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ADJUTANT GENERAL
OF
MINNESOTA

1884.

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STATE OF MINNESOTA,
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
St. PAUL, Sept. 15, 1884. }

*To His Excellency, LUCIUS F. HUBBARD, Governor and Commander
in Chief:*

SIR:—I have the honor to transmit herewith my report as Ad-
jutant General for the term ending 31st July A. D., 1884.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

C. M. MACCARTHY,
Adjutant General, Minnesota.

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REPORT.

By chapter 124 of the General Laws 1883, the Adjutant General is required to make an official report of the transactions of the Military Department of the state from the 30th Nov., 1882, to the 31st July, 1884, upon which latter date the fiscal year is made by said law to terminate. As you are aware I entered this office in January last and only from that time am I able to make a complete report. My predecessor made no report for the year 1883 and in lieu thereof I can only offer such data as the records and papers of the office disclose, and ask for the same your indulgent consideration.

PENSIONS.

The most laborious part of the duties of this office is that which appertains to the prosecution of soldiers' claims against the U. S. Government. When many years ago the legislature made it the duty of the Adjutant General "to act as claim agent for all persons having claims against the government of the United States for pensions, bounty or back pay," it intended specially to assist the soldiers who had served Minnesota so faithfully in the field. The prosecution of claims for Minnesota soldiers is now but a small part of this work. The growth of our State in population has brought us a liberal share of the soldiers of every State of the Union and they in large numbers have sought the assistance of this office in prosecuting their claims, in great part the most difficult, as a very large correspondence is necessary in order to procure the testimony of their comrades. The States of Iowa and Wisconsin do not require their Adjutants General to prosecute claims, hence many of our neighbors seek the services of this office. The territory of Dakota is rapidly receiving its quota of the old soldier ele-

ment, and since my accession to office a number of them have sent claims here for prosecution. All are attended to cheerfully and as promptly as the business of the office will permit, yet might not it be well for the legislature to inquire how far it is proper for the State to do the legitimate work of an attorney, and whether a more strict definition of the class of claims the Adjutant General should prosecute, would bring better results to the interests of those first intended to be served—Minnesota soldiers.

I find from the records that during the year 1883, 306 claims were filed; 90 rejected and 176 allowed, aggregating \$113,316.00. In 1884, 252 new claims were filed, and 125 allowed, aggregating \$87,185.50, and carrying a monthly pension of \$980.00; 27 claims previously filed were rejected and 8 of these reopened and allowed. The whole number of claims still pending through this office is 1,702. In addition to the labor required in prosecuting claims regularly filed in this office a large number of claimants whose claims are in the hands of outside attorneys, seek advice and assistance in drawing proofs.

WAR RECORDS.

On entering this office I found the records, muster rolls, reports and papers of the volunteers, mixed, bundled and tied up, and very difficult of access for reference which is frequently necessary in obtaining accurate statements of service and proofs in pension claims. These have been carefully assorted and filed and before age and use destroys them they should be duplicated or transcribed. The transcript of the muster rolls published in 1866 was not as accurate or complete as the needs of pensioners now require and as it is entirely out of print, there being only one copy in this office, some provision should be made for a new publication which should embrace histories of the Minnesota regiments. The "Records of the Rebellion" now being published by the U. S. Government embrace the general history of the war as disclosed in the records of armies, corps, divisions and brigades, and thus it is left to the several States to record the histories of their regiments, companies and individual soldiers. Much of the material for such a history can be had only from the brave men who were actors in the thrilling scenes of the war and the trusted officers who commanded them, and as time is decimating their ranks, this source is being lost. Expecting that the State in the near-future will see the necessity of procuring

these materials I have prepared a register of Minnesota commissioned volunteers, and ask the assistance of all officers in procuring their present post office addresses.

The discharge papers of many soldiers have been lost or destroyed and certificates of service are required for the purpose of pension claims, land entry and memberships in the G. A. R. Since January last 139 of these certificates have been furnished.

The thirty-nine battle flags of Minnesota volunteers have been permanently arranged in a room of this department in the new capitol, and if these tattered and battle worn relics are to be preserved as witnesses to future generations of the heroism of the men who bore and defended them on the field, then the legislature should prohibit their removal, at any time, from the capitol, and make some provision for their preservation, as has been done in other States of the Union.

If there was at any time a library in connection with this office it was lost or destroyed in the capitol fire, and upon request I have obtained 43 bound volumes of the records of the rebellion and war reports of the various Union States, many of these reports being rare and of great value, and I expect to add to this collection but need Minnesota reports to offer in exchange.

THE NATIONAL GUARD.

The last two years has developed a wonderful growth in the strength and efficiency of the uniformed militia of the State and fully proved the wisdom of the legislature in providing for this most beneficial organization of citizen soldierly. In 1881 it gave its first pecuniary assistance, since the close of the war, to a force of twelve companies organized into two batalions of infantry and one section of artillery. In 1883 a militia code was enacted increasing the force to two regiments of infantry and one battery of light artillery. This quota was rapidly formed and equipped though greatly at the expense of the men. I cannot find a formal report of the inspection of this force in 1883, but as it was encamped for seven days in July at New Ulm and White Bear, I submit herewith the reports of Capt. Gaines Lawson, U. S. A., who attended these encampments at your request.

The destruction by fire last January of the state prison at Stillwater, occasioned the first call of this new guard into active service, and its conduct and bearing on that occasion was eminently cred-

itable. Companies C., D., E. and K. of the first regiment were called to arms at 4 A. M., 26th January, responded promptly and did good service guarding the 300 prisoners as they were removed from the burning building. The most dangerous convicts were conveyed under guard to the jails of neighboring counties, and the greater number were temporarily housed in the foundry building under guard of the troops who remained on this duty day and night until the 28th, when they were relieved by companies A., B. and I., who continued this service until the 1st February, when the cell building being temporarily repaired, the convicts were housed. The troops engaged in this service deserve praise for the prompt and soldierly precision with which they mounted guard day and night during inclement weather, and it is to be regretted that the State is not provided with quartermaster's stores to meet the requirements of such an occasion. The men were quartered in the car shops, and subsisted at neighboring hotels and boarding houses. There being no provision by law when the guard is called into active service, these expenses were paid from the National Guard maintenance fund of 1884, as follows:

Transportation of troops.....	\$ 212.61
Subsistence " "	1,007.85
Per diem " "	2,237.00
Total expenditures	\$3,457.46

This amount should be, by the legislature, covered back into the guard fund which is already inadequate to meet the requirements of the military code.

In May last the annual inspection of the several companies of the National Guard, as required by law, was made by the Inspector General or under his direction, and I most respectfully refer you to his report hereto attached.

Under general orders No. 7, camps of instruction were established in July of this year at Winona and Lake Calhoun, and I present herewith the report of Capt. Gaines Lawson, U. S. A., who attended these encampments at your request and under orders from the Secretary of War; also the report of Col. Bobleter, commanding the Winona encampment. The report of the colonel commanding the Lake Calhoun encampment (1st Regiment) has not reached this office.

The annual appropriation provided for the maintenance of the guard was not sufficient to carry out the provisions of the law of

1883, hence at the encampments of 1883-4 the men were only paid two-thirds of the per diem ordered by law, and from this they had to provide their own subsistence. As appears by the report of the Inspector General the total strength of the enrollment is 1,263. For uniforms, maintenance and armory rent of this force during the past year, the sum of \$6,624.00 has been apportioned to the companies, while for these purposes the several commands reporting have expended \$29,530.63. From these figures it will be seen the guard has been built up largely by the individual efforts of its members, and it seems that if its present efficient standing is to be maintained, a more liberal assistance should be given by the State in the furnishing of more complete camp equipage and quartermaster's stores, and provisions for the many necessaries required for a properly equipped command.

On the 27th July last the Sheriff of Hennepin county and Mayor of Minneapolis, called for troops to prevent a threatened attack on the county jail by a mob of lynchiers seeking to do violence to prisoners therein confined. Companies A., B. and I., 1st Regiment, under command of Col. Bend, were by your order, called out for this purpose and were under arms the nights of the 27th and 28th July as appears by the reports of Col. Bend filed in this office. Pay rolls for this service have also reached this office, and amount to \$466.90 and it is respectfully asked that the Legislature make provision for the same.

In my opinion the laws of the state defining under what circumstances the state troops may be called upon for aid in suppressing disorders, need to be revised and made more specific, and in no case should these troops be called into service until the police force is exhausted or shown to be inadequate to meet the emergencies of the occasion.

The following reports and documents are herewith presented:

- 1.—Commissioned Register.
- 2.—Report of Camp Inspector, 1883.
- 3.—Report of Inspector General, 1884.
- 4.—Report of Camp Inspector, 1884.
- 5.—Report of Winona Encampment.
- 6.—Report of Paymaster General, 1884.
- 7.—General Orders.
- 8.—Military Property.

REGISTER

OF THE

Minnesota National Guard.

His Excellency Lucius F. Hubbard, Governor and Commander-in-Chief.

OFFICE AND RANK.	NAME AND ADDRESS.	SERVICE.
Governor. Commander-in-Chief. 10 Jan. '82.	Lucius F. Hubbard, Red Wing, Minn.	Private 5th Reg't Minn. Infy. Vols. Dec. 19, '61; Captain Feb. 21, '62; Lieut. Col. March 20th, '62; Col. Aug. 31, '62; wounded at battle of Nashville; Brev. Brig. Gen. Dec. 14, 1864. Discharged with the regiment Sept. 6, '65. Inaugurated Governor 10 Jan. '82; re-elected and inaugurated 7th Jan., 1884.
Adjutant General. Brig. Gen. 7 Jan. '84.	C. M. MacCarthy, St. Paul.	Private, St. Paul Light Infantry, M. N. G. Dec. 1875; 1st Sergeant June 2nd, 1876; Captain Emmet Light Artillery, M. N. G. March 29, 1881; Brig. Gen. Adj. General 7th Jan., 1884.
Inspector General. Brig. Gen. 7 Jan. '84.	O. B. Gould, Winona.	Private Co. G, 55th Ohio Vols. 25 Sept., 1861; mustered as 2nd Sergeant; 2nd Lieut. 22 April, '63; 1st Lieut. 19th March, '64; Captain 11th July, '65. Discharged with regiment. Colonel and A. D. C., M. N. G., 2nd June, '82; Brig. Gen. Inspector General, 7 Jan., '84.

OFFICE AND RANK.	NAME AND ADDRESS.	SERVICE.
Judge Advocate Gen'l Brig. Gen. 3 June '82.	H. G. Hicks, Minneapolis.	Private Co. A, 2nd Ill. Cav., July 25, 1861; Sgt. Major 10 Aug., '61; Adjutant and 1st Lieut. 15 Oct., '61; mustered out June 1, '62; Adj. and 1st Lieut. 71st Ill. Infantry, 26 July, 1862; mustered out with regiment Nov. 1, '62; Adj. and 1st Lieut. 93rd Ill. Infy. Vols. 15 Nov., '62. Discharged for wounds received in the service, 28 Feb., '64. Brev. Capt. U. S. Vols. 25 Mar., 1867, for meritorious service at Mission Ridge. Brev. Major U. S. Vols. 8 April, 1867, for meritorious service during the war. Private Co. A., 2nd Regt. M. N. G. 12 July, 1871; Lieut. Col. 11 Sept., '71; Colonel 15 Jan. '72; Colonel and mustering officer, M. N. G., 1876 and 19 July, '80, resigned 4 Jan., 1882; Brig. Gen. and Judge Advocate General June 3, 1882; re-appointed Jan. 7, 1884.
Quartermaster General, Brig. Gen. 10 Nov. '71.	Thomas P. Wilson, St. Paul.	Private 4th Minn. Inf. Vols. 25 Oct., 1861; Commissary Sergt. 4 Dec. '61; 1st Lieut. and Regt. Q. M. 49th U. S. C. Troops 23 April '63; Captain and Asst. Q. M. U. S. Vols. 10 April, '64; Brev. Major 15 May '66 for meritorious conduct during the war; resigned Aug. 21, 1866. Brig. Gen. Q. M. Gen. M. N. G. 10 Nov. '71; continuous service by re-appointments.
Commissary General, Brig. Gen. 7 Jan. '84.	John P. Rea, Minneapolis.	Private 11th Ohio Vols. 16 April 1861; 2nd Lieut. 1st O. V. C. 23 Sept. '61; 1st Lieut. 12 Mar. '62; Capt. 1 April '63; Brev. Major, for services in action, Nov. 1863; Mustered out Dec. 1864. Capt. Co. B. 1st Regt. M. N. G. 9 Feb. '80; Brig. Gen. Commissary General 7 Jan. 1884.
Surgeon General, Brig. Gen. 7 Jan. '72.	J. H. Murphy, M. D., St. Paul.	Surgeon 4th Regt. Minn. Vols. 4 Dec. 1861; resigned July 9, '63; Surgeon 8th Regt. Minn. Vols. 27 May '64; mustered out 12 Jan. '65; Surgeon Gen. M. N. G. 7 Jan. '72; in continuous service by reappointments.

OFFICE AND RANK.	NAME AND ADDRESS.	SERVICE.
Chaplain. Colonel, 3 June '82.	John Ireland, D. D., St. Paul.	Chaplain 5th Minn. Inf. Vols. 22 May, 1862; resigned 3 April '63; Chaplain M. N. G. 3 June, '82; reappointed 7 Jan. '84.
Aide de Camp. Colonel, 7 Jan. '84.	James Compton, Fergus Falls.	Private 9th Penn. Vol. Reserves, April, 1861; Private Co. C. 52nd Ill. Vols. 19 Nov., '61; 1st Lieut. 3 March '62; Capt. 7 April '62; discharged 19 Dec. '64; Colonel and A. D. C., M. N. G., 7 Jan., '84.
Aide de Camp. Colonel, 7 Jan. '84.	Christian Brandt, St. Paul.	Military Academy, Christiana, Nov., 1874; 2nd Lieut. in Regular Army, Norway, 1874 to '76; Private Co. D. 1st Regt. M. N. G. '82; Colonel and A. D. C. 7 Jan., '84.
Military Storekeeper. Captain, 1 Feb. '82.	Joseph Burger, St. Paul.	Private Co. H. 2nd Minn. Inf. Vols. 15, June, 1861; Captain Co. A. 13th U. S. Invalid Corps Nov. '64; Mustered out Oct., '65; Capt. and State Military Store-keeper 1 Feb., '82.

FIRST REGIMENT.

FIELD AND STAFF.

NAME.	RANK.	DATE OF COMMISSION.	RESIDENCE.
1. William B. Bend.....	Colonel.....	Feb. 28, 1883....	St. Paul.....
2. Chas. W. Johnson.....	Lieut. Col.....	Feb. 28, 1883....	Minneapolis....
3. Geo. M. Naylor.....	Major.....	Feb. 28, 1883....	Minneapolis....
4. Jas. Davenport, Surgeon.	Major.....	Feb. 28, 1883....	St. Paul.....
5. Rev. M. N. Gilbert, Chap.	Captain.....	Feb. 28, 1883....	St. Paul.....
6. Wm. J. Sonnen, Adjutant	1st Lieut.....	April 25, 1882..	St. Paul.....
7. J. K. Metzger, Qr. Master.	1st Lieut.....	March 3, 1882..	St. Paul.....
8. R. J. Fitzgerald, A. Surg.	1st Lieut.....	Feb. 28, 1883..	Minneapolis....
9. H. H. Horton, Jdg. Adv.	1st Lieut.....	Feb. 28, 1883..	St. Paul.....

COMPANY "A."

Perry Harrison.....	Captain.....	June 12, 1882..	Minneapolis....
F. S. Barnard.....	1st Lieut.....	June 12, 1882..	Minneapolis....
R. W. Hatch.....	2nd Lieut.....	Feb. 27, 1882..	Minneapolis....

COMPANY "B."

Victor J. Welch.....	Captain.....	March 14, 1883..	Minneapolis....
R. O. Brown.....	1st Lieut.....	May 1, 1882...	Minneapolis....
S. G. Williams.....	2nd Lieut.....	Feb. 28, 1883..	Minneapolis....

COMPANY "C."

F. P. Wright.....	Captain.....	March 6, 1882..	St. Paul.....
Wm. M. Becker.....	1st Lieut.....	Jan. 28, 1884..	St. Paul.....
Wm. Dawson, Jr.....	2nd Lieut.....	Feb. 4, 1884...	St. Paul.....

COMPANY "D."

Ed. S. Bean.....	Captain.....	July 12, 1881..	St. Paul.....
Chas. F. Pusch.....	1st Lieut.....	Feb. 10, 1881..	St. Paul.....
Geo. J. Mitsch.....	2nd Lieut.....	March 6, 1882..	St. Paul.....

COMPANY "E."

Wm. Blakely.....	Captain.....	Oct. 31, 1882..	St. Paul.....
W. W. Price.....	1st Lieut.....	April 24, 1882..	St. Paul.....
Lewis S. Quonce.....	2nd Lieut.....	June 12, 1882..	St. Paul.....

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COMPANY "F."

NAME.	RANK.	DATE OF COMMISSION.	RESIDENCE.
M. E. Clapp.....	Captain.....	April 11, 1883..	Fergus Falls....
F. W. Burnham.....	1st Lieut.....		Fergus Falls....
Andrew Tomer.....	2nd Lieut.....	April 23, 1884..	Fergus Falls....

COMPANY "G."

A. P. Pierce.....	Captain.....	Feb. 17, 1883..	Red Wing.....
E. A. Kempe.....	1st Lieut.....	Feb. 17, 1883..	Red Wing.....
G. C. Davis.....	2nd Lieut.....	Feb. 17, 1883..	Red Wing.....

COMPANY "H."

Silas W. Leavett.....	Captain.....	Feb. 20, 1883..	Litchfield.....
Jas. H. Morris.....	1st Lieut.....	Feb. 20, 1883..	Litchfield.....
August F. Koerner.....	2nd Lieut.....	Feb. 20, 1883..	Litchfield.....

COMPANY "I."

C. McC. Reeve.....	Captain.....	March 21, 1883..	Minneapolis.....
J. D. Osgood.....	1st Lieut.....	March 21, 1883..	Minneapolis.....
F. B. Kidder.....	2nd Lieut.....	March 21, 1883..	Minneapolis.....

COMPANY "K."

Wm. G. Bronson.....	Captain.....	Feb. 28, 1884..	Stillwater.....
Elbert Nexon.....	1st Lieut.....	March 30, 1883..	Stillwater.....
W. F. Barstow.....	2nd Lieut.....	March 30, 1883..	Res. June 3 '84..

ADJUTANT GENERAL.

SECOND REGIMENT.

FIELD AND STAFF.

NAME.	RANK.	DATE OF COMMISSION.	RESIDENCE.
Joseph Bobleter.....	Colonel.....	Feb. 27, 1883....	New Ulm.....
Alfred Brooks.....	Lieut. Col.....	Feb. 27, 1883....	Winona.....
Geo. W. Mead.....	Major.....	Feb. 27, 1883....	Mankato.....
Charles Berry, Surg.....	Major.....	Feb. 27, 1883....	New Ulm.....
H. B. Molyneaux, Chap.....	Captain.....	July 1, 1882.....	Blue Earth City
John J. Kendall, Adj.....	1st Lieut.....	Nov. 29, 1879....	Winona.....
J. J. Van Sann, Qr. Master.....	1st Lieut.....	July 5, 1881....	Faribault.....
D. B. Collins, Ass't. Surg.....	1st Lieut.....	Jan. 9, 1884....	St. Peter.....
J. A. Tawney, Jdg. Adv.....	1st Lieut.....	Feb. 27, 1883....	Winona.....

COMPANY "A."

Ed. J. Collins.....	Captain.....	May 24, 1884....	New Ulm.....
Jacob Hoescheler.....	1st Lieut.....	May 24, 1884....	New Ulm.....
Tory Oleson.....	2nd Lieut.....	May 24, 1884....	New Ulm.....

COMPANY "B."

James Hunter.....	Captain.....	July 1, 1884....	Faribault.....
John H. Nightingale.....	1st Lieut.....	March 15, 1884..	Faribault.....
Philip I. Hummel.....	2nd Lieut.....	March 15, 1884..	Faribault.....

COMPANY "C."

M. T. Hackley.....	Captain.....	March —, 1883..	Winona.....
E. J. Rogan.....	1st Lieut.....	May 23, 1883..	Winona.....
Cornelius Fockens.....	2nd Lieut.....	May 23, 1883..	Winona.....

COMPANY "D."

William Bird.....	Captain.....	May 3, 1882....	Fairmount.....
J. A. Everett.....	1st Lieut.....	May 3, 1882....	Fairmount.....
C. H. Bullard.....	2nd Lieut.....	May 3, 1882....	Fairmount.....

COMPANY "E."

Theo. E. Schleuder.....	Captain.....	Dec. 6, 1883....	Albert Lea.....
Edward Gray.....	1st Lieut.....	Dec. 6, 1883....	Albert Lea.....
A. Wiegand.....	2nd Lieut.....	Dec. 6, 1883....	Albert Lea.....

COMPANY "F."

NAME.	RANK.	DATE OF COMMISSION.	RESIDENCE.
Jed. L. Washburn.....	Captain.....	May 27, 1884....	Mankato.....
D. F. McGraw.....	1st Lieut.....	May 27, 1884....	Mankato.....
S. C. Pond.....	2nd Lieut.....	May 27, 1884....	Mankato.....

COMPANY "G."

M. M. Trowbridge.....	Captain.....	May 26, 1884....	Austin.....
L. A. Pierce.....	1st Lieut.....	June 25, 1884....	Austin.....
J. E. Crews.....	2nd Lieut.....	June 25, 1884....	Austin.....

COMPANY "H."

D. F. Goodrich.....	Captain.....	March 15, 1883..	Blue Earth City
J. E. Chase.....	1st Lieut.....	May 1, 1883.....	Blue Earth City
Fred Jennings.....	2nd Lieut.....	May 1, 1883.....	Blue Earth City

COMPANY "I."

J. C. Donahower.....	Captain.....	March 14, 1883..	St. Peter.....
G. S. Ives.....	1st Lieut.....	March 14, 1883..	St. Peter.....
G. W. Dryer.....	2nd Lieut.....	March 14, 1883..	St. Peter.....

COMPANY "K."

Leon Houde.....	Captain.....	Jan 7, 1884....	Little Falls.....
O. L. Clyde.....	1st Lieut.....	Feb. 6, 1884....	Res. July 21, '84
J. W. Close.....	2nd Lieut.....	Feb. 6, 1884....	Res. July 21, '84

EMMET LIGHT ARTILLERY.

NAME.	RANK.	DATE OF COMMISSION.	RESIDENCE.
C. M. MacCarthy.....	Captain.....	March 29, 1881..	Pro. Brig. Gen. Jan 7, 1884.....
D. O'Keefe.....	1st Lieut.....	May 17, 1883...	St. Paul.....
R. J. Warkoe.....	2nd Lieut.....	May 26, 1883...	Resigned.....

ENCAMPMENTS 1883.

Reports of CAPT. GAINES LAWSON, U. S. A.

NEW ULM ENCAMPMENT.
FORT SNELLING, MINN., July 30, 1883. }

*To his Excellency, L. F. Hubbard,
Governor of Minnesota.*

GOVERNOR:—At your request and in compliance with special orders No. 117, Headquarters Department of Dakota, dated July 3d, 1883, I have the honor to submit the following report of my observations while in camp with the state troops at Camp Hubbard, New Ulm, Minn., from July 10th to July 15th, 1883.

The troops encamped at the above place were the 2d Regiment Minnesota National Guards and Emmet Light Artillery, all under the command of Colonel Joseph Bobleter, of the Second Minnesota Regiment, an officer of considerable experience in war of the rebellion, and also in the regular army since that war, and one who seems to have a proper appreciation of his duties and responsibilities. The camp was well selected on an elevated piece of ground near the Minnesota river, about one mile from the town of New Ulm, and while the camp was not laid out according to tactics, yet it answered the purpose for which it was intended, viz: one week's encampment.

I have hereunto attached a copy of the order of the daily routine of the command, from which it will be seen that much work was performed during the encampment.

The company drills were fair in the manual and company movements, and two of the companies, "A" (Eckstine's) and "B" (Hunter's) drilled quite well in the skirmish on several occasions. The Battalion drills were good considering that five of the companies were new troops, having been organized since their last annual encampment, as follows: Company "F", Captain Burgess, stationed at Mankato, June 28, 1882; Company "G," Captain Anderson, stationed at Austin, Sept. 8th, 1882; Company "H", Captain Goodrich, stationed at Blue Earth City, February 16th, 1883; Company "I," Captain Donahower, stationed at St. Peter, March 14, 1883;

Company "K," Capt. Simmons, stationed at Little Falls, April 12th, 1883. The above named companies were never in camp before, consequently it was not expected that they would be as proficient as older companies. But during the latter part of the encampment they made great progress, and showed that the week's work was not in vain. What these new companies need most is a thorough drill in the "School of the Soldier." It will teach the men to be steady in the ranks and improve their soldierly appearance.

The battalion drills were all conducted by Col. Bobleter, whom I consider a very good tactician.

Target practice was held daily, from two P. M. to five P. M., distance fired two hundred yards, the shooting was not very good on the whole, but some individuals made very creditable scores. Great improvement might be made if the state would purchase for each man sixty rounds of ammunition to be used at Target Practice at the annual encampments, instead of the soldier having to purchase it from his own means, as is now the case. Gallery practice during the winter months would also be of great benefit to many men who have not had practice at the regular target range.

Discipline at the camp was fairly maintained. Guard duty was well performed. Police of the camp: Good.

Each company purchased its own supplies through a non commissioned officer, and the tables were abundantly furnished with most excellent food, which had to be paid for by the men out of their meagre salary. All officers messed together.

UNIFORMS.

The regiment has not yet supplied itself with the new uniform which has been adopted, and which differs but little (except in buttons) from that now worn by the soldiers of the regular army. All the companies except "H" (Goodrich's) had a uniform. It is to be hoped however that this will be remedied by the next annual encampment and that the entire regiment will be uniformed alike, which will enable them to present a much better appearance as soldiers. On Sunday, July 15th, I made a thorough inspection of the command. There was present at inspection all the field officers and three hundred and twenty-five company officers and enlisted men. This does not include a camp guard which was inspected separately, consisting of three officers and thirty-five enlisted men, making a grand total of three hundred and seventy-five, inspected and for duty.

The material of which this regiment is composed, both rank and file is very good indeed. The majority of the men are young and present a fine physical appearance and all seemed anxious to become acquainted with their duties as soldiers. The guns are of different caliber; some have been in use for several years. They were not found as a rule in as good and clean condition as they might have been with the exception of companies "C" (Capt. Hackley's) and "I" (Donahower's), the former company I understand has a good armory which all the others do not possess, and in fact some of the captains informed me that some of the men carried their guns home with them. This is not as it should be.

The Emmet Light Artillery, of St. Paul, Captain MacCarthy commanding, consisting of three officers and twenty-seven men, was not inspected. This is an excellent body of men, ably commanded and present a very soldierly appearance. It is to be regretted however that they did not have more men out for their annual encampment, but the captain informs me that many of the men were threatened with discharge by their employers in case they persisted in going into camp. As you requested me to make any recommendations that I thought proper, I would respectfully submit the following:

1st.—That all the old rifles now on hand of the fifty caliber be turned in and replaced by the forty-five caliber with safety notch; that captains of companies see that the arms are properly cared for and if possible an armory provided for each company.

2d.—That both officers and men be required to pass a physical examination before they are accepted in the service of the state.

3d.—That but one place of encampment be used for all troops at the annual encampment. This will save the trouble and expense of shipping camp equipment from one encampment to another.

4th.—That before going to their next annual encampment, the Articles of War (or so much of them as relates to a soldier's duty and by which all soldiers are governed when in the service of their country) be read to each company.

5th.—That some dress hat be adopted for all mounted officers.

I am, Governor, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

GAINES LAWSON,
Captain 25th U. S. Infantry

WHITE BEAR ENCAMPMENT.

FORT SNELLING, Minn., July 31st, 1883.

To His Excellency, L. F. Hubbard,
Governor of Minnesota.

GOVERNOR:—You having requested that an officer of the army be detailed to remain in camp with the First Regiment, during their annual encampment at White Bear Lake, and having been detailed for that purpose by special orders No. 123, Headquarters Department of Dakota, dated July 17th, 1883, I have the honor to submit the following report as my observation while in camp. Arriving in camp July 20th, and remaining until July 26th, I had every opportunity to observe the drill and routine of the camp.

The only troops encamped at White Bear were the First Regiment, Minnesota National Guards, Colonel W. B. Bend, commanding, a fine tactican and an officer of great experience in the National Guards of New York, and one in every way, so far as I could judge, capable of performing the duties of his office. Attached hereto please find an order of the routine of the camp (marked "A") from which it will be seen that work was the "Order of the day."

The company drills were quite good with a tendency among the new companies to lose distance.

Five companies of this regiment have been organized since the last annual encampment, and some of them quite recently. The Battalion Drills were conducted by Colonel Bend in person, and were very creditable. Some of the companies of this regiment present the appearance of veterans, both in their drill and deportment in camp. The new companies of the regiment were given an extra Battalion Drill, which proved of great benefit, and before the encampment was broken up all showed marked improvement in drill, and many regretted that they could not remain longer where all had been benefited by their stay in camp. The formal inspection of the regiment was made by Colonel Van Cleve, of the Governor's staff, a copy of which is attached and marked "B". From this report it will be seen that there was present at inspection (462) four hundred and sixty-two officers and men.

But one company practiced at target range, Company "D", Captain Bean, and some men of this company made very good scores, the men purchasing their own ammunition. The "Arms" of the command were, on the whole, in good order. Two companies are

armed with the Springfield Rifle, caliber 50, the remainder with the Springfield Rifle, caliber 45, some with and some without the "Safety notch;" all the companies have good armories.

Clothing: This regiment is all uniformed alike, which adds much to their military appearance.

Discipline was well maintained.

Guard duty well performed; there were two guard mounts daily, which gave each officer and enlisted man an opportunity to become familiar with guard duty; in other words, the guard was relieved every twelve instead of twenty-four hours, which I consider an excellent idea for a week's encampment.

I would most respectfully suggest that the same recommendations as were made in regard to the New Ulm encampment be applied to this regiment, except that which refers to armories.

I am, Governor, very respectfully,

Your Obedient Servant,

GAINES LAWSON,

Captain 25th U. S. Infantry.

INSPECTOR GENERAL'S REPORT.

—1884.—

INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Winona, Minn., July 31, 1884.

GEN. C. M. MACCARTHY,

Adj't. Gen., St. Paul, Minn.

SIR.—I have the honor to report, that in pursuance of G. O. No. 6, A. G. O., May 1, 1884, and in compliance with law, I have made and caused to be made an inspection of the several organizations composing the present National Guard of the State of Minnesota. This inspection has been made partly by myself, and partly by officers detailed for that duty.

I have had access to no reports of former inspections, and hence have no data from which to ascertain what changes may have occurred, or whether there has been any improvement in the condition and efficiency in the military forces of the state since the last or any former inspection.

The National Guard of the state consists of two regiments of infantry of ten companies each, and one battery known as The Emmet Light Artillery. The strength of these several organizations and the number of men present for muster at this inspection, the number absent with and without leave in each company is shown in Exhibits A, B and C hereto attached and made part of this report.

The amount of money expended by each of the companies as far as the same has been reported to this office, will appear by Exhibits D, E and F hereto annexed and made part of this report. I invite your especial attention to the fact that while the allowance made to each company from the state treasury of \$300 per company, if paid the maximum allowance, amounts to but \$6,300 per annum, the aggregate expenses of these organizations, taking the amount reported and adding a fair estimate for the expenses of the companies which have not made reports, is about \$30,000 per annum. When it is remembered that the officers and men of the National Guard devote the time required for drills and military exercise gratuitously, and in addition thereto make up this great deficiency in the necessary outlay of money, their zeal for the good of the service will be apparent.

Muster rolls of each company required by law on inspection have not been furnished, no proper blanks for this purpose having been provided. In many instances lists of men said to belong to the company being inspected were produced, but in general these lists had few of the requirements of a proper muster roll. There having been no system of mustering men in and out of the service, or of reporting such action to the regimental or other head quarters, there were no means by which the inspecting officer could verify these rolls, or by which he could inform himself whether the men in line were duly and regularly in the service or there only for occasion.

There being no system of reports of drill and parades, or of expenditure for uniforms, armory or other company expenses, the inspector is unable to determine satisfactorily whether the several organizations have so far complied with the requirements of law as to be entitled to the allowance made by the State. No ordnance returns are made by the companies as in the regular service or otherwise. The inspector can do no more therefore than examine and count the number of pieces in each command without knowing the number which should be on hand, or their kind, calibre and condition.

Between the 12th and 19th days of May I made a personal inspection at their several armories, of the Field and Staff, Band, and Companies A, B, C, D, E, G, I and K of the First Regiment, and Companies B and C of the Second Regiment, and the Emmet Light Artillery. I found the arms and equipments of these several commands in good condition; the several armories clean and in good order. Especial notice should be made of the commodious armories in St. Paul and Minneapolis, and the elegance and convenience of the company quarters in each. The proficiency in the company movements and the manual of arms was generally fair, though lacking somewhat in steadiness and precision. The companies at St. Paul and Minneapolis excelled the other commands in both these respects.

Company F, 1st Reg't. was inspected by Capt. Blakely, 1st Reg't., and Company H by Col. W. B. Bend of the same regiment. Their reports are herewith submitted.

Company A, 2d Reg't. was inspected by Capt. J. C. Donahower of that regiment, Companies H, F and I by Maj. G. W. Mead, 2d Reg't., the Band and Companies E and G by Gen. C. M. MacCarthy, and Company K by Capt. Blakely, 1st Reg't. The reports of these several inspections are hereto attached.

I likewise made an inspection of the offices of the Adjutant General and the military storekeeper, and of the military stores in the arsenal and military storehouse. These offices and storerooms were found in good condition, but the system of accounting in case of change of officers is exceedingly defective.

I would respectfully suggest that a roster and muster roll of the National Guard be made and preserved at head quarters, and that there also be made a complete inventory of all arms, equipments, guns, ammunition and military stores of every kind, and filed in the general headquarters.

And I would further suggest that under the provisions of Sec. 1, Title 10, of the act of 1883, regulations should be made on the following subjects:

1st. Periodical muster rolls, showing number and names of men enlisted, discharged, deserted, etc., and present strength of each command. These should be consolidated at regimental headquarters.

2d. A complete system of ordnance returns, consolidated by regiments.

3d. Reports of drills and other military exercises, with number of men present at each.

4th. A system of company and regimental book-keeping, and a report of monies received and expended, and for what purposes expended, to be made at stated intervals.

5th. Suitable blank forms should be provided to carry out these suggestions.

The proficiency of the troops in tactics and discipline depends mainly upon the zeal and efficiency of the commanding officers, but the greatest present need is, in my judgment, completion of the details of organization and accountability.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

O. B. GOULD,
Inspector General.

EXHIBIT "A."

1st Regiment, N. G. S. M., Col. W. B. BEND.

Company.	LOCATION.	CAPTAIN.	Present at Inspection.			Absent from Inspection.			TOTAL.				
			Officers.	Enlisted Men.	Total.	With Leave.	Without Leave.	Total.	Officers.	Enlisted Men.	Total.		
A	Minneapolis.....	Harrison.....		39	42								
B	Minneapolis.....	Welch.....	33	42	45	2	1	9	3	48	51		
C	St. Paul.....	Wright.....	33	46	49	6	2	8	3	50	53		
D	St. Paul.....	Bean.....	33	53	56			5	3	51	54		
E	St. Paul.....	Blakely.....	33	38	41			5	3	58	61		
F	Fergus Falls.....	Clapp.....	33	40	43			6	3	44	47		
G	Red Wing.....	Pierce.....	33	38	41			15	3	55	58		
H	Litchfield.....	Leavitt.....	33	39	42			11	3	49	52		
I	Minneapolis.....	Reeve.....	33	45	48			12	3	51	54		
J	Stillwater.....	Bronson.....	33	47	50			10	3	55	58		
K	Field and Staff..		33	4	12			17	3	64	67		
	Regimental Band.		33	20	20			3	11	4	15		
	Total strength..		38	451	489	55	24	101	41	549	590		

EXHIBIT "B."

2d Regiment, N. G. S. M., Col. Jos. BOBLETER.

Company.	LOCATION.	CAPTAIN.	Present at Insp.ction.			Absent from Inspection.			TOTAL.		
			Officers.	Enlisted Men.	Total.	With Leave.	Without Leave.	Total.	Officers.	Enlisted Men.	Total.
A	New Ulm.....	Collins.....	3	45	48				3	45	48
B	Faribault.....	Hunter.....	3	35	38			8	3	43	46
C	Winona.....	Hackley.....	3	45	48	5	5	10	3	55	58
D	Fairmont.....	Bird.....	3	39	42	20		20	3	59	62
E	Albert Lea.....	Schlender.....	3	39	42	9		9	3	48	51
F	Mankato.....	Washburn.....	3	45	48	24		24	3	69	72
G	Austin.....	Anderson.....	2	37	39	5	8	13	3	49	52
H	Blue Earth City..	Goodrich.....	3	36	39	33		33	3	69	72
I	St. Peter.....	Donabower.....	3	51	54	9		9	3	60	63
K	Little Falls.....	Houde.....	3	35	38	9	6	15	3	50	53
	Field and Staff..		9	6	15				9	6	15
	Regimental Band.			15	15	6		6		21	21
	Total.....		38	428	466	128	19	147	39	574	613

EXHIBIT "C."

Emmet Light Artillery.

Present at inspection, officers.....	1	
enlisted men.....	43	44
Absent with leave.....		16
Total enrollment.....		60

EXHIBIT "D."

Statement of Expenditures 1st Regiment, N. G. S. M.

Company.	LOCATION.	CAPTAIN.	Armory.	Uniforms.	Miscellaneous.	Total.
A	Minneapolis.	Harrison.				
B	Minneapolis.	Welch.	\$ 341 50	\$1,503 00		
C	St. Paul.	Wright.	356 34	776 63	\$1,050 66	\$2,894 16
D	St. Paul.	Bean.	300 00	1,040 00	725 52	1,858 49
E	St. Paul.	Blakely.	300 00	67 00	1,417 27	2,757 27
F	Fergus Falls.	Clapp.	300 00	585 00	1,617 05	1,984 05
G	Red Wing.	Pierce.		1,573 55	517 00	1,402 00
H	Litchfield.	Leavitt.	174 00	803 00	241 39	1,814 84
I	Minneapolis.	Reeve.	202 30	1,000 00	35 00	1,012 00
K	Stillwater.	Bronson.			282 65	1,474 95
	Regimental Band		609 90	1,965 50		
	Field and Staff.		120 00		945 96	3,521 36
	Totals.....		\$2,704 04	\$9,313 63	\$6,940 50	\$19,477 10

NOTE:—Maximum allowance by State for above, \$3,252.

EXHIBIT "E."

Statement of Expenditures of 2d Regiment, N. G. S. M.

Company.	LOCATION.	CAPTAIN.	Armory.	Uniform.	Miscellaneous.	Total.
A	New Ulm.	Collins.				
B	Faribault.	Hunter.	\$ 178 95			
C	Winona.	Hackley.	248 10	\$ 300 00		\$ 178 95
D	Fairmont.	Bird.	400 00	262 33	\$ 437 20	985 30
E	Albert Lea.	Schlender.		746 40	764 63	1,426 96
F	Mankato.	Washburn.			163 89	910 20
G	Austin.	Trowbridge.		521 05		286 85
H	Blue Earth City.	Goodrich.	26 00	512 25	318 55	839 60
I	St. Peter.	Donahower.			180 15	663 10
K	Little Falls.	Houde.	597 47	1,560 37	750 77	300 00
	Regimental Band					2,908 61
	Field and Staff.		48 00	459 90	70 25	578 15
	Totals.....		\$1,498 52	\$4,362 30	\$2,835 35	\$9,282 72

NOTE:—Maximum allowance by State for above, \$3,252.

EXHIBIT "F."

Financial Statement of E. L. A. for year ending May 15, 1884.

HEADQUARTERS EMMET LIGHT ARTILLERY, M. N. G., }
St. Paul, May, 1884. }

For uniforms (company).....	\$1.3 02
For fixtures in company room.....	66 33
For light and fuel.....	32 00
For horse hire.....	160 51
For harness lockers.....	22 00
For care of company room, uniforms, battery equipments and incidental expenses.....	66 95
For armory rent, \$25 per month.....	300 00
	<u>\$770 81</u>

In addition to above service uniforms were procured by members, and horses provided by officers, at personal expense.

P. M. HAYES,

Sgt. and Secretary E. L. A.

ENCAMPMENTS OF 1884.

Report of CAPT. GAINES LAWSON, U. S. A.

FORT SNELLING, Minn., July 31, 1884.

To the Adjutant General, U. S. A., Washington, D. C.:

(Through Channels)

GENERAL: In compliance with S. O. No. 63, Headquarters Department of Dakota, dated June 10th, 1884, I have the honor to make the following report as the result of my observation while in camp with the State troops of Minnesota, at Winona, Minn., and Lake Calhoun, near Minneapolis, Minn.:

The troops at Winona were the 2d Regiment, Minnesota National Guard, and the Emmett Light Artillery, all under the command of Colonel Joseph Bobleter, 2d Regiment. The troops went into camp from July 7th to July 14th, 1884.