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BIENNIAL REPORT  
of the  
ADJUTANT GENERAL  
STATE OF COLORADO.

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November 30, 1938

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THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

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November 30, 1938

Subject: Biennial Report of the Adjutant General  
of Colorado.

To: Honorable Teller Ammons,  
Governor of Colorado,  
State Capitol Building  
Denver, Colorado.

1. In accordance with requirements of Section 42,  
Act of the General Assembly of the State of Colorado, approved April 7, 1921, I am submitting, herewith, the report of  
The Adjutant General, State of Colorado, for the Biennial  
period, ending November 30, 1938.

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*A. P. Ardourel*  
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The Adjutant General

IN MEMORIAM

Captain Charles H. La Gue, 120th Observation Sqdn.,  
45th Division Aviation.  
Stf. Sgt. Paul E. Newton, Hq. Btry. & Combat Train  
2nd Bn., 168th Field Artillery  
Sgt. Jose L. Espinosa, Battery "D", 168th Field Artillery  
Cpl. George N. Kearney, Battery "F", 168th Field Artillery  
Pvt. 1st Cl. Willard H. Brandt, Service Company,  
157th Infantry.  
Pvt. 1st Cl., Vernon F. Hedrick, Hdqs. Co. 3rd Bn.,  
157th Infantry.  
Pvt. 1st Cl., Harvy G. Hurd, Co. "A", 157th Infantry  
Pvt. 1st Cl., James T. Matheny, Co. "A", 157th Infantry  
Pvt. 1st Cl., Joseph M. Park, Hdqrs. Co. 157th Infantry  
Pvt. 1st Cl., Lawrence E. Spaulding, Co. "C" 157th Infantry  
Pvt. Sid L. Patterson, Company "B", 157th Infantry  
Pvt. Leland G. Powers, Btry. "C", 163th Field Artillery  
Pvt. Floyd M. Ray, Company "C", 120th A.H. Regiment  
Pvt. Bernard L. Windscheffel, Company "I", 157th Infantry.

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BIENNIAL REPORT  
of the  
ADJUTANT GENERAL STATE OF COLORADO  
NOVEMBER 30, 1938

This report while covering the biennial period, ending November 30, 1938, really begins with May 15, 1937, when the undersigned assumed the duties of Adjutant General of the State of Colorado, under executive order of the Governor the same date, relieving my predecessor, Major Neil W. Kimball.

It is needless for me to say that under Adjutant General Kimball's administration the Colorado National Guard had entered into and was passing through a period of modernization and motorization giving the troops an impetus which has extended into the present command and has proven very valuable.

Many and various have been the demands made upon the Adjutant General's office during the past two years, a great part which has been financial and which has caused no little distress and inconvenience, not only to the members of the National Guard but to business firms and other interested parties throughout the State.

As is well known to the Governor, and, in fact, to most people of the State, a great handicap was placed on our Department when the assessed valuation of assessable property was reduced in Colorado.

The .07 of a mill tax income on which the Military Department is supposed to run and exist, was accordingly greatly reduced. This reduction in toto was so great that the Department has been unable to pay past and present bills to the satisfaction of those concerned, whether they be creditor or debtor.

Every effort, however, has been made to carry on with the hope that the coming Legislature may find ways and means to place the Department on a stable basis, either by raising the mill levy or by sufficient appropriation to cover the outstanding bills.

OFFICE ADMINISTRATION

On account of increased National Guard activity brought about by the Grasshopper Campaign, Enrollment of World War Veterans, various Federal Projects, the Third Army Maneuver, requests for records to establish ages for pension applicants, and pertinent correspondence with patriotic and civic societies from nearly every state

in the United States, we were compelled to increase the clerical force in the Quartermaster and U. S. P. & D. O. Offices to a certain extent. We are proud of the corps of employees who have taken care of this work. They are enthusiastic, earnest and willing to labor long hours in order to keep the work in hand. In spite of shortage of funds at various times to meet the pay roll readily they have never hesitated to perform their respective duties.

### TRAINING CAMPS

The Training Camps of the Colorado National Guard, during the past year, while most excellent, did not prove to be entirely satisfactory to Officers and Enlisted Men, as a whole.

This particular exception was in the 3rd Army Maneuver and was caused by inconvenience and hardships necessarily undergone by travel to and from Pole Mountain, Wyoming, as well as minor dissatisfaction resulting in the field.

All this could have been overcome by training at Camp George West as in past years.

I desire to say, however, that cooperation of all activities of training camps was all that could have been expected, though in the coming years it is recommended that these camps be held at Camp George West and additional terrain be secured outside the area for Field Artillery firing and activities of other units.

It is believed that this change would prove a saving not only to the U. S. Government but to the State of Colorado as well.

### NATIONAL GUARD CONVENTIONS

Colorado is fortunate in its being able to send four delegates to the National Guard Convention which met in San Francisco, September 25, 1938. The Officers attending this convention took very active parts in the work and it is believed that the result of the deliberation will be felt in years to come.

Brig. General Wm. E. Guthner, Major W. Combs, Major Thomas H. Dameron, Captain George A. Irvin, Captain Harrison W. Wellman, Jr., acquitted themselves in a most efficient manner and the sincere thanks of this department are theirs.

General Guthner, Captain Irvin, Captain Sidney P. Godsmen and Captain Homer G. Sweet attended a National Guard Convention in Montgomery, Alabama, in 1937 and are well acquainted with the convention deliberations that are imposed upon delegates at these meetings.

#### WEST POINT EXAMINATIONS

That the enlisted men of the State are wide awake and always looking for something better in the Military way was proven by the fact that in 1937 we had five candidates to compete in the preliminary examination for the one vacancy allotted to Colorado.

Private Henry J. Huggins, Co. "B" 157th Infantry was high man in the examination and was certified to the "War Department" as the 1937 appointee from Colorado.

In 1938 six competed. The high man was Private 1st Class Donald D. McClure, 120th Observation Squadron, 45th Division.

These preliminary examinations consist of the following subjects:

- (a) Algebra, to include quadratic equations and progressions.
- (b) Plane Geometry
- (c) American History
- (d) English Grammar and Composition
- (e) English Literature.

These examinations are conducted by instructors of the Colorado National Guard at these Headquarters and have always been found entirely satisfactory.

The progressive ideas of these enlisted men reflect all through the Colorado National Guard and come right down to the attendance upon various service schools authorized by the Federal Government for both Officers and Enlisted Personnel.

## SERVICE SCHOOLS

If this Department were to establish an Honor Roll for its officers and enlisted personnel, it would, first of all, contain the names of those who have attended the courses of the Regular Army Service Schools. Those who receive these details are specially selected persons who must bear the recommendation not only of their superior officers but that of The Adjutant General and Regular Army Instructor assigned to the respective units. These courses usually run for three or four months, and, upon the graduation of officers and men their value to the National Guard is greatly increased.

The Federal Government takes these officers and enlisted men and trains them - actually pays them while they are in training - and the splendid courses, covering, as they do, everything from administration and tactics to the minutest details of manliness and fortitude in service, are such things as are not to be obtained in any other way, yet, cost not a red cent to the student, his family or the State. It makes them real he-men, some of whom might otherwise be weaklings. It puts steel in their backbones, fire in their hearts, flash in their eyes and honor in their consciousness. To those who are privileged to attend these Schools, as well as others in the ranks, the National Guard becomes, as our former Chief of the National Guard Bureau, Major General Leach, so aptly expressed it, "A School of Good Citizenship", for, through its agencies, our men are made better men, our homes safer homes, our State more secure and our nation more stable. The intensive training these officers and men receive at these Schools sends them home enthusiastic army men, worthy leaders, poised to stand against disloyalty and ready to impart to others what they themselves have received. Their enthusiasm reminds us that our flag "is still there", flying day in and day out to tell the world that our nation is one and inseparable and that justice and honor must and will prevail in this our home land - in peace, if possible, but by force, if necessary.

Since the last Biennial Report the following have been detailed to attend these special schools:

Col. John P. Donovan, 168th F.A.	The Command and General Staff School.
Lt. Col. William G. Howell, 24th Cavalry Division	The Command and General Staff School.
Lt. Col. Rudolph J. Seyfried, 45th Div.	The Command and General Staff School.
Major Nasby W. Bolling, 45th Div. Hq.	The Command and General Staff School.

Captain Joseph E. Ryan, Field Artillery	The Field Artillery School
Captain Wayne G. Downing, 157th Infantry	The Infantry School
1st Lt. Gordon C. Clark, 45th Tank Co.	The Tank School
1st Lt. Charles J. O'Laughlin, 157th Inf.	The Infantry School
1st Lt. William C. Calhoun, 120th Obs. Sqdn.	The Air Corps Tech. School
2nd Lt. Howard M. Williams, Air Corps	The Air Corps Tech. School
2nd Lt. Thomas G. Carey, Field Artillery	The Field Artillery School
Stf. Sgt. Jerome T. Annis, 120th Obs. Sqdn.	The Air Corps Tech. School

#### NEW UNITS ORGANIZED

By letter from the Chief, National Guard Bureau, March 12, 1937 Colorado was allotted one additional unit, Co. "C" 120th Quartermaster Regiment.

This unit was regularly organized at Camp George West, Golden, Colorado, April 1, 1937, and was granted Federal Recognition as of that date.

This unit has proved itself very beneficial and useful to the Colorado National Guard and will continue to do so.

#### COLORED UNIT

There has been considerable conversation relative to the organization of a colored unit for service in the National Guard of Denver, and, while no authority has been asked for such a unit, it is believed that the personnel could be secured for an excellent organization. It is recommended that due consideration of this matter be given with a view to using some of the excellent colored ex-service men and qualified colored boys of Denver and vicinity. They proved their worth in the World War and it is believed they should be recognized by the organization of a State unit of some branch.

#### WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION PROJECTS

Through W. P. A. Projects, approved and carried on in the Military Department, records of the Civil War, Spanish American War, World War and miscellaneous old-time records of the military activities of the State have been put in excellent shape for future reference. At the present time a Graves Registration Project, with some fifty employees, is busy compiling a record of the dead who served their country and whose last resting place is in Colorado soil. When this work shall have been completed, it



will be the means of perpetuating the memory of those loyal men and prove of great value to patriotic organizations. It will rightly encourage remembrance on Memorial Day and the placing of floral offerings on the graves.

Through the unstinted interest and assistance of patriotic and service organizations of the State this important work has been made possible, for only through their generosity could the sponsor's quota of funds have been supplied.

To secure the information required, it has been necessary to do an immense amount of research work, and the records of the Adjutant General's Office, the State Historical Society, the State Library, The City Library and all cemeteries and undertaking establishments have been called upon. Newspaper files, County Courthouse Files, family Bibles, and Bibles of friends and relatives of the deceased, Posts and Camps of patriotic societies are not being overlooked to secure accurate data.

It has been discovered that many soldier's graves are without markers of any kind, owing, perhaps, to the lack of financial ability of relatives, or, as in some instances, due to lack of interest on the part of those who ought to be more concerned. It would seem that such additional legislation as would overcome this seeming lack of esteem and loyalty to the departed defenders of our Country should be enacted, and I hereby recommend that this question be given due study and action to bring this about.

The construction program at Camp George West has served the dual purpose of cooperation with the Works Progress Administration in its efforts to provide jobs for all employables who would otherwise have been on direct relief, and of obtaining badly needed improvements, for which the expense to the State represents a small fraction of the entire cost of the program.

In addition to the completion of the buildings, i. e. Administration, Recreation, Infirmary, Officers' Mess, eight new mess halls, three Officers' Latrine and Shower Buildings, four residential buildings and alterations and improvements to the fifteen existing mess halls, the program included the completion of concrete tent floors, improvements to rifle target butts, grading and oiling the main traffic arteries within the camp, construction of concrete curbs, gutters

and sidewalks, building dams and rip-rapping drainage channels for flood and erosion control, completion of a new septic field with additions and improvements to the old sewer lines, and grading and levelling the parade and review grounds. The program has been completed with the exception of the parade ground, for which an additional allotment of funds has recently received the approval of the Works Progress Administration. Work on this project should be completed by May 1st, 1939.

The cost, to the State, of the entire program amounted to \$23,205.00, to which the Federal Government added an appropriation of \$413,148.00.

#### NATIONAL RIFLE MATCHES

In each of the past two years, the Colorado National Guard has sent Teams to the National Matches at Camp Perry, Ohio, and, while they were not able to successfully compete with better trained men, the State in general has benefitted from their experience and the instructions received. The personnel is enthusiastic and it is believed that in a short time those detailed for future matches will be able to bring the rating of Colorado to a higher standing.

#### PERSONNEL

The allotted strength of the Colorado National Guard on November 30, 1938, is 179 Officers, 2 Warrant Officers and 1898 Enlisted Men, a total of 2,079. The present strength on date of this report is 167 Officers, 2 Warrant Officers, and 1838 Enlisted men, a total of 2,007.

During the period covered by this report it is believed that the personnel of the Colorado National Guard have steadily improved in training and efficiency. Any and all schools, conferences and opportunities for military instructions have been eagerly grasped by both officers and enlisted men. Such enthusiasm must result in progress.

## FEDERAL INSTRUCTORS

The following named instructors and Sergeant-instructors on duty at the time of the Biennial Report rendered November 30, 1936, have been relieved and replaced by orders of the War Department:

Col. Ray C. Hill, Major Sidney C. Ferguson, Inf.,  
and Captain Raymond L. Brown, A. C.

Master Sgt., Morris Lachman and Staff Sgt. Joseph E. Herrick, A. C.

Those now regularly detailed for duty as Instructors at the present time are:

### OFFICERS

Lt. Col. H. Crampton Jones, Field Artillery  
Major Arthur F. Bower, Infantry  
Major Charles H. Ankhorn, Infantry  
Captain John K. Nissley, Air Corps

### Enlisted Men.

Staff Sgt. Ezra E. Graham, Infantry  
Sgt. Lawrence D. Cavanaugh, Infantry  
Staff Sgt. George P. Stokes, Field Artillery  
Staff Sgt. George F. King, Air Corps.

These officers are assigned to this duty by the War Department upon the recommendation of the Chief, National Guard Bureau. Their normal tour of duty is four years. They are not subject to the orders of the State military authorities, nor are they authorized to issue orders to the National Guard or the personnel thereof.

The primary duty of these instructors is to give, by advice and assistance, the fullest aid in the theoretical and practical instruction and training of the organizations to which they are assigned. One of the outstanding duties is to develop teaching ability and leadership in the National Guard officers and non-commissioned officers and to create the status of confidence and that degree of enthusiasm for progress which will develop material opportunity of their best efforts. The regulations further state that they will not engage in politics, factional disputes or movement within the National Guard.

## SELECTIVE SERVICE

With the question of National Defense always before the nation, and the Act which authorized the President to register and select for induction every male citizen between the ages of 18 and 45, except as provided in the Act, ever up for study and consideration, a Selective Service System was inaugurated and a uniform plan prepared in each of the 48 states. As the respective states have problems pertinent to their own boundaries and constituents, they must work out their own plans.

Accordingly, on September 1, 1936, there was approved a State Mobilization Plan, which, on account of instructions from higher authority, it has been necessary to revise and incorporate additional ideas and plans developed by those making a further study of selective service. In order to coordinate the Colorado plans with those of higher authority and make it workable and fitting in case of National Emergency, five State Staff Officers and thirteen enlisted men of the State Detachment have for the past six months or more been making an exhaustive study of the State of Colorado in reference to preparedness. The former State Plan is now in its final preparations and will shortly be completed and submitted to higher authority.

## EXTENSION COURSES

That the personnel of the Colorado National Guard is eager to learn more of things military and to better prepare to meet any emergency that may arise, it is found that in the past two years some 500 officers and men have been pursuing Extension Course Work as authorized by the War Department.

These courses embody such subjects as, (to mention only a few:

Administration,	Map and Aerial Photograph
Organization of Units,	reading,
Territories and Departments,	Map making,
Military Law,	Sanitation,
Discipline,	Duties of Department Heads,
Customs of the Service,	Defense Against Chemical
First Aid,	Warfare,
Guard Duty,	Classification of Personnel,
Postal Service,	Mobilization,
Combat Orders,	Theory of Flight,
Aerial Navigation,	Telephony,
Radio,	Telegraphy
Pyrotechniques,	Supply,
Messing,	Property and Funds,

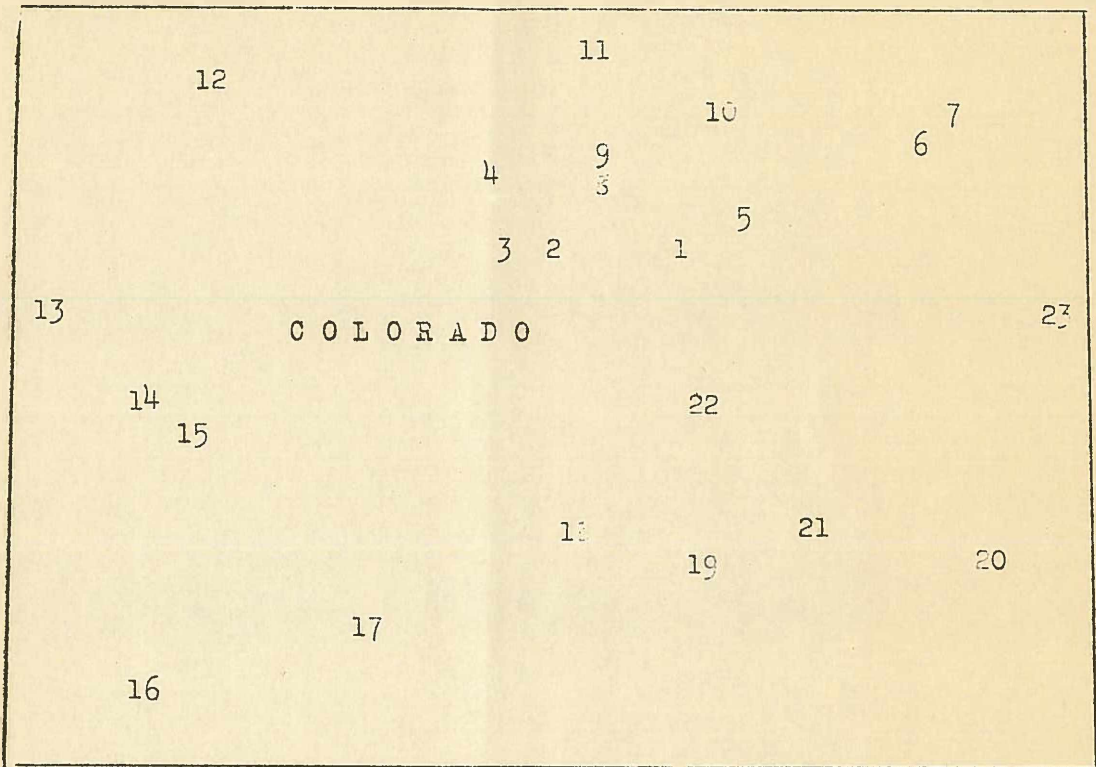
Staff Duties,	Balloons,
Bombing,	Camouflage,
Anti-aircraft Defense	Logistics,
Tactics for the Various	Procurement Planning,
Arms,	Industrial Mobilization,
Commercial Law,	Care of Animals,
Care of Motor Transport,	Machine Gunnery,
Gunnery (for heavy guns),	Security,
Principles of Combat,	Duties of Chaplains,
Military Sociology,	Weapons,
Musketry,	Fortifications,
Protective Shelter,	Training Management,
Ammunition,	Finance Accounting,
Tanks and Tank Weapons,	Scouting,
Care and Operation of	Tank Maintenance,
Ordnance.	Troop Leading,
Medical Administration,	Medical Service, General.
Veterinary Service	Medical Service with a
Aviation Medicine	Field Force,

and many more allied medical subjects.

These students have earned a yearly average of some 20,000 hours of credits, for pay and promotion.

## LOCATION OF UNITS

The following sketch representing the boundaries of the State of Colorado gives a birdseye view of the location of units of the Colorado National Guard:



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| <p>1. Denver:<br/>           State Staff &amp; State Det.<br/>           Hq. 157th Inf.<br/>           Service Co. 157th Inf<br/>           Co. "B" 157th Inf.<br/>           Medical Det. 157th Inf<br/>           45th Tank Co.<br/>           Hq. 168th F.A.<br/>           Hq. Btry, 168th F.A.<br/>           Band, 168th F.A.<br/>           Battery "B", 168th F.A.<br/>           Hq. 2nd Bn., 168th F.A.<br/>           Battery "E", 168th F.A.<br/>           45th Division Aviation<br/>           Hq. Det. 24th Cav. Div.<br/>           Hq. Det. 45th Div.<br/>           89th Brig. Hq.</p> | <p>4. Boulder: Co. "F", 157th Inf.<br/>           5. Brighton: Hq. Co. 3rd Bn<br/>                             157th Inf.<br/>           6. Fort Morgan: Co. "K" 157th Inf.<br/>           7. Brush: Co. "L" 157th Inf.<br/>           8. Longmont: Co. "G", 157th Inf.<br/>           9. Loveland:<br/>              Battery "C", 168th F.A.<br/>              Hq. 1st Bn., 168th F.A.</p> |
| <p>2. Camp George West:<br/>           Co. "C", 120th Q.M. Regt.</p>  | <p>10. Greeley:<br/>           Hq. Co.<br/>           Co. "I" 157th Inf.</p>  |
| <p>3. Golden:<br/>           Service Battery (Less Band)<br/>                     168th F.A.</p>  | <p>11. Fort Collins:<br/>           Co. "E" 157th Inf. and Band.<br/>           Battery "A" 168th F.A.<br/>           Med. Det., 168th F.A.<br/>           12. Craig: Co. "A", 157th Inf.<br/>           13. Fruita: Hq. Co. 1st Bn. 157th<br/>                             Inf.</p>  |
|   | <p>14. Delta: Co. "C", 157th Inf.<br/>           15. Montrose: Co. "D", 157th Inf.</p>  |

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| 16. Durango:<br>Hq. Btry. & C. Tn., 168th F.A.<br>1st Bn. | 20. Lamer, Co. "E" 157th Inf.                   |
| 17. Monte Vista, Btry. "D", 168th F.A.                    | 21. Manzanola:<br>Hq. Co. 2nd Bn., 157th Inf    |
| 18. Canon City: Howitzer Co. 157th Inf.                   | 22. Colorado Springs:<br>Hq. Btry. & C. Tn. 2nd |
| 19. Pueblo: Battery "F", 168th F.A.                       | Bn. 168th F.A.                                  |
| 23. Burlington: Co. "I", 157th Inf.                       |   |

REDESIGNATION AND LOCATION OF UNITS

Under authority received from the War Department, Office of the Chief, National Guard Bureau, dated December 16, 1936, the Headquarters and 1st Platoon of Company "G", 157th Infantry, was transferred from Rocky Ford to Manzanola, Colorado, without change of personnel. This change reduced expenses in no small way as there is no State-owned armory in Rocky Ford, and that at Manzanola is quite adequate to care for the organization. The change was made effective as of midnight February 25, 1937 - beginning March 1, 1937.

On December 1, 1937, authority was regularly received for the redesignation of units as follows: to become effective as of midnight, December 31, 1937, and beginning January 1, 1938:

Headquarters Co. 2nd Bn., 157th Infantry, at Longmont, Colorado, to be redesignated Co. "J" 157th Infantry, at same station.

Company "G", 157th Infantry, at Manzanola, Colorado, to be redesignated Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 157th Infantry, at same station.

The United States Property and Disbursing Officer was authorized to make necessary property and equipment adjustments on account of these changes which have proven to be advantageous to all concerned.

APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS IN THE NATIONAL GUARD

Under an Act of the State Legislature, approved June 2, 1937, the following extract of Chapter 199, Session Laws, 1937, (page 877) became the law of the State regarding appointments and promotions of officers in the Colorado National Guard and repealing all Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent therewith:

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(1) The Governor shall appoint an Adjutant General to serve at the pleasure of the Governor, and such appointee shall have had not less than five years commissioned service in the Colorado National Guard and shall have attained the grade of a Captain or a higher grade at least one year prior to his appointment as Adjutant General.

(2) The Governor shall appoint, designate or detail, subject to the approval of the Secretary of War, the United States Property and Disbursing Officer.

(3) With the exception of the Adjutant General appointed as provided in this Act, the Governor shall appoint as members of his State Staff in the Colorado National Guard commissioned officers of the Colorado National Guard. Any officer so appointed shall be appointed in Grade and shall retain his seniority upon the promotion list of the branch from which appointed. Such appointees at the time of appointment shall have been, for at least three years immediately prior to appointment, a regularly commissioned officer of the Colorado National Guard.

(4) Except as otherwise herein specified, all officers of the Colorado National Guard who shall be commissioned by the Governor shall then have the qualifications specified as follows:

(a) Brigadier-Generals shall be appointed by the Governor. A Brigadier-General at the time of his appointment must be an officer in service in the Colorado National Guard, of the grade of field officer, and for five successive years immediately preceding his appointment shall have been in continuous service in the Colorado National Guard as a field officer.

(b) Colonels, Lieutenant-Colonels and Majors shall be promoted or commissioned by seniority in grade within their respective branches from the next lower respective grade, regardless of whether the officer so promoted or commissioned is a staff officer, line officer or field officer.



(c) An officer assigned to any staff post in any of the branches of the Colorado National Guard shall be selected from the officer personnel of the branch with which the staff is primarily identified. He shall be assigned in grade and shall retain his seniority for promotion upon the promotion list of his former branch.

(d) Captains and First Lieutenants shall be commissioned and promoted from the next lower respective grade by seniority within their respective units.

(e) Second Lieutenants shall be commissioned from the enlisted men within their organizations.

(f) In addition to the foregoing requirements, all officers shall be appointed, commissioned and promoted subject to their respective qualifications as now or hereafter prescribed under the National Defense Act.

5. No branch of the Colorado National Guard shall be considered senior to another branch.

6. Should an officer resign his commission in one branch to accept a commission in another branch he shall forfeit his seniority in the former branch and his seniority shall then date from the date of his new appointment.

7. An officer who holds a commission in one branch of the Colorado National Guard shall not be eligible by virtue of that commission for promotion to or within another branch thereof unless his name is carried upon the seniority list of that branch in which the promotion is intended, as indicated in paragraph (4) (c) hereof.

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REMOVAL OF 45TH DIVISION AVIATION  
TO MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

Upon the completion of the new Hangar, constructed as a WPA Project, at the Denver Municipal Airport the first of the year 1938, arrangements were made for the movement of the 45th Division Aviation from Lowry Field to this new location. Accordingly, actual operations of the 45th Division Aviation ceased at Lowry Field on January 31, 1938, and continued at the Municipal Airport, beginning February 1, 1938

In contemplation of this change, patriotic and civic organizations in Colorado had previously requested that steps be taken to further perpetuate the name of Lieutenant Francis B. Lowry, Air Corps, who lost his life in the World War, by transferring the name "Lowry Field" from the National Guard Air Squadron location to that of the new Air Corps Technical School being located in Denver. The Adjutant General and Governor Teller Ammons each approved this and so informed the Chief, National Guard Bureau, Washington, D.C., by telegram dated December 6, 1937. The Air Corps Technical School location is now known by the name "Lowry Field," much to the gratification of all.

#### GRASSHOPPER DEPREDACTIONS

On account of the gross crop destruction by myriads of grasshoppers in eastern and southeastern Colorado, the Governor, on June 28, 1937 declared an emergency to exist and issued the following Executive Order:

#### "EXECUTIVE ORDER.

"WHEREAS, by reason of unprecedented plagues of grasshoppers occurring in the State of Colorado, which plagues are resulting in the injury and destruction of crops over a vast area, and which plagues threaten even more disastrous results if no preventive measures are invoked to stop them; and

"WHEREAS, in order to combat such plagues immediate action is necessary and the civil authorities are unable to cope with the situation;

"NOW, THEREFORE, I, Teller Ammons, Governor of the State of Colorado, by virtue of the power and authority in me vested, do hereby find, determine and order that an emergency exists, and in order to combat the existing plagues, the Adjutant General, Alphonse P. Ardourel, is hereby directed to order out such troops and equipment, as in his judgment, may be necessary, cooperating with Mr. Sam C. McCambell, Extension Entomologist. Officers and enlisted men of the Colorado National Guard ordered to active duty during this emergency shall receive pay and allowances in accordance with Chapter III, Colorado Annotated Statutes, 1935.

"GIVEN under my hand and Executive Seal, this twenty-eighth day of June, A. D., 1937.

TELLER AMMONS,  
Governor."

In compliance with the foregoing order, your Adjutant General assumed command of the State forces and ordered to active duty certain officers and enlisted men of the following organizations, totaling 20 officers and 384 enlisted men:

Company "C", 120th Q.M. Regiment  
State Staff and State Detachment, Q.M. Corps  
45th Tank Company  
Service Company, 157th Infantry.  
Company "H", 157th Infantry.  
Hq. Battery, 168th Field Artillery  
Headquarters, 163th Field Artillery  
Service Battery, 163th Field Artillery  
Batteries "A", "B", "C", "D", "E",  
and "F", 163th Field Artillery  
Hq. Btry. and Combat Train, 2nd Bn.,  
168th Field Artillery  
Hq. Company, 1st Bn., 157th Infantry  
Medical Detachment, 157th Infantry  
120th Observation Squadron, 45th  
Division Aviation.  
Company "E", 157th Infantry  
Company "B", 157th Infantry  
Company "K", 157th Infantry.  
Hdq. Company, 3rd Bn., 157th Infantry.

On July 19, 1937, an additional Executive Order of the Governor was published as follows:

"EXECUTIVE ORDER.

"WHEREAS, it has been necessary under Executive Order heretofore entered, to enlist the Colorado National Guard in the State of Colorado in the work of controlling the insect and grasshopper plague now existing in the State of Colorado: and

"WHEREAS, the Colorado National Guard has, by Executive Order heretofore made, been engaged in said work under the orders of the Governor of the State for more than twenty days last past;

"THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, that privates and privates first class of the National Guard engaged in said work shall receive the following pay:

"Privates: For the first twenty days shall receive the sum of \$2.00 per day plus pay for dependents, and for each day subsequent to the first twenty days in service, privates shall receive \$1.00 per day plus pay for dependents.

"Privates:1st Class: For the first twenty days shall receive the sum of \$2.10 per day plus pay for dependents, and for each day subsequent to the first twenty days in service, privates 1st Class shall receive \$1.10 per day plus pay for dependents.

GIVEN under my hand and Executive Seal, this 19th day of July, 1937.

TELLER AMMONS,  
Governor of Colorado."

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As a precaution against loss of property in the hands of officers and enlisted men detailed on this duty, the following paragraph of Special Orders No. 62, dated August 4, 1937, was issued:

"2. In order to protect the State of Colorado and the Federal Government from loss of property and equipment in use of troops on Grasshopper Control duty, final pay for this active duty to enlisted men will be withheld until they shall have reported to their respective organization commanders and turned in all clothing and equipment issued them for use in this service. Organization commanders will issue a clearance receipt to the man when all property has been turned in which they in turn shall present to receive their final payment for field duty."

On August 24, 1937, in compliance with the verbal orders of the Governor, Paragraph 2, S. O. 69, this office, was issued directing such personnel and troops as had previously been ordered to active duty to proceed to their respective home stations on August 26, 1937, place equipment used in the field in proper shape and, on August 30th, 1937, stand relieved from active duty. The following Executive Order of the Governor, dated August 30, 1937, was issued:

"EXECUTIVE ORDER.

"WHEREAS, it having been shown that the plague of grasshoppers which was devastating crops over great areas in the State of Colorado has abated to a degree that Colorado National Guard troops, ordered to active duty by Executive Order of this office, dated June 28, 1937, are no longer required; it is hereby

"ORDERED, That The Adjutant General, A. P. Ardourel, be and he is hereby directed to recall any and all troops in the field and at stations in the State of Colorado, effective this date.

"GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal, this Thirtieth day of August, A. D. 1937.

TELLER AMMONS,  
Governor."

Complying with the above order, all officers and enlisted men remaining on active duty in connection with the Grasshopper Emergency Control, as well as necessary civilian help, were relieved as of August 30, 1937, except the State Quartermaster, Major Hugh W. Purcell, who was retained to close up and audit Grasshopper Control Accounts, and was to stand relieved from this duty on September 30, 1937, per Paragraph 5, S.O. 73, this office, September 2, 1937.

#### THE ANNUAL TURNOVER.

To those who have access to the records and make a study of the annual turnover of the personnel of the National Guard of Colorado, it at once appears that the changes are excessive, and, so they are. However, when the reasons for such separations from the service are known, it becomes apparent that the support of the families of officers and men come first, and, often they must find employment at other places than at or near their immediate residence. It is found, likewise, that the loyalty of many men to their unit and unit officers causes them to drive long distances to attend drills and instruction rather than to ask for their separation. Many, however, do not care to make such sacrifices just to be members of the Guard and have no hesitancy in asking for separation by discharge or resignation.

To overcome this constant change of status in organization officers and enlisted men, the Adjutant General is heartily in accord with the idea expressed some time ago by your Excellency, i. e., a legislative Act granting a pension to such persons as have served in or with the Colorado National Guard for the period of twenty years or over. With such an incentive before them, it is believed that the personnel of the National Guard would be greatly improved. The Long Service Medal has a tendency to hold them in the service for ten years or more, but very few see fit to stay another ten. It is recommended that this subject be given serious consideration, and, if deemed worthy, that action be taken to enact it into a law.

#### REMARKS

In conclusion, Governor Armons, permit me to express the belief that I speak the sentiments of every officer and enlisted man in the State when I say that we have all appreciated the genuine sympathy, helpfulness and cooperation received from your office during your Governorship in bringing the Colorado National Guard to its present highstanding and efficiency. We all thank you.

A. P. ARDRELL  
Brigadier General  
The Adjutant General.

STATE MILITARY FUND

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT

Chapter 251, Colorado Session Laws, 1937, authorizes .00672 mill for a special ten year building program.

RECEIPTS:

12/8/ <del>38</del> <sup>37</sup>	Colorado State Board of Land Commissioners	\$, 8,500.00
3/14/38	" " " " " "	4,250.00
		<u>\$ 12,750.00</u>

\* DISBURSEMENTS:

Salaries	\$ 9,159.50	
Building Supplies	1,199.34	
Electricial Supplies	173.03	
General Plant Operating Supplies	86.78	
Hand Tools and Minor Equipment	72.85	
Horticultural and Farm Supplies	45.73	
Household Supplies	94.23	
Floor Wax, Etc.	3.66	
Plaster of Paris	.60	
Gasoline and Oil	1,004.94	
Paste	3.67	
Plumbing and Steamfitting Supplies	201.11	
Repairs to Equipment	47.00	
Equipment	52.50	
Plumbing Fixtures	3.92	
General Equipment	601.05	
	<u>\$ 12,749.96</u>	12,750.00
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\* The above disbursements were made to complete four cottages and for levelling Parade Ground at Camp George West as approved by the State Planning Commission and State Executive Council, October 1, 1937.

GRASSHOPPER EMERGENCY CONTROL

Certificates of Indebtedness issued under Executive Order for Grasshopper Control in the amount of \$99,989.91, in July and August, 1937, were expended as follows:

Officers' Pay	\$10,857.49
Enlisted Men's Pay	22,324.00
Dependent's Claims	14,125.76
Laborers' (Civilian) Pay	4,612.00
Hospitalization	1,360.28
Laundry	573.68
Water, Light and Power	156.43
Postage	436.78
Printing	34.00
Repairs to Buildings	725.04
Telephone	303.11
Transportation	62.34
Mileage	1,545.07
Meals and Lodging	947.87
Building Supplies	12.10
Clothing	3.72
Subsistence	8,211.92
Rope	13.68
Minor Equipment, Shovels & Small tools	637.32
Coal	24.50
Utensils, etc.	40.66
Poison for grasshoppers	511.00
Medical and Hospital Supplies	256.77
Motor Vehicle Supplies & Materials	29,578.40
Office Supplies	438.25
Solder	3.44
Rents, Land and Equipment	1,452.05
Ice Box	5.00
Motor Vehicles	676.75
TOTAL	\$99,989.91

I certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief the foregoing is a correct statement of the transactions of the Finance Department, Military Department of the State of Colorado, for the Biennial period 1937-1938, as shown by the books and records of the Department.

HUGH W. PURCELL, MAJOR QMC  
State Quartermaster

MILITARY DEPARTMENT, STATE OF COLORADO  
CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
 1937 - 1938

Receipts and Disbursements:-

During the Biennial period of 1937-1938, the total disbursements of the Military Department aggregated \$163,227.22---1937 \$83,331.55 and 1938 \$80,895.67, all of which was paid from the State Military Department Fund.

The total receipts during the same period, miscellaneous and mill levy, were \$161,750.24, and cash on hand at the beginning of the period was \$3,055.73, which was received as follows:

	1937	1938	Total
Cash on hand at beginning of period	3,055.73	(2,374.32)	3,055.73
Mill Levy	78,946.83	75,537.06	154,483.89
Miscl. cash receipts & roll tax	3,703.31	3,563.04	7,266.35
	85,705.87	81,474.42	164,805.97

Disbursements were made from the above fund as follows:

Official and Employees Salaries	30,880.96	28,552.80	59,433.76
Extra Help Salaries	18,017.84	19,733.98	37,751.82
Caretaker Salaries		900.00	900.00
State Retirement Fund	515.72	349.01	864.73
Meals and Lodging	852.94	1,390.37	2,243.31
Telephone and Telegraph	1,194.47	1,485.82	2,680.29
Fuel and Heating	5,845.56	6,085.93	11,934.49
Light, Power and Water	5,235.61	5,408.42	10,644.03
Stationery and Printing	423.94	894.43	1,318.37
Office Supplies	290.51	411.57	702.08
Postage	135.00	95.21	230.21
Freight and Express	14.19	32.87	47.06
Insurance Accrued	1,765.72	1,822.46	3,588.18
Repairs to Equipment	82.78	169.29	252.07
Janitor Supplies	476.77	659.99	1,136.76
Rents	3,356.44	2,799.17	6,155.61
Refunds and Damages	300.00	275.00	575.00
Repairs and Remodeling Buildings	1,960.70	1,416.75	3,377.45
Medical	225.50	299.30	524.80
Supplies	1,427.14	1,438.98	2,866.12
Motor Vehicle Repairs & Supplies	1,740.16	2,142.13	3,882.29
Unclassified	1,619.80	698.09	2,317.89
Improvements to Grounds	.90	7.50	8.40
Payments on Building	6,000.00	3,000.00	9,000.00
Travel and Mileage	838.90	675.24	1,564.14
Bond Premium	77.00	151.36	228.36
	83,331.55	80,895.67	164,227.22



At the close of business, November 30, 1938, a Cash Balance remained to the credit of the Military Department of \$578.75, on deposit with the Treasurer of the State of Colorado, and \$100.00 is deposited as a Quartermaster's Revolving Fund, and held in cash.

The accounts payable, as shown on the books of the Military Department as of November 30, 1938, are \$41,523.44 of which amount \$34,257.87 was incurred prior to the Fiscal year 1937. An amount of \$7,265.57 is the remainder of the accounts payable, incurred during the Biennium 1937-1938.

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NATIONAL GUARD HEADQUARTERS  
300 Logan Street.

November 30, 1938

I certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief the foregoing is a correct statement of the transactions of the Finance Department, Military Department of the State of Colorado, for the Biennial period 1937-1938, as shown by the books and records of that Department.

HUGH W. PURCELL, MAJOR QMC  
State Quartermaster

TOTAL RECEIPTS OF FEDERAL MONIES  
for the  
COLORADO NATIONAL GUARD  
1937 - 1938

The following are items of Expenditures within the State:

Pay of U.S.P. & D.O.	2,400.00	2,400.00	4,800.00
Caretakers & Mechanics Payroll	36,060.00	40,364.00	76,424.00
Rental of Target Ranges	75.00	125.00	200.00
Caretakers of Target Ranges		200.00	200.00
Hospitalization	188.38	207.58	395.96
Repairs and Cleaning of Uniforms	1,383.45	1,285.20	2,668.65
Repairs to Organization Equipment	1,116.40	800.00	1,916.40
Gas & Oil for Airplanes - Cross Country	3,344.87	1,800.00	5,144.87
Gas & Oil for Motor Equipment	965.14	757.96	1,723.10
General Repairs to Motor Equipment	1,616.00	2,040.00	3,656.00
Repairs to Airplane Equipment	1,200.00	1,200.00	2,400.00
Interstate Transportation, Freight	336.00	336.00	672.00
Interstate Transportation, Passenger Camp	3,420.00	3,390.00	6,810.00
Annual Encampment Payrolls	56,210.13	57,710.06	113,920.19
Annual Encampment Supplies	16,740.15	17,795.33	34,535.48
USP&DO Special Travel Expenses		89.17	89.17
Officers - Special Schooling	290.87	999.28	1,290.15
Drill Pay - All Units National Guard	99,843.78	107,039.54	206,883.32
Drill Pay - 120th Obs. Squadron	15,283.80	18,134.26	33,417.86
Repairs to Mess Hall, Camp George West	673.87	610.00	1,283.87
Band Music, 157th Inf. & 168th F.A.		50.00	50.00
	241,147.64	257,333.33	498,481.02

A. P. Ardourel, Major, Q. M. C., U. S. P. & D. O. for Colo