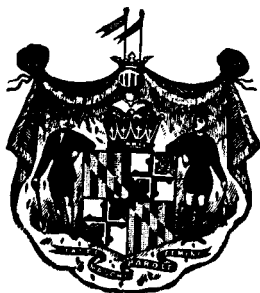


REPORT
OF THE
ADJUTANT GENERAL
OF
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HEADQUARTERS MARYLAND NATIONAL GUARD,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

ANNAPOLIS, MD., JANUARY 1st, 1898.

*To His Excellency, the Governor of Maryland,
and the Honorable, the General Assembly of Maryland,*

SIRS:

I have the honor to submit herewith "a detailed itemized report of all sums of money disbursed" by the Adjutant General of Maryland, from January 1st, 1897, to December 31st, 1897, inclusive, as required by the Act of Assembly of 1896, chapter 89, section 39, and the account of the State with the United States Government.

While this is the only report required to be made by the Adjutant General, it has been customary to give information in his report as to the condition of the National Guard, and to make suggestions tending to promote its efficiency.

In addition, therefore, to the financial report, sub-divided as required by law and so stated that each item may be clearly understood, there will be found herein a Roster of officers, with the number of enlisted men in each and every organization, and the reports of the Inspector General, the Acting Quartermaster General, the Surgeon General, the Brigade commander and commanding officers of Regiments and separate organizations, with the reports of certain Staff officers of the First Brigade, the First Naval Battalion and the Veteran Corps, accompanying the reports of their several commanding officers.

The operations of the Guard for the past year are set forth in these reports, and its condition and needs are fairly shown. Attention is especially called, with approval, to the reports of the Inspector General and the Brigade commander. It would be merely repetition to treat further of the subjects clearly explained in their reports, except as to the matter of equipment.

With the rifles now on hand and to be received from the United States Government in exchange for old 50-calibre rifles turned in, it will be possible to give the Fourth and the Fifth Regiments each a full complement. Both Regiments have sufficient rifles for present needs.

It is proposed to complete the equipment of the Fourth Regiment as soon as the new Armory shall have been completed. There are not, at present, adequate accommodations for the safe keeping of the stores of this Regiment, and further equipment now would be waste of funds and of property.

This Regiment has labored under difficulties for want of an Armory of sufficient dimensions to house the entire Regiment with storerooms for uniforms, arms and equipment. The last General Assembly made an appropriation of \$15,000.00 to Colonel Willard Howard, commanding the Fourth Regiment, to aid in converting the Western Female High School, in Baltimore City, into an Armory, and, I am informed, the Baltimore City Council has made a substantial appropriation for the same purpose. No official report has been made to these Headquarters in the matter of these improvements, but the work seems to be in an advanced stage of progress, and when completed the Fourth Regiment will have a commodious and comfortable home, although it will not be equal to the Armories in other large cities.

In this connection I beg leave to call attention to the imperative need of a new Armory for the Fifth Regiment. The building now used as an Armory by this Regiment is not only a dangerous structure in these days of mobs and dynamite, but it is inadequate for the accommodation of such a large body of men. I should give in detail the facts and conditions which render the building of a new Armory for the Fifth Regiment a necessity, but that a committee of leading citizens of the State will call upon the proper committees of the two Houses of the General Assembly and place the situation fully before them. The State claims the allegiance, at all times, and the services, in stress and trouble, of our citizen soldiers, and it is only fair that provision should be made for their comfort and protection. None but those who have served in the National Guard or those who have been closely connected with it know what sacrifices have to be made by officers and men to render the State military service.

It is believed by our efficient State Treasurer that the means may readily be found to build a modern Armory for the Fifth Regiment without imposing a burden upon our people.

Provisions exist or are being made in the States of Massachusetts, New York, Connecticut, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Wisconsin and some others, for the building of Armories, and Regimental Armories have been built in most of these

States at a cost of from \$100,000.00 to \$600,000.00 for each Armory. I respectfully submit that the State should build Armories, and thereby have entire and absolute control over them.

As I had occasion to state in my last annual report, the preceding General Assembly made provision in the Militia Law then enacted for the pay of the Adjutant General as a State officer, outside of the appropriation for the support of the Militia. Nevertheless, in the appropriation for the Militia, it was provided that the salary of this officer should be paid out of this appropriation.

The General Assembly of late years has been liberal to the organized Militia in comparison with appropriations made in earlier years, and marked improvement in efficiency and discipline has resulted. And yet the annual appropriation for the support of the Militia in Maryland is proportionately small compared with that in the States which boast well-equipped National Guard, being at the rate of about one-half per man of the amount appropriated in those States.

A Cavalry Troop of most excellent material has been organized, each man furnishing his own horse for the use of the State, and a Signal Corps should be organized. With an annual appropriation of \$50,000.00 for the land forces and the current appropriation of \$5,000.00 for the First Naval Battalion, all existing and authorized organizations of the National Guard, except the battery of Artillery, which is practically supplied by the First Naval Battalion, could be maintained in the highest state of efficiency and with full equipment at all times, and annual encampments or encampments and field manoeuvres in alternate years could regularly be held, provided care be taken, as is now sought to be done, that every rifle, uniform and piece of equipment be properly cared for and strictly accounted for.

The State should own a camp ground. We should also have a permanent out-door rifle-range. As much attention as possible was paid to rifle practice in the past year, but the use of the range at Fort McHenry is attended with inconvenience and expense. The Fifth Regiment now has an indoor short range, and the Fourth will have one when its new Armory is completed.

Frequent applications are made to this Department or directly to the Governor for the loan or use of rifles, and refusal seems to be looked upon as unreasonable. It seems that some years ago rifles were given or loaned to the Police De-

partment of Baltimore City or to the State Fishery Force, and that, in some manner, rifles have gone into the hands of non-military organizations. It is to be presumed that the State purchased these arms in the first instance. But all rifles now in the hands of the National Guard and the few unissued belong to the United States Government, and no State officer has a right to issue them, except to the duly organized Militia. These applications for arms doubtless proceed from a misapprehension as to the nature of the appropriation made by Congress for the Militia of the States. The General Government simply furnishes ordnance and quartermaster stores of a value equal to the apportionment to and for each State for the use of the State's organized Militia, retaining title thereto, and the consumption in use or the destruction or loss in any manner must be annually accounted for.

A Board of Survey for the condemnation of all worthless United States property has worked diligently and some of the results are embraced in the report of the Acting Quartermaster General, which shows the sum realized from sales of old stores, and this sum has been duly paid to the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at Baltimore, under orders from the War Department. Some rifles and other stores are unaccounted for, and this will be duly reported to the War Department.

The Board of Survey was also ordered to condemn worthless State property, but none of this property has yet been sold. The result is that we now know what each organization has, and by keeping proper records and requiring a strict accountability in the future from officers and men, waste will be reduced to a minimum.

Reference is made in the Inspector General's report to the General Staff. An effort has been made and is being persisted in to have some organization of the Staff Departments. On account of the peculiar organization of the Brigade and the several Regiments, by which each commanding officer has a full corps of Staff officers, considered, for the most part, personal appointments, this effort is attended with some difficulty, and is, in some cases, misunderstood. No attempt has been made, nor will any be made, to interfere with the prerogatives of any commanding officer. It is desired that there should exist in every Military department and in every command, the most punctilious regard for the rights of every officer, so that the highest order of discipline may be maintained. But subject to these limitations and considerations, the Commander-

in-Chief, although prohibited from assuming active command, except by authority of the Legislature, has the right to issue orders and prescribe rules and regulations for the organization and the government and the discipline of the Militia. If, therefore, it be found practicable under our State Military system, an organization of the Staff Departments will be made, analagous at least to the system which prevails in the Regular Army, relieving commanding officers, as much as possible, of the responsibility and the details of Staff work, and leaving to them the work of training their officers and men for garrison and field duty and the responsibility of handling their commands in riot or battle.

The Surgeon General and the Medical officers of the Guard are, under proper authority, seeking to have an organization to promote the efficiency of the medical arm of the service. Much is needed in this Department, and with the small increase in appropriation suggested, it would be practicable to have a complete medical equipment and hospital corps. The work heretofore done in this Department under Colonel Johnson, Chief Surgeon of the Brigade, has been most commendable and efficient considering the means at his hands, although there has not recently been any occasion for the severer kind of surgical work.

A number of forms, compiled and prepared by Colonel Phipps, Adjutant General of the First Brigade, from those heretofore in use in this State, and from forms used in other States and by the War Department, are provisionally used. After fair trial the forms adjudged most serviceable for our Military organization will be formally adopted and their permanent use officially prescribed in the rules and regulations to be hereafter promulgated.

While there may be some defects in our Militia Law, the last General Assembly sought to make it flexible to the extent that anything lacking could be supplied by rules and regulations prescribed from time to time by the Commander-in-Chief. I would respectfully suggest that no changes be made in the Law by the present General Assembly.

It is, however, respectfully submitted that some provision should be made for the pay, subsistence and transportation of troops in the event of their being called into active service. Either the county whose Sheriff calls for aid or the State should bear this expense in the first instance. The annual appropriation for the Militia is for its equipment, maintenance and discipline, and it is clearly not contemplated that this

fund should be used for pay, &c., of troops in actual service. It is enough that officers and men risk their lives, and, in some cases, loss of employment by responding to the call for active duty, without having to wait for pay or, possibly, receiving none. Heretofore, the appropriation for the Militia has been used as far as it would go, and the Governor or some public-spirited citizens have made advances, but it would be better if the Governor of the State should, under carefully guarded restrictions, be authorized to draw the money from the Treasury, or that, in certain classes of cases, the counties demanding aid, should be required to pay. There have been numerous cases in this country in which the amount expended for the services of the organized Militia has been very small compared to the saving in life and property.

We are indebted to the Navy Department for the active interest taken in our Naval Militia. The former Secretary of the Navy and his assistant, Mr. McAdoo, have been rivaled by the present Secretary and Mr. Roosevelt, the Assistant Secretary. The Naval officer stationed at the Hydrographic Office in Baltimore has recently been detailed to instruct and assist the officers of our Naval Battalion. The reports of Commander Emerson and his officers show the good work our Navy is doing.

As it was clearly impracticable to have an encampment of any portion of the National Guard last year, and as the occasional bringing together of our entire force is most serviceable in many ways, as well as being a valuable object-lesson, it was decided, as indicated in my last report, to have the entire National Guard take part in the inaugural ceremonies on March 4th last, in Washington City. The force then responding for duty was the largest ever mobilized in the Maryland National Guard, as far as can be ascertained, and Maryland had the largest contingent present of any State in the Union. The appearance and behavior of our troops on that occasion were admirable, and gained the highest commendation from army officers and others.

On the whole, the present condition of the Maryland National Guard is highly creditable to the State and to our Military establishment. The officers are, as a rule, capable and earnest, the men of good material and devoted to duty; the relations between these Headquarters and commanding officers are harmonious; discipline and courtesy are maintained and observed in all departments, and there need be no apprehension that our troops will not be ready and competent for any occasion that may call for active service.

I desire again to call attention to the valuable services of General Mumford, Inspector General, and Captain Finley, detailed by the War Department for duty with our troops, and to commend the Brigade Commander and his officers, as well as the Commander of the First Naval Battalion and the Commander of the Veteran Corps, for their prompt response to all orders from these Headquarters.

Very respectfully,

L. ALLISON WILMER,

Adjutant General.

ACCOUNT SHOWING THE DISPOSITION OF THE APPORTION-
MENT TO THE STATE OF MARYLAND OF THE APPRO-
PRIATION MADE BY THE UNITED STATES GOV-
ERNMENT FOR THE BENEFIT OF
THE MILITIA.

DATE.		Dr.	Cr.
1897.			
January 1.....	To balance to credit of Maryland...	\$ 387 02	
July 1.....	To amount of apportionment of ap- propriation to Maryland for fiscal year ending June 30, 1898.....	6,900 90	
May 11.	By Ordnance stores issued.....		\$ 379 10
August 28.....	By Ordnance stores issued.....		872 28
September 18.	By Ordnance stores issued.....		92 26
October 1	By Ordnance stores issued.....		29 10
November 20..	By Ordnance stores issued.....		11 64
December 31..	By balance.....		5,903 54
		\$7,287 92	\$7,287 92

Balance to credit of Maryland, January 1, 1898, \$5,903.54.

ACCOUNT OF DISBURSEMENTS OF APPROPRIATION MADE BY
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, FROM JANUARY 1, 1897, TO DE-
CEMBER 31, 1897, INCLUSIVE, ON ACCOUNT OF THE CON-
TINGENT AND NECESSARY EXPENSES OF THE
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE AND THE
MAINTENANCE, &C., OF THE LAND
FORCES OF THE MILITIA.

1897.	
January	1..Amount to credit of appropriation this date as per last Annual Re- port.....\$33,449 30
October	1..Amount of appropriation for the contingent and necessary expenses of the Adjutant General's Office and for the maintenance, equip- ment and discipline of the land forces of the militia, for the fiscal year ending September 31, 1898; less \$2,000 for salary of Adjutant General, paid by checks of Treas- urer (A. A., 1896, chapter 347).... 43,000 00
Total.....\$76,449 30	

DISBURSEMENTS.

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

FOR CONTINGENT AND NECESSARY
EXPENSES OF ADJUTANT
GENERAL'S OFFICE.

1897.	
January	22..To Samuel W. Brooks, Janitor: For services for quarter ended De- cember 31, 1896.....\$28 00
April	1..For services for quarter ended March 31, 1897..... 28 00
To H. H. Boswell, Clerk:	
February	17..For incidentals (P. O. box, stamps, expressage, telegrams, printing, etc.)..... 50 00
August	5..For incidentals (P. O. box, stamps, expressage, telegrams, printing, mimeograph, etc.)..... 75 00
To King Brothers:	
May	4..For printing and binding 300 copies Adjutant General's Report and for 60 copies General Orders No. 1.... 210 00
August	5..For printing 200 copies General Or- ders No. 11..... 8 00
To J. R. Frost, Janitor:	
July	2..For services for quarter ended June 30, 1897..... 25 0
October	7..For services for quarter ended Sep- tember 30, 1897..... 25 0
To L. Allison Wilmer, Adjutant General:	
Jan. 1 to Oct. 1	For telegrams, stamps, printing and type-writing..... 39 38

Jan. 1 to Oct 1.	For amount paid for traveling expenses and hotel bills to and in Baltimore, Washington and Western Maryland, on matters connected with the discipline and equipment of the militia (33 trips, 60 days)	293 52	
			\$781 90

FOR INSPECTOR GENERAL'S
DEPARTMENT.

	To Brigadier General Thomas S. Mumford, Inspector General:		
December 8..	For pay and expenses in annual inspection of First Brigade, under orders	\$372 67	
	To Thos. H. Fitchett:		
December 17..	For services in compiling and type-writing report of Inspector General.....	10 00	
			\$382 67

FOR QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S
DEPARTMENT.

	To Major Charles R. Spence, Acting Quartermaster General:		
April 12..	For account of transportation and expenses, troops to Washington March 4, 1897.....	173 37	
	14.. For rent of vault for storing State property for one year, to April 1, 1897.....	50 00	
June 23..	For services of Lilly, storekeeper, under contract of former Adjutant General, to July 1, 1897.....	375 00	
	28.. For estimated expenses of this department for one year, beginning July 1, 1897.....	500 00	
	To Brigadier General Thomas S. Mumford:		
July 2..	For services and pay as President Board of Survey U. S. and State property.....	45 84	
	To Colonel John S. Saunders:		
	2.. For services and pay as member of said board.....	29 25	
	To Captain F. I. Mosher:		
	2.. For services and pay as member of said board.....	35 00	
	To Miss A. V. Jacobs, stenographer:		
	2.. For copies of report Board of Survey.....	9 45	
			\$1,217 91

FOR JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL'S
DEPARTMENT.

	To Major Allan McLane, Judge Advocate First Brigade:		
January 22..	For expenses court-martial Captain Q. S. J. Beckley, Co. A, First Regiment.....	\$162 63	

June	3..For services and pay as recorder to Board of Examiners to inquire into capacity, &c., of Major Charles M. Burbaker, Fourth Regiment, and for services of stenographer, report, &c.....	454 54
June	23..For balance of witness fees, case of Captain Beckley.....	23 95
	To Brigadier General Thomas S. Mumford:	
June	3..For services and pay as President of Board of Examiners to inquire into capacity, &c., of Major Charles M. Burbaker.....	152 80
	To Colonel John S. Saunders:	
June	3..For services and pay as member of said Board.....	97 50
	To Major Clinton L. Riggs:	
June	3..For services and pay as member of said Board.....	69 40

\$960 82

FOR BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS AND MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES OF THE BRIGADE.

	To Oehm & Co.:	
January	22..For uniform and equipment for Sergeant Major	\$43 00
March	26..For uniform for Commissary Sergeant	37 25
	To Brigadier General Lawrason Riggs:	
January	22..For headquarters' expenses and rent for quarter ending March 31, 1897.	130 51
February	25..For account of subsistence of troops at Inauguration.....	1,000 00
March	17..For balance subsistence of troops at Inauguration and quarter's Brigade non-commissioned staff.....	896 00
April	1..For repairs uniforms and equipment Brigade Staff.....	51 25
April	1..For headquarters' expenses and rent for quarter ending June 30, 1897..	145 43
April	14..For blanks for reports, etc.....	89 75
May	5..For unpaid bill for transportation, Camp Lowndes.....	7 00
May	15..For Winthrop's Military Law.....	12 00
July	8..For headquarters' expenses and rent for quarter ending September 30, 1897.....	190 00
October	7..For headquarters' expenses and rent for quarter ending December 31, 1897.....	173 00
December	8..For expenses for maps and preparation for field manœuvres.....	47 00
	17..For four compasses used in preparing maps.....	14 00
	To Major Charles R. Spence, Chief Quartermaster:	
February	15..For six saddle cloths and expense building cupboard in store-room..	24 50
April	12..For bridles and repairs.....	8 10
	To William H. Horstmann Co.:	

March	8..For two saddles, bridles, &c., and one arm-sling and boot-pocket....	50 25	
	To Colonel Frank Markoe:		
April	1..For per diem and expenses as elector at election of Brigade Commander, March 4, 1896.....	11 02	
	To Hartley & Graham:		
May	21..For 14,000 ball cartridges.....	259 00	
July	8..For 25,000 ball cartridges.....	462 50	
August	5..For 25,000 ball cartridges.....	462 50	
	To John Cowan:		
July	22..For material and repairing rifle range at Fort McHenry.....	125 90	
	To Captain B. R. Elliott:		
July	22..For services at rifle range, Fort McHenry	125 00	
October	27..For extra services at rifle range, Fort McHenry.....	36 65	
			4,401 61
Total general account.....			<u>\$7,744 91</u>

FOURTH REGIMENT ACCOUNT.

To Oehm & Co.:			
January	22..For uniforms.....	\$444 95	
March	26..For overcoats and leggings.....	2,535 25	
October	1..For uniforms	599 20	
	To Colonel Willard Howard:		
February	24..For current expenses for quarter ending March 31, 1897.....	1,500 00	
April	5..For current expenses for quarter ending June 30, 1897.....	1,500 00	
July	2..For current expenses for quarter ending September 30, 1897.....	1,500 00	
November	3..For current expenses for quarter ending December 31, 1897.....	1,500 00	
	To Major Charles R. Spence, Acting Quartermaster General:		
July	22..For uniforms.....	1,805 25	
Total Fourth Regiment account			<u>11,384 65</u>

FIFTH REGIMENT ACCOUNT.

To Colonel Frank Markoe:			
February	24..For current expenses for quarter ending March 31, 1897.....	\$1,500 00	
April	1..For 85 overcoats, 100 pairs trousers, 100 caps and 100 blouses.....	1,806 25	
April	12..For current expenses for quarter ending June 30, 1897.....	1,500 00	
July	8..For current expenses for quarter ending September 30, 1897.....	1,500 00	
November	3..For current expenses for quarter ending December 31, 1897.....	1,500 00	
	To Jacob Gminder:		
April	1..For 600 cap ornaments.....	75 00	
	To Major Charles R. Spence, Acting Quartermaster General:		

June	19..For uniforms.....	828 75
July	22..For overcoats.....	861 00
July	22..For uniforms and equipments.....	2,073 60
Total Fifth Regiment account		<u>\$11,644 60</u>

FIRST REGIMENT ACCOUNT.

To Captain Thomas G. Forward,
Co. D:

January	22..For armory rent and current expenses to October 1, 1896.....	165 49
February	9..For per diem and expenses as elector at election of Field Officers.....	7 09
April	20..For armory rent and expenses for half year ended March 31, 1897...	137 53
July	15..For current expenses for quarter ended June 30, 1897.....	5 93
October	27..For armory rent and expenses for half year ended September 30, 1897.....	96 75
To Second Lieutenant Willard G. Rouse, Co. D:		
February	9..For per diem and expenses as elector at election of Field Officers.....	5 98
To First Lieutenant Allan S. Martin, Co. F:		
	9..For armory rent and expenses to October 1, 1896.....	75 00
To Captain James C. Porter, Co. G:		
April	5..For per diem and expenses as elector at election of Field Officers.....	8 49
	5..For current expenses for half year ended March 31, 1897, and armory rent from January 1, 1896, to January 1, 1897.....	162 63
July	8..For current expenses for quarter ended June 30, 1897.....	79 13
October	7..For current expenses for quarter ended September 30, 1897.....	47 63
To First Lieutenant Philip E. Porter, Co. G:		
April	5..For per diem and expenses as elector at election of Field Officers.....	7 60
To Second Lieutenant George R. Tydings, Co. G:		
April	5..For per diem and expenses as elector at election of field officers.....	7 38
To Colonel William P. Lane:		
April	5..For headquarters' expenses for quarter ended March 31, 1897.....	13 40
July	15..For headquarters' expenses for quarter ended June 30, 1897.....	5 00
October	7..For headquarters' expenses for quarter ended September 30, 1897.....	3 50
To Captain Q. S. J. Beckley, Co. A:		
April	5..For armory rent and expenses for half year ended March 30, 1897...	67 45
July	8..For armory rent and expenses for quarter ended June 30, 1897.....	40 45

October	7..For current expenses for quarter ended September 30, 1897.....	27 25
	To Captain George L. Fisher, Co. B:	
April	8..For armory rent and expenses for half year ended March 31, 1897...	169 74
July	8..For armory rent and expenses for quarter ended June 30, 1897.	76 55
October	7..For current expenses for quarter ended September 30, 1897.....	84 00
	To Captain William A. Wright, Co. E:	
April	8..For armory rent and expenses for half year ended March 31, 1897...	81 80
July	15..For current expenses for quarter ended June 30, 1897.....	36 82
October	7..For current expenses for quarter ended September 30, 1897.....	36 90
	To Lieutenant Allan S. Martin, Co. F:	
April	8 .For armory rent and expenses for half year ended March 31, 1897...	70 60
	To Brigadier General Lawrason Riggs:	
December	8..For armory rent disbanded Co. F. and expenses packing stores of said company.....	75 65
	To Colonel J. B. Phipps:	
October	14..For pay and expenses investigating the affairs of Co. F.....	26 29
	To Lieutenant William L. Forman, Co. I:	
April	12..For armory rent and expenses for half year ended March 31, 1897...	34 50
July	8..For armory rent and expenses for quarter ended June 30, 1897.....	19 40
October	7..For current expenses quarter ended September 30, 1897.....	22 50
	To Captain R. C. Townshend, Co. K:	
April	12..For armory rent and expenses for half year ended March 31, 1897...	77 10
	To Captain B. R. Elliott:	
April	12..For pay and expenses in recovering and shipping arms, equipments, &c., disbanded Co. K.....	54 95
	To R. J. McAllen & Bro., receivers:	
November	3..For armory rent, disbanded Co. L., remaining unpaid.....	79 19
Total First Regiment account		<u>\$1,909 67</u>
FIRST SEPARATE COMPANY ACCOUNT.		
	To Captain William R. Spencer:	
March	17..For armory rent and expenses for quarter ended December 31, 1896..	73 75
April	5..For armory rent and expenses for quarter ended March 31, 1897.....	82 00
July	2..For armory rent and expenses for quarter ended June 30, 1897.	73 60
October	7..For armory rent and expenses for quarter ended September 30, 1897.	102 60
Total First Separate Company account		<u>\$331 95</u>

RECAPITULATION.	Dr.	Cr.
To amount of appropriation.....	\$76,449 30	
By general account.....		\$ 7,744 91
By Fourth Regiment account.....		11,384 65
By Fifth Regiment account.....		11,644 60
By First Regiment account.....		1,909 67
By First Separate Company account.....		331 95
By balance December 31, 1897.....		43,433 52
	\$76,449 30	\$76,449 30

1898

January	1..Balance in treasury subject to the warrant of the Adjutant General, for the contingent and necessary expenses of the Adjutant General's office, and for the maintenance, equipment and discipline of the land forces of the militia, for the remainder of the fiscal year ending September 30, 1898.....	\$43,433 52
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ACCOUNT OF MONIES IN THE HANDS OF AND RECEIVED
BY THE ADJUTANT GENERAL.

1897		Dr.	Cr.
January	1..In Farmers and Merchants' National Bank, as per last report.....	\$1,130 83	
May	28..From Maryland Agricultural College, for repairs of tents loaned in June, 1896.....	27 25	
April	12..By check to Major Charles R. Spence, acting Quartermaster General, on account of transportation to Washington, March 4, 1897.....		\$1,000 00
	12..By check to Adjutant General, on account of traveling expenses, &c., Baltimore and Washington, preparing for mobilizing troops to Washington, March 4, 1897, and account of transportation.....		130 83
May	28..By amount paid Major Charles R. Spence for expenses repairing tents.....		27 25
		\$1,158 08	\$1,158 08

**ACCOUNT OF DISBURSEMENTS OF APPROPRIATION MADE
BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, FROM
JANUARY 1, 1897 TO DECEMBER 31, 1897, IN-
CLUSIVE, ON ACCOUNT OF FIRST
NAVAL BATTALION.**

1897.	
January	1..Amount to credit of appropriation this date, as per last annual report. \$1,234 72
October	1..Amount of appropriation for the maintenance, equipment and discipline of First Naval Battalion for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1898..... 5,000 00

DISBURSEMENTS.

To Commander Isaac E. Emerson:	
March	26..For uniforms and equipment..... \$600 00
May	21..For subsistence at Inauguration, March 4, 1897..... 209 00
August	5..For account of subsistence on annual cruise..... 100 00
October	20..For blankets..... 352 00
October	20..For bills of New York Clothing House and Oehm & Co., for uniforms..... 4,200 00
To Major Charles R. Spence, Acting Quartermaster General:	
April	12..For transportation to Washington March 4, 1897..... 110 64
To Brigadier General Thomas S. Mumford:	
July	2..For pay as President of Board of Survey of U. S. and State property. To Colonel John S. Saunders: 15 28
July	2..For pay as member of said Board... To Captain F. I. Mosher: 9 75
July	2..For pay as member of said Board... To L. Allison Wilmer, Adjutant General: 5 00
October	1..For traveling expenses, &c., to, from and in Baltimore, en route to Tolchester, to inspect and review said battalion in July..... 13 50
To Brigadier General Thomas S. Mumford, Inspector General:	
December	8..For services and pay, annual inspection of said battalion..... 30 56
By balance December 31, 1897.	
588 99	
\$6,234 72 \$6,234 72	

1898.	
January	1..Balance in Treasury, subject to the warrant of the Adjutant General, for the maintenance, equipment and discipline of First Naval Battalion for remainder of fiscal year ending September 30, 1898..... 588 99

Roster of Officers.

MARYLAND NATIONAL GUARD, HEADQUARTERS—ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND.

Governor and Commander-in Chief:

LLOYD LOWNDES.

Adjutant General :

L. ALLISON WILMER.

General Staff of the Militia :

Major General L. Allison Wilmer, Adjutant General.
Brig. Gen. Thomas S. Mumford, Inspector General.
Brig. Gen. Alfred E. Booth, Chief of Ordnance.
Major Charles R. Spence, Acting Quartermaster General.
Brig. Gen. Ridgely B. Warfield, Surgeon General.
(Judge Advocate General, vacant.)

Aids to the Governor and Commander-in-Chief .

Colonel William E. Griffith,	Colonel Gerard T. Hopkins, Jr.,
Colonel Seymour Mandelbaum,	Colonel Ira Tyler,
Colonel Clarence Hodson,	Colonel Henry B. Wilcox,
Colonel Micijah W. Pope.	

First Brigade, Maryland National Guard.

Headquarters,—Baltimore, Maryland.

Brigadier General Lawrason Riggs, Commanding.
Colonel Joseph B. Phipps, Adjutant General.
Colonel John S. Saunders, Inspector General.
Colonel Robert W. Johnson, Chief Surgeon.
Major Charles R. Spence, Chief Quartermaster.
Major Frank W. Coale, Chief Commissary.
Major Charles V. Starkloff, Chief Paymaster.
Major Josiah Pierce, Jr., Ordnance Officer and Inspector Small Arms Practice.
Major Allan McLane, Judge Advocate.
Lieutenant J Markham Marshall, Aid.

Commissioned Officers.....	10
Non-commissioned Staff.....	6
Total	16

Fourth Regiment, Infantry.

Headquarters, Baltimore, Maryland.

FIELD AND STAFF OFFICERS:

Colonel Willard Howard, Commanding.

Lieutenant Colonel J. Frank Supplee.

Major Charles M. Burbaker.

Major Jasper M. Berry.

Major Franklin P. Swazey.

Captain John F. Hoffman, Adjutant.

Major J. Dimmit Norris, Surgeon.

Captain John B. Schwatka, Assistant Surgeon.

Captain John G. Jay, Assistant Surgeon.

Captain Seth S. Ullrich, Assistant Surgeon.

Captain David F. Penington, Quartermaster and Acting Commissary.

Captain Charles Clark, Ordnance Officer.

Captain Samuel R. Tregellas, Paymaster.

Captain Albert H. Studebaker, Chaplain.

1st Lieutenant J. Frank Ryley, Battalion Adjutant.

1st Lieutenant Ernest Fetzner, Battalion Adjutant.

1st Lieutenant Howard S. Bokee, Battalion Adjutant.

LINE OFFICERS:**Company A.**

Captain—Frederick I. Mosher.

1st Lieutenant—Nicholas S. Hill.

2nd Lieutenant—Orville H. Brown.

Company C.

Captain—Robert S. Chenoweth.

1st Lieutenant—George H. Kahl.

2nd Lieutenant—Vacant.

Company E.

Captain—Benj. R. Elliott.

1st Lieutenant—Vacant.

2nd Lieutenant—Edward J. Evans.

Company G.

Captain—Andrew W. Feuss.

1st Lieutenant—Charles Hahn.

2nd Lieutenant—Duncan MacCalman.

Company I.

Captain—Morris W. Tucker.

1st Lieutenant—Charles R. Evans.

2nd Lieutenant—Richard A. Farley.

Company L.

Captain—Robert Riddell Brown.

1st Lieutenant—Vacant.

2nd Lieutenant—C. E. Hummell.

Company B.

Captain—Geo. F. Haupt.

1st Lieutenant—Sam'l. J. Blight.

2nd Lieutenant—Charles L. Lyons.

Company D.

Captain—Matthias Kiefer.

1st Lieutenant—C. Frank Jones.

2nd Lieutenant—Walter C. Wessels.

Company F.

Captain—Thomas F. Peterson.

1st Lieutenant—J. Harry Ullrich.

2nd Lieutenant—Vacant.

Company H.

Captain—Charles C. Corbin.

1st Lieutenant—Howard A. Drexel.

2nd Lieutenant—William A. Burck.

Company K.

Captain—Louis Schmidt.

1st Lieutenant—H. E. Haines.

2nd Lieutenant—W. H. Watson.

Company M.

Captain—Samuel W. Filbert.

1st Lieutenant—Edward H. J. Stesch.

2nd Lieutenant—Daniel W. Koehler.

Officers.....	49
Enlisted Men.....	564

Total.....	613
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Fifth Regiment, Infantry.

Headquarters, Baltimore, Maryland.

FIELD AND STAFF OFFICERS:

Colonel Frank Markoe, Commanding.
 Lieutenant Colonel R. Dorsey Coale.
 Major William D. Robinson.
 Major Clinton L. Riggs.
 Major Henry M. Warfield.
 Captain T. Bradley Stokes, Adjutant.
 Major William H. Crim, Surgeon.
 Captain I. Ridgeway Trimble, Assistant Surgeon.
 Captain S. Griffith Davis, Assistant Surgeon.
 Captain James D. Iglehart, Assistant Surgeon.
 Captain Robert J. Miller, Quartermaster.
 Captain Edward C. Johnson, Commissary.
 Captain John J. Jackson, Jr., Ordnance Officer.
 Captain George S. Jackson, Paymaster.
 Captain Henry B. Keyser, Inspector of Rifle Practice.
 Captain William M. Dame, Chaplain.
 1st Lieutenant Armistead M. Webb, Battalion Adjutant.
 1st Lieutenant S. Johnson Poe, Battalion Adjutant.
 1st Lieutenant Irvine Keyser, Battalion Adjutant.

LINE OFFICERS:**Company A.**

Captain—Louis M. Rawlins.
 1st Lieutenant—E. Dudley Warfield.
 2d Lieutenant—Robert B. Bowie.

Company C.

Captain—Elbert Thomson.
 1st Lieutenant—Vacant.
 2d Lieutenant—Charles M. Wyeth.

Company E.

Captain—John Hinkley.
 1st Lieutenant—W. Pinkney Holmes.
 2d Lieutenant—T. Rowland Thomas.

Company G.

Captain—C. Baker Clotworthy.
 1st Lieuten't—Christopher Johnson, Jr.
 2d Lieutenant—William M. Boykin.

Company I.

Captain—N. Lee Goldsborough.
 1st Lieutenant—Jesse Slingluff, Jr.
 2d Lieutenant—Chas. G. Sterling.

Company B.

Captain—Charles W. Jackson.
 1st Lieutenant—Henry T. Daly.
 2d Lieutenant—Thomas L. Janney.

Company D.

Captain—George C. Cole.
 1st Lieuteuant—John D. Gaither.
 2d Lieutenant—Lay Bryan.

Company F.

Captain—Charles D. Gaither.
 1st Lieutenant—Albert E. Glocker.
 2d Lieutenant—Henry G. Riggs.

Company H.

Captain—Charles F. Albers.
 1st Lieutenant—Samuel W. Hoopes.
 2d Lieutenant—E. Abbott Holmes.

Company K.

Captain—Edward A. Munoz.
 1st Lieutenant—Fitzhugh Tayloe.
 2d Lieutenant—Joseph N. D. Danel.

Company L.

Captain—B. Frank Boyden.

1st Lieutenant—Washington Bowie, Jr.

2d Lieutenant—R. E. Lee Marshall.

Company M.

Captain—George L. Deichman.

1st Lieutenant—Ridgely Gaither.

2d Lieutenant—David W. Jenkins.

Officers..... 54

Enlisted Men..... 616

Total..... 670

First Regiment, Infantry.

Headquarters, Hagerstown, Md.

FIELD AND STAFF OFFICERS:

Colonel William P. Lane, Commanding.

Lieutenant Colonel Charles B. McClean.

Major William G. Purnell.

Major Charles A. Little.

Captain Lauren F. Smith, Adjutant.

Major W. Clement Claude, Surgeon.

Captain J. Wright Downey, Assistant Surgeon.

Captain S. Chase de Krafft, Assistant Surgeon.

Captain Isador Becker, Quartermaster.

Captain Frank Bateman, Commissary.

Captain Richard C. Massenburg, Ordnance Officer.

Captain Henry H. Keedy, Jr., Paymaster.

Captain C. Randolph Page, Chaplain.

LINE OFFICERS:

Company A—Frederick.

Captain—Q. S. J. Beckley.

1st Lieutenant—Charles B. Tyson.

2d Lieutenant—Wm. H. Shipley.

Company B—Hagerstown.

Captain—George L. Fisher.

1st Lieut.—Milton R. Hawken.

2d Lieutenant—Wm. E. Sanders.

Company D—Belair.

Captain—Thomas G. Forwood.

1st. Lieut.—Willard G. Rouse.

2d Lieut.—Shirley C. Morgan.

Company E—Elkton.

Captain—William A. Wright.

1st Lieutenant—George T. King.

2d Lieut.—Edward F. Taggart.

Company G—Annapolis.

Captain—James C. Porter.

1st Lieutenant—Philip E. Porter.

2d Lieutenant—George R. Tydings.

Company I—Towson.

Captain—Vacant.

1st Lieutenant—Wm. L. Forman.

2d Lieut.—Winfried S. Dampman.

Officers..... 30

Enlisted Men..... 307

Total..... 337

First Separate Company, Infantry.

(Colored.)

Armory, Baltimore, Maryland.

Captain William R. Spencer, Commanding.

1st Lieutenant James H. Moore.

2nd Lieutenant Samuel Smith.

Officers.....	3
Enlisted Men.....	54
Total.....	57

Troop "A," Cavalry.

Armory, Pikesville, Baltimore County, Md.

2d Lieutenant, Joseph W. Shirley, Commanding.

Officers.....	1
Enlisted Men.....	31
Total.....	32

First Naval Battalion.

Headquarters, Baltimore, Maryland.

COMMISSIONED OFFICERS:

Isaac E. Emerson, Commander, Commanding.

Edwin Geer, Lieutenant Commander and Executive Officer.

Samuel M. Blount, Lieutenant and Ordnance Officer.

Harry F. Harrison, Lieutenant and Acting Navigator ; and Signal Officer.

William V. Wilson, Jr., Lieutenant and Paymaster.

Jesse R. Paine, Ensign and Assistant Paymaster.

Sidney O. Heiskell, Lieutenant and Surgeon.

Frank E. Wagner, Ensign and Assistant Surgeon.

W. G. Richardson, Acting Chief Engineer.

H. Todd Powell, Ensign and Assistant Engineer.

Rev. Fred. W. Clampett, Chaplain.

Ralph Robinson, Ensign and Aid.

"A" Division—Davies Murdoch, Lieutenant, Commanding.

Edward S. Drexel, Lieutenant, (J. G.)

Charles M. Newman, Ensign.

Louis Duncan, Ensign.

"B" Division—Charles L. Birmingham, Lieutenant, Commanding.

William S. Belding, Lieutenant, (J. G.)

Vacant Ensign.

Vacant Ensign.

"C" Division—Joseph Bonn, Lieutenant, Commanding.

P. Thompson Coyle, Lieutenant, (J. G.)

E. C. Carrington, Jr., Ensign.

Vacant Ensign.

'D' Division—Layton F. Smith, Lieutenant, Commanding.

Vacant " (J. G.)

William M. Goodrich, Ensign.

Vacant "

Commissioned Officers.....	23
Warrant Officers.....	3
Chief Petty Officers.....	12
Petty Officers.....	17
Seamen.....	164
Total.....	219

Veteran Corps, Fifth Regiment Infantry.

Headquarters, Baltimore, Maryland.

Colonel George R. Gaither, Commanding.

Lieutenant Colonel John W. S. Brady.

Major George H. Robe, Surgeon.

Captain Edward A. Watts, Adjutant.

Captain John O. G. Allmand, Commissary.

Captain George W. Davison, Paymaster.

Captain Augustus L. Shutt, Quartermaster.

Captain A. Bradley Gaither, Assistant Surgeon.

Captain Henry W. Bennett, Ordnance Officer.

1st Company—Captain Frank X. Ward.

1st Lieutenant H. Augustus Williams.

2d Company—Captain Nelson Poe, Jr.

3d Company—Captain Edward W. Davison.

4th Company—Captain Calvin T. Davison.

1st Lieutenant George W. Wonderly.

Officers.....	15
Enlisted Men.....	144
Total.....	159
Grand Total.	2,103.

**Report of Brigadier General Thomas S. Mumford,
Inspector General.**

INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,

BALTIMORE, MD., November 20th, 1897.

To the Adjutant General State of Maryland,

Annapolis, Md.

SIR :

In compliance with law and in obedience to G. O. No. 12, dated Headquarters M. N. G., Annapolis, Md., September 30th, 1897, I have the honor to submit my annual report of inspections of the First Brigade, Maryland National Guard, and First Naval Battalion.

The result of these inspections show the aggregate strength of the military establishment of the State to be as follows:

Commander-in-Chief and Aids,	7
General Staff Officers,	4
Brigade Commander and Staff,	9
First Regiment,	326
Fifth Regiment,	672
Fourth Regiment,	599
First Naval Battalion,	207
First Separate Company,	58
Total,	1,882

BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS.

BRIGADIER GENERAL LAWRASON RIGGS, *Brigade Commander.*

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT.

COL. J. B. PHIPPS, *Adjutant General.*

Since my last inspection there has been a decided improvement in the paper work of this department. Not only have these Headquarters been supplied with many books and records necessary for the proper administration of the office, but

a number of blank forms and returns have also been prepared for the several Regiments of the Brigade for both staff and company officers. All the books and records are in excellent condition, neat, accurate and up to date.

The records are now so systematically kept that they will be of much value to the guard in the future.

The Brigade Headquarters fund account was examined and found correct.

Last year only a few blank forms were used, consequently it has required much time and attention to details to bring this office to its present good condition, especially as this work has heretofore received little or no attention. As there was no basis to work upon, the orderly methods now in vogue are therefore practically new, and the progress made indicates the earnest and zealous efforts displayed by the Brigade Commander and his Adjutant General to raise this office to the proper standard.

QUARTERMASTER'S DEPARTMENT.

MAJOR CHARLES R. SPENCE, *Brigade Quartermaster (Acting Quartermaster-General.)*

There is also a marked improvement in the methods of transacting the business of this department. A regular return of all Government and State property passing through the Brigade Quartermaster to the various organizations composing the Brigade is now rendered quarterly. Such a return has heretofore never been made, so far as any records indicate. This matter of property accountability is one of the highest importance, and has been sadly neglected in the past.

I find all books and records pertaining to this office in a very neat and orderly condition. All moneys are now also accounted for in a simple and methodical manner. I examined the money accounts of this office and found them correct.

The Brigade Quartermaster's property is carefully stored in the Mercantile Trust and Deposit Company's building, except the tentage and ammunition, which is stored in the Fifth Regiment Armory.

Major Spence is also Acting Quartermaster-General of the State, and the records essential to the proper administration of this important office are now being worked upon. The system being followed is based on that used in the regular service. These records will be of great value in the future and save the State much money.

FIRST REGIMENT I. M. N. G.

(Headquarters, Hagerstown.)

COL. WM. P. LANE, Commanding.

Inspected October 18, 21, 22, 25, 27 and 29, 1897.

	PRESENT.			ABSENT.			Average.
	Officers.	Enlisted.	Tot.	Officers.	Enlisted.	Tot.	
Field & Staff...	8	....	8	5	....	5	13
Non-Com. S...	....	....	....	....	6	6	6
Company A...	3	27	30	....	26	26	56
Company B...	3	44	47	....	4	4	51
Company D...	2	32	34	1	25	26	60
Company E...	2	33	35	1	19	20	55
Company G...	3	36	39	....	2	2	41
Company I...	2	18	20	....	24	24	44
Total.....	23	190	213	7	106	113	326

Percentage present, 65.

Company B—CAPTAIN GEORGE L. FISHER, Commanding.

(Hagerstown.)

There has been a great change in the personnel of this company in the past year, thirty-four old members of the company having been discharged recently, of whom only eleven re-enlisted, being a loss of nearly 40 per cent. of old soldiers; consequently the drill was not up to the usual high standard. However, the military appearance of the company was very good, clothing neat in fit and clean, equipments in excellent condition—all lettered and numbered, corresponding to the individual soldier's number, as required by regulations. The rifles are also numbered and, as usual, cared for by the soldier himself. They are all in serviceable condition, though probably twenty years old. All surplus property is carefully packed away in large lockers. The drill-hall is very neat and clean throughout. The complete set of company books was found to be in its usual excellent condition in every respect, and all company papers likewise. Discipline "excellent." Attendance "excellent."

This company takes much interest in target practice, but the captain reports, that he has never been able to obtain ammunition from the State; consequently, this expense, together with transportation to target range, falls on the individual members of the company. Percentage present, 92. Average percentage of attendance at 35 drills, 84.9. "Very good."

Company D—CAPTAIN T. G. FORWOOD, Commanding.
(Belair.)

As a number of the new men were in citizens clothing, this company did not present a very military appearance; the rifles are old and in wretched condition, twelve being of fifty caliber. The blouses, trousers, and caps are all old. The company has web belts, but never issued to the men; equipments are nearly all in good condition; regulations require that they be lettered and numbered and issued to same soldier; rifles should also be issued in same manner. Drill poor. Attendance poor; only seventeen members of the company live in Belair, twelve live at Aberdeen, twelve miles distant, and some at Calvary, six miles, others around the country. It is readily seen how difficult it would be to speedily mobilize this company. Percentage present, 57.3. Average percentage present at 33 drills 35.8. "Very poor."

Company I—LIEUTENANT WM. L. FOREMAN, Commanding.
(Govanstown.)

This company has been without a captain for nearly a year. Although reported as having forty-two men enlisted, in reality there are only thirty-nine, as three men have been re-enlisted for one year each, which is against the law. The appearance of the company was anything but military, each man presenting himself for inspection in such part of uniform and equipment as he saw fit to wear. Arms and clothing still in poor condition as reported last year. It is far below the standard in efficiency, discipline and numbers, and I see no reason whatever for retaining it longer in service. Percentage present, 45.4. "Very poor." Average percentage present at 32 drills, 45.3. "Very poor."

Company E—CAPTAIN WM. A. WRIGHT, Commanding,
(Elkton.)

The military appearance of this company was generally good. The equipments were all in very good condition, and the arms likewise. This is one of the few companies in which all the equipments are numbered, lettered and issued to the same man, as required by regulations. The rifles are also issued by number and cared for by the soldier himself. The company needs ten more rifles and a few blouses and trousers to replace some worn out in service. Equipments, blankets and overcoats, are very carefully taken care of in excellent

lockers. The drill hall is too small for the proper formation of a full company. Too much gazing about and unsteadiness in ranks. Manual of arms "fair." The few company books and records used are neatly kept and up to date. Percentage present 63.6. "Fair." Average percentage present at 23 drills, 70.4. "Good."

Company A—CAPTAIN Q. S. J. BECKLEY, Commanding,
(Frederick.)

This company presented a more soldierly appearance this year, fully and properly equipped as ordered. In future all equipments should be numbered and lettered. Arms are in better condition; equipments, excepting leggings, in good condition; the clothing is mostly old and only in fair shape. The company property is well looked after. Drill "fair," attendance "poor." Too many men live out of town; quite a number twelve miles away. The town itself is large enough to keep the company up to the maximum. What the company needs greatly is a permanent drill hall; the enterprising citizens of Frederick could erect one at very small expense. The company needs a set of books; those in use are personal property and old. Attendance "poor." Percentage present 53.5. "Poor." Average percentage present at 34 drills, 80.3. "Good."

Company G—CAPTAIN JAMES C. PORTER, Commanding.
(Annapolis.)

Notwithstanding the fact that this is practically a new company, it presented a good military appearance. The men were fully equipped for field service, as ordered. All the equipments are in good order, numbered, lettered and issued to same man; the arms are in very good condition; all the property is very carefully looked after, although the store-room is very small and ill-suited to the purpose. The company needs lockers for the clothing and equipments. The captain reports a much better class of men enlisted than formerly. There are some very old trousers and caps which should be condemned. A few new books are kept. The attendance was excellent, the largest percentage of any company in the regiment. Percentage present 95. Average percentage present at eight company drills 90.7. "Excellent." Squad and platoon drills are not reported.

REMARKS ON REGIMENT.

Regimental Headquarters need a complete set of books. At present there are no books and only a few records. One of the serious impediments to advancement by the several companies of this regiment is the lack of proper drill-halls. Without exception there is not a drill-hall used by any company that is sufficiently large to admit of the proper execution of the simplest company movements. Company commanders should restrict their enlistments to men living in the towns, even if, by so doing, only the minimum allowed by the law can be obtained. Every company in the regiment needs a descriptive book, clothing book, order book, letter book; also copies of Drill Regulations and new Manual of Arms and Guard Manual, for all officers and non-commissioned officers. They should also be given a supply of the necessary blank forms for rendering the weekly report of drills, regular semi-annual returns of property and special requisitions. The few dress coats and helmets on hand should be turned in to the Brigade Quartermaster, for sale.

Since my last report two companies of this regiment have been mustered out of service, which causes a loss of eighty-nine in aggregate since last inspection. In addition there is a loss of thirty-one by expiration of term of service, making a total loss during the year of one hundred and twenty officers and enlisted men.

FIRST SEPARATE COMPANY.

(*Baltimore.*)

CAPTAIN WM. R. SPENCER, Commanding.

Inspected, October 20, 1897.

PRESENT.			ABSENT.			Aggregate.
Officers.	Enlisted.	Tot.	Officers.	Enlisted.	Tot.	
1	41	42	2	14	16	58

The company did not present as good an appearance as usual; the clothing seems to have had hard service; some of the arms are old and in bad condition; brasses were not burnished as at last inspection. The company drill was very poor. Web belts, haversacks and meat cans, have never been issued to this company. The drill-hall is damp and sanitary

arrangements poor. Some company books required. Percentage present, 72.4. Average percentage of attendance at 20 drills, 83.2. "Very good."

FIFTH REGIMENT.

(Baltimore City.)

COLONEL FRANK MARKOE, Commanding.

Inspected November 5, 8, 10, 1897.

	PRESENT.			ABSENT.			Aggregate.
	Officers.	Enlisted.	Tot.	Officers.	Enlisted.	Tot.	
Field & Staff..	17	....	17	2	....	2	19
Non-Com. S...	....	12	12	....	1	1	13
Field Music...	....	23	23	....	5	5	28
Company A...	3	60	63	....	....	....	63
Company B...	3	42	45	....	1	1	46
Company C...	2	39	41	....	15	15	56
Company D...	3	46	49	....	2	2	51
Company E...	3	47	50	....	....	....	50
Company F...	2	45	47	1	5	6	53
Company G...	2	41	43	....	4	4	47
Company H...	3	41	44	....	....	....	44
Company I...	2	47	49	1	7	8	57
Company K...	3	40	43	....	2	2	45
Company L...	3	34	37	....	6	6	43
Company M...	3	52	55	....	2	2	57
Total.....	49	569	618	4	50	54	672

Percentage present, 92.

THIRD BATTALION.

MAJOR H. M. WARFIELD, Commanding.

Company I—CAPTAIN N. LEE GOLDSBOROUGH.

This company presented a much better appearance than at last inspection. Clothing and equipments in good condition, fresh gloves, clean shoes, uniform collars. Company formation not according to drill regulations. In drill "firings," "fair." Company movements "good." The absent officer in Europe. Attendance, "very good." Percentage present, 84.1. Average percentage of attendance at 23 drills, 71.59. "Good."

Company B—CAPTAIN CHARLES W. JACKSON.

The same good military appearance as last year's inspection was shown this year; clothing and equipments good; men uniformly neat throughout. Drill "in school of the company"

was "good." Some errors in formation of company. Manual of arms, "fair." Firing, "fair." Attendance, "excellent." Descriptive and company clothing book neatly kept and up to date. Percentage present, 97.8. Average percentage of attendance at 23 drills, 67.56. "Fair."

Company G—CAPTAIN C. B. CLOTWORTHY.

There was an improvement in the general military appearance and bearing of the men in this company. Fully equipped for field service, everything looked neat and fresh; collars, shoes and gloves satisfactory. The manual of arms was "fair." Firings, "fair," though limited. The company movements were "good." Attendance, "very good." Percentage, 91.5. Average percentage of attendance at 23 drills, 63.39, "Poor."

Company L—CAPTAIN B. F. BOYDEN.

This company was thoroughly equipped throughout, which was not the case last year. There was also an improvement in the general appearance of the company. The company drill was fairly good. Captain should give commands exactly as prescribed in drill regulations. Manual of Arms, "fair." Firings, "good." Attendance, "very good." Descriptive and clothing book well kept and up to date. Percentage present, 86. Average percentage of attendance at 23 drills, 71.84. "Good."

REMARKS ON BATTALION.

Much closer attention should be given to the small details of the ceremony of "inspection of battalion" by all officers; the drill regulations are explicit in regard to this ceremony.

Instructions in the firings is limited in all these companies; it should include everything prescribed in the drill book.

A great improvement is noted in uniformity of dress and military bearing throughout the battalion. I noticed fresh tobacco juice on the floor in different parts of the Armory. Military courtesy and discipline very good. Battalion records in perfect condition. Companies should be cautioned never to attempt the execution of improper commands.

FIRST BATTALION.

MAJOR CLINTON L. RIGGS, Commanding.

Company H—CAPTAIN C. F. ALBERS.

One hundred per cent. present at inspection is the most notable feature of this company, which is commendable. The general appearance was an improvement over last year. The company was not properly formed; not much improvement in manual of arms. The company drill was ragged. Firings only "fair." Company book properly kept. Average percentage of attendance at 23 drills, 75.25. "Good."

Company C—CAPTAIN ELBERT THOMPSON.

There was an improvement in the appearance of this company, although a few soiled groves were noted. Company formation not entirely correct. In company drill firings "fair." Manual of arms "fair." Company movements "fair." Attendance "poor;" a decided falling off from last year, nearly one-third of the company absent. Company book satisfactory. Percentage present 73.2. Average percentage of attendance at 23 drills, 77.25. "Very good."

Company F—CAPTAIN CHARLES D. GAITHER.

The high standing for soldierly appearance and general military set up and bearing of this company is more than preserved. I rate it as "excellent." The men were particularly steady and attentive in ranks, indicating good discipline. Company correctly formed. In company drill the firings were "very good," this being the only company sufficiently instructed to fire kneeling. The manual of arms "very good," indicating attention to cadence. The company movements were excellently executed. Attendance "very good." Absent officer in India. Company book properly kept. Percentage present 88.6. Average percentage of attendance at 23 drills, 71.87. "Good."

Company M—CAPTAIN GEORGE L. DEICHMAN.

I rate the general appearance of this company as "very good," the men steady, neatly and properly equipped, with the exception of a few soiled gloves. Company correctly formed. In "School of the Company" firings "good," manual "good." Company movements "very good." This company

not only keeps up its excellent percentage of attendance at inspection, but has the additional honor of having a larger percentage of men present at company drills throughout the drill season than any company in the regiment, which is vastly more creditable. Company book kept in good condition. Percentage present, 96.8. Average percentage of men present at twenty-three drills 81.15. "Excellent."

REMARKS ON THE BATTALION.

The commanding officer handled his battalion excellently. The many small details of the ceremony of battalion review were scrupulously executed with military snap. In ceremony of "Inspection of Battalion," company commanders do not salute inspecting officer; they return sword as soon as inspected. I note a decided improvement throughout the battalion in the matter of dress and general "set-up." The discipline and military courtesy was good. Battalion record books in very satisfactory condition.

SECOND BATTALION.

MAJOR W. G. ROBINSON, Commanding.

Company D—CAPTAIN GEORGE C. COLE.

The military appearance of this company was an improvement over last year; uniform collars and square-toed shoes. Steady in ranks. In drill firings "fair." Manual of arms, "fair." Company movements "fair." A large increase in attendance, which was "excellent." Company book up to date. Percentage present, 96. Average percentage of attendance at 23 drills, 62.93. "Poor."

Company E—CAPTAIN JOHN HINKLEY.

This company presented its full strength for inspection—a notable increase over last year. The company looked well; very steady in ranks. The firings were "good." Manual of arms "good." The company drill was "very good," especially in platoon movements, in which lieutenants appeared to be well posted. Company book up to date. Percentage of attendance, 100. Average percentage of attendance at 23 drills, 72.25. "Good."

Company K—CAPTAIN E. A. MUNOZ.

The good military appearance of this company last year was again presented. Details of inspection should be strictly adhered to. Manual of arms "fairly good." Firings "fair." Company movements "good." Company book satisfactory. Attendance "excellent." Percentage present, 95.4. Average percentage of attendance at 23 drills, 72.04. "Good."

Company A—CAPTAIN LOUIS M. RAWLINS.

This company has the honor of being the only company in the regiment to muster the maximum—63 officers and men for inspection. It presented a fine military appearance; very neat as to dress throughout. Manual of arms "good." Some cadence. Firings "very good." Kneeling and standing company movements "good." The company book was posted to date. Average percentage of attendance at 23 drills, 76.41. "Very good."

REMARKS ON BATTALION.

The attendance of this Battalion was "excellent," only four men being absent out of two hundred and eleven. There was a great improvement in uniformity of dress and soldierly appearance of entire Battalion; few shoes unfit for marching. Battalion record books well kept up to date. I must again invite attention of officers of this Battalion to details of "Battalion Inspection." Discipline and military courtesy "good."

QUARTERMASTER'S DEPARTMENT.

CAPTAIN ROBERT J. MILLER, R. Q. M.

Captain Miller is the disbursing officer of the Regiment. His money accounts are kept in a very neat and orderly manner. Besides being under a bond for \$5,000, a finance committee of the Regiment examines his accounts, with accompanying vouchers, monthly. I examined his accounts for the past year and found them correct. The funds received from the State for regular quarterly expenses of the Regiment should be kept separately, accompanied by bank statement. A regular quarterly return of all Quartermaster property pertaining to the Regiment is now rendered, which was not the case a year ago. This officer received money from three different sources, viz: from the Adjutant General, the City of Baltimore, and dues from officers and honorary members. The accounts of all these were submitted for inspection.

There are 236 blankets in this Regiment, which are very badly moth eaten, and have seen hard wear in service; they are twenty years old and should be sold and others furnished the Regiment.

ORDNANCE DEPARTMENT.

CAPTAIN J. J. JACKSON, *Ordnance Officer.*

Since last year the Ordnance Officer has a regular semi-annual return of all his property. All equipments are generally kept in very good condition. More attention in the future should be given to the canteen, haversack and knapsack straps. There is room for improvement in the neatness of arrangement of ordnance property in storeroom.

REMARKS ON THE REGIMENT.

This regiment is well equipped for field service. Its clothing, arms and accoutrements are all in very good condition. There is a very perceptible improvement throughout this regiment since last inspection, in military appearance, soldierly bearing, uniformity of dress and also in administration. There has been marked progress in theoretical and practical instruction of non-commissioned officers and men in the duty of guards and sentinels, this instruction being given once in each month during the drill season.

Equipments are marked with number of regiment and letter of company. Men should be also numbered, and all accoutrements issued to same man by number. Corporals should be placed in charge of squads in quarters as well as in field.

In the Manual of Arms the lack of cadence is still noticeable. The cadence of the motions is the same as that of quick time.

The regimental books were in the same excellent condition as last year, and all companies are now supplied with a descriptive and property book combined. The battalion record books of enlistments and discharges and also endorsement books were all in satisfactory condition.

It is gratifying to observe the efforts made by the officers of this regiment, to correct any defects noted in my last report, and also the untiring and determined spirit manifested to keep their regiment well up to its well deserved high standing.

FIELD MUSIC.

Drum-Major Czarnowski's drill of the field music showed the result of his thorough training; their appearance was very good, clothing neat and brasses quite satisfactory. The attendance was good, but much below the excellent percentage last year.

FOURTH REGIMENT.

COL. WILLARD HOWARD, Commanding.

Inspected November 10, 12, 17, 1897.

	PRESENT.			ABSENT.			Aggregate.
	Officers.	Enlisted.	Tot.	Officers.	Enlisted.	Tot.	
Field & Staff..	16	....	16	1	....	1	17
Con-Com. S...	....	8	8	....	3	3	11
Company A...	3	28	31	....	12	12	43
Company B...	3	37	40	....	4	4	44
Company C...	2	48	50	....	2	2	52
Company D...	2	47	49	1	....	1	50
Company E...	2	36	38	....	9	9	47
Company F...	2	34	36	....	8	8	44
Company G...	3	42	45	....	6	6	51
Company H...	3	34	37	....	14	14	51
Company I...	2	32	34	1	7	8	42
Company K...	3	41	44	....	5	5	49
Company L...	2	36	38	....	12	12	50
Company M...	3	39	42	....	6	6	48
Total.	46	462	508	3	88	91	599

Percentage present 84.8.

FIRST BATTALION.

MAJOR J. M. BERRY, JR., Commanding.

Company B—CAPTAIN G. F. HAUPT.

The general military appearance of this company was again good. The same poor condition of clothing, which has been in use for five years; arms in poor condition also. Equipments good. Company not correctly formed; some errors in details of "company inspection." Manual of arms, "fair." Time entirely too quick. Firings, "fair." Attendance "excellent." Percentages present, 90. Average percentage of attendance at 23 drills, 71.34. "Good."

Company A—CAPTAIN F. I. MOSHER.

This company presented only a fairly good appearance; it is sadly in need of clothing; equipments, "good." Arms in poor condition. Manual of arms, "fair;" firings, "good," especially kneeling. Attendance, "poor." Percentage present, 72. Average percentage of attendance at 23 drills, 58.71. "Very poor."

Company L—CAPTAIN ROBERT RIDDELL BROWN.

This company presented a very good appearance; its clothing, arms and equipments being in first-class condition. Manual of arms, "fair;" firings, "fair." Attendance, "good." Percentage present, 77.6. Average percentage of attendance at 23 drills, 69.83. "Fairly good."

Company I—CAPTAIN MORRIS W. TUCKER,

This company did not make a very good appearance, owing to the condition of the clothing, which is very old. The equipments were good, but arms are only in fairly good condition. Manual of arms, "fair." Attendance, "very good." The company is at its minimum strength. Percentage present, 90. Average percentage of attendance at 23 drills, 76. "Very good."

THIRD BATTALION.

MAJOR C. M. BURBAKER, Commanding.

Company H—CAPTAIN C. C. CORBIN.

The appearance of this company was a great improvement over last year; it was very good, indeed. Brasses were bur-nished and clothing looked neat. Equipments good. Manual of arms "fair." Firings "good," especially kneeling. Some details of inspection incorrect. Attendance "poor," over one-fourth of the company absent. Percentage present 72. Average percentage of attendance at 23 drills, 60.41, "Very poor."

Company C—CAPTAIN ROBERT S. CHENOWETH.

The military appearance of this company was very good. Much of the clothing is very old; equipments good. Manual of arms "quite good." Commands distinct, but time too slow. Firings "very good." Company improperly formed. Attendance "excellent." Percentage present, 96. Average

percentage of attendance at 23 drills, 92. This company has the honor of having the largest percentage of men present at drills during the past drill season of any company in the entire brigade, which is commendable in the highest degree.

Company D—CAPTAIN MATHIAS KEEFER.

The appearance of this company was fairly good. The clothing is in poor condition. Equipments good. Manual of arms "fair." Attendance "excellent," the highest in the regiment. Commands should be given exactly as prescribed. Percentage present, 98. Average percentage of attendance at 23 drills, 69.89. "Fairly good."

Company F—CAPTAIN THOMAS F. PETERSON.

This company's appearance was far from good; its clothing is in very bad condition; equipments generally good. Manual of arms "fair." Firings "fair." Company not correctly formed. Attendance, "very good." Percentage present 81.8. Average percentage of attendance at 23 drills, 69.56. "Fairly good."

SECOND BATTALION.

MAJOR F. P. SWAZEY.

Company K—CAPTAIN LOUIS SCHMIDT.

There was an improvement in the military appearance and bearing of this company this year, as the men were very steady in ranks. The company needs clothing badly. Equipments, good. Firings, "fair." The company drill was "very good," especially as the hall is small. Attendance, "excellent." Percentage present, 90. Average percentage of attendance at 23 drills, 58.86. "Very poor."

Company G—CAPTAIN A. W. FEUS.

This company did not present a good appearance; its clothing is in wretched condition. The bearing of the men was a great improvement over last year, as they were very steady in ranks. Arms in much better condition. Equipments, good. Manual of arms, "fair." Firings, "fair." Company drill, "fairly good." Attendance, "very good." Percentage present, 88. Average percentage of attendance at 23 drills, 57.14. "Very poor."

Company E—CAPTAIN BENJ. F. ELLIOTT.

The military bearing and appearance of this company was very good, a great improvement over last year in several respects. The men were very steady and attentive. The overcoats were unusually well rolled; the clothing neat. Arms in good condition. Manual of arms, "fair." Firings, "good," especially kneeling. Attendance, "very good." Company drill, "fairly good." Percentage present, 80. Average percentage of attendance at 23 drills, 72.24. "Very good."

Company M—CAPTAIN SAMUEL W. FILBERT.

This company's appearance was very steady and military. Clothing and equipments in very good condition; arms old but in serviceable condition. Manual of arms, "fair." Firings, "fairly good." Company drill, "good." Attendance, "very good." Percentage present, 87.50. Average percentage of attendance at 23 drills, 75.31. "Very good."

REMARKS ON BATTALION.

Major Swazey presented his battalion for the ceremonies of review and inspection on south Broadway. The companies were inspected in the drill hall. The marching, alignments and distances quite good, especially under the street conditions. Attention invited to the details of review and inspection of battalion. Commands must be given exactly as laid down in drill regulations.

REMARKS ON REGIMENT.

Notwithstanding the fact that this regiment is still subjected to the same discouraging conditions as existed at the date of last inspection, I note considerable improvement in the general appearance and uniformity of dress, and also in the bearing of the men generally at inspection. While the equipments are in very good condition, nearly all the clothing is old; most of the companies need a great deal of clothing in order to be prepared properly for field service. Regimental headquarters still without the necessary books. All the companies are also wanting in this respect. Many of the rifles are still in a very rusty condition, and need a thorough overhauling under the direction of the ordnance officer. Haversack and canteen straps also need attention. There is no theoretical and practical instruction of non-commissioned

officers and men in the duty of guards and sentinels. Every man in the companies should be numbered and same equipments issued to him. The foundation of the regiment will be greatly strengthened and the whole organization built up by a change in the system of regimental administration, as fully set forth in remarks on "The Battalion."

Lieutenant Colonel Frank Supplee, Fourth Regiment, is the treasurer of the funds received from honorary members of the regiment. All the records pertaining to these moneys were submitted for examination, with bank balance to date. They were correct. These accounts are audited monthly by a finance board, composed of three officers of the regiment. This officer has bonded in the sum of \$500 since his accounts were inspected.

Colonel Howard is the disbursing officer of \$50,000, appropriated by the State and City for reconstruction of a building as an armory for the Fourth Regiment. He is not a bonded officer. His money accounts were not submitted to the inspector for examination. As these funds are not received by him through regular military channels, he contends that they are not subject to examination by the military authorities of the State.

FIRST NAVAL BATTALION.

COMMANDER ISAAC E. EMERSON.

(*Baltimore City.*)

Inspected November 15, 1897.

	PRESENT.			ABSENT.		
	Officers.	Enlisted.	Tot.	Off ers.	Enlisted.	Tot. Aggregate.
L. and S.	13	....	13	2	....	2
Petty Officers..	....	25	25	....	7	7
A. Division...	2	30	32	2	11	13
B. Division....	2	34	36	1	4	5
C. Division....	3	17	20	....	16	16
D. Division...	2	31	33	....	5	5
Total	22	134	159	5	43	48
Percentage present, 76.8.						
						207

This Battalion has recruited and organized a Fourth Division since last inspection. It was first inspected on the City Hall plaza as a battery of artillery; the battery consisting of six pieces, namely: 2 breach loading Fletcher guns, 2 Driggs Schroeder guns, and 2 brass Howitzers. The ceremony of

inspection of the battery was very well presented. The men were armed with the Lee magazine rifle, 45 caliber, recently received from the Navy Department, with web belts, cutlasses and some 38 caliber revolvers; they were equipped with leggings and new haversacks and canteens just received; both arms and equipments were therefore in first-class condition, the clothing likewise. The Command presented a very neat, sailor-like appearance. After inspection several movements in the school of the Battery were executed. The life and snap displayed in this drill indicated the good training received and excellent discipline in force. The "Dale" was then visited and found to be in the same good condition as last year; the re-arrangement made for the ordnance store room and office of Executive Officer is a great improvement.

The Ordnance Officer, Lieutenant Samuel M. Blount, has the rifles, revolvers and cutlasses arranged in a very compact and systematic manner. The Paymaster, Lieutenant William V. Wilson, Jr., keeps his books very neatly and methodically. He is the bonded disbursing officer of the battalion, and is responsible for money received from the Adjutant General, dues from officers and \$2,500 received from the city. All accounts for these moneys were submitted for examination, together with bank statement. I found the accounts correct. All expenditures require approval of battalion commander. I find the same earnestness and energy in the work of the officers as displayed last year. Commander Emerson during the past summer has taken the summer course of instruction at the Naval War College, Newport, R. I., for the second year. His Executive officer, Lieutenant Commander Geer, has recently returned from a tour of duty on board the U. S. S. Maine, where he performed the duties of junior watch officer at sea and also received instruction in the executive office. The zeal displayed by these officers in their work is certainly highly commendable. Experience has taught the older naval organizations in Northern and Eastern States that better results can be obtained in this line of work by the adoption of the brigade organization for the naval militia. As Maryland has excellent material along the shores of the Chesapeake, both in ex-naval officers and in a large sea-faring class of men, in order to keep up with the times I would think it advisable to obtain authority for the organization of the First Naval Battalion into a brigade of six divisions—one in Baltimore, one at Annapolis and one at Cambridge. This would only require an increase of ten commissioned officers and about seventy

five enlisted men. The work already performed by this organization is sufficient indication of the deep and lasting interest taken by its officers. It is an invaluable adjunct to our militia system, and deserves encouragement from the hands of the lawmakers in its efforts to reach a high state of efficiency.

GENERAL REMARKS.

The General Staff.

Although a well organized and efficient General Staff is considered essential in all large military bodies; with the exception of the Adjutant-General, the General Staff of our State Militia has heretofore been *practically* unorganized, existing in name only.

The officers usually filling the Administrative Staff bureaus have had no particular aptitude, training or military experience in feeding, clothing, equipping, transporting, paying and caring for the health of large organized bodies of men. As the *permanent efficiency* of the State's military forces is so largely dependent upon this well trained General Staff, I would consider it advisable that the law in regard to these appointments be so amended that the incumbents of these bureaus should be men who have had some military experience or technical knowledge of the duties pertaining to the several departments in the brigade or regimental organizations, or in the regular service of the United States. An incentive to promotion would thereby be created in the lower grades, and the importance of these officers would soon be recognized and appreciated, and the titles pertaining to them held in greater respect, not only by their brothers-in-arms, but by the community at large.

Three of these departments of the General Staff are now in process of organization on a practical and, to be hoped, permanent and solid working basis.

Medical Department.

This department is working in the direction of medical sanitary organization, which is now considered one of the essentials in all efficient military bodies. Trained medico-military officers and men in this department are now considered as indispensable as physicians, stewards, ambulances, litters, &c., and I, therefore, again earnestly recommend that provision be made for an hospital corps, and that company litter-bearers already required by regulations be organized in

the several regiments of the brigade. At least a brigade ambulance should be furnished, and the necessary emergency cases for each regiment. Maryland is markedly behind her sister States in the matter of organization of the Medical Department.

New Companies.

Two of the companies of the First Regiment have been mustered out of service since my last inspection. It has been a great waste of time and money to attempt to keep these companies up to the standard required by the law. One of them had been without officers for over a year. The population of the towns was too small to permanently keep the companies filled even to the minimum required; besides many of the men lived some miles from the towns, and were, therefore, difficult to summon in case of need, and more than this, the townspeople took little or no interest in them.

Without good officers, especially a good captain, a company will never amount to anything. In the event of new companies being organized in place of those disbanded, I would earnestly request that the character and military qualifications of the company officers be examined into thoroughly before being mustered into the State service. Men must understand that considerable time and labor will be required of them and officers that the Guard is not supported by the State mainly for social purposes.

It would be of material benefit to the Guard if the services of some of the recent graduates from St. John's College and the Maryland Agricultural College could be secured. In accompanying an army inspector at the latter college recently, I found the battalion of cadets to be one of the very best drilled and most thoroughly instructed military companies, officers and men, it has been my pleasure to observe in the State.

The Battalion.

Although the Regiment of three battalions of four companies each is regarded as the proper infantry organization—tactically considered—our own experience has shown that a battalion of four companies of one hundred men each, is about the largest body of men that can be handled tactically by one officer; consequently the battalion is now accepted as the tactical unit. In peace times it naturally becomes the training school for field service. With this purpose in view,

the relations existing between the colonel and his battalion commanders should be that of perfect confidence, hearty co-operation and implicit obedience of the latter in carrying out the settled policy of the former, working in harmony to a common end. The Colonel of the regiment should therefore give his battalion commanders the widest latitude possible in his authority, at the same time holding him to a strict accountability for the training of his command. He should be held responsible for the efficiency, discipline, appearance and condition of equipments of all kinds relating to his battalion; he should be charged with certain administrative duties pertaining to recruitment and discharge of men in his battalion, and have supervision of their theoretical as well as practical instruction. Every communication pertaining to his companies should pass through his hands. In this way he is brought in close contact with the entire personnel of his command, and the regimental commander is thereby not only enabled to concentrate his own authority, but to strengthen the whole organization.

Target Practice.

There is very little time and interest devoted to the subject of target practice. Although both the city regiments have been under some disadvantage as regards a target range, still there is little excuse for the small percentage of attendance by officers and men of both regiments. Less than fifty per cent. from each regiment attended the practice during the past season. The use of the target range at Fort McHenry is extended by the commanding officer of this fort. As there is only one target there is much loss of time and consequent loss of interest in the work.

The National Guard of this State is laboring under very discouraging conditions as regard target ranges, and I see very little prospect of material improvement in target practice until the State secures grounds large enough for the erection of a sufficient number of targets for the use of both city regiments; these should be situated as near the city as possible, and be conveniently reached by street car lines. Each company of the First Regiment should have a range near the home station. In the meantime much preliminary work can now be done at indoor rifle ranges recently constructed in the armories of the Fourth and Fifth Regiments.

Armories.

I made an inspection of the building now in course of reconstruction as an armory for the Fourth Regiment. The main drill hall has a floor space of about 13,000 square feet; there are company rooms for twelve companies; rooms for commanding officer and his staff officers, band, non-commissioned staff, reading and reception rooms, store rooms, bowling alley and target range, with three targets. This work is being done by contract. The delay in its completion has been due to the many changes of plans and in obtaining the necessary material. It will likely be occupied by the regiment the early part of the coming year. It should undoubtedly be a great factor in bringing the regiment up to a much higher standard of efficiency.

The commanding officer of the Fifth Regiment has recently had an indoor rifle range, with fourteen targets constructed in the Fifth Regiment armory. These ranges in the two city regiments will be of great advantage in giving recruits especially, confidence in handling their rifles. After a thorough course on the drill floor in the first principles of aiming and firing, followed by systematic practice on the armory targets, excellent results on outdoor targets will be sure to follow.

The most striking feature of the building used by the Fifth Regiment as an armory, from a military standpoint, is its absolute defenselessness. Being a storehouse for arms and ammunition, it would naturally be the first point attacked in the event of a riot, as has happened before during social disorder. This regiment has preserved its organization under trying conditions for over thirty years, during which time it has trained thousands of young men who are ready to volunteer in the defense of the State and city. It deserves a modern armory, equipped with modern appliances for the proper training of the soldier, to be used also as a storehouse for surplus arms, tentage and ammunition. It should also have offices for brigade headquarters. In those States where well-organized militia is found, not only the cities, but the towns and counties, have erected handsome and commodious armories and drill-halls furnished with all modern appliances for the soldiers' thorough training. These serve to bring into the guard the best elements of our people. Some of the regiments have a large waiting list, thereby enabling company commanders to retain their old soldiers and to make careful discrimination in the selection of new men, the constant injec-

tion of raw material being a very serious drawback to a high standard of efficiency.

In all the towns where companies of the First Regiment are stationed, the drill halls are not large enough to permit proper drilling in the company movements. At a very moderate expense the towns or counties could erect drill halls containing lockers for the men's clothing and equipments, which would save the State much money, give the protection required, and at the same time enable these companies to place themselves in a higher military scale. This recognition of the citizen soldier for his many sacrifices of time, labor, and means, is well deserved. He should be encouraged in his efforts to learn at least the rudiments of the military profession which are liable to be of incalculable advantage to the State in the future.

Field Day.

Following the example of the army in giving the troops practical work in minor tactics, some of the States have set a field day for the militia.

In many cases this has become a mere spectacular military display, culminating in a sham fight, in which absolutely nothing is learned as to the proper disposition of troops tactically considered on the field of action. To make any progress in this period of constant and rapid advance in the military art, considerable time and study is required of all military men in order to obtain a good understanding of modern tactics; and although capacity to command and handle soldiers in the field cannot be obtained from military text books, the knowledge obtained from them cannot be ignored by a military genius. The principles involved in the study of a problem in minor tactics, are settled and unalterable. Still a technical knowledge of the abstruse sciences is not necessary in order to comprehend them. But it must be borne in mind that no good or lasting results can possibly be expected unless the problem has had careful and methodical consideration. Relizing that time is the main factor required by officers of the National Guard, a series of short lectures during the drill season would be of very material assistance, and the problems there presented could be carried into practice either during the summer encampment or on a special field day set apart for that purpose. In this way only can officers and men obtain a correct conception of the proper disposition of troops in combat.

This inspection shows that although there has been a net loss in numbers of one hundred and forty-one since last report, there has been a decided gain in efficiency, much waste material having been eliminated. The average percentage present for inspection has been increased from 75.7 in 1896, to 81.6 in 1897. Taken as a body there has been a very gratifying advancement. The guard throughout is quite thoroughly supplied with field equipments; two regiments need considerable clothing.

The officers generally have shown great interest in their duties, many of them working faithfully under very unfortunate conditions. With a change in these conditions and the adoptions of recommendations heretofore enumerated, I feel confident that the next inspection will find our guard on a much higher plane of efficiency. It is a pleasure to commend the earnest endeavors of officers to correct the defects pointed out in my previous report. I desire to make acknowledgment of the many courtesies extended me during my inspection. I am,

Very respectfully,

T. S. MUMFORD,

Brigadier General and Inspector General.

Report of the Acting Quartermaster General.

QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT,

MARYLAND NATIONAL GUARD.

BALTIMORE, *November 1, 1897.*

To the Adjutant General State of Maryland,
Annapolis, Md.

SIR :

I have the honor to submit the following report of this department for the year ending October 31, 1897:

In compliance with General Orders No. 2, A. G. O., dated February 12, 1897, I assumed charge of this Department. Finding no books or records relating to the business thereof, I proceeded to take up and fabricate all Ordnance and Quartermaster Stores of whatever description not accounted for, and to enter same in property return blank, copy of which I enclose herewith.

I have also opened an account with the Adjutant General's Department for all moneys received and disbursed by me, of which I also enclose copy.

In compliance with your instructions, and by virtue of authority from the Quartermaster General and the Acting Chief of Ordnance, U. S. A., approved by the Hon. Secretary of War, I collected and sold the following condemned Ordnance and Quartermaster Stores for account of the United States :

From Fourth Regiment, I., M. N. G.

127 pairs Trousers,
55 Blouses,
4 Woolen Blankets,
148 Single Leggings.

From Fifth Regiment, I., M. N. G.

105 Blouses,
83 Single Leggings,
7 Rifle Stocks,
1 Rifle Barrel.

From Chief Quartermaster First Brigade.

61 pairs Trousers,
 63 Felt Helmets,
 36 Dress Coats,
 5 Overcoats,
 1 Overcoat Cape,
 47 Blouses,
 128 Fatigue Caps,
 17 Woolen Blankets,
 Lot Brass Helmet Trimmings,
 52 Cartridge Boxes,
 115 Gun Racks,
 20 Canteens and Straps,
 8 Haversacks,
 23 McKeever Cartridge Boxes,
 38 Canvas Blanket Bags,
 4 45-calibre Rifles,
 1 Butt, Plate and Guard.

The net proceeds of sale amounted to \$134.06, account of which I have already forwarded.

Very respectfully,

C. R. SPENCE,

Acting Quartermaster General State of Maryland.

I also forwarded to the Commanding Officer, Springfield Armory, Springfield, Massachusetts, the following condemned ordnance property:

21 Rifles, cal. 50,
 14 Rifles, cal. 52,
 14 Rifles, cal. 45,
 12 Rifle Barrels,
 11 Ramrods,
 88 Bayonets, assorted patterns,
 62 Steel Bayonet Scabbards,
 Lot Gun Repairs.

C. R. SPENCE, ACTING QUARTERMASTER GENERAL, STATE OF MARYLAND,
 IN ACCOUNT WITH ADJUTANT GENERAL, STATE OF MARYLAND.

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RECEIPTS.

March	26.. To County Commissioner, Charles county,	\$5 00
April	12.. To Adjutant General's warrant, 168.....	110 64
	12.. To Adjutant General's warrant, 170.....	173 37
	12.. To Adjutant General's check on Farmers' and Merchants' National Bank.....	1,000 00
	14.. To Adjutant General's warrant.....	50 00

May	23..To Maryland Agricultural College, repairing tents loaned them	27 25	
June	21..To Adjutant General's warrant, No. 184.	828 75	
	25..To Adjutant General's warrant, No. 185.	375 00	
	28..To Adjutant General's warrant, current expenses.....	500 00	
July	16..To Maryland Agricultural College, expense on tents 1897 encampment.....	16 00	
	23..To Adjutant General's warrant, No. 210.	861 00	
	23..To Adjutant General's warrant, No. 211.	2,073 60	
	23..To Adjutant General's warrant, No. 212.	1,805 25	
			<u>\$7,825 86</u>

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DISBURSEMENTS.

Feb.	20..By William Coale.....	Vo. 1..	\$5 00
	25..By Baltimore Transfer Co.....	" 2..	75
March	9..By O'Brien and four men.....	" 5..	29 50
	9..By Mrs. Murphy.....	" 6..	14 25
	9..By hauling, etc.....	" 7..	7 15
	9..By William G. Long.....	" 8..	12 50
	9..By John L. Long.....	" 9..	8 00
	9..By S. F. Heronemus.....	" 10..	27 43
	9..By C. R. Spence.....	" 11..	5 00
March	9..By William H. Penland & Co..	" 12..	58 13
	9..By Dore & Fitzgerald.....	" 13..	28 00
	9..By A., W. & B. R. R.....	" 14..	21 50
	11..By Balto. Ches. & Atl. Rwy....	" 15..	30 00
	22..By P. F. Daley.....	" 16..	6 60
	23..By Balto. & Lehigh Rwy.....	" 18..	27 20
April	10..By Jacob Gminder.....	" 19..	7 25
	14..By Mercantile Trust Co.....	" ..	50 00
	14..By B. & O. R. R.....	" 20..	6 50
	15..By B. & O. R. R.....	" 21..	1,000 00
	15..By William L. Foreman.....	" 23..	8 00
May	3..By P. F. Daley.....	" 24..	1 39
	27..By W. F. Smith.....	" 25..	6 00
June	7..By Lucas Brothers.....	" 26..	30
	10..By H. Rosier Dulany.....	" 27..	2 00
	10..By P. F. Daley.....	" 28..	4 25
	10..By A. G. Alford, Sptg. Gds. Co..	" 29..	5 50
	21..By New York Clothing House..	" ..	828 75
	30..By Shafer & Herold.....	" 30..	1 55
	14..By W. S. Lilly.....	" 31..	6 00
	15..By S. F. Heronemus.....	" 32..	10 00
	25..By W. S. Lilly.....	" 33..	375 00
July	9..By P. F. Daley.....	" C1..	125 00
	9..By T. H. Fitchett.....	" C2..	50 00
	23..By New York Clothing House..	" C3..	861 00
	26..By Oehm & Co.....	" C4..	1,805 25
	28..By Colonel Fifth Regiment.....	" C5..	1,779 30
	20..By Young & Seldon.....	" 34..	12 00
Sept.	7..By W. S. Lilly.....	" C6..	40 00
Oct.	21..By T. H. Fitchett.....	" C7..	25 00
	By balance.....		534 90

\$7,825 86

C. R. SPENCE,

Acting Quartermaster General, State of Maryland,

November 1, 1897.

Report of the Surgeon General.BALTIMORE, *December 23, 1897.*

MAJOR GENERAL L. ALLISON WILMER,

Adjutant General of Maryland.

SIR:

Although the Medical Department of the Maryland State Militia cannot report for the year any considerable improvement over past conditions, the outlook is encouraging. The Committee detailed as delegates to the recent meeting of the National Association of Military Surgeons, held in Columbus, found much to interest and instruct them. This admirable body, made up of officers from both branches of the Regular service and of the State Militia as well, stands for the general development of Military Medicine in our country. Upon the States are urged proper medical organization and equipment. Toward that end the Medical officers in Maryland are now prepared to form a State Association along parallel lines as soon as their plans have received the official endorsement of the Adjutant General. The establishment of proper Medical Drill in the various bodies of State troops is already being agitated. The larger question of proper equipment is to be dealt with in the immediate future. Feeling sure of your sanction and support to all measures tending to benefit the State Medical service and with the hope that very soon we can report a more satisfactory progress,

I remain, very respectfully,

R. B. WARFIELD,

*Surgeon General Maryland State Militia.***Fiscal Report of the Judge Advocate, First Brigade.**BALTIMORE, MD., *December 21, 1897.*

ADJUTANT GENERAL, STATE OF MARYLAND, ANNAPOLIS.

SIR:—I have the honor to report the following receipts and disbursements of funds in this department since my last report:

RECEIPTS.

February 1, 1897. Adjutant General's warrant for.....	\$162 63
June 4, 1897. Adjutant General's warrant for.....	454 54
June 23, 1897. Adjutant General's warrant for.....	23 95
	\$641 12

DISBURSEMENTS.

February, 1897. Account of Beckley Court Martial:		
Major Little, per diem, railroad fare and mileage.....	\$14 80	
Colonel Lane, railroad fare and mileage.....	7 86	
Major McLane, per diem.....	6 94	
Captains Haupt, Rawlins, Mosher, Deichman, Feuss and Gaither, per diem, at \$5 each.....	30 00	
Captain Beckley, Lieutenant Tyson and Sergeant White, railroad fare and mileage (one way), each at \$4.96....	14 88	
Captain Porter, railroad fare and mileage.....	2 29	
Captain Grason, railroad fare and mileage.....	48	
Captain Forward, railroad fare and mileage.....	2 38	
Refunded to Judge Advocate, (supper for Court and telegrams, etc.).....	14 00	
Jas. E. Wilkinson, stenographer to Court.....	69 09	
		\$162 63
June, 1897. Account of Burbaker Investigation:		
Jas. E. Wilkinson, stenographer to Court of Inquiry, for reporting testimony.....	\$339 00	
Major McLane, recorder, per diem and sundries.....	115 54	
		454 54
June 28, 1897. Account of Beckley Court Martial:		
Captain Beckley, Lieutenant Tyson and Sergeant White, mileage one way, each \$2.46.....	\$7 38	
Lieutenant Shipley, mileage and witness fees.....	7 42	
David Caesar, mileage and witness fees.....	9 15	
		23 95
		\$641 12

Very respectfully,

ALLAN McLANE,

Major and Judge Advocate, First Brigade, M. N. G.

Report of the Commanding Officer, First Brigade.

HEADQUARTERS FIRST BRIGADE, MARYLAND NATIONAL GUARD.

BALTIMORE, *December 11, 1897.*

ADJUTANT GENERAL, STATE OF MARYLAND,

Annapolis, Maryland.

SIR:

In obedience to G. O. No. 13, Current Series, A. G. O., I have the honor to submit the following report, showing the condition of this command and its operations since 1st January, 1897, together with reports of Brigade Staff Officers and Commanding Officers of 1st, 4th and 5th Regiments, and 1st Separate Company. The strength of the Brigade on 1st December, 1897, was as follows:

	Field officers.	Staff officers.	Line officers.	Enlisted men.	Total.		Aggregate this report.	Aggregate last report.	Increase.	Decrease.
					Officers.	Enlisted men.				
Brigade Headquarters.....	1	9	....	6	10	6	16	13	3	....
First Regiment.....	4	9	17	307	30	307	337	486	....	149
Fourth Regiment.....	5	12	32	564	49	564	613	780	....	167
Fifth Regiment.....	5	13	36	616	54	616	670	725	....	55
First Separate Company.....	.....	.....	3	54	3	54	57	62	....	5
Total	15	43	88	1547	146	1547	1693	2066	3	376

The decrease in the 1st Regiment is largely accounted for by the disbandment of Companies "F" and "K". The decrease in the 4th Regiment is distributed through the various Companies, and is to be regarded with favor rather than disapprobation. The organizing of the three new companies added to that Command by the Act of 1896 gave an unnatural stimulus to recruiting, and the inevitable weeding process has been since going on.

The equipment and armament of the 1st Regiment is adequate to its present needs. Any new companies, however, organized in this Command, will require complete new equipment and armament. The equipment and armament of the 4th Regiment is at present incomplete. The delay in supplying the needs of this Regiment is due to the fact that it has at present no proper place to care for its property. Upon the completion of the armory now in course of erection the equipment and armament of the Command up to its full authorized strength will be recommended. The equipment of the 5th Regiment is excellent and complete for its present strength; 58 rifles are required to bring the armament up to the full authorized strength. The equipment and armament of the 1st Separate Company is fair, but in the near future it will need new caps and web belts, and a few blouses and trousers.

The separate operations of the various commands comprising this Brigade are reported by the respective Commanders. The Brigade has been assembled but once since

my last report. That was on the occasion of the inauguration of President McKinley on 4th March, 1897, and was in obedience to G. O. No. 4, Current Series, A. G. O. Transportation to and from Washington was supplied by the Chief Quartermaster of the Brigade, and the details of the mobilization of the troops are set forth in his report submitted herewith, to which attention is respectfully called. An allowance of one dollar per man was made for subsistence and paid to the various Commanders, who subsisted their own commands.

The service was voluntary and the troops were not paid. On this occasion the First Naval Battalion was attached to the Brigade, Commander Emerson reporting to me in Washington on the morning of the 4th of March and leaving the column shortly after passing the Presidential reviewing stand. The total strength of the Brigade on this occasion was as follows:

Brigade Staff	-	-	-	-	-	-	15
First Regiment	-	-	-	-	-	-	341
Fourth Regiment	-	-	-	-	-	-	743
Fifth Regiment	-	-	-	-	-	-	719
First Separate Company	-	-	-	-	-	-	63
First Naval Battalion	-	-	-	-	-	-	234
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,115

The immediate prospect of the organization of a troop of Cavalry in Baltimore County is a matter of great gratification. A well organized, though small, body of Cavalry will increase the efficiency of the Brigade in a marked degree.

The next addition to the State forces, it is respectfully suggested, should be a Signal Corps, provision for which was made in the Act of 1896.

Realizing the value of field manœuvres, a preliminary course of lectures was given last spring to the officers of the Fourth and Fifth Regiments by the Brigade Ordnance Officer on "Maps and Map-Making." This has been followed by the preparation by the same officer of a map of the country comprising the valley of the Patapsco River from Ellicott City to Elkridge Landing. A copy of this map is enclosed herewith. The section of country selected is well suited for use in the practical working out of problems in minor tactics. The map has been reproduced by lithography and two hundred copies printed, and can be used for a series of field day exercises.

It has been the custom in the past for the various organizations composing the National Guard in this State to apply,

from time to time, for private, municipal or State aid, as they saw fit, without the sanction of the Commander in Chief. I respectfully call attention to the impropriety of the applications as made, and suggest that they be by general orders hereafter forbidden, except upon application through regular military channels and authority so obtained.

Very respectfully,

LAWRASON RIGGS,

Brigadier General.

Fiscal Report of the Adjutant General, First Brigade.

HEADQUARTERS FIRST BRIGADE, M. N. G.

BALTIMORE, December 1, 1897.

To the Commanding Officer First Brigade, M. N. G.

SIR:

I have the honor to report the following receipts and disbursements of funds, through these Headquarters, for the subsistence of the Brigade while in Washington City, D. C., on the occasion of the inaugural parade, March 4, 1897:

RECEIPTS.

March 2, 1897.	From the Adjutant General of the State - - - -	\$1,000 00
March 18, 1897.	From the Adjutant General of the State - - - -	896 00

DISBURSEMENTS.

March 8, 1897.	To the First Separate Company, I. M. N. G. - - - -	\$ 60 00
March 8, 1897.	To the First Regiment, Inf., M. N. G. - - - -	341 00
March 20, 1897.	To the Fourth Regiment, Inf., M. N. G. - - - -	743 00
March 20, 1897.	To the Fifth Regiment, Inf., M. N. G. - - - -	719 00

March 20, 1897.	To the Brigade Staff,	
	M. N. G. - - -	33 00
		\$1,896 00 \$1,896 00

Very respectfully,

J. B. PHIPPS,
Adjutant General, First Brigade.

Report of the Chief Quartermaster, First Brigade.

QUARTERMASTER'S DEPARTMENT, FIRST BRIGADE, MARYLAND
NATIONAL GUARD.

BALTIMORE, October 30, 1897.

*To the Adjutant General, 1st Brigade, M. N. G.,
846 Equitable Building, Baltimore, Md.*

SIR:

I have the honor to submit the following report of this Department for the year ending October 31st, 1897.

In compliance with General Orders No. 4, Adjutant General's Office, February 24th, 1897, I proceeded to make contracts for the transportation of troops to Washington, to take part in the inaugural ceremonies of President McKinley, on March 4th, 1897. An agreement was accordingly made with the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, under which the movement of the troops was as follows:

The Brigade Staff left Camden Station at 12.50 P. M. on March 3d; returning, left Washington at 11.40 A. M. March 5th.

The Fourth Regiment left Mt. Royal Avenue Station on special train consisting of fourteen passenger coaches and one combination car at 11 P. M., March 3d; returning, left Washington, New Jersey Avenue Station, at 10 A. M., March 5th.

The Fifth Regiment left Mt. Royal Avenue Station on special train consisting of fourteen passenger coaches and one combination car at 6.30 P. M. on March 3d; returning, left Washington, New Jersey Avenue Station, at midnight, March 4th.

First Regiment: Company A left Frederick at 6 A. M., March 4th; returning, left Washington, New York Avenue Station, at 5.35 P. M. same day.

Company B left Hagerstown at 4.15 P. M., March 3d; returning, left Washington, New York Avenue Station, at 7.35 A. M., March 5th.

Company D left Belair, via the Baltimore and Lehigh Railway, at 4.30 P. M., March 3d, arriving in Baltimore at 6 P. M., where they remained over night, leaving Mt. Royal Avenue Station next morning at 7.45. Returning, they left Washington, New Jersey Avenue Station, March 4th, at 9 P. M., remaining in Baltimore over night and leaving for Belair over the Baltimore and Lehigh Railway on March 5th.

Company E marched to Singerly and took train at 3.37 P. M., March 3d, remaining in Baltimore over night, leaving Mt. Royal Avenue Station next morning at 7.45. Returning, they left Washington on March 4th at 8 P. M., and arrived at Singerly about 11 o'clock the same night.

Company F left Easton on one of the steamers of the Baltimore, Chesapeake and Atlantic Railway at 7 P. M., March 3d, remaining over night in Baltimore, and leaving for Washington next morning at 7.45, Mt. Royal Avenue Station. The same company left Washington, New Jersey Avenue Station, at 9 P. M., March 4th, remained in Baltimore that night, and left by boat for Easton at 7 P. M., March 5th.

Company I arrived in Baltimore, via the City and Suburban Railway, in time to take the 7.45 A. M. train for Washington on the 4th of March, and left Washington, New Jersey Avenue Station, at 9 P. M. same day.

The First Separate Company left Baltimore at 9.15 P. M. March 3; returning, left Washington, New Jersey Avenue Station, at 9 P. M. March 4.

The Companies of the First Regiment that remained in Baltimore over night were quartered in the Fifth Regiment Armory.

The horses were sent to Washington via turnpike. I find that for short distances this method is better and less expensive than shipping by rail.

The cost of the movement was as follows:

Transportation of troops	-	-	-	-	\$1,091 70
Transportation, hire and care of horses	-	-	-	-	141 56
Transfer of stores, subsistence, labor, etc.	-	-	-	-	48 40
					\$1,281 66

I enclose statement of all moneys received and expended by me during the past year, also semi-annual returns of Ordnance and Quartermaster Stores.

I would recommend that all clothing, equipments, etc., hereafter purchased be delivered through this department, as it creates confusion to have them turned over to the Regiments

direct from the manufacturers, and bills for same sent to this Department for payment.

The importance of a complete equipment in tents is again urged, and I would recommend the immediate purchase of 51 common tents, 6 wall tents, 1 hospital tent, 14 feet by 14 feet, and 1 mess tent, 20 feet by 40 feet. This will thoroughly equip the Brigade as it now stands.

It was found necessary during the year to remove the tents from the loft at the Fifth Regiment Armory to rooms on the ground floor of the same building. They are now in good condition and position for prompt handling on short notice.

Very respectfully,

C. R. SPENCE,

Major and Chief Quartermaster First Brigade, M. N. G.

C. R. SPENCE, MAJOR AND CHIEF QUARTERMASTER FIRST
BRIGADE MARYLAND NATIONAL GUARD, IN ACCOUNT
WITH STATE OF MARYLAND.

1897. RECEIPTS.

January 2..	To balance on hand per last report.....	\$378 05
February 17..	To Adjutant General's warrant 136.....	24 50
April 12..	To Adjutant General's warrant 169.....	8 10
		<u>\$410 65</u>

1897. DISBURSEMENTS.

January 2..	By L. Allison Wilmer, Adjutant General.	\$378 05
February 25..	By C. Sheehan.....	Vo. 3.. 20 00
25..	By B. Wilkins & Sons.....	" 4.. 4 50
April 15..	By B. Wilkins & Sons.....	" 22.. 8 10
		<u>\$410 65</u>

E. & O. E.

Baltimore, November 30, 1897.

Report of the Judge Advocate, First Brigade.

BALTIMORE, MD., Nov. 9th, 1897. .

ADJUTANT GENERAL,

1st Brigade M. N. G., Baltimore, Md.

SIR :

In accordance with General Orders No. 13, Headquarters First Brigade, M. N. G., I have to report that the only operations of this Department of any interest during the past year have been in connection with the General Court Martial convened in the case of Captain Beckley, Company A., First Regiment I., M. N. G., pursuant to General Orders No. 21, Head-

quarters M. N. G., under date of November 11th, 1896, and the Military Board convened in the case of Major Burbaker, Fourth Regiment I., M. N. G., pursuant to Special Orders No. 16, Headquarters M. N. G., under date of April 8th, 1897.

The action of the Commander-in-Chief upon the findings and report in the above cases will be found respectively in General Orders No. 1, Headquarters M. N. G., dated January 2d, 1897, and in General Orders No. 11 Headquarters M. N. G., dated July 24th, 1897.

I would also report that this Department has received from Captain John Hinkley, Judge Advocate, Fifth Regiment I., M. N. G., a full set of the forms in use in that Regiment in Regimental and Battalion Courts-Martial in regard to the imposition and collection of fines for non-attendance at drills, etc. The above forms are so concise and so well adapted for the purpose that I would recommend their adoption throughout the Brigade.

Very respectfully,

ALLAN McLANE,

Major and Judge Advocate, First Brigade, M. N. G.

Report of the Commanding Officer, Fourth Regiment.

HEADQUARTERS FOURTH REGIMENT OF INFANTRY, M. N. G.

BALTIMORE, October 30th, 1897.

ADJUTANT GENERAL,

First Brigade, M. N. G., Baltimore, Md.

SIR :

In compliance with G. O. No. 13, c. s. A. G. O. and G. O. No. 13, c. s. Headquarters First Brigade, M. N. G., I have the honor to report as follows concerning the operations of this regiment since January 1st, 1897.

From January 1st, either company or battalion drills were held weekly until May 24th, when they were suspended in compliance with G. O. No. 4, c. s. Headquarters First Brigade.

Notwithstanding that company and battalion drills were, in the absence of sufficient armory accommodations, held in streets adjacent to the armories of the regiment, the various companies, at the close of the drill season, showed plainly the good results of devoted and earnest labor.

On one occasion only since the commencement of this year, has this regiment paraded as a whole.

In compliance with G. O. No. 1, c. s. Headquarters First Brigade, the members of this command assembled at their respective armories, Wednesday evening, March 3d, preparatory to their departure for Washington, D. C., to take part in the ceremonies attending the Inauguration of President McKinley.

Prior to the departure of the regiment it marched to Music Hall, this city, where it was presented with a stand of colors by the citizens of Baltimore.

The appearance made by the regiment in soldierly bearing, in efficiency, in numbers and general excellence, was such as to command the highest praise. While in Washington the regiment was quartered in the Postoffice Department Building, and on its departure for home was highly complimented by the department officials, for the orderly deportment of the men while there, and for the cleanliness maintained throughout their quarters during their stay.

Through the efficiency and attention of Captain D. F. Pennington, Q. M., and Captain N. S. Hill, C. S., both officers and men were generously provided for, and the comfort of all carefully looked after. The regiment returned to Baltimore on the morning of March 5th highly gratified with its achievements.

On the night of May 29th, the Second Battalion of this regiment, Major Franklin P. Swazey, commanding, in response to an invitation tendered by the officers of the Forty-seventh Regiment, Infantry, N. G. S. N. Y., by permission from Headquarters, M. N. G., departed for Brooklyn, and on its arrival there was cordially received by the citizens of that city, as well as by the military.

The day following its arrival, "Decoration Day," Major Swazey's Command participated in the ceremonies of the occasion and paraded with the Second Brigade, N. G. S. N. Y. The Command marched in service uniform, with "Campaign Hats" and cartridge belts, and made an excellent showing.

It was complimented on all sides for the soldierly appearance and bearing of the officers and men, their splendid marching, perfect alignments and correct intervals and distances.

In compliance with G. O. No. 4, c. s. Headquarters First Brigade, Small Arms Firing Practice was resumed by this regiment at Fort McHenry, Monday, April 12th, and in accordance with instructions conveyed in said order, Captain

B. R. Elliott, Co. E, was detailed temporarily by these Headquarters, as Inspector of Rifle Practice. I have the honor to refer you to the very complete report of Captain Elliott on this subject, forwarded to you July 31st, through the regular channels.

Considering the many difficulties attending rifle practice, under the present condition of affairs, requiring absence from business and loss of time, whatever interest was displayed by the members of this regiment, their desire to avail themselves of even the smallest opportunity for practice, and the progress made by them, is deserving of much praise.

It is a source of gratification to all officers and men of this Command that on the completion of the armory now in process of construction for the Fourth Regiment, many of the difficulties existing at the present time will be overcome and a higher degree of efficiency in this important branch of a soldier's duties become attainable.

This regiment has continued to labor under the same embarrassments as in all the past years of its existence in the matter of accommodations for quartering and drilling the men, and for the safe and proper storage of uniforms and other State and Regimental property.

Too much praise cannot be given to the officers and men for their zeal and devotion in maintaining this organization in the face of all the discouragements they have been compelled to encounter.

By the remodeling of the Western Female High School building into an armory, the completion of which will be consummated about the middle of December next, many of the difficulties under which the regiment is now laboring will be removed. When once established in its new home the commanding officer of this regiment feels assured that the advancement of the Command in all that goes to make up a thorough military organization will be rapid and great.

The Colonel commanding respectfully calls your attention to the lack of proper clothing and equipments for the regiment. Three companies, viz: E, L, and M, are without bayonet scabbards, and all of the companies are without proper bayonet scabbard attachments for cartridge belts. Many of the rifles have been in use twelve years, and owing to the want of a proper place to keep them are in a condition bordering very closely on "unserviceable," and even some recently issued are unfit for service. There is also an insufficient number to arm the regiment.

Much of the clothing is in a deplorable condition and entirely unfit for use. This has been caused largely through want of a proper place for keeping uniforms, equipments, etc., and where they could be constantly under the supervision of the officer who is supposed to be responsible for such property. Lack of supply in good uniforms and equipments operates greatly against the enlistment of good material.

Much has been done to keep old uniforms in a partially presentable appearance and in saving expense for the State, by the employment of a regimental tailor. The plan was conceived by the Regimental Quartermaster, and has been carried to a successful issue.

The following shows the strength, equipment and armament of this regiment, October 23d, 1897:

Officers,	-	-	-	-	-	48
Enlisted men,	-	-	-	-	-	594
Forty-five caliber rifles,	-	-	-	-	-	588
Gun slings,	-	-	-	-	-	528
Cartridge boxes,	-	-	-	-	-	472
Bayonet scabbards,	-	-	-	-	-	472
Waist belt and plates,	-	-	-	-	-	472
Helmets,	-	-	-	-	-	545
Dress coats,	-	-	-	-	-	722
Blouses,	-	-	-	-	-	528
Pairs of trousers,	-	-	-	-	-	559

Very respectfully,

WILLARD HOWARD,

Colonel Commanding.

Report of the Commanding Officer, Fifth Regiment.

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH REGIMENT, I. M. N. G.,

BALTIMORE, MD., *October 12, 1897.*

ADJUTANT GENERAL,

First Brigade M. N. G.

SIR :

In obedience to General Orders No. 13, Headquarters First Brigade M. N. G., dated October 5, 1897, I have the honor to submit the following report:

1.—The Morning Report of October 7, 1897, (enclosed) shows in detail the strength of the Fifth Regiment, I. M. N. G.

2.—The Quartermaster's Report of October 7, 1897, (enclosed) shows in detail the equipment.

3.—The Ordnance Officer's Report of October 7, 1897, (enclosed) shows in detail the armament.

The Regiment is well equipped for service, and the condition of this equipment is good, except the following articles are needed, viz :

58 Springfield Rifles, calibre 45.

31 additional Government Blankets (new.)

236 Government Blankets now on hand are moth-eaten, and should be replaced. These have been in use in this Regiment for over thirty years.

Only two vacancies exist in the Commissioned Officers, and only 85 men are needed to reach the full number allowed by law.

The personnel and *esprit de corps* is excellent.

The operations of the Command since January 1, 1897, are as follows :

Company drills have been held weekly by all the twelve Companies, and once a month each man has been instructed in the duties of Sentinels, which duties the men have been ordered to memorize; fifteen minutes of each Company drill have been devoted to the setting-up exercises.

Battalion drills were held once a month by each of the three Battalions.

On January 18, 1897, Company B, Fourth Artillery, U. S. A., Captain Peter Leary, gave at the Armory a drill in the athletic and bayonet exercises, which was very instructive.

On March 3, 1897, a Provisional Battalion of the Brooklyn (New York) Brigade visited Baltimore, (consisting of four Companies of the Thirteenth, Fourteenth, Twenty-third and Forty-seventh Regiments, N. G. S. N. Y.), and were entertained at breakfast at the Armory, and gave the Regiment an escort that afternoon to Mt. Royal Station, on our way to Washington, D. C., to attend the inauguration of the President of the United States on March 4, 1897.

On March 3, 1897, at 5 P. M., the Regiment went to Washington, and returned March 5 at 3 P. M. The Regiment was quartered at the Old City Hall, kindly offered us by United States Marshal Wilson. Breakfast and dinner were served on March 4 at the Barracks.

The Regiment reported for the parade to the Brigadier General 47 officers and 672 enlisted men, including 40 in the band and 34 in the field music.

Only 2 officers and 78 enlisted men failed to report for the trip.

The State furnished transportation and \$1 per man for food.

In addition, the Regiment spent, out of its private funds, \$862.90, for music and incidentals for the comfort of the men.

March 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19.—The Regiment was inspected by companies in full dress.

March 15.—Company and Battalion Record Books were issued.

April 5, 7 and 8.—Battalion Drills were held at night on the streets.

April 25.—Permission having been given by the Adjutant General of the State, this Regiment left Baltimore for New York City to participate in the dedication of the monument to General U. S. Grant, on April 27th, 1897.

We left Baltimore Sunday, April 25th, Mt. Royal Station, Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, at 10.50 A. M., in two sections of nine cars each, and reached Jersey City, N. J., at 3.10 P. M., where we took a boat which landed us at Fifty-ninth street and North River, New York City. Thence we marched to "Grant Barracks," Lenox Lyceum, Fifty-ninth street and Madison avenue, where dinner was served to officers and men.

With the exception of the guard the whole Command was given liberty till 9.45 A. M. Tuesday, April 27th; but breakfast and dinner were served each day in the Barracks at 7.30 A. M. and 5.30 P. M. Mattresses were furnished to officers and men.

The Commissioned officers, in a body, called to pay their respects to the Governor of Maryland, at the Waldorf, on Sunday night, immediately after dinner.

At 9.45 A. M. Tuesday, April 27th, 1897, we marched to Thirty-fifth street and Madison avenue, arriving there at 10.30 A. M., as ordered by the Grand Marshal. We followed Massachusetts from that point to the Reviewing Stand (without a halt), after passing which we marched to One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street and Third avenue, where we took an elevated train to Fifty-ninth street and Third avenue; thence to the Barracks. Dinner was immediately served, after which all were given liberty until 10.45 P. M. At that hour we assembled and marched direct to Fifty-ninth street and North River, where we took a boat at 11.57 P. M. for Jersey City;

thence by train to Baltimore, reaching Mt. Royal Station at 6.40 A. M. Wednesday, April 26th, 1897, having left only one man in New York who failed to return with the Regiment, and he has been discharged. We took with us and brought back 19 horses and 20 servants.

Present for duty—49 officers, 13 non-commissioned staff, 40 band and 34 field music and 452 muskets; total present officers and men, 558; absent, 3 officers and 231 enlisted men. Aggregate, 823.

We marched in 3 Battalions of 5 Companies each, 12 files front, in column of masses.

The whole expense of the trip was borne by our members, not one cent being contributed by State, city or outsiders.

As it has always been our desire to cultivate friendly relations with the United States Army and the Troops of other States, believing it to be beneficial to all, the Officers, at their individual expense, gave a reception at the Barracks, to which were invited by card the Officers of the National Guard of New York and other States, the Army and Navy, the Governors and other dignitaries. We had the pleasure to welcome at this reception over 700 visitors, including Governor Lloyd Lowndes and Ex-Governors Frank Brown and William Pinkney Whyte of Maryland.

May 24.—Company drills were suspended.

Circular No. 16, War Department, A. G. O., of July 28th, 1897—"Adaptation of the Manual for the service magazine, rifle, caliber 30, to the Springfield Rifle, caliber 45," has been printed in book form and issued to the Officers and men of the Command.

October 7th, 1897, was held a Regimental Parade and Battalion Drill, and Sharpshooters' and Markmen's Badges and Buttons were presented.

Company Drills were ordered to be resumed October 11th, 1897.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

FRANK MARKOE,

Colonel Fifth Regiment, I. M. N. G.

Report of the Commanding Officer, First Regiment.

HEADQUARTERS FIRST REGIMENT OF INFANTRY, M. N. G.,

HAGERSTOWN, MD., *October 30, 1897.*

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL,

First Brigade M. N. G.,

Baltimore, Md.

SIR:

In obedience to General Orders No. 13, B. H., dated October 5, 1897, I have the honor to submit the following report showing the numerical strength, equipment, armament, condition and operations of the First Regiment, I., M. N. G., since January 1, 1897:

I.—The total strength of the Regiment is 331, consisting of 30 commissioned officers and 301 enlisted men. Of these, 19 are on the Field and Staff and the balance are distributed among the six companies now comprising the Regiment, viz., A, B, D, E, G and I, stationed respectively at Frederick, Hagerstown, Bel-Air, Elkton, Annapolis and Govanstown, (residence of present commanding officer, Lieutenant Forman), all of which is shown in detail in Schedule "A," enclosed as part of this report.

II.—The equipment and armament of the Regiment is shown in Schedule "B," enclosed herewith as part of this report, and which is a consolidation of the reports received from the commanding officers of the Companies, and including property now in the possession of the Field and Staff. Three of the Companies report separately the number of bayonets on hand; the others, following the form of the Roster and Return, make no mention of them, so that there must be about 300 on hand, instead of 146, as given in the Schedule; so, with other items, belt plates and chevrons, B is the only Company making separate report of the latter. In addition to the property mentioned in this Schedule, the Quartermaster has on hand and unissued 1 saddle-cloth, 111 meat cans, 89 canteens, 90 cartridge belts, 45 tin cups and 12 Buzzacot ovens. There are also stored in the Armory of Company B 14 overcoats that were shipped here from Baltimore by the Regimental Drum Major and used by the volunteer band that accompanied the Regiment to Washington to take part in the inaugural parade March 4, 1897. The property issued to Company F,

disbanded under recent orders, is being gathered together in the Armory of the Company under the charge of Acting Quartermaster Sergeant Cook, a report of which I have not yet received.

III.—It had been impossible for the Colonel commanding to visit the different companies of the Regiment during the past year, as it was also impossible for him to be with it on March 4th, the only time it has been together this year. As to its condition, therefore, he is without that knowledge which is only obtainable by close contact or frequent inspection.

The report of the Lieutenant-Colonel commanding the Regiment during the inaugural ceremonies in March last speaks very highly of the full ranks, good appearance, soldierly bearing and conduct of the men on that occasion. The company commandants report only the routine weekly drills, which were, however, suspended from May to October. Company B attended the Centennial celebration at Waynesboro, Pa., and won a prize of \$50 for the military organization presenting the best appearance, and having the largest percentage present.

Several companies paraded on Decoration Day and other local holidays.

Drills have been taken up again with a manifestation of getting down to earnest work in several of the companies, and a marked improvement is expected as a result.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

WILLIAM P. LANE,

Colonel Commanding 1st Regiment I., M. N. G.

Report of the Captain, First Separate Company.

ARMORY FIRST SEPARATE COMPANY, INFANTRY, MARYLAND
NATIONAL GUARD,

BALTIMORE, MD., *November 1st, 1897.*

ADJUTANT GENERAL,

First Brigade, M. N. G., Baltimore, Md.

SIR:

My command has not done much this year other than routine duties, except on the 4th of March, 1897, when we

proceeded to Washington, D. C., in obedience to orders, and took part in the inaugural parade, on which occasion the full strength of the company was present.

The company is getting on very well, and the annual inspection did much good and made the men attentive to duty.

The company drills every Thursday night, and the drills are well attended, as will be seen by my morning reports. My men are anxious that some arrangement be made for them to have target practice.

Very respectfully,

WILLIAM R. SPENCER, *Captain.*

**Report of the Commander, First Naval Battalion,
M. N. G.**

HEADQUARTERS FIRST NAVAL BATTALION, M. N. G., U. S. S.

"DALE."

BALTIMORE, MD., *October 30th, 1897.*

To the Adjutant General, Annapolis, Md.

SIR :

Pursuant to General Orders No. 13, I have the honor of submitting herewith detailed reports showing the strength, equipment, armament and condition of this command on the 30th day of October, 1897, together with account of operations of said command since January 1st, 1897.

I am sir, with much respect,

Your obedient servant,

ISAAC E. EMERSON,

Commander, commanding.

DUTY PERFORMED DURING THE YEAR 1897.

March 4th. The Command, consisting of four pieces artillery and a company of infantry and band of 25 pieces, reported to the Brigadier General commanding First Brigade M. N. G. in Washington, D. C., at 10 o'clock A. M., for escort

duty on the occasion of the inauguration of his Excellency President McKinley.

July 17th and 24th. ANNUAL CRUISE. The U. S. S. "Dale" was towed to Tolchester Beach and anchored near U. S. S. "Cincinnati." During the week the Command reported daily on board ship "Cincinnati" at 9 A. M., returning to "Dale" 12 M., reporting again to "Cincinnati" 2 P. M. and returning to "Dale" at 4 P. M.

The exercises consisted of instructions at great guns and secondary batteries, target practice in cutters with one pounders, firing off torpedoes from the "Cincinnati," infantry, signal work and the general routine of a sailor's life afloat on a man-of-war.

On Friday night, 23d July, the steam launch and small boats of the "Dale" manned by our own officers and men, made a sham torpedo attack on U. S. S. "Cincinnati" and the steam Launch in command of Lieutenant Birmingham succeeded in getting alongside the "Cincinnati" before being detected, notwithstanding the vigilant watch of the officers of the "Cincinnati" assisted by their search light.

The Command showed marked improvements in marksmanship, boat work and discipline during the week's cruise, and the writer takes this opportunity to suggest that a timely request be made of the Navy Department to detail a battleship for our cruise of "98" on which we can take the entire command and remain on board for the full eight days, transferring from the battleship to the "Dale" as many of the men as may be necessary to give us room on board the battleship.

August 9th to August 30th. Commander Emerson availed himself of the usual summer course at the Naval War College, Newport, R. I.

The problem at the War College this session related to the defence and protection of the Chesapeake and Delaware Bays, in time of war with a foreign nation, and the conclusion arrived at by the College was that the Naval Militia would play a most important part in the protection of the Chesapeake Bay and City of Baltimore in the event of trouble.

Appended hereto is the report of the Executive Officer, who was granted permission to cruise on board U. S. S. "Maine" three weeks during the summer, and it gives me great pleasure to state that we are now reaping the benefits resulting from experience gained during his tour of duty on the "Maine."

During the fall months the officers of the Command have been busily engaged in supplying the Naval War College with

a list of steamers, ferry boats and yachts, hailing from this port that would be available for service in time of war.

Reports of Executive Officer, First Naval Battalion.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, FIRST NAVAL BATTALION, M. N. G.,
U. S. S. "DALE,"

BALTIMORE, MD., *September 7th, 1897.*

To the Commanding Officer, First Naval Battalion, M. N. G.

SIR :

I have to report that pursuant to an order from Navy Department, I joined U. S. S. "Maine" at Portland, Me., on August 18th, 1897, for a tour duty, "to better acquaint myself with duties of my office." As soon as I had reported I was given to the junior watch, and assigned to second division; I did the duties of watch officer in port and at sea until 28th August, my time being up. With permission of Captain Sigsbee, of the "Maine," I applied to Admiral Sicard for an extension of time, which was granted by the department; the balance of trip was at sea in squadron. I devoted that time to work in the executive office. I was detached on September 6th, 1897, fifty miles east Cape Charles, boarded U. S. Transport "Fern," bound to Old Point, and arrived in the city this A. M., and reported for duty aboard U. S. S. "Dale." My tour of duty was very instructive, and results of same I hope to see in this battalion this coming winter.

I am, sir,

Your obedient servant,

EDWIN GEER,

Lieutenant Commander and Executive Officer.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, FIRST NAVAL BATTALION, M. N. G.,
U. S. S. "DALE,"

BALTIMORE, MD., *November 1st, 1897.*

To the Commanding Officer, First Naval Battalion, M. N. G.

SIR :

I have the honor to report that during the past year we have received the following boats:

2 30 feet 12 oar cutters.
 1 26 feet 10 oar cutter.
 2 17 feet 4 oar Dinghys.
 1 5 oar gig.
 1 steam launch.

Making total equipment of boats :

3 30 feet cutters.
 1 27 feet cutter.
 2 30 feet whaleboats.
 3 17 feet Dinghys.
 1 30 feet gig.
 2 steam launches.

Total number of boats 12.

One steam launch sent by department has been condemned by board of survey appointed by Adjutant General; the other was given by the city of Baltimore, and is in excellent condition. Through the courtesy of Resident Physician Heiskell, of Quarantine Station, we are allowed to store her for the winter in a house built for her at quarantine station, to which she was formerly attached; the other boats are stored in a suitable house for the winter. All boats are in good condition, and could be put in use in two hours' notice. The "Dale" is in good condition, and all equipments on hand. Reports from engineer and surgeon on file in this office. Reports from ordnance and pay department I respectfully forward.

Your obedient servant,

EDWIN GEER,

Lieutenant Commander and Executive Officer.

**Report of Ordnance Officer, First Naval Battalion,
 Maryland National Guard, for Fiscal Year ending
 October 30, 1897.**

AMMUNITION IN MAGAZINE, ETC.

A.

1600 50 caliber ball cartridges.
 4500 50 caliber blank cartridges.
 5200 45 caliber ball cartridges.
 600 45 caliber blank cartridges.
 60 round canister, 1 pds. D-S. guns.

- 50 round common shell, 1 pds. D-S. guns.
- 20 round saluting cartridges, 1 pds. D-S. guns.
- 23 round saluting cartridges, 3 in. howitzers.
- 25 friction primers.
- 35 lbs. F. G. powder.
- 100 empty saluting shells.
- 9 boxes 6 pds. saluting cartridges (A. O. Co.)

B.

- 138 50 caliber rifles.
- 180 45 Lee rifles.
- 198 bayonets Lee rifles.
- 198 belts Lee rifles.
- 198 scabbards Lee rifles.
- 587 magazine Lee rifles.
- 75 cutlasses.
- 68 cutlass belts.
- 50 cutlass frogs.
- 55 38 caliber revolvers.
- 18 ammunition pouches for 3 in. howitzer.
- 75 single sticks.
- 2 deck circles, 1 pds. D-S. gun.
- 1 ship mount, 1 pds. D-S. gun.
- 1 reloading tool, 1 pds. D-S. gun.
- 10 drill cartridges, 1 pds. D-S. gun.

C.

- 2 three inch brass howitzers.
- 1 one pdr. Driggs-Schroeder, rapid firing gun—marked II.
- 1 one pdr. Driggs-Schroeder, rapid firing gun—marked III.
- 2 limbers for one pdr. D-S. rapid firing guns.
- 6 three inch toggles for field pieces.
- 8 lbs valeline.
- 1 quart Sperm Oil.
- 1 vice.
- 1 box tools.

**Paymaster's Report, First Naval Battalion, M. N. G.,
for Fiscal Year ending October 30, 1897.**

SHOWING RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS OF FUNDS AND BALANCE ON
HAND, WITH VOUCHERS ATTACHED.

1897.	CASH RECEIVED.	
January	1..Balance on hand as per last report of December 9, 1896.....	\$108 18
	14..Officers Association.....	\$25 00
	20..Officers Association.....	40 00
	27..Officers Association.....	31 90
February	2..Officers Association.....	39 50
	23..Officers Association.....	107 00
March	1..State A. G. Warrant No. 146.....	600 00
	2..Officers Association.....	75 50
	4..Com. Isaac E. Emerson.....	420 00
	4..Officers Association.....	100 00
	17..Officers Association.....	40 00
	31..Officers Association.....	10 40
	31..Officers Association.....	46 25
	31..Officers Association.....	33 61
April	24..Officers Association.....	231 00
May	3..Officers Association.....	5 00
	12..Officers Association.....	86 07
	19..Officers Association.....	42 40
	25..State, fines, &c.....	104 92
	25..State, enlisted men's account.....	38 75
June	2..Officers Association.....	1 50
	2..Officers Association.....	8 75
	2..P. Dougherty & Co., check returned.....	5 00
	2..Officers Association.....	4 94
	7..Officers Association.....	53 00
	7..Com. I. E. Emerson, advanced prior to April 2, 1896.....	1,213 43
	7..State A. G. Warrant No. 179	209 00
	8..Officers Association.....	17 40
	8..Officers Association.....	17 81
	16..Officers Association	10 40
	16..State, through E. J. Codd Co., from Gov.....	100 00
July	2..Officers Association.....	36 00
	2..Officers Association.....	10 00
	7..Officers Association ..	53 26
August	6..Officers Association.....	15 35
September	20..State of Maryland A. G. Warrant No. 214.....	100 00
October	4..City appropriation.....	2,500 00
	6..Officers Association.....	68 25
	7..Officers Association.....	56 25
	22..State of Maryland A. G. Warrants Nos. 231 and 232	4,552 00
	27..Officers Association.....	25 00
		11,134 64
		<u>\$11,242 82</u>

1896.

CASH DISBURSED.

December	16..J. H. Mediary & Co.....	39 70
	16..John R. Field.....	15 00
	16..M. H. Cox.....	8 00
	16..Charles Wright.....	8 00
	16..J. V. Richardson.....	10 00
	16..Charles N. Kinsley.....	1 00
	16..Messrs. F. M. Hall, Jr., & P. Cook..	1 50
	16..Clendenin Bros.....	2 78
	26..E. A. Williard.....	5 00

1897.

January

13..E. G. Williard.....	2 00
20..E. A. & B. M. Watts.....	13 00
20..George K. McGaw & Co.....	9 53
20..Mentzer & Sons.....	56
20..A. G. Alford & Co.....	1 25
20..Loud, Claridge & Co.....	1 50
20..Emerson Drug Co., cash advanced freights.....	8 34
20..P. Dougherty & Co.....	15 00
27..H. O. Heiskell, M. D.....	6 66
27..H. P. Chandlee, Sons & Co.....	4 75
27..S. M. Blount.....	6 00
27..J. W. Putts.....	15 25
27..J. R. Field.....	15 00
27..M. H. Cox.....	8 00
27..Charles Wright.....	8 00
27..J. V. Richardson.....	10 00
27..Parker Cook—Expenses.....	6 32

February

10..Paymaster Wilson's Bond.....	12 00
10..M. H. Cox.....	2 00
10..Charles Wright.....	2 00
10..John R. Field.....	1 00
10..Sundries.....	3 50
10..J. V. Richardson.....	10 00
10..Officers Association.....	2 00
10..W. H. H. Bixler & Co.....	3 00
10..Insurance Officers Association.....	15 00
10..F. J. Sloane & Co.....	2 00
10..Consumers Ice Company.....	4 77

March

10..Charles Wright.....	10 00
10..M. H. Cox.....	13 33
10..John R. Field.....	16 00
10..H. S. King's Sons.....	10 38
10..Captain I. E. Emerson.....	75 00
10..Error in Balance.....	1 84
24..E. G. Willaird.....	2 00
24..W. J. Chapman.....	13 00
24..W. E. Woodall & Co.....	5 00
24..Baumgarten & Co.....	4 15
25..R. M. Speddin & Co.....	10 00
30..Oehm & Co.....	600 00
30..Oehm & Co., Williamson's dues....	10 40
5..J. V. Richardson.....	10 00
5..John R. Field.....	16 00
5..Charles Wright.....	10 00
5..John J. Coffey.....	1 94
7..Captain I. E. Emerson.....	25 00
7..W. E. Wood & Co.....	11 90
7..Subsistence—trip to Washington March 4th, 1897.....	175 00

April

April	7..Officers Association—account trip to Washington March 4th, 1897.....	240 00
	7..Horses, \$75; Pullman Car, \$30; trip to Washington March 4th, 1897..	105 00
	9..Officers Association—account being credit twice.....	13 46
	9..Williamson & Thompson.....	7 50
May	16..P. Dougherty & Co.....	5 00
	3..John R. Fields, repairing boats....	3 00
	3..George Allers.....	16 00
	3..E. G. Williard.....	2 00
	3..Hirshberg, Hollander & Co.....	16 33
	3..P. Dougherty & Co., check returned.	5 00
	3..John Field, \$16; John Coffey, \$10; Charles Wright, \$10.....	36 00
	3..J. V. Richardson.....	10 00
	3..Bolton Bros.....	25 00
	5..E. G. Williard.....	2 00
	5..G. W. Allers.....	130 00
	12..W. V. Wilson, Jr. & Co., see receipt October 4, 1897.....	80 00
	12..John R. Field.....	3 50
	19..E. G. Williard.....	2 00
	25..Officers Association, account, fines and transfer to State.....	104 92
	25..Officers Association, enlisted men's account.....	38 75
	26..J. D. Sauerwald for music.....	14 00
	26..W. A. Johnson.....	2 00
	26..I. D. Boyd, account Officers Association.....	13 75
June	2..John R. Field.....	16 00
	2..Charles Wright.....	10 00
	2..John Coffey.....	10 00
	2..J. N. Richardson.....	10 00
	2..P. Dougherty & Co.....	10 00
	2..Stamps.....	2 00
	2..W. G. Richardson, account trip to Washington.....	1 50
	2..Maryland Oil Company, H. R. Boyd's dues.....	8 75
	2..Officers Association, account check returned.....	5 00
	2..Difference in Officers Association account.....	4 94
	7..State, on account adv. from Capt. Emerson.....	1,213 43
	7..Capt. Emerson, account adv., March 4, 1897.....	209 00
	7..Officers Association, music.....	6 00
	7..Freight on two cutters and one fan.	12 95
	10..Rogers Printing Co.....	16 50
	15..Officers Association expenses.....	1 40
	15..Bolton Bros.....	35 00
	23..E. A. & B. M. Watts.....	26 00
July	23..Leach Bros.....	2 80
	23..W. V. Wilson, Jr. & Co., (see receipt October 4).....	40 00
	2..John J. Coffey.....	10 00
	2..J. V. Richardson.....	10 00
	6..Charles Wright.....	10 00
	6..John R. Field.....	16 00

July	6..Officers Association, Court.....	2 50
	6..John R. Field	2 00
August	9..Maryland Oil Company.....	20 00
	14..Charles Wright.....	10 00
	14..John Coffey.....	10 00
	14..John Field.....	16 00
Septembtr	14..John Coffey.....	10 00
	14..Charles Wright.....	10 00
	14..John Field	16 00
	20..Capt. I. E. Emerson	100 00
October	4..S. M. Blount.....	18 05
	4..W. E. C. Harrison & Sons.....	4 75
	4..Hall, Headington & Co.....	67 70
	4..Capt. I. E. Emerson.....	111 00
	4..Bolton Bros.....	25 62
	4..Clendenin Bros.....	80
	4..H. P. Collins.....	8 50
	4..Gilpin, Langdon & Co.....	4 73
	4..J. H. Mediar & Co.....	14 40
	4..Officer's association, account J. H. Mediar.....	2 40
	4..W. V. Wilson, Jr. & Co.....	291 15
	4..H. L. Korter.....	10 00
	4..C. D. Robinson	3 00
	6..Anderson & Ireland.....	60
	6..Charles A. Vogeler Company.....	24 00
	6..Baumgarten & Co.....	4 20
	6..Minch & Eisenbrey.....	9 00
	6..R. E. Kirk, Jr.....	1 50
	6..W. J. Chapman.....	13 00
	6..Jno. C. Froelick & Co.....	8 35
	6..Bolton Bros.....	3 30
	6..W. C. Haiss.....	2 60
	6..W. E. Wood & Co.....	10 75
	6..H. P. Chandlee Sons & Co.....	3 35
	6..W. F. Ward	15 91
	6..Thos. McCullough.....	22 00
	6..J. R. Field.....	16 00
	6..Jno. J. Coffey.....	10 00
	6..Chas. Wright	10 00
	6..Geo. W. Allers.....	7 00
	6..Emerson Drug Co. (Citizens Ex. Co.).....	60
	6..A. D. Landin—Officers Association.....	12 80
	6..F. C. Tarmollen.....	3 00
	6..Balto. Transfer Co.....	2 50
	6..R. M. Spedden & Co.....	25 00
	9..Captain I. E. Emerson.....	1,200 00
	13..Jno. R. Field.....	4 50
	13..Thos. B. McCullough.....	5 00
	13..W. E. C. Harrison & Sons.....	80
	13..S. Seiderman & Co	40
	13..Loud, Claridge & Co.....	10 92
	13..Chas. Wright.....	1 50
	13..H. S. King & Sons.....	5 54
	13..Jno. E. Hurst & Co.....	5 00
	13..J. F. W. Dorman & Co.....	20
	13..Captain I. E. Emerson.....	13 43
	20..H. P. Chandler Sons & Co.....	2 00
	20..C. J. Stewart & Sons.....	26 94
	20..Deitrich Bros.....	33 73
	20..Loud, Claridge & Co.....	1 20

October	20.. S. H. Randall, Jr., & Co.....	9 63	
	20.. W. C. E. Harrison & Sons.....	2 70	
	20.. Hirshberg, Holland & Co.....	18 38	
	20.. Consumers Ice Co.....	5 54	
	20.. E. Rosenheim—Officers Association account.....	1 00	
	20.. Postage.....	3 00	
	20.. C. Reeder & Sons.....	6 81	
	22.. New York Clothing House—receipt mailed to Adjutant-General Oc- tober 22d.....	1,443 06	
	22.. Oehm & Co—receipt mailed to Adju- tant-General October 22d.....	2,500 00	
	22.. R. M. Sutton & Co—receipt mailed to Adjutant-General October 22d....	352 00	
	Total Disbursements.....		\$10,480 12
	Balance on hand as per statement of Cashier of Bank hereto attached.....		762 70
			<u>\$11,242 82</u>

Respectfully submitted,
W. V. WILSON, JR., Paymaster.

Approved and respectfully forwarded,
ISAAC E. EMERSON,
Commander, Commanding.

Report of the Commanding Officer, Veteran Corps, Fifth Regiment Infantry,

HEADQUARTERS "VETERAN CORPS," FIFTH REGIMENT INFANTRY,
M. N. G.,

BALTIMORE, October 26th, 1897.

MAJOR GENERAL L. ALLISON WILMER,
Adjutant General, State of Maryland.

GENERAL :

In obedience to General Orders No. 13, I have the honor to report the total strength of the Veteran Corps to be 159, viz :

Field officers,	-	-	-	-	2
Staff " "	-	-	-	-	7
Line " "	-	-	-	-	6
Enrolled men,	-	-	-	-	144
Total	-	-	-	-	<u>159</u>

The arms are 75 Winchester repeating rifles, one Gatling gun, 10 Colts revolvers, 30 artillery sabres, all in perfect condition.

The Corps paraded on March 3d, 1897, as escort to the Provisional Battalion, New York National Guards. They also visited New York, and participated in the ceremonies attending the dedication of the monument to be erected in memory of Gen. U. S. Grant, on April 27th, 1897. On October 21st, 1897, the Corps visited Gettysburg, Pa., and the battle field there.

I enclose herewith the report of the Ordnance Officer of the Corps.

Very respectfully,

GEORGE R. GAITHER,

Colonel Veteran Corps, Fifth Infantry, M. N. G.

Report of the Ordnance Officer, Veteran Corps.

VETERAN CORPS, FIFTH REGIMENT, I. M. N. G.

BALTIMORE, September 30th 1897.

COL. GEORGE R. GAITHER,

Commanding Veteran Corps, Fifth Regiment I., M. N. G.

SIR :

I have the honor to inform you that the Ordnance stores of this Corps to-day consist of :

One (1) Gatling Gun and Limber complete.

Four (4) Brass Drums for cartridges.

Forty-six hundred (4,600) cartridges (Ball) for Gatling Gun.

Four sets Artillery Harness.

Seventy-five Winchester Rifles.

2,000 Ball Cartridges for same.

Ten Colt's Revolvers.

30 Sabres and Belts.

All the above, with the exception of the harness and the cartridges for the gatling gun, is the property of the Corps. The cartridges and harness are the property of the State. All this property is in good order and ready for instant use.

Since making my last report the corps has had built gun racks with glass fronts, ample accommodations for one hundred and twenty-five (125) rifles, also compartments for the sabres, revolvers, &c., to the great benefit of this department.

I would strongly recommend that there be purchased immediately, twenty-five more rifles and one hundred and twenty-five (125) cartridge belts, in order that we may have ample arms and accoutrements, so that the corps would be fully equipped for active duty. The additional guns are required from the fact that the corps has increased its fighting strength since the last report.

Respectfully,
HENRY W. BENNETT,
Captain and Ordnance Officer.