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ADJUTANT GENERAL
STATE OF MINNESOTA.

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Adjutant General.

ADJUTANT GENERAL

OF THE

STATE OF MINNESOTA,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING NOV. 30th, 1882.

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*To His Excellency, Honorable Lucius F. Hubbard, Governor of the
State of Minnesota.*

SIR:—I have the honor herewith to submit the report of the Adjutant General's department for the year ending this 30th day of November, 1882.

I am, sir,

Your most obedient servant,

A. C. HAWLEY,

Adjutant General, State of Minnesota.

REPORT.

As Your Excellency is aware, I entered on duty as Adjutant General, June 1, 1882, hence my report must, of necessity, be made to that date from the records of my predecessor.

I find on the books of this office 1,624 claims pending and unsettled in the various departments. There have been claims allowed to the amount of \$99,849.62 during the year ending November 30, 1881, and there have been claims allowed to the amount of \$81,837.97 during the year ending November 30, 1882. There are also 731 claims which stand rejected. There have been 267 in this year, 120 of which have been placed on file since June 1, 1881. In the rejected cases the claimants complain of great injustice having been done them, and are constantly making applications to have the cases reopened. The department will open a case on being furnished with a certain chain of evidence. This must all come through the Adjutant General's office. The work of the office is becoming more and more difficult, and of more importance every year. As the claims grow older, the more difficult it is to procure the evidence, and it necessitates a lengthy correspondence with postmasters and others to find the address of witnesses. It would be extremely difficult for any one not having access to the army records to find these witnesses.

The correspondence of the office will average thirty letters per day. Many of the letters received require long record search to obtain the information required, and each case prosecuted involves the making out of pension papers of all classes.

Another important feature in the business of this office is the furnishing of certificates of service to soldiers taking homesteads, etc. Nearly all applicants for pension have sent their discharges

to the Pension Department, while hundreds have lost them. In fact the soldiers think, and correctly too, that the Adjutant General is in duty bound to attend to all their wants, so far as claims are concerned, whether personal or otherwise.

There are many of our old soldiers becoming disabled and are applicants for admission to the Soldiers' Home, and as many soldiers from the East have settled in our State it increases the business of the office very materially. Many of the applicants for pensions are other than Minnesota soldiers. I prosecute claims for soldiers who enlisted from all parts of the U. S., but who are now citizens of Minnesota.

When I entered this Department I found it without a contingent fund and I have paid *postage* to the amount of eighty-five dollars, official telegrams, etc. to the amount of thirty-seven dollars, and disbursed many other small amounts which the State should properly have paid. For instance: many of the soldiers whom we send to the home at Milwaukee have no means with which to subsist on the way. They get from the Home transportation, but they must be fed. When a soldier served the State faithfully and thereby incurred disabilities which entitle him to ask temporary aid, the honor of the State demands that it shall not be denied him. In my judgment there is no office in the State which needs a contingent fund more than this office.

I wish to call your attention to the fact that there is but one copy of the Adjutant General's Report containing the roster of the soldiers of Minnesota in this office, and that in bad condition. I would respectfully suggest that your Excellency urge upon the Legislature the importance of making an appropriation sufficient to print one hundred copies. Many states ask for the work in return for like copies which they have furnished this office. I often receive letters also asking where the work can be purchased.

I would recommend that a price be fixed on single copies and that the Adjutant General be authorized to sell to individuals who wish to buy. If this is done the copies should be taken from the corrected record as there are many defects in the printed copy.

MINNESOTA NATIONAL GUARD.

The militia of the State, known as the Minnesota National Guard, consists of ten companies of infantry, two troops of cavalry, and two sections of artillery. One section of artillery and both troops of cavalry are equipped and doing duty as infantry. These

companies are fully armed, and have in their company armories from one to two thousand rounds of ball cartridges each.

I am satisfied, from what I know of the Minnesota National Guard, that the State can place implicit confidence in them in any emergency that may require their service.

While they have been in the service but a short time, they are in a fine state of discipline and have made great progress in the school of the soldier. The Guard is officered by gentlemen of ability and capacity, and the rank and file are composed of the very best material in our cities and towns, hence the *morale* of the command is of a high grade, and all that is wanting now to make our Guard equal to that of any other State is the necessary encouragement from the State.

The encampment this year did more to make soldiers of the militia than would a whole year's drilling in their armories. I would recommend that an appropriation be made sufficient to pay the men one dollar per day for seven days' encampment and for the purchase of tents and camp equipage. This year the men were subjected to considerable personal outlay, as the allowance was entirely too small to pay their necessary expenses. It is unfair for the State to expect the soldier to be at any expense when he gives his time for a week for the sake of perfecting himself as a guard for the service of the State.

In September last, the Emmet Light Artillery, Capt. C. M. McCarthy, was invited to attend a reunion and competitive drill at Milwaukee, Wis., where they were awarded the first prize of \$500, besides being highly complimented by regular army officers who were present.

In July, Company "A" of the First Battalion, Capt. Perry Harrison, attended a military tournament in Dubuque, Iowa, where they did themselves great credit. Militia from Illinois, Missouri, Tennessee, Iowa and Minnesota engaged in this tournament. Company "A" was awarded the badge of honor by the judges, and the men were highly complimented both for their soldierly bearing and for their gentlemanly behavior while in camp. They certainly reflected great credit upon the Minnesota National Guard.

I would recommend a change in the militia law, dispensing with the cavalry and increasing the infantry to two regiments of eight companies each. This would necessitate the organization of but four more companies. Our force, with this arrangement, would be quite complete, although smaller than that of any other State of like population.

ROSTER.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF AND STAFF.

LUCIUS F. HUBBARD, GOVERNOR,
Commander-in-Chief.

A. C. HAWLEY,
Adjutant General—Rank Brigadier General.

H. G. HICKS,
Judge Advocate General—Rank Brigadier General.

JOHN A. MURPHY,
Surgeon General—Rank Brigadier General.

THOMAS P. WILSON,
Quartermaster General—Rank Brigadier General.

E. M. VAN CLEVE,
Inspector General—Rank Colonel.

O. B. GOULD,
Aide-de-Camp—Rank Colonel.

A. BARTO,
Aide-de-Camp—Rank Major.

VICTOR HJORTSBERG,
Aide-de-Camp—Rank Major.

RT. REVEREND JOHN IRELAND,
Chaplain.

FIELD AND STAFF.

First Battalion.

NAME.	RANK.	RANK FROM.	RESIDENCE.
William H. Bend.....	Lt. Colonel.....	July 1st, 1882..	St. Paul.....
C. W. Johnson.....	Major.....	Sept. 5, 1882..	Minneapolis....
1st Lieut. Wm. J. Sonnen..	Adjutant.....	April 25, 1882..	St. Paul.....
1st Lieut. Jas. Davenport..	Ass't Surgeon..	March 3, 1882..	St. Paul.....
1st Lieut. J. K. Metzger...	Quartermaster..	March 3, 1882..	St. Paul.....

NON-COMMISSIONED STAFF.

J. S. Robertson.....	Serg't Major...	April 21, 1882..	St. Paul.....
F. B. Kidder.....	Q. M. Serg't....	March 23, 1882..	Minneapolis....
J. N. Dow.....	Hosp. Steward..	May 3, 1882....	Minneapolis....
G. E. Austin.....	Color Sergeant..	Sept. 22, 1882..	Minneapolis....
M. E. Bannon.. ..	Color Sergeant..	Sept. 22, 1882..	St. Paul.....

Second Battalion.

Joseph Bobleter.....	Lt. Colonel.....	July 1, 1882....	New Ulm.....
Alf. Brooks.....	Major.....	August 10, 1882	Winona.....
John J. Kendall.....	Adjutant.....	Nov. 29, 1879..	Winona.....
Charles Berry.....	Surgeon.....	March 4, 1882..	New Ulm.....
J. I. Van Sann.....	Q. M. and Com..	July 5, 1881....	Faribault.....
H. B. Molyneaux.....	Chaplain.....	July 1, 1882....	Blue Earth City

NON-COMMISSIONED STAFF.

Ed. J. Collins.....	Serg't Major ..	March 29, 1882..	New Ulm.....
William Milligan.....	Q. M. Sergeant..	March 29, 1882..	Faribault.....
Herbert H. Smith.....	Orderly Serg't..	March 29, 1882..	Winona.....
Andrew J. Eckstein.....	Hosp. Steward..	March 29, 1882..	New Ulm.....

First Battalion 355 strong, command by Lieut. Colonel W. B. Bend, headquarters at St. Paul, is composed of the following companies:

COMPANY "A," INFANTRY, STRENGTH 55.

NAME.	RANK.	RANK FROM.	RESIDENCE.
Perry Harrison.....	Captain.....	June 12, 1882..	Minneapolis.
F. S. Barnard.....	1st Lieut.....	" "	"
Geo. W. Knowlton.....	2nd Lieut.....	" "	"

COMPANY "B," CAVALRY, STRENGTH 70.

Geo. M. Naylor.....	Captain.....	May 1, 1882..	Minneapolis.
R. D. Brown.....	1st Lieut.....	" "	"
A. A. Keith.....	2d Lieut.....	" "	"

COMPANY "C," INFANTRY, STRENGTH 61.

F. P. Wright.....	Captain.....	March 6, 1882..	St. Paul.
F. C. Sibley.....	1st Lieut.....	" "	"
Wm. M. Becker.....	2d Lieut.....	" "	"

COMPANY "D," INFANTRY, STRENGTH 64.

Ed. S. Bean.....	Captain.....	July 14, 1881..	St. Paul.
Chas. F. Pusch.....	1st Lieut.....	Feb. 10, 1881..	"
Geo. J. Mitsch.....	2d Lieut.....	March 9, 1882..	"

COMPANY "E," INFANTRY, STRENGTH 53.

Wm. Blakely.....	Captain.....	Oct. 31, 1882..	St. Paul.
W. W. Price.....	1st Lieut.....	" "	"
Lewis S. Quouce.....	2d Lieut.....	Oct. 24, 1882..	"

COMPANY "F," ARTILLERY, STRENGTH 57.

Geo. W. Boyington.....	Captain.....	Nov. 3, 1882..	Fergus Falls.
A. E. Weatherstone.....	1st Lieut.....	" "	" "
F. B. Estes.....	2d Lieut.....	" "	" "

Second Battalion 421 strong, commanded by Lieut. Col. Joseph Bobleter: Headquarters at New Ulm is composed of the following companies:

COMPANY "A," INFANTRY, STRENGTH 60.

Jos. A. Eckstein.....	Captain	March 13, 1882.	New Ulm.
Benedict Juni.....	1st Lieut.....	Aug. 10, 1880.	"
Jacob Hoeschler.....	2d Lieut.....	June 1, 1881.	"

COMPANY "B," INFANTRY, STRENGTH 60.

James Hunter.....	Captain.....	July 1, 1881.	Faribault.
John W. Snyder.....	1st Lieut.....	" " "	"
J. S. Buchanan.....	2d Lieut.....	" " "	"

COMPANY "C," INFANTRY, STRENGTH 58. REINSTATED NOV. 29, 1882.

A. N. Bentley.....	Captain.....	Sept. 6, 1882.	Winona.
Manning Hackley.....	1st Lieut.....	Dec. 31, 1879.	"
Edward D. Gregory.....	2d Lieut.....	" " "	"

COMPANY "D," INFANTRY, STRENGTH 61.

Wm. Bird.....	Captain.....	May 3, 1882.	Fairmount.
J. A. Everett.....	1st Lieut.....	" " "	"
C. H. Bullard.....	2d Lieut.....	" " "	"

COMPANY "E," INFANTRY, STRENGTH 54.

Geo. T. Gardner.....	Captain.....	May 4, 1882.	Albert Lea.
Thomas K. Ramsey.....	1st Lieut.....	" " "	"
C. E. Richardson.....	2d Lieut.....	" " "	"

COMPANY "F," INFANTRY, STRENGTH 66.

Geo. W. Mead.....	Captain.....	Jan. 28, 1882.	Manka
Samuel W. Burgess.....	1st Lieut.....	" " "	"
Henry C. Akers.....	2d Lieut.....	Aug. 15, 1882.	"

COMPANY "G," CAVALRY, STRENGTH 56.

J. S. Anderson.....	Captain.....	Sept. 8, 1882.	Austin
Horace W. Elms.....	1st Lieut.....	" " "	"
Frank A. Richards.....	2d Lieut.....	" " "	"

EMMETT LIGHT INFANTRY.

This company consists of three officers, thirteen non-commissioned officers, and forty-three privates—a total of 59; all fully uniformed, and equipped with two 6-pound brass guns with caissons complete. It is officered as follows :

NAME.	RANK.	RANK FROM.	RESIDENCE.
C. M. McCarthy.....	Captain.....	March 29, 1881	St. Paul
Lawrence Fahey.....	1st Lieut.....	Feb. 22, 1882	St. Paul
Joseph B. Nalley.....	2d Lieut.....	Feb. 22, 1882	St. Paul

First Battalion, number enlisted men.....	332
Second Battalion, number enlisted men.....	394
Emmett Light Artillery, number enlisted men.....	56
Total number of enlisted men.....	782
Total strength of Minnesota National Guard.....	844

ORDNANCE REPORT.

THE STATE HAS ON HAND.

Springfield rifles, stands of.....	1,210
Cavalry Swords.....	60
Six-pound brass guns.....	2
Twelve-pound brass guns.....	1
Mountain howitzers, condemned.....	2
Six-pound steel guns, dismantled, condemned.....	1
Ball cartridges serviceable, calibre 45.....	12,000
Ball cartridges serviceable, calibre 50.....	11,000
Ball cartridges condemned.....	39,000

CONDEMNED AND SOLD SEPTEMBER 15, 1882.

To William R. Burkhardt:	
700 Springfield rifles, @ \$1.32.....	\$ 924 00
506 miscellaneous guns, @ 61c.....	308 66
2,500 cartridge boxes, @ 4c.....	100 00
2,000 belt plates, @ 1c.....	20 00
12 revolvers, @ \$1.12½.....	13 50
6 non-commissioned officers' swords, @ 50c.....	3 00
Broken guns.....	5 00
Gun repairs.....	15 00
Total.....	\$1,454 16

Said amount deposited with State Treasurer. As the prices for which the above stores were sold may appear small, I wish to say that I wrote to all the firms dealing in this line of goods in New York, Philadelphia and New Haven for bids on the same, and could not get offered within twenty per cent of what they sold for.

I wish to remind your Excellency of the report of the Board of Survey, that the gun house and magazine are in very bad condition

and unsafe. I have examined it and would state that, in my judgment, a small expenditure would put it in good condition to answer all purposes for some time.

I wish especially to commend the present military storekeeper, Capt. Joseph Burger, whom I consider an efficient and worthy officer. He has brought the affairs of his department up from a state of confusion to one of order and system. I would respectfully suggest that the salary of \$800 per annum is too small for the amount of time and labor that is required to take proper care of the ordnance stores.

ARSENAL FUND.

State arms, &c sold (deposited with State Treasurer.	\$1,454 16
Amounts drawn from said fund—arsenal expenses, freight labor, &c., by J. Burger... ..	\$ 15 70
Advertising sale of arms (Dispatch).....	10 00
Labor, paid Charles Berger.....	5 75
Freight and drayage.....	1 91
	\$ 33 36
Balance on hand.....	\$1,420 80

There have been organized during the past year, companies in St. Paul, Minneapolis, Albert Lea, Fairmount, Mankato, Austin and Fergus Falls. There existed prior to this year two companies of infantry and one of artillery in St. Paul, one company of infantry each in Minneapolis, Winona, Faribault, and New Ulm.