

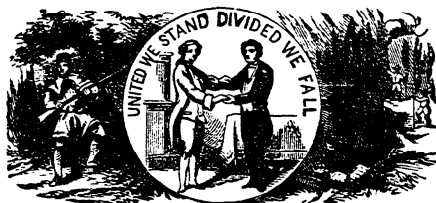
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ADJUTANT GENERAL'S REPORT.

HEADQUARTERS KENTUCKY VOLUNTEERS,
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
FRANKFORT, December 1st, 1866. }

To His Excellency, THOMAS E. BRAMLETTE, Governor of Kentucky:

I have the honor to submit the following Report from this office, in conformity with a resolution of the General Assembly, approved the 12th day of February, 1864, which resolution reads as follows: "That the Adjutant General of this State be, and he is hereby, required to procure complete descriptive rolls, as far as practical, of every enlisted man who has entered the service of the State or United States from Kentucky during the present rebellion, and include the same in his next annual report; also, that he embrace in said report a succinct historic record of each Kentucky regiment in the field, or that may have been in the service or may hereafter enlist, and such other general information as may be of interest to the people of the State."

In order that anything like justice might be done to the requirements of the Legislature thus expressed, it has been necessary to make this report emphatically a report of the war, so far as our State was concerned in the same; to take up each officer and enlisted man individually, and trace his career from his entry into the service to his exit therefrom, and to reconcile the discrepancies which would almost unavoidably occur in the various rolls. The resolution itself conveys but a limited idea of the work necessary to be performed in procuring the requisite rolls and papers, aside from the preparation of the report in manuscript. In order, therefore, to account for the delay in presenting this report, it may not be improper to make some mention of the difficulties with which I have had to contend, and of the amount of labor expended in obtaining the necessary data for the compilation of same.

When the late war of the rebellion burst upon us, our State was in a sad condition to meet it. The administration of the State, both in its civil and military departments, was regarded as hostile to the General Government, and, from the political views of its principal officers, in sympathy with the insurrection. The Chief Executive, Governor Magoffin, having refused to furnish the quota assigned our State under the first call made by the President for seventy-five thousand volunteers for three months' service, and the absurd idea of a State owing allegiance and service to a General Government assuming the attitude of armed neutrality toward that Government having lived just long enough to become ridiculous even in the eyes of those to whom it owed its origin, the Legislature, to meet the next call for volunteers, which was made early in the summer of 1861, created a Board of Commissioners, termed the Military Board of Kentucky, to whom were intrusted the arms of the State and all the duties pertaining to the raising, organizing, arming, and equipping troops for the national service. This Board, on entering upon its duties, found the material with which it was to act in the uttermost confusion; but, calling to their aid those two distinguished gentlemen and efficient officers, Genl. John W. Finnell, Adjutant General, and W. A. Dudley, Quarter-Master General of the State, they went rapidly to work, raised the requisite funds, purchased stores, and, in an exceedingly short time, placed in the field, armed and equipped, thirty-odd thousand men, a number largely in excess

of our quota. Under this system, several regiments having been previously raised at Camps Dick Robinson and Joe Holt, Adjutant General Finnell had but little opportunity to obtain the requisite rolls and reports necessary for perfecting his records. The vast amount of business transacted through this office, growing out of the large number of troops called for, organized, and placed in the field, the hurried manner in which it was done, and the want of a matured military system, rendered it impossible to procure properly certified rolls and reports. The General Government not then having a thoroughly organized mustering department, almost every regiment of the first twenty-eight raised by the State were placed in the field during most active military operations before being mustered into the United States service; and, in several instances, where musters were made, the same were set aside by the War Department, because made by unauthorized persons. To supply the deficiencies thus existing, and with a view of complying with the resolution above referred to, Gen. Boyle, who succeeded General Finnell, applied to the War Department for certified copies. This request was at first refused, but the refusal afterwards modified so far as to grant authority to have the copies made and certified by commandants of regiments in the field. In accordance with this privilege, efforts were made by General Boyle, and renewed by myself, to obtain deficient records from the different regiments, but without success. Such was and had been the activity in the various campaigns of our armies, and Kentucky organizations being constantly where the true soldier is placed, in the front, either through abandonment of baggage consequent upon forced marches, or other vicissitudes of the service, the original papers from which certified copies were to be made were lost, and the officers called upon were unable to furnish the same. The office of the Adjutant General at Washington being overrun with business, I had to look to the assistance of the United States Mustering Officers in the field, and at points of rendezvous of Kentucky troops for discharge, in obtaining records of such troops as were mustered in and discharged in their respective departments; and owing to the kind and uniform courtesy and assistance of Brevet Colonel W. H. Sidell, acting Assistant Provost Marshal General, and Chief Mustering and Disbursing Officer for Kentucky, Brevet Lieutenant Colonel Alfred L. Hough, Chief Commissary of Musters of the Department of the Tennessee, and Brevet Major Charles H. Fletcher, United States Mustering and Disbursing Officer, stationed at Louisville, Kentucky, to each of whom I desire in this connection to express my warmest thanks, I have been enabled, notwithstanding the troubles experienced, to make the records of my office and the statistics of this report more complete than at first I had reason to hope for. I have exhausted every means known to me of supplying the few deficiencies now existing.

Another source of great inconvenience and cause of delay was removed by the Legislature at its last session, by providing for the publication of this report; since which time the work has been pressed with all the vigor

my limited force has been capable of. The report consists of two volumes, and, for convenience of reference, has been made up in four schedules. Schedule A contains the individual history of each officer and enlisted man from the State mustered into the United States service, by companies and regiments, as compiled from the rolls and other authentic records in this office, with a short historic statement of marches, battles, skirmishes, &c., together with a table of casualties at the end of each regiment, in the following order as to the arm of service, viz: Cavalry, Artillery, Engineers, and Infantry, the non-veteran organizations of each arm followed by the veterans.

Schedule B is similar to A, but only embraces State troops, not militia proper.

Schedule C gives the same information in regard to the militia proper ordered on duty.

Schedule D contains an alphabetical list of officers, original rank and promotions, number of regiment and residence.

Schedule E is a complete list of General and Staff Officers from Kentucky, appointed and commissioned by the President of the United States.

The first volume contains so much of schedule A as embraces the Cavalry, Artillery, Engineers, and the first seventeen Regiments of Infantry. In this the statistics of the 2d and 3d Regiments of Cavalry, and the 8th, 12th, and 16th Regiments of Infantry, are defective, the extent of, and the cause for which, is set forth in a proper remark in each case. In the 4th Regiment of Infantry the non-veterans were not regularly mustered out of the service, but their names were borne upon and accounted for on muster-out rolls of the veterans.

I may here remark, that, in some few instances, a just standing upon the records is not exhibited herein, owing to the fact that the status of the officer or soldier has been changed by orders from the War Department correcting errors on the rolls since the report had gone to print. As an instance of this, I would cite the case of Sergeant Humphrey Hyde, of Company A, 4th Kentucky Infantry. On the muster-out roll of Company A, 4th Kentucky Infantry, he is reported as a deserter, which is manifestly an error, and by order of the War Department, dated November 7th, 1866, the charge is removed and the records corrected, showing him to have been discharged April 15th, 1862. These corrections and alterations will appear in an appendix to the second volume of this report.

The historic records are not as perfect as I could have wished them in some instances; and if injustice has been done any organization in this respect, it is owing entirely to the officers of that command, who have

been repeatedly called upon for such information as would enable me to perfect their regimental history.

It has been fashionable with some to reflect upon the loyalty of our State; but every true man must feel and cordially confess that Kentucky has, during the late war, under circumstances far more trying than those surrounding any other State in the Union, discharged her whole duty. She has at all times, and under all circumstances, promptly responded to the quotas assigned her, and not with the mercenary purchased by excessive State or local bounty, but with citizens prompted by patriotism to the defense of their Government. In proof of this, the gallant record of our State, I would refer those doubting to the casualty statistics of this report, the record of battles in which Kentucky troops have borne an honorable part, and, lastly, to the seventy-nine stand of colors, those silent yet eloquent *souvenirs* of toil and danger, now displayed in the Capitol of the State, to remain as evidence of the bravery of her sons, and as an incentive to continued patriotism and sacrifice whenever duty calls. Many of these flags have been pierced by shot and shell, and their folds stained with the blood of their bearers, but all bearing evidence of the duty which Kentucky troops were expected to and did perform. Certainly, no one will rejoice more than your Excellency in the fact that there is not a blemish upon the escutcheon of a single organization from Kentucky.

Notwithstanding every possible care has been taken to insure correctness in names, dates, and facts, by careful revision of the manuscript before submitting it to the printer, and by re-reading after him the proof-sheets in the office, errors and omissions have doubtless been made; but it is confidently believed that the number and character of defects and inaccuracies that may have occurred will be readily overlooked, when the extent and magnitude of the work is considered.

In submitting this to your Excellency, I would be doing injustice to my own feelings if I failed to express the obligations I am under to the clerks in my office for their faithful and efficient aid, and especially to Captain Jno. B. Tilford, jr., Assistant Adjutant General, Charles J. Clarke, and Charles Hayden, having charge of departments. It were impossible to find employees more faithful, or whose services could have been more valuable to the State.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

D. W. LINDSEY,

Adjutant General of Kentucky.