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ADJUTANT GENERAL'S REPORT.

HEADQUARTERS KENTUCKY VOLUNTEERS,
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
FRANKFORT, September 1st, 1867. }

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

SIR: I have the honor to submit the second volume of the Report called for by a resolution of the General Assembly, approved the 12th February, 1864, which closes the work. It will be perceived that this volume takes up Schedule A at the 18th Regiment of Infantry, and follows the original plan of the work, as laid down in the preface to the first volume, through Schedules B, C, &c., with the exception that all corrections or alterations, where errors have been discovered and additional information obtained after the record of any particular organization, or even that of any particular soldier, had been printed, have been placed under the head of "Addenda." The Appendix has been devoted entirely to the record of the colored troops from the State, which, from necessity, had to be made up in form differing from the white troops. I will here state that this record of the colored soldiers is incomplete in numbers, and is not so full as the others, owing to the fact that their recruitment was made wholly independent of this Department, and officered by men unknown at this office, and, in many instances, from other States. Yet every effort has been made to obtain proper muster and organization rolls, and other authentic information. Not a single line has been received from the officers giving an account of the operations of these organizations, and I have therefore

been unable to append to them historic records, as in case of the white troops, which, in some instances I know, would have been creditable.

While I am more than gratified to have been able to place the record of our soldiery, during the late war, in this permanent and lasting form, and convenient of access to all, I am more proud of the honor reflected upon the loyalty, patriotism, and glory of our State by their record. For, when we reflect that the officer, as well as the soldier, is almost powerless to choose his place or opportunity—that the merit of having done one's whole duty to brother soldiers and comrades, and to the nation—of having held one's command in such a state, that, if at any given moment it was not performing some brilliant achievement, it might have been—is that substantial triumph which every faithful soldier should desire—that the obscurer duty may be the more substantial honor—there are few exceptions to the fact that our noble State furnished true soldiers and reliable officers, not surpassed by any.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

D. W. LINDSEY,

Adjutant General of Kentucky.