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Commanding First Brigade, N. G. C.

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Assistant Adjutant General.

COLONEL DAVID M. CAMPBELL,
Judge Advocate General.

COLONEL W. W. GRANT,
Surgeon General.

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Adjutant General's Office,
Denver, November 30, 1900.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY,
CHARLES S. THOMAS,
GOVERNOR AND COMMANDER IN CHIEF,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:—I have the honor to submit the following report of the operations of this department for the biennial period ending November 30, 1900.

Very respectfully,

J. C. OVERMYER,
Adjutant General.

REORGANIZATION.

Upon assuming the duties of the office of Adjutant General, I found the National Guard of Colorado absolutely disorganized, owing to the fact that nearly all the officers and a large proportion of the enlisted men had entered the United States volunteer service.

During the past two years there has been organized, reorganized and mustered into service of the state the following named organizations:

Organization	Location	Date	Assigned to
B Company, 1st regiment..	Denver	Jan. 4, 1899	1st regiment infantry
D Company, 2d regiment..	Colorado Springs	Jan. 5, 1899	2d regiment infantry
E Company, 1st regiment..	Denver	Jan. 13, 1899	1st regiment infantry
F Company, 1st regiment..	Denver	Mar. 6, 1899	1st regiment infantry
B Company, 2d regiment..	Pueblo	May 2, 1899	2d regiment infantry
Band, 1st regiment	Denver	May 4, 1899	1st regiment infantry
C Company, 1st regiment..	Brighton	May 11, 1899	1st regiment infantry
Band, 2d regiment.....	Pueblo	May 14, 1899	2d regiment infantry
A Company, 2d regiment..	Lake City	May 15, 1899	2d regiment infantry
A Troop	Grand Junction	May 17, 1899	1st squadron cavalry
E Company, 2d regiment..	Leadville.....	May 19, 1899	2d regiment infantry
G Company, 2d regiment..	Victor	May 26, 1899	2d regiment infantry
C Company, 2d regiment..	Pueblo	May 28, 1899	2d regiment infantry
Signal Corps	Denver	May 31, 1899	1st brigade
H Company, 2d regiment..	Cripple Creek...	June 9, 1899	2d regiment infantry
F Company, 2d regiment..	Canon City.....	April 14, 1900	2d regiment infantry
F Company, 1st regiment..	Central City....	Oct. 9, 1900	1st regiment infantry

MUSTERED OUT.

C Company, 2d regiment..	Pueblo	April 6, 1900	.....
F Company, 1st regiment..	Denver	May 7, 1900	.....

ORGANIZATION.

The National Guard of Colorado consists of
 Two regiments infantry,
 One squadron cavalry,
 One battery light artillery,
 One signal corps,
 One medical department, and is distributed as follows:

	Location	Officers	Enlisted men
Governor's staff.....	.....	34	
Brigade staff.....	.....	5	
Quartermaster general's staff.....	.....	4	
Total staff .....	.....	43	
Medical department.....	Denver	7	19
Signal corps.....	.....	1	10
Field and staff, first infantry	Denver	5	4
Band, first infantry	Denver		32
A Company, first infantry.....	Denver	2	71
B Company, first infantry	Denver	3	46
C Company, first infantry.....	Brighton	3	46
D Company, first infantry.....	Greeley.....	3	49
E Company, first infantry.....	Denver	3	44
F Company, first infantry.....	Central City.....	3	54
G Company, first infantry.....	Denver	3	45
H Company, first infantry.....	Boulder.....	3	57
Total .....	.....	28	448
Field and staff, second infantry	Pueblo	4	
Band, second infantry.....	Pueblo		33
A Company, second infantry	Lake City	1	33
B Company, second infantry	Pueblo	3	59
D Company, second infantry	Colorado Springs ..	3	55
E Company, second infantry	Leadville	3	38
F Company, second infantry	Canon City.....	1	63
G Company, second infantry.....	Victor	3	54
H Company, second infantry	Cripple Creek.....	3	65
Total .....	.....	21	400

ORGANIZATION—Continued.

	Location	Officers	Enlisted men
Field and staff, first cavalry.....	Denver	2	1
Troop A, first cavalry.....	Grand Junction	1	48
Troop B, first cavalry.....	Denver	3	40
Troop C, first cavalry.....	Denver	3	51
Total.....	.....	9	140
Battery A, first brigade.....	.....	1	60
Total.....	.....	110	1,077

Total officers and men, 1,187.

ARMORIES.

The armories occupied by the National Guard of Colorado are all leased from private parties and are located as follows:

Location	Occupied by	Rent per year
Twenty-sixth and Curtis sts., Denver.....	A Company, first infantry.....	
	B Company, first infantry.....	
	E Company, first infantry.....	
	G Company, first infantry.....	
	Band, first infantry.....	
	Headquarters first infantry.....	
	Chaffee Light Artillery.....	\$ 2,600 00
Glenarm street, Denver.....	B Troop, first squadron cavalry.....	
	C Troop, first squadron cavalry.....	
	Headquarters first squadron cavalry.....	
	Signal Corps, first brigade.....	
	Medical department first brigade.....		$ 1,800 00
Brighton.....	C Company, first infantry.....	\$ 300 00
Greeley.....	D Company, first infantry.....	600 00
Central City.....	F Company, first infantry.....	900 00
Boulder.....	H Company, first infantry.....	900 00
Lake City.....	A Company, second infantry.....	480 00
Pueblo.....	B Company, second infantry.....	} 1,200 00
Pueblo.....	Band, second infantry.....	
Colorado Springs.....	D Company, second infantry.....	480 00
Leadville.....	E Company, second infantry.....	1,100 00
Canon City.....	F Company, second infantry.....	1,200 00
Victor.....	G Company, second infantry.....	1,000 00
Cripple Creek.....	H Company, second infantry.....	900 00
Grand Junction.....	A Troop, first squadron cavalry.....	480 00

EQUIPMENT.

The equipment of the National Guard of Colorado has all been purchased during my term of office, the United States government having taken everything we had at the time of the mustering into the United States service of our Colorado Volunteers.

The 30-calibre Winchester rifles, 500 in number, ordered by my predecessor, were received in April, 1899, and distributed between the infantry regiments. The balance of the guard is armed with the 45-calibre Springfield rifle and carbine.

We have our guard fully equipped for service. The clothing is in good condition, and we have plenty of tentage and ammunition.

PAY OF NATIONAL GUARD OF COLORADO FOR SIX DAYS' SERVICE IN CAMP ADAMS.

The Twelfth General Assembly levied a tax of one-fifth of a mill for the purpose of paying all certificates of indebtedness issued on account of the mobilization of troops for the Spanish-American war and for the purpose of paying each enlisted man of the National Guard of Colorado, who enlisted into the United States Volunteer service, for six days' service, May 1 to May 6, 1898, inclusive.

There have been paid, on account of the six days' service, 779 enlisted men, to whom was paid \$9,403.80, and on account of the lack of the address we have been unable to pay 128 enlisted men.

LAKE CITY RIOT.

On March 16, 1899, a detachment of the National Guard of Colorado, consisting of:

Branch of Service	Commanded by	No. Men
Field and staff, first infantry .....	.....	6
A Company, first infantry	Captain A. E. Ransom..	52
A Company, second infantry	Lieutenant W. C. Blair..	35
B Company, second infantry	Lieutenant C. B. Carlile	34
B Company, first infantry	Captain F. Verdeckberg	52
B Troop, first squadron cavalry	Captain Zeph T. Hill ...	61
C Troop, first squadron cavalry	Captain H. D. Smith....	60
Hospital Corps, first brigade.....	.....	2
Quartermaster general's department.....	General Lewis Barnum	10
Chaffee Light Artillery, first brigade.....	Captain George L. Greer	14
Total .....	.....	326

were ordered by you to proceed to Lake City, Colorado, where some Italian laborers were on a strike and who were supposed to have broken into the armory of A Company, Second Infantry, N. G. C., and carried away their arms.

These troops were commanded by Col. H. E. Macarey and were on duty from one to twelve days.

The strike was settled without any violence being resorted to. The arms stolen from the armory at the time of the strike have not been recovered, although persistent efforts have been made by this department.

The cost of this insurrection was \$8,761.57, for which certificates of indebtedness have been issued, as follows:

CERTIFICATES OF INDEBTEDNESS.

No.	Issued to	For	Amount
1	Patterson & Sheridan.....	Meals furnished officers.....	\$ 70 35
2	Foster & Richards.....	Supplies furnished Q. M. Dept....	88 59
3	R. W. Taylor.....	Livery horses for N. G. C.....	2 65
4	B. M. Lake.....	Meals and car fare.....	4 00
5	Geo. L. Greer.....	Meals and car fare.....	3 40
6	Jno. P. Lowers Sous	Ammunition	5 00
7	Denver City Tramway Co.....	Transportation	11 25

CERTIFICATES OF INDEBTEDNESS—Continued.

No.	Issued to	For	Amount
8	John Blin	Hack hire	\$ 5 00
9	J. H. Gorman	Hack hire	8 00
10	Chas. Jacobson	Hack hire	8 00
11	Rio Grande Hotel Co.	Meals (Pueblo)	178 50
12	Rio Grande Hotel Co.	Meals (Salida)	115 50
13	Henry Prisendenz	Bread	16 50
14	Sweet & Co.	Apples	3 75
15	Joseph Miller	Bread	3 00
16	Jno. Seiter	Bread	1 25
17	The Colorado Telephone Co.	Service	7 00
18	The Denver & Rio Grande R. R. Co.	Telegraph service	1 34
19	W. I. Edgerton	Quartermaster stores	8 85
20	L. A. Talifena	Quartermaster stores	2 50
21	Bergerman Bros.	Overshoes	162 00
22	Jno. Addington	Saddle horses	4 00
23	Pueblo Hardware Co.	Quartermaster stores	8 95
24	H. Richart	Saddle horses	11 00
25	Geo. M. Lee	Cash advanced meals and car fare	7 25
26	Lewis Barnum	{ Cash advanced traveling ex- } penses and telegraphing	31 50
27	Andrew McClelland	Straw	6 49
28	A. E. Ransom	Overshoes	1 50
29	Mrs. W. H. Sammons	Toweling	1 00
30	The Denver & Rio Grande R. R. Co.	Telegraph service	27 23
31	O. S. Isabell	Cash advanced meals and car fare	22 41
32	The Denver Omnibus and Cab Co.	Service	29 00
33	Chas. D. Peck	Horse hire	5 00
34	James Watson & Co.	Horse hire	40 20
35	D. T. McLeod	Coffee	1 50
36	Spratlen & Anderson	Quartermaster supplies	186 82
37	J. J. Wood	Meals and sandwiches	19 50
38	C. Cross	Horse hire	1 50
39	Mrs. Josie Propper	Rooms and coffee	20 50
40	T. H. Emerson	Meals and coffee	69 70
41	W. C. Cannon	Meals and coffee	30 25
42	P. Nездall	Meals and coffee	8 20
43	Patterson & Sheridan	Meals and coffee	3 00

CERTIFICATES OF INDEBTEDNESS—Concluded.

No.	Issued to	For	Amount
44	G. F. Gardner, paymaster general } N. G. C.	Pay roll	\$ 3,721 34
45	F. C. Fink	Express, van and horse hire	34 75
46	The Denver & Rio Grande R. R. Co.	Freight	145 00
47	The Denver & Rio Grande R. R. Co.	Transportation	2,796 92
48	Nathan Gregg, jr.	Traveling expenses	15 15
49	M. E. Benjamin & Co.	Wood	2 50
50	W. H. Bell	Meals and telegrams	6 90
51	F. H. Emerson	Meals	10 50
52	B. F. Cummings, M. D.	Services, Malone	158 25
53	Zine Felder	Medicine, Malone	6 00
54	W. C. Blair	Services	33 33
55	Geo. F. Gardner, Ins. Gen. Colo.	Services	258 00
56	J. G. Malone	Services	24 00
57	Romayne Rosson	Services	14 00
58	Ed C. Burt	Services	14 00
59	Mrs. H. L. Vaughn	Nurse for Malone	79 55
60	A. H. Williams	Clerk, paymaster	7 00
61	Brennan & Co.	Medicine for Malone	11 25
62	Geo. W. Myers	Car fare	75
63	The Denver & Rio Grande R. R. Co.	Transportation	99 80
64	Mrs. F. A. Ralph	Room rent, Malone	18 75
65	Phoenix Stables .....	.....	1 50
66	J. Durbin Surgical and Dental } Supply Co. ....	.....	3 90
67	B. F. Cummings, M. D.	Medical service, Malone	158 25
68	Frank T. Anderson, stenographer	Macarey report	15 50
69	Henry H. Roser	Court inquiry	40 00
	Total .....	.....	\$ 8,761 57

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS.

RECEIPTS.

Dec. 1, 1898	By balance.....	\$ 8,465 14	
	By receipts from levy	72,948 00	
	By receipts from United States government	18,911 20	
	By receipts adjutant general's department	160 32	
	Total receipts.....		\$ 100,484 66

DISBURSEMENTS.

	To salaries.....	\$ 24,969 25	
	To rents.....	20,558 00	
	To stationery and printing.....	1,660 43	
	To postage.....	470 00	
	To freight, drayage and transportation	2,088 93	
	To band allowance.....	2,335 35	
	To pensions.....	3,435 00	
	To insurance.....	487 30	
	To traveling, inspection and military board meeting expenses	1,183 29	
	To fuel, light and water	3 814 55	
	To uniforms, ordnance, equipment, armory necessities and repairs	24,486 43	
	To horse hire.....	1,989 50	
	To telephone and telegraph.....	514 35	
	To collecting claim United States government, attorney fees.....	750 00	
	To court martial expenses.....	304 47	
	To rifle range.....	41 65	
	To pay roll C Troop, first cavalry	139 25	
	To incidental expenses.....	292 61	
	To appropriation Denver Omnibus and Cab Co., account Leadville riots.....	1,200 00	
	To balance December 1, 1900.....	9,764 30	
	Total disbursements.....		\$ 100,484 66

SMALL ARM PRACTICE.

During the past season considerable interest has been taken in target practice, a number of the guard having qualified as marksmen and several as sharpshooters. In order to secure the best results, it is very important that a suitable rifle range be established at Denver, where more members of the National Guard are located than at any other point in the state.

MEDALS AND CERTIFICATES OF HONOR.

The patriotic citizens of Colorado purchased medals and certificates of honor, which were presented to every soldier who enlisted in a United States volunteer organization that was credited to Colorado.

These medals and certificates were turned over to the Adjutant General's department for distribution. Up to the present time we have distributed 1,473 medals and 1,459 certificates. We have on hand 253 medals and 267 certificates, which we cannot send out owing to our not having the addresses of the soldiers for whom they are intended.

RECORDS OF SOLDIERS OF WAR OF 1861-1865 AND OF THE SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR.

The last general assembly passed a bill providing for the publication of the records of the soldiers of the war of 1861-1865 and of the Spanish-American war, and appropriated \$5,000.00 to defray the expense of compiling and publishing the same.

We commenced the work and carried it along for several months, when the Auditor of State notified us that the appropriation was not available and that the work should be discontinued.

I would recommend that an appropriation of \$5,000.00 be made for this purpose and that the work be completed, as the records of the 1861-1865 war are becoming old, torn and faded.

MILITARY ENROLLMENT.

From returns received from the officials of the different counties, we find that the military enrollment taken by your order is as follows:

County	Number	County	Number
Arapahoe	15,195	Larimer	1,455
Archuleta	400	Las Animas	2,433
Baca	116	Lincoln	142
Bent	497	Logan	928
Boulder	2,857	Mesa	950
Chaffee	1,133	Mineral	359
Cheyenne	157	Montezuma	374
Clear Creek	736	Montrose	540
Conejos	836	Morgan	567
Costilla	663	Otero	1,796
Custer	419	Ouray	783
Delta	503	Park	301
Dolores	209	Phillips	147
Douglas	948	Pitkin	1,661
Eagle	732	Prowers	550
Elbert	510	Pueblo	4,302
El Paso	4,371	Rio Blanco	362
Fremont	2,378	Rio Grande	312
Garfield	223	Routt	676
Gilpin	1,454	Saguache	536
Grand	121	San Juan	233
Gunnison	1,501	San Miguel	1,003
Hinsdale	173	Sedgwick	196
Huerfano	890	Summit	220
Jefferson	900	Teller	2,727
Kiowa	161	Washington	204
Kit Carson	256	Weld	801
Lake	3,517	Yuma	191
La Plata	629	Total	67,235

COLLECTION OF POLL TAX.

The laws governing the collection of the military poll tax should be so amended as to provide for a penalty for failure to collect the same.

There is now due the state military fund \$227,505.61 back taxes from the various counties of the state.

CLAIMS AGAINST UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

We received from the United States government \$18,911.20 in cash and all ordnance and ordnance stores due the state on account of the Spanish-American war. The balance due the state is now being adjusted with the auditor for the war department by our attorney, employed by the Military Board.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

I would respectfully recommend that during the coming session of the legislature a law be passed providing that all company, troop, battery, battalion, squadron and regimental organizations of the National Guard of Colorado shall be officered the same as the United States army, and that the changes of the army may be followed from time to time without additional legislation.

A new armory and arsenal building should be secured in Denver by all means, as the present quarters for the troops are entirely too small.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. OVERMYER,
Adjutant General.



