williamsport, Washington County ; one.

Battalion Baltimore Light Infantry—4 companies,  
Lt. Col. Harry A. Barry, stationed in Baltimore City.

Second Battalion Infantry—4 companies, Lt. Col. E.  
H. Wardwell, stationed in

Cumberland, Allegany County ; two.

Frostburg, Allegany County ; one.

Oakland, Garrett County ; one.

Third Battalion Infantry—4 companies, Lt. Col. Jas.  
L. Woolford, stationed in

Easton, Talbot County ; one.

Cambridge, Dorchester County ; one.

Chestertown, Kent County ; one.

Elkton, Cecil County ; one.

Fourth Battalion Infantry—4 companies, stationed in  
Leonardtown, St. Mary's County ; one.

Port Tobacco, Charles County ; one.

Prince Frederick, Calvert County ; one.

Upper Marlboro', Prince George's County ; one.

Independent Company—"Baltimore Rifles," colored,  
stationed in

Baltimore City.

Independent Company—"Monumental City Guards,"  
colored, stationed in

Baltimore City.

Independent Company—"Allegany County Guards,"  
colored, stationed in

Cumberland.

Aggregate Commissioned Officers ..... 147

Aggregate Enlisted Men. . . . . 1,913

The maximum number allowed to each company is 60 men, but I regret to state that but few of them, although steadily increasing in membership, yet reach the limit. The chief reason for the smallness of the Baltimore City companies is not an unwillingness on the part of young men to enlist, but because of the objection of their employers to their doing so. Were a disposition manifested on their part to encourage their employes to perform what ought to be considered

an important public duty, no difficulty would be experienced in promptly recruiting the commands nearly to the maximum strength. Great praise is due both officers and men for their spirit and determination to maintain their respective organizations in spite of such discouragements, contributing much time and labor and not a little of their private means to that end.

The National Guard is at best but a small one, and, as an adjunct to the police force of the State, not more than may at any moment be needed for duty in the protection of public property and the preservation of the peace. Indeed, I deem it a matter of importance that a battery of artillery of four pieces or two Gatling guns and one company of cavalry be added by enactment of the Legislature.

At the time of the passage of the last appropriation bill the troops were in the condition mentioned above. Now, it is with much gratification I have the honor to report that nearly the whole have been equipped with new and serviceable uniforms, and supplied with arms and accoutrements of the latest U. S. pattern. The expenditures have unavoidably been quite heavy, owing to the absolute necessity of immediately providing clothing, etc., in order to fit the men for duty should they be called on; many of the companies being, in such event, incapacitated for any service.

Should the Legislature, in its wisdom, see proper to continue the present appropriation, which is just and within the bounds of reasonable economy, the whole of the militia can be fitted out completely with overcoats, tents, etc., etc., and placed on an efficient footing.

There are on hand, at present, only sufficient tents to supply the 5th Regiment, and these, from long wear and tear, are now unfit for issue.

#### ENCAMPMENT.

The Governor and Commander-in-Chief having directed, in accordance with the law, encampments to

be held last summer at Hagerstown and Frederick, a large part of the appropriation was required for the purchase of two hundred and eighty overcoats for issue for guard duty and fifteen hundred blankets, there being none of the latter on hand outside of the 5th Regiment. These expenditures, together with cost of transportation of all the commands from various sections of the State, of subsistence whilst in camp for seven days, hire of two hundred and fifty tents, etc., etc., made such inroads on the appropriation that no promise could be held out for the payment of the troops for this service, as contemplated by the law. On the contrary, it was deemed proper to inform them, in advance, of the fact; yet, with praiseworthy cheerfulness and at a pecuniary loss not inconsiderable in many cases, they repaired to camp for a week to undergo a severe course of instruction and discipline.

It is needless to say that these encampments more than justified the expectations formed of them by all concerned, and, considering the lasting benefits derived, the amount of money expended dwindles into insignificance.

Whilst the War Department and the other States of the Union have been doing all in their power to aid, build up and encourage the militia, the State of Maryland, until two years past, has seemed strangely indifferent and neglectful of those organizations within her borders, which, but for their own energy and determination, would long since have languished out of existence.

I have caused pay rolls for this camp service to be made out and filed in this office; the sum due to officers and men amounting to fifteen thousand, six hundred and sixty-three dollars and six cents, and I respectfully urge that recommendation be made to the Legislature for payment of the same.

The total cost of the encampments (outside of the claim referred to) was as follows :

|                                                                     |                   |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Transportation to and from Hagerstown and incidental expenses ..... | \$ 7,426 85       |
| Subsistence, etc.....                                               | 4,642 62          |
| Transportation to and from Frederick and incidental expenses.....   | 206 75            |
| Subsistence, etc.....                                               | 477 49            |
| Total .....                                                         | <hr/> \$12,753 71 |

Thanks are due as well to the Staff of the Governor and Commander-in-Chief and the Brigade Commander, Gen. Stewart Brown, and his efficient staff, as to the Regimental and Battalion Commanders and their Field, Staff and line officers for their constant, active and intelligent efforts in instructing and enforcing discipline amongst the men.

#### THE CONSTITUTIONAL CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

was held in the city of Philadelphia, Pa., September 15, 16 and 17, 1887. It was urged upon all of the thirteen original States ratifying the Constitution to make provision to take part in the affair, and the Governors of the same were requested to appear on the day set apart for a grand military display (September 16) at the head of a body of troops of their respective States. The project was one of such a patriotic character as to appeal, with striking force, to the Commonwealths concerned, and no efforts were spared to make the occasion a memorable one in the annals of the country.

Legislatures which were in session, or which had time to take action, co-operated in the measure, and as the time approached it appeared that all of the States mentioned, save that of Maryland, had made the necessary preparations for the occasion.

Owing to the expenses of the summer encampment, as related, and the necessary purchase of supplies attending the same, no steps could be taken with a view of securing the presence of our National Guard. In this emergency the Governor and Commander-in-Chief called to his aid the efficient services of General

Clinton P. Paine, of Baltimore City, Chairman of the Philadelphia Committee on Military Display, and Col. Robert Ober, who, in a brief space of time, reported the following names of patriotic citizens who unhesitatingly agreed to advance, pro rata, five thousand dollars to defray expenses :

General Clinton P. Paine, Colonel Robert Ober, Colonel W. J. H. Watters, Messrs. Harry Parr, John K. Shaw, Captain Chauncey Brooks, General E. Law Rogers, Hons. A. P. Gorman, Henry Lloyd, E. E. Jackson, General John Gill, Messrs. D. Fitzgerald, C. D. Fisher, O. Reeder, Wm. H. Grafflin, J. H. Cottman, A. T. Leftwich, Fred. Shriver, George F. Sloan, J. McKenny White, John E. Hurst, James Sloan, Jr., and Hon. James Hodges.

By this means nearly the whole of our military organizations were enabled to take their allotted part in the proceedings, and made a most creditable appearance.

The total expense of the troops attending this celebration amounted to the sum of five thousand, seven hundred and sixty-six dollars and thirty-eight cents (\$5,766.38), and it is not doubted that, on your suggestion, the Legislature will promptly reimburse these gentlemen, with thanks for their timely generosity.

#### TARGET PRACTICE.

In recent years unusual interest has been manifested in both the U. S. Army and the militia of the various States in marksmanship. The soldier is but half a soldier until he has acquired more or less skill in the use of his weapon.

The wonderful accuracy attained of late in rifle shooting has rendered him a much more formidable opponent than heretofore, and as against a much more numerous force unpracticed in the art, simply irresistible. Our own troops have taken great interest in the matter and made rapid and marked improvement. In some of the commands, notably Company

"B," 2d Battalion, are found skilled marksmen who are equal to the best to be found in either the United States army or the National Guard of any State. In the month of October of this year a team was detailed from said company by that accomplished and enthusiastic rifleman, Lt. Col. E. H. Wardwell, commanding 2d Battalion, to compete at Chicago with teams selected throughout the country and from the Old World. The result of their work was most gratifying, and will best be shown by the tabulated statement appended hereto. Lt. Col. Wardwell's report on the subject, generally, is also annexed as embodying many important views and suggestions which meet with my hearty approval.

#### PIKESVILLE ARSENAL.

This property comprises about 14 acres and was conveyed by the United States to the State in the year 1873 "for the use of the State Militia, or such other purposes as the necessities of the State might require." By act of the Legislature in 1880 it was accepted, and on the 30th day of June of that year was transferred.

It has remained up to this time in the custody of this Department, entirely unused, and the buildings falling into decay. It is difficult to say to what military purpose it can be devoted.

#### APPROPRIATION.

The expenditures by this Department, under the direction of the Governor and Commander-in-Chief, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1887, have been as follows :

| Dr.                       | Cr.                                  |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1886-87. To appropriation | 1887. By expenditures                |
| Oct. 1 .....\$50,000 00   | Sept. 30 as per vouchers \$49,995 02 |
|                           | Balance..... 4 98                    |
| <hr/>                     | <hr/>                                |
| \$50,000 00               | \$50,000 00                          |

By Act of Congress, passed at its last session, amending Section 1661, Revised Statutes, making an annual appropriation to provide arms and equipments for the militia, said appropriation was increased from \$3,712.30 to \$7,373.27, which became available July 1, 1887.

The following statement shows the amount expended to date :

| Dr.                        |            | Cr.                         |
|----------------------------|------------|-----------------------------|
| 1887.                      |            | 1887.                       |
| July 1. Balance on hand. . | \$ 18 80   | Dec. 1. By requisitions for |
| “ “ To appropriation. .    | 7,373 27   | arms, ammunition and        |
|                            |            | accoutrements . . . . .     |
|                            |            | \$6,433 94                  |
|                            |            | Balance . . . . .           |
|                            |            | 958 13                      |
|                            | <hr/>      | <hr/>                       |
|                            | \$7,392 07 | \$7,392 07                  |

#### ROSTER OF OFFICERS.

Appended hereto I have the honor to submit a roster of the commissioned officers of the Maryland National Guard.

In concluding this report, I respectfully beg to recommend that in your message to the Legislature about to convene, attention be called to the facts herein stated.

The militia, if merely an expensive toy, as some unthinking people seem to believe, should certainly be entitled to no consideration whatever at the hands of the representatives of the people; but ominous events transpiring throughout the country demonstrate the necessity of strengthening the hands of the civil authorities; and the grave responsibility rests upon the Legislature of taking care that our organized and disciplined bodies of citizen soldiery be decently maintained and encouraged by the State.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. HOWARD,  
Major General, Adjutant General.

# ROSTER OF MARYLAND NATIONAL GUARD.

DECEMBER 1ST, 1887.

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## GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, ANNAPOLIS.

His Excellency HENRY LLOYD, Commander in Chief.

Major General James Howard, Adjutant General.

|       |   |                                         |
|-------|---|-----------------------------------------|
| Brig. | " | Edmund Law Rogers, Quarterm'tr Gen.     |
| "     | " | T. Herbert Shriver, Commissary Gen.     |
| "     | " | Thos. J. Shryock, Chief of Engineers.   |
| "     | " | Wm. M. McKaig, Chief of Ordnance.       |
| "     | " | R. Snowden Andrews, Chief of Artillery. |
| "     | " | Clinton P. Paine, Chief of Cavalry.     |
| "     | " | Andrew J. Chapman, Inspector Gen.       |
| "     | " | John S. Gittings, Paymaster General.    |
| "     | " | Joseph B. Seth, Judge Advocate Gen.     |
| "     | " | William Lee, Surgeon General.           |

## AIDES DE CAMP, WITH RANK OF COLONEL.

|                         |                            |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| Col. Edwd. C. McSherry. | Col. Jno. B. Morris.       |
| " H. C. Tieck.          | " Jno. W. Smith.           |
| " Robt. Ober.           | " Sam'l A. Keene.          |
| " Buchanan Schley, Jr.  | " A. Frank Dulin.          |
| " Wm. H. Love.          | " Jno. Columbus O'Donnell. |
| " Henry Guinand.        | " Frank A. Benson.         |
| " Louis Strasburger.    | " Philip W. Averitt.       |
| " George W. Parsons.    | " Wm. J. H. Watters.       |
| " P. Lea Thom.          |                            |

And a few others complimentary.

## FIRST BRIGADE—(HEADQUARTERS, BALTIMORE.)

Brig. Gen. Stewart Brown, Commanding.  
 Colonel F. W. Brune, Adjutant.  
 Major Samuel H. Lyon, Ordnance Officer.  
 Colonel John Saunders, Inspector.  
 Major E. Calvin Williams, Judge Advocate.  
 “ Robt. D. Selden, Commissary of Subsistence.  
 “ Clayton C. Hall, Quartermaster.  
 Captain George W. Wood, Aide de Camp.  
 “ Chauncey Brooks, “

## FIFTH REGIMENT. BALTIMORE.

Colonel Charles D. Gaither.  
 Lieutenant Colonel Wm. A. Boykin.  
 Captain W. Kennon Whiting, Adjutant.  
 “ Edward C. Johnson, Com’ry of Subsistence.  
 “ Robert J. Miller, Quartermaster.  
 Major W. H. Crim, Surgeon.  
 Captain Frank West, Assistant Surgeon.  
 “ Alexander Brown, Paymaster.  
 “ Bradley T. Stokes, Ordnance Officer.  
 “ Joseph Reynolds, Chaplain.

*Company A.*

Captain,  
 First Lieutenant,  
 Second Lieutenant, Allan McLane.

*Company B.*

Captain, Frank Markoe.  
 First Lieutenant,  
 Second Lieutenant, Henry T. Daly.

*Company C.*

Captain, Robert P. Brown.  
 First Lieutenant, George W. Wonderly.  
 Second Lieutenant, Edmund G. Cook.

*Company D.*

Captain, George C. Cole.  
 First Lieutenant, George F. Search.  
 Second Lieutenant,

*Company E.*

Captain, William G. Foster.  
 First Lieutenant, Harry Pennington.  
 Second Lieutenant, Guy A. Stoner.

*Company F.*

Captain,  
 First Lieutenant,  
 Second Lieutenant, Janon Fisher.

*Company G.*

Captain, Lawrason Riggs.  
 First Lieutenant, J. Frank Phillips.  
 Second Lieutenant,

*Company H.*

Captain, Charles F. Albers.  
 First Lieutenant, Thos. D. Harrison.  
 Second Lieutenant,

*Company I.*

Captain, N. Lee Goldsborough.  
 First Lieutenant, R. Dorsey Coale.  
 Second Lieutenant, Harry M. Hoen.

*Company K.*

Captain, Robert Riddell Brown.  
 First Lieutenant, Drayton M. Hite.  
 Second Lieutenant, Robert A. Welch.

**FIRST REGIMENT—(HEADQUARTERS, HAGERSTOWN.)**

Colonel Henry Kyd Douglas.

Captain Charles A. Little, Adjutant.

“ J. S. B Hartsock, Quartermaster.

“ Charles W. Adams, Com’ry of Subsistence.

“ Isidore Becker, Paymaster.

“ Albert G. Alford, Ordnance Officer and Inspector of Rifle Practice.

Major S. F. Thomas, Surgeon.

Captain W. Clement Claude, Assistant Surgeon.

*Company A. Frederick.*

Captain, Quitman S. J. Beckley.

First Lieutenant, Charles B. Tyson.

Second Lieutenant, Wm. H Shipley.

*Company B. Hagerstown.*

Captain, Wm. P. Lane.

First Lieutenant, J. C. Roulette.

Second Lieutenant,

*Company C. Unionville.*

Captain, E. D. Danner.

First Lieutenant, Wm. M. Gaither.

Second Lieutenant, Rodney T. Glison.

*Company D. Williamsport.*

Captain, John H. Anderson.

First Lieutenant, John Buchanan.

Second Lieutenant,

*Company F. Catonsville.*

Captain, D. P. Barnette.

First Lieutenant, A. M. Reed.

Second Lieutenant,

*Company G. Annapolis.*

Captain, Louis Green.

First Lieutenant, John H. Wells.

Second Lieutenant, James C. Porter.

*Company H. Waverly.*

Captain, Joseph Wardin.  
 First Lieutenant, Edmund G. Wardin.  
 Second Lieutenant,

*Company I. Towson.*

Captain, Charles B. McClean.  
 First Lieutenant, Robert Pilson.  
 Second Lieutenant, Charles R. Chew.

*Company K. Baltimore.*

Captain, George T. Robinson.  
 First Lieutenant, Wm. S. B. Tritel.  
 Second Lieutenant, Hiram Shutt.

**SECOND BATTALION—(HEADQUARTERS, CUMBERLAND.)**

Lieutenant Colonel E. H. Wardwell.  
 Captain David W. Sloan, Adjutant.  
 “ Thomas J. Peddicord, Quartermaster.  
 “ J. Harry Holzshee, Com'sary of Subsistence.  
 “ Robert MacDonald, Ordnance Officer.  
 “ Richd. T. Browning, Insp'r of Rifle Practice.  
 Major E. H. Bartlett, Surgeon.  
 Captain C. H. Brace, Assistant Surgeon.  
 “ P. N. Meade, Chaplain.  
 “ Samuel Johnson, Paymaster.

*Company A. Cumberland.*

Captain, Harman White.  
 First Lieutenant, L. C. Madore.  
 Second Lieutenant, Andrew Kolb.

*Company B. Oakland.*

Captain, Peter A. Chisholm.  
 First Lieutenant, Richard S. Jamison.  
 Second Lieutenant, John F. White.

*Company C. Cumberland.*

Captain, Robert H. Gordon.

First Lieutenant, Wm. McDermott.

Second Lieutenant, Joseph Furlong.

*Company D. Frostburg.*

Captain, J. Polk Smith.

First Lieutenant, Richard K. Mason.

Second Lieutenant, Wm. Skidmore.

**BALTIMORE LIGHT INFANTRY BATTALION.**  
**(HEADQUARTERS, BALTIMORE.)**

Lieutenant Colonel Harry A. Barry.

Captain George R. Browning, Adjutant.

Major J. Dimmit Norris, Surgeon.

Captain Sylvester V. Hoopman, Assistant Surgeon.

“ D. F. Pennington, Quartermaster.

“ Joseph B. Phipps, Commissary of Subsistence.

“ Frank Moore, Paymaster.

“ Wm. B. Finney, Ordnance Officer.

“ Birkhead Rouse, Inspector of Rifle Practice.

“ P. Lenfield Perkins, Chaplain.

*Company A. Baltimore.*

Captain, R. Fuller Shryock.

First Lieutenant, Frederick J. Mosher.

Second Lieutenant, J. Kent Routson.

*Company B. Baltimore.*

Captain, George F. Haupt.

First Lieutenant, Frank K. Miller.

Second Lieutenant,

*Company C. Baltimore.*

Captain, Wm. D. Robinson.

First Lieutenant, Charles G. Griffith.

Second Lieutenant, Henry C. Bailey.

*Company D. Baltimore.*

Captain, John W. Cruett.

First Lieutenant, Benjamin M. Cross.

Second Lieutenant, James F. Shaffer.

*THIRD BATTALION--(HEADQUARTERS, CAMBRIDGE.)*

Lieutenant Colonel James L. Woolford.

Major S. Chase DeKrafft, Surgeon.

Captain George R. Ash, Adjutant.

“ J. B. Brown, Quartermaster.

“ A. J. Foble, Commissary of Subsistence.

“ Henry Mayer, Ordnance Officer.

“ Chas. G. Wright, Inspector of Rifle Practice.

“ James L. Bryan, Chaplain.

*Company A. Elkton.*

Captain, Wm. G. Purnell.

First Lieutenant, David L. Sloan.

Second Lieutenant, Wm. A. Wright.

*Company B. Chestertown.*

Captain, Robert R. Calder.

First Lieutenant, Frank E. Dwyer.

Second Lieutenant, Stedman Z. Wickes.

*Company C. Easton.*

Captain, Edward Roberts.

First Lieutenant,

Second Lieutenant, Richard M. Roberts.

*Company D. Cambridge.*

Captain, Robert G. Henry.

First Lieutenant, Levin W. Bothum.

Second Lieutenant, Edwin Dashiell, Jr.

**FOURTH BATTALION.**

Captain Wm. M. Muschette, Com'sary of Subsistence.

*Company A. Leonardtown.*

Captain, William F. Chesley.

First Lieutenant, W. H. Hayden.

Second Lieutenant,

*Company B. Port Tobacco.*

Captain, L. Allison Wilmer.

First Lieutenant, George W. Gray.

Second Lieutenant, H. Heber Boswell.

*Company C. Upper Marlboro.*

Captain, Philemon W. Chew.

First Lieutenant, Richard N. Ryan.

Second Lieutenant, A. M. Marbury.

*Company D. Prince Frederick.*

Captain, J. Briscoe Bunting.

First Lieutenant, James A. Duke.

Second Lieutenant, J. Wesley Shemwell.

## UNATTACHED.

**COMPANY BALTIMORE RIFLES (COLORED), BALTIMORE.**

Captain, George M. Matthews.

First Lieutenant, John A. Bishop.

Second Lieutenant, Wm. E. Tilghman.

**COMPANY MONUMENTAL CITY GUARDS (COLORED),  
BALTIMORE.**

Captain, William R. Spencer.

First Lieutenant, Peter W. Wilson.

Second Lieutenant, Jessie L. Danbridge.

**COMPANY ALLEGANY COUNTY GUARDS (COLORED),  
CUMBERLAND.**

Captain, Frederick Burgee.

First Lieutenant, John W. Howard.

Second Lieutenant, George Cooper.

HEADQUARTERS SECOND BATTALION INFANTRY,  
MARYLAND NATIONAL GUARD.

OAKLAND, MD., December 1, 1887.

GENERAL: The rifle practice of the Second Battalion for the year 1887 has been highly satisfactory in some respects and not so in others. "B" Company (Garrett Guards) has attained a very high figure of merit, and almost the entire company membership have qualified as marksmen, and about 25 per cent. as sharpshooters. This Company has a really good range (mostly made at private expense of the "Haymaker Team"). The range extends from 200 to 1,000 yards, and is very safe, and also fairly well located for good shooting, and is of easy access for the Company. Companies A and C, located at Cumberland, and Company D at Frostburg, have no ranges, and have had no practice beyond 200 yards for that reason, save here and there a man, at his own expense, on the Oakland range. All of these companies possess excellent short range riflemen, and only need the opportunity to practice to qualify as marksmen and sharpshooters. I respectfully call your attention to the important fact, that it is well recognized by all the best military minds, that the art of war has changed with the advent of the long range breech-loading rifles, and is becoming more and more a science, and the result depends in a very large degree upon the skill and proficiency of the individual soldier. Charging in mass or Shock Tactics, and firing in close order, has become obsolete with our present arms, and our tactics must conform to the change, and battle tactics in open order must now be substituted. Pretty

marchings and alignments are good to the eye, and well for harmonious action, but the cadence step came in with the iron ramrod, and, for fighting purposes, must go out with it. The wars of the future will be short, sharp and decisive within a few weeks, or even days, of their beginning. One power or the other will be at the feet of the victor, and forced to bear the expenses of war. No time will be allowed to create armies, or learn the skill in the use of weapons. Therefore how important that what forces we have should from the start know the use of that terrible modern weapon, the long-range rifle. Moreover, it must be admitted, that men who are skilled in the use of the arms they carry gain a courage and confidence, that insures success, from that very fact, while the unskilled, lacking confidence in their prowess, are easily beaten by an inferior foe.

It is also equally well known, that in cases of riot and disorder, troops who are not well practiced and skilled in the use of the State arms are most dangerous and often commit grave mistakes; whilst on the other hand, a few well delivered shots by proficient and experienced marksmen, picking off leaders and those most active, will do more good than a broadside or volley fired indiscriminately. For almost any kind of military service in the time of war, or civil insurrection, the knowledge of how to use his rifle is the most important part of a soldier's training, and it is too late to acquire that knowledge after the necessity for its use becomes apparent.

In view of the foregoing, I would suggest that there be appointed in this State (as is in most others) an Inspector General of Rifle Practice, and that said officer be appointed entirely upon the ground of his knowledge and practical experience of rifle firing and its kindred sciences.

Secondly, that rifle ranges be leased in various parts of the State (it can be done at small expense), and each officer and man of the National Guard be required to

practice at the same until he shall at least attain the rank of a marksman of the second class; and that battalion teams be brought together once a year for competition, transported and subsisted; and that from said battalion teams a brigade team be organized, the positions on the brigade team to become prizes for which to strive.

A very common, usual and proper method of encouraging and rewarding excellence is by offering prizes, and by conferring a button, badge or decoration upon all who win the rank of marksmen. This is a rule in the United States Army, and also in most of the States. The men take great pride in winning and wearing this emblem as indicating their proficiency in this important part of their military education.

In conclusion, I take much pleasure in saying that the present Adjutant General has done much to encourage and promote efficiency in rifle practice. Prior to his term of office rifle practice was scarcely recognized as a part of military training. At the present time there is much interest shown, and the 5th Regiment, the senior and best organized and equipped command in the State, has many fine marksmen who would qualify at all ranges with very little trouble if they had the ranges upon which to practice. The State that is most liberal will never regret such liberality, as it will place its militia upon a sure and solid footing, and give it a degree of confidence and discipline that will insure the respect of our law-abiding citizens of all classes.

I have the honor to be, General, with great respect,

E. H. WARDWELL,

*Lt. Col. Comd'g Second Battalion, M. N. G.*

TO GEN. JAMES HOWARD,

*Adjutant General of Maryland.*

TABULATED STATEMENT OF THE SCORES OF THE "HAYMAKER" RIFLE TEAM, SECOND BATTALION, FIRST BRIGADE, M. N.  
G., WINNERS OF THE NATIONAL GUARD CHAMPIONSHIP, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, OCTOBER 13, 1887.

## SCORE.

| NAMES.                    | 200 YARDS. |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    | Total. | 500 YARDS. |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |      | Total. | 600 YARDS. |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    | Total. | Grand Total. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|                           | 1          | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |        | 1          | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10   |        | 1          | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |        |              |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Capt. R. T. Browning...   | 4          | 3 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4  | 38     | 4          | 4 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 4    | 4      | 3          | 4 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 37 | 115    |              |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sergt. Jas. H. Painter... | 4          | 3 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 4  | 36     | 4          | 4 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 5    | 3      | 4          | 2 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 35 | 116    |              |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Capt. P. A. Chisholm...   | 3          | 4 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 42 | 3      | 3          | 4 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 4    | 4      | 3          | 5 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 35 | 117    |              |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sergt. Maj. J. E. Bell... | 5          | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 3  | 40     | 4          | 4 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 5    | 4      | 3          | 3 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 39 | 123    |              |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Private Arthur Chisholm   | 4          | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 4  | 41     | 4          | 3 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4    | 38     | 3          | 3 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 4  | 36     | 115          |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| " Milroy Chisholm         | 4          | 3 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4  | 40     | 4          | 4 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5    | 41     | 2          | 3 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 33 | 116    |              |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Corporal Wm. Stoyer...    | 5          | 4 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4  | 41     | 3          | 3 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 4    | 42     | 0          | 3 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 33 | 117    |              |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Private N. C. Browning.   | 3          | 3 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 4  | 41     | 3          | 3 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 4    | 40     | 2          | 3 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 34 | 115    |              |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| " L. H. Friend....        | 3          | 4 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4  | 40     | 4          | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4    | 3      | 3          | 4 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 34 | 113    |              |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lieut. R. S. Jamison....  | 5          | 4 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 4  | 40     | 3          | 4 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 4    | 4      | 4          | 4 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 3  | 36     | 116          |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total Scores.....         |            |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |        |            |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | 1163 |        |            |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |        |              |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| SUBSTITUTES.              |            |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |        |            |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |      |        |            |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |        |              |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Corporal Wm. Mason.       |            |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |        |            |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |      |        |            |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |        |              |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Private J. F. Browning.   |            |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |        |            |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |      |        |            |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |        |              |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

\*Shot thus marked was fired on the wrong target.

REMARK.—The shooting, although good enough to win, was much below the Team's average, owing to the very heavy wind, and no practice.

E. H. WARDWELL, *Team Captain.*