

REPORT OF NATHANIEL B. BAKER,

ADJUTANT

AND

INSPECTOR-GENERAL

AND

A. Q. M. G. OF THE STATE OF IOWA,

TO

HON. SAMUEL MERRILL, GOVERNOR OF IOWA.

JANUARY 1, 1870, TO JANUARY 1, 1871.

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REPORT.

STATE OF IOWA, }
ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE, }
January 2, 1871. }

HON. SAMUEL MERRILL, *Governor of Iowa, and Commander in
Chief of the Militia thereof.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit my report as Adjutant-General,
and Inspector-General, and Acting Quartermaster-General of the
State.

RANK.	NAMES.	RESIDENCE.	OFFICE.	WHEN COMMISSIONED.	REMARKS.
Governor.	Samuel Merrill.....	McGregor, Clayton county.....	Commander-in-Chief.....	Inaugurated, Jan. 16, 1868; inaugurated 2d term Jan. 13, 1870; formerly Col. 21st Iowa Infantry.
Brig.-Gen.	Nathaniel B. Baker..	Des Moines, Polk county.....	Adj't and Inspector Gen., Com. Gen., A. Q. M. G. and Act'g as P. M. Gen.	July 25, '61	Originally appointed from Clinton, Clinton county, by Gov. Samuel J. Kirkwood; re-appointed, by Gov. Wm. M. Stone, January, 1864; re-appointed, by Governor Samuel Merrill, January, 1868...
Lt-Colonel	Joseph C. Stone.....	Burlington, Des Moines county.	Special Aid-de-Camp.	June 3, '68	Formerly Adjutant 1st Iowa Cav. ...
"	William B. Leach....	Cedar Rapids, Linn county.	"	"	Formerly 1st Lieut. and Adjutant 1st Minnesota Vols.; afterwards A. A. G., with rank of Captain ...
"	Alexander Voorhees.	Grand Junction, Greene county	"	"	Formerly Captain Co. K, 21st Iowa Infantry ...
"	Samuel D. Pryce....	Iowa City, Johnson county	"	"	Formerly Captain Co. A, 22d Iowa Infantry ...
Captain ..	William H. Fleming.	Des Moines, Polk county.....	Military Secretary...	April 7, '69

ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S REPORT.

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DISIRIBUTION OF ARMS, ACCOUTREMENTS, &c., 1870.

No. 9.]

COUNTIES.	IN WHOSE POSSESSION.	COUNTIES.																							
		Springfield E. L. Rifles.	Cannon.	American rifled muskets.	Garbald rifled muskets.	French rifled muskets.	Enfield rifled muskets.	United States muskets.	Prussian muskets.	Rifles, sundry patterns.	Cartridges.	Cones.	Screw-drivers.	W'ipers.	Vises.	Ball screws.	Tumber punches.	Tompson's.	Cartridge boxes and plates.	Cartridge box belts & plates.	Waist belts and plates.	Cap pouches & pickets.	Bayonet scabbards.	Gun slings.	
Clayton.....	Captain Wm. Rowland.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Clinton.....	City of Clinton.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Des Moines.....	City of Burlington.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Dubuque.....	Captain R. S. Alexander.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Fremont.....	Henry W. Wilson.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Jefferson.....	W. D. Clapp.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Jefferson.....	W. D. Beck.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Jefferson.....	R. F. Ratcliffe.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Keokuk.....	A. C. Price.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Linn.....	W. G. Thompson.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Lee.....	H. A. Hamlin.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Lee.....	S. G. Bridges.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Lee.....	Martin Heisy.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Lee.....	City of Keokuk.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Monroe.....	Captain John Hall.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Polk.....	F. Olmsted.....	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40
Pottawattamie.....	S. R. Graybill.....	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40
Pottawattamie.....	A. J. Bell.....	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40
Pottawattamie.....	C. E. Whiting.....	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40
Pottawattamie.....	W. G. Crawford.....	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40
Pottawattamie.....	Thomas Tostevin.....	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40
Story.....	State Agricultural College	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40
Union.....	Captain T. M. Robinson.....	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40
Total.....		80	5	90	145	60	230	664	64	131	36950	310	830	826	121	140	2	200	790	799	676	747	797	45	

ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S REPORT.

DES MOINES, IOWA, JANUARY 1, 1871.

N. B. BAKER,
A. G. and A. Q. M. G. of Iowa.

ARMS ISSUED IN 1870.

TO WHOM ISSUED.		Springfield B. L. rifles and fixtures.	Enfield rifles.	Cartridge boxes and plates.	Cartridge-box belt and plates.	Waist belts and plates.	Cap pouches and picks.	Bayonet scabbards.	Gun slings.	Cartridges.
Gardner, F. Olmsted, Zouaves, Des Moines State Agricultural College Company.....	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	1,000
Total	80	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	1,000

Des MOINES, Jan. 1st, 1871.

A. G. and A. Q. M. G. of Iowa.
N. B. BAKER.

ORDNANCE AND ORDNANCE STORES RECEIVED AND ACCOUNTED FOR DURING THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1870.

FROM WHOM RECEIVED.	Springfield B. L. rifles and fixtures	Cannon.	Austrian rifled muskets.	Garribaldi rifled muskets	French rifled muskets	United States muskets	Prussian muskets.	Rifled mundry pat's.	Cartridges.	Cones.	Screw drivers.	Wipers.	Noses.	Ball screws.	Tomblee punches.	Tompons.	Cartridge boxes and plates.	Cartridge box belts and plates	Waist belts and plates.	Cap pouches and plates.	Bayonet scabbards.	Gun slings.
Capt. A. O. Dickinson.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
" S. P. Glenn.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
" Henry Markell.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
" W. S. M. Abbott.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
" Henry Mingeo.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
" Henry M. Boal.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
" F. A. Blake.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
" E. A. Teeling.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
" Geo. W. Harlan.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Gov. Wm. M. Stone.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Capt. F. Olmsted.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
" W. B. Tomlin.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
United States.....	200	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10000	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Iowa City.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Total.....	200	4	30	80	150	47	80	20250	194	196	175	90	92	110	421	468	400	883	882	894	882	894

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DES MOINES, IOWA, January 1, 1871.

HOW DISPOSED OF.

	Anstrian muskets.	Rifled muskets.	Garibald Rifled muskets.	French rifled muskets.	Enfield rifled muskets.	United States muskets.	Prussian musk's.	Rifles—sundry patterns.	Cartridges.	Cones.	Screw drivers.	Wipers.	Vises.	Ball screws.	Tumbler punches.	Tomplons.	Cartridge boxes and plates.	Cartridge boxes and plates.	Waist belts and plates.	Waist belts and plates.	Cap pouches and picks.	Bayonet scabbards.	Gun slings.
Sold.....	65	86	24	41	6	40	40	37250	50	90	52	90	211	50	52	50	158	161	242	158	156	156	149
Lost, destroyed, and expended.....	30	15	21	24	24	40	40	37250	408	906	741	237	211	48	60	60	263	242	251	227	226	245	
Total.....	30	80	110	47	47	80	80	37250	518	996	793	327	261	100	110	110	421	403	409	383	382	394	

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ORDNANCE STORES RECEIVED, ISSUED, SOLD, etc., AND REMAINING ON HAND JANUARY 1, 1871.

	Springfield B. L. rifles and fixtr's.	Anstrian, Fre'ch, Prussian, and U. S. muskets.	Enfield rifled muskets.	Cannon.	Cartridges.	Cones.	Screw drivers.	Wipers.	Vises.	Ball screws.	Tumbler punch's.	Tomplons.	Cartridge boxes and plates.	Cartridge boxes and plates.	Waist belts and plates.	Waist belts and plates.	Cap pouches and picks.	Bayonet scab-bards.	Gun slings.
On hand per last return.....	200	287	280	1	20000	374	998	768	237	172	52	2300	2300	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500
Received per abstract.....	200	287	150	4	26250	194	196	175	90	99	52	110	421	403	409	409	383	382	394
Total.....	200	287	2650	5	46250	568	1194	943	327	271	104	2610	2921	2903	2909	2909	3283	3282	2894
Issued per abstract.....	80	40	110	1	2000	518	996	793	327	261	100	110	40	40	40	40	40	40	40
Sold, lost, destroyed, and expended, per abstract.....	237	110	150	4	37250	194	196	175	90	99	52	110	421	403	409	409	383	382	394
Total.....	80	237	150	5	39250	518	996	793	327	261	100	150	461	443	449	449	428	422	434
On hand January 1st, 1871.....	120	250	5	7000	50	198	150	10	4	2460	2460	2460	2460	2460	2460	2460	2460	2460	2460

N. B. BAKER.

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DES MOINES, IOWA, January 1, 1871.

STATE OF IOWA.

MILITIA RETURNS, 1870.

COUNTIES.	NO.	COUNTIES.	NO.
Adair *.....	444	Jasper *.....	3375
Adams *.....	582	Jefferson *.....	2492
Allamakee *.....	1696	Jones *.....	2333
Appanoose.....	2223	Johnson.....	3033
Audubon *.....	108	Keokuk *.....	2528
Benton *.....	2367	Kossuth *.....	298
Black Hawk.....	2525	Lee.....	2472
Bremer.....	1405	Linn *.....	3901
Boone *.....	1907	Louisia.....	1750
Buchanan.....	2440	Lucas *.....	1387
Buena Vista *.....	49	Madison *.....	2292
Butler *.....	1151	Mahaska *.....	3060
Calhoun *.....	163	Marion *.....	3564
Carroll *.....	218	Marshall *.....	2405
Cass *.....	675	Mills.....	1242
Cedar.....	2607	Mitchell *.....	1966
Cerro Gordo *.....	350	Monona *.....	326
Cherokee *.....	101	Monroe *.....	1570
Chickasaw *.....	1097	Montgomery.....	767
Clarke *.....	1352	Muscatine.....	3067
Clay *.....	86	O'Brien *.....	13
Clayton *.....	2226	O'Brien *.....	13
Clinton *.....	3924	Paget.....	1425
Crawford *.....	304	Palo Alto *.....	85
Dallas *.....	1741	Plymouth *.....	135
Davis.....	2110	Pocahontas *.....	91
Decatur.....	1697	Polk *.....	2500
Delaware.....	1914	Pottawattamie *.....	642
Des Moines.....	3064	Poweshiek *.....	1914
Dickinson *.....	81	Ringgold.....	740
Dubuque *.....	4288	Sac.....	143
Emmet *.....	146	Scott *.....	3535
Fayette *.....	2214	Shelby *.....	291
Floyd *.....	1401	Sioux *.....	6
Franklin *.....	509	Story *.....	1459
Fremont *.....	1088	Tama *.....	2177
Greene *.....	638	Taylor *.....	852
Grundy *.....	687	Union *.....	734
Guthrie *.....	892	Van Buren.....	2514
Hamilton *.....	677	Wapello.....	3108
Hancock *.....	103	Warren.....	2407
Hardin *.....	1749	Washington.....	2790
Harrison *.....	1307	Wayne *.....	1461
Henry *.....	3176	Webster *.....	1013
Howard *.....	786	Winneshago *.....	92
Humboldt *.....	340	Winneshiek *.....	2092
Ida *.....	35	Woodbury *.....	320
Iowa *.....	2248	Worth *.....	211
Jackson.....	2379	Wright *.....	247
Total.....			142,105

* Returns for 1869.

N. B. BAKER,
A. G. and A. Q. M. G. of Iowa.

DES MOINES, IOWA,
December 31, 1870.

GRAY UNIFORM OF SECOND AND THIRD IOWA INFANTRY.

The appropriations for the payment of these claims was made by the Eleventh General Assembly (1866, chap. 123), and an amendment thereto by the Twelfth General Assembly (1868, chap. 8), amounting to..... \$ 13500 00
The Thirteenth General Assembly (1870, chap. 93) made a further appropriation of..... 5000 00
Total appropriations..... \$ 18500 00

I have issued to members of 2d Iowa Infantry, and their heirs, to Dec. 31, 1869, as per my report of 1870, 282 certificates amounting to... \$ 3937 13
Issued during the year 1870, 34 certificates amounting to..... 484 50
Total issued to 2d Infantry, 316 certificates..... \$ 4421 63

I have issued to members of 3d Iowa Infantry, and their heirs, to Dec. 31, 1869, as per my report of 1870, 570 certificates amounting to... \$ 8126 88
Issued during the year 1870, 35 certificates amounting to..... 498 75
Total issued to 3d Infantry, 605 certificates..... \$ 8625 63

Issued to 2d Infantry, 316 certificates..... \$ 4421 63
Issued to 3d Infantry, 605 certificates..... 8625 63
\$ 13047 26
Balance unexpended..... 5452 74
Whole appropriation..... \$ 18500 00

FIRST IOWA CAVALRY CLAIMS.

Under the provisions of chapter 120, laws of Twelfth General Assembly, I have issued to Dec. 31, 1869, as per my report of 1870, 509 certificates amounting to..... \$ 27867 42
Issued during the year 1870, 39 certificates amounting to... 1989 57
698 certificates amounting to..... \$ 29856 99

The reports of the Adjutant-General of this State, published from 1861 to 1870, are entirely exhausted by the distribution of the past year.

In the appendix will be found the report of Brig.-Gen. McKean, of Oct. 30, 1862, relating to the battle of Corinth. It was not furnished to me until June, 1870. I have also inserted in the appendix the circular issued from this office, Aug. 25, 1870, with the circular of the Department of the Interior, relating to soldiers' homesteads.

The expenditures for the Quartermaster's Department, (except clerk hire,) including fuel and postage for the office of the Adjutant-General, and care of and work in Arsenal, during the past year, amounted to the sum of \$1092 34, for which vouchers have been furnished the Auditor of State as provided by law

With great respect,

I have the honor to be truly yours,

N. B. BAKER,

Adjutant and Act'g Q. M. General of Iowa.

APPENDIX.

BATTLE AT CORINTH.

REPORT OF BRIGADIER-GENERAL THOS. J. McKEAN.

JACKSON, TENN., October 30, 1862.

MAJ. J. A. RAWLINS, *Assistant Adjutant-General, Department of the Tennessee :*

SIR: After the battle of Corinth, on the 3d, and 4th inst., I was detailed on special duty, detached from the Division I commanded on that occasion, and in consequence of being so detached, I was unable to make up my report in time to be transmitted to the headquarters of General Rosecrans, (who commanded the army at Corinth) before he left the department.

I, therefore, make my report directly to department headquarters.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

THOS. J. McKEAN,

Brig. Gen. U. S. Vols.

MAJ. J. A. RAWLINS, *Asst. Adjutant-General, Department of the Tennessee :*

I have the honor to make the following report of the part taken by the Sixth Division, in the battle of the 3d and 4th inst, at Corinth, Miss.

On the 1st inst. the Division was composed of the following named troops:

First Brigade, commanded by Col. Benj. Allen, 16th Regiment Wisconsin Vols., composed of the 16th Wisconsin Vols., commanded by Major Thomas Reynolds; 17th Wisconsin Vols., commanded by Col. J. L. Doran, and the 21st Missouri Vols., commanded by Col. David Moore; the last named Regiment being detached at Kossuth, ten miles from Corinth. Total number enlisted men present, (with their regiments) in the Brigade, 1415. Brig. Gen. J. McArthur, having rejoined, was assigned to the command of this Brigade on the 3d.

Second Brigade, commanded by Col. J. M. Oliver, 15th Regiment Michigan Vols., composed of the 14th Wisconsin Vols., commanded by Col. John Hancock; 18th Wisconsin Vols., commanded by Col. G. Bouck; 18th Missouri Vols., commanded by Captain J. R. Ault, and the 15th Michigan Vols., commanded by Lieutenant-Colonel John McDermott; the last named Regiment being detached at Chawalla, twelve miles west of Corinth, and six companies of

the 18th Missouri, being also detached, guarding the railroad towards Bethel. Number of enlisted men present, with their Regiments, in the Brigade, 1375.

Third Brigade, commanded by Col. M. M. Crocker, 13th Regiment of Iowa Vols., composed of the 11th Regiment Iowa Vols., commanded by Lieut. Col. Wm Hall; 13th Regiment Iowa Vols., commanded by Lieut-Col. John Shane; 15th Regiment Iowa Vols., commanded by Col. Hugh T. Reid; 16th Regiment Iowa Vols., commanded by Lieut-Col. Addison H. Sanders; the Brigade being stationed at Iuka. Total number of enlisted men present with their regiments in the Brigade, 2189.

The artillery attached to the Division, under command of Captain Andrew Hickenlooper, 5th Ohio Battery, acting Chief of Artillery, consisted of the 1st Minnesota Battery, four guns, commanded by Lieut. F. Cook; 3d Ohio Battery six guns, commanded by Capt. W. S. Williams, (the Captain and two sections, being absent at Bolivar); the 5th Ohio Battery, four guns, commanded by Lieut. B. Matson; the 10th Ohio Battery, four guns, commanded by Capt. H. B. White, and Co. "F" 2d Illinois Artillery, four guns, commanded by Lieut. J. W. Mitchell, (one section of this battery also being detached, serving at Bolivar), leaving sixteen guns, with 367 enlisted men present with the artillery of the division.

The cavalry, under command of Col. R. G. Ingersoll, 11th Ills. Cavalry, had orders to report to the Chief of Cavalry for consolidation, leaving with the Division only a few officers and men for picket and camp duty.

In the afternoon of the 1st inst., Col. Oliver, with the 14th and 18th Wisconsin Regiments, and a section of artillery, under Lieut. Clayton, 1st Minnesota Battery, was sent out to reinforce the regiment of his brigade, stationed at Chewalla, where picket skirmishing had been reported during the early part of the day. The remaining troops of the Division present were marched into the new camp, south of Chewalla Road, inside the exterior lines of defense, $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles from Corinth.

On the 2nd, Col. Oliver, after considerable skirmishing during the day, fell back, in accordance with instructions from Headquarters, to the Cross roads, near Alexander's, about 7 miles from Corinth, and sent the 18th Wisconsin Regiment, under Col. Bouck, to guard Smith's Bridge. The 3rd Brigade, under command of Col. Crocker, returned from Iuka by forced march, and went into camp; and during the night, the 16th Wisconsin, under Major Reynolds, made a reconnaissance up the railroad towards Chewalla. At 3 o'clock, a. m., on the 3d, orders having been received from the Commanding General designating the positions to be occupied by the several divisions, in anticipation of an advance of the enemy—(Davies, the northwest angle between the railroads; McKean's Division, on the left of Davies with the right resting on the railroad, near Battery "F;" Hamilton's, the northeast angle between the railroads, and Stanly's in reserve.) The necessary dispositions were made, and at daylight the several regiments of this Division were in the exact positions assigned them. The first line formed in line of battle perpendicular to the railroad, with the right resting near Battery "F." The second line formed in close column, by division. The 21st Mo. Reg't, under the gallant Col. Moore, marched from Kossuth in the night.

About $7\frac{1}{2}$ a. m., the enemy appeared in front of Col. Oliver's advanced position, driving in his pickets, and advanced to attack him, but was repulsed with great energy. The Colonel being at length satisfied that the enemy were in force, slowly retired according to his instructions, contesting the ground and destroying the bridges, until the brigade took a favorable position, north of the railroad, and a little in advance of the old Confederate entrenchments, where another stand was made.

In crossing Cane Creek bottom, one of the howitzers was disabled by the breaking of the axle, and abandoned after being spiked, but was subsequently recovered. Col. Bouck retired from Smith's Bridge to Cane Creek at the same time that Col. Oliver moved. The position was now held by the Second Brigade, commanding both the Chewalla road and the railroad, and it was considered desirable to hold it as long as practicable, and reinforcements were sent forward; first the 21st Missouri, and afterward the 16th and 17th Wisconsin regiments; and Brig. Gen. J. McArthur, (who had been on detached duty) having rejoined, was temporarily assigned to the command of the 1st Brigade, then reinforcing the 2d, and took command of the advance. The Chewalla road running through the line assigned to the 2d Division, placed our advance in front of a portion of that Division, and Col Baldwin's Brigade, consisting of the 7th, 50th, and 57th Illinois Regiments, co-operating in maintaining the position, which was held for several hours.

The enemy, after an unsuccessful attempt to approach by the railroad track (bringing forward a battery at one time to play upon the main line of the Division, which was driven back by our artillery) ultimately succeeded in passing to the right of our line, and McArthur's command again fell back, taking position parallel with, and north of the railroad, the left some distance from Battery "F." This compelled a corresponding change of front in the main line. The 2d Brigade, being considerably exhausted by severe duty and hard fighting, was at this time withdrawn and formed as a second line in rear of the 3d Brigade. The enemy at length appeared in front of the new line formed by the 1st Brigade, and a charge was made driving him some distance. This charge was participated in by the 16th and 17th Wisconsin, and 21st Missouri Regiments, as well as by a portion of Col. Baldwin's Brigade of the 2d Division. The 17th Wisconsin, under the brave Col. Doran, occupied a conspicuous position in this part of the day's work. After this charge, these regiments, having already performed heavy work, were all ordered to form in rear of the main line of the Division, south of the railroad, which was done in good order, at 3 o'clock p. m., and as I had received notice from the General commanding that a flank movement was in contemplation, by Hamilton's Division, on the enemy's left, I considered it best to retain my present position for the purpose of engaging the attention of the enemy until such movement could be effected. At length I received orders to change front, and retire to a position corresponding with the main body of the Division on my right, which had retired towards Corinth some time previously. This movement had already commenced, when further orders were received to fall back to the interior line of batteries. The movement was accordingly altered

so as to throw the artillery into a road in rear of the line, and leading into Corinth, when the enemy again appeared, driving in our skirmishers and advancing to attack; and the 3d Brigade, hitherto but slightly engaged, now found an opportunity to participate in the work.

Col. Crocker, with a portion of this Brigade was directed to drive back the enemy while the movement was completed. The Colonel executed this order in fine style, succeeding after a severe action in forcing back the enemy, with considerable loss. In this action the 15th Iowa, under command of Lieut. Col. Belknap, (Col. Reid being sick) and the 16th Iowa Regiment, under Lieut. Col. Sanders, being most hotly engaged, conducted themselves with conspicuous gallantry, and the whole Brigade, while covering the movements of the Division, manœvered with all the coolness and precision of an ordinary drill. The movement of the Division being completed, this portion of the Brigade reformed in good order on the right of the first line, and the whole Division, with the 7th, 50th, and 57th Illinois Regiments, moved in perfect order, arriving at sundown, and taking the positions designated, within the line of batteries.

The 3d Brigade and three field batteries occupying College Hill, and the two small Brigades, with the 10th Ohio Battery, taking positions in the town, under directions from the commanding General.

Our troops lay on their arms in the ranks during the night, ready to support the batteries should an assault (as anticipated) be made early in the morning. About 4 o'clock on the morning of the 4th, cannonading by the enemy commenced, and after daylight, in addition to the assaults on Battery Robinett and other points of the field, heavy skirmishing took place in front of College Hill.

During the morning the 1st and 2d Brigades were also withdrawn to College Hill, and twice the enemy attempted to assault Battery Phillips—his columns, supported with artillery, approaching behind a ridge running nearly parallel to our line. Each time the head of his column was suffered to approach within short musket range, when Battery Phillips and the light pieces of this Division opened upon him so hotly that he hastily retired.

Information subsequently received indicated beyond doubt that these movements were not intended as mere feints.

Lieut. C. Marsh, commanding a section of the 5th Ohio Battery, is reported to have done good execution at this time, occupying a favorable position. The enemy's last effort was on this part of the field, after having been repulsed at all other points. During the day General McArthur, with a portion of his Brigade, was sent in advance to reconnoitre, and finding the enemy retiring, he took a position at night near Alexander's, and the balance of his Brigade—the 2d Brigade, and the 10th Ohio Battery—by direction of the General commanding, started at 2 o'clock a. m. on the 5th, to reinforce him, and the balance of the Division started at day-light in pursuit of the enemy, which was continued this day as far as the Tuscumbia river.

On the 6th I was directed by the General commanding to take command of the Post of Corinth, said to be threatened by the enemy's reinforcements, including ten thousand paroled men. For the subsequent operations of the Division during

the pursuit to Ripley, and the march back to Corinth, I respectfully refer to the accompanying report of General McArthur, who succeeded me in the command.

In order to give a more distinct idea of the part performed by this Division in these important operations, without the statement of too many details, the following brief account is added by way of recapitulation:

Oct. 2d. Heavy skirmishing by 2d Brigade under Colonel Oliver, who had advanced to reinforce one of his regiments, previously stationed at Chewalla, the Colonel taking up a position at night near Alexander's Cross Roads.

Oct. 3d. In the morning the enemy's advance attacked Colonel Oliver, but was repulsed, after which the Colonel, ascertaining that the enemy is in force, falls back slowly, according to his instructions, contesting the ground by severe fighting and destroying bridges, until he makes a stand on favorable ground, a little in advance of the old Confederate intrenchments, where he is reinforced by the 1st Brigade, under General McArthur, who takes command at that point, for the purpose of relieving the 2d Brigade, already considerably exhausted by severe duty. The road leading in from Chewalla runs through the line occupied by the 2d Division, commanded by General Davies, and one of his Brigades (Baldwin's) now co-operates in holding the advance position. After several unsuccessful attempts to turn the left, the enemy pass to the right, and throw their entire force upon the 2d Division, which is forced back, and McArthur's command being turned, is obliged to retire again to a new position which is taken near the main line, north of the railroad, facing north (the main line of this Division changing front to correspond) and the 2d being now relieved, the enemy at length appearing again, the 1st Brigade, together with the Brigades of the 2d Division, charge, driving him some distance, when this Brigade is called in and formed as a second line. The Division still holds its position, menacing the enemy's right flank, to give time for a flank movement on his left by Hamilton's division, and to delay his advance until the reserve can be posted to support the batteries in his front.

These movements accomplished, the 6th Division at length being ordered to fall back within the interior line of batteries, the enemy again appeared and commences a furious attack after the division has commenced moving; but is repulsed, after a severe action, by Col. Crocker, commanding the 3d Brigade, and the division moves in good order, and takes position, at sundown, within the line of defenses without the loss of a gun, having during the day received the first attack of the enemy, eight miles west of Corinth, and having disputed and delayed his advance until after the division on the right was forced by overwhelming numbers to give way, and holding its position on the enemy's flank, assisted in retarding his advance on the batteries until it was too late for him to make an assault on the evening of this day, and finally, when ordered to fall back to the inner batteries, and the enemy again attacks the division while on the march, it halts to beat him back, and marches into position within the defenses in good order.

Oct. 4th. In addition to severe skirmishing in front, the division co-operating with the siege batteries, repulsed the enemy in two attempts to force the works

on College Hill, and after the battle the division participated in the pursuit of the enemy as far as Ripley, and on leaving that place to return to Corinth, the rear-guard was furnished by this division.

As far as my personal observation extended, the conduct of the troops (both officers and soldiers,) was worthy of the highest commendations. All appeared to do their duty promptly and coolly; advancing with alacrity when necessary, retiring only when ordered, and then in good order, and promptly halting at the word—to face about and beat back the enemy. The men of Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, and Missouri, together standing and bravely fighting side by side.

I respectfully refer to the Reports of Brigades, and other subordinate commanders, for further details, which it is impracticable to embody in a report of this nature; and also for notice of those, who, by good fortune and the chances of war, as well as by personal merit, became most conspicuous for good conduct in this battle.

I propose to make a special report upon this subject as soon as full reports from the several grades of commanders can be obtained. In the meantime a few cases will here be noticed that came under my own knowledge.

All the commanders of brigades were active in the discharge of their duties; Col. Allen, 16th Wisconsin Volunteers, and Brig.-Gen. McArthur, successfully commanding the 1st Brigade with zeal and ability. Col. J. M. Oliver, commanding the 2nd Brigade, who received the first attack of the enemy, is entitled to great credit;—charged with one of the most embarrassing duties that could be entrusted to an officer—that of opposing with energy the advance of an enemy, and yet retiring slowly when overpowered; a task involving a tax at the same time upon his judgment, skill, and bravery. The Colonel seems to have been singularly felicitous in the discharge of that duty; a veteran could not have done better, or accomplished more.

Colonel M. M. Crocker, commanding the 3rd Brigade, is entitled to the highest credit for the skill and bravery with which he executed the various orders for his fine brigade, and especially for his gallant conduct in the engagement near Battery "F." This brigade was previously well disciplined under his command and the care of the meritorious field officers of the several regiments.

Captain Hickenlooper, 5th Ohio Battery, Acting Chief of Artillery for the Division, on this as on former occasions, showed himself a brave and skillful officer.

Of the field officers, Major Reynolds, who commanded the 16th Wisconsin Vols.; Col. Doran, who commanded the 17th Wisconsin Vols.; Lieut.-Col. Malloy, of the same regiment; Col. Moore, who lost a leg at Shiloh, and now commanded the 21st Missouri Vols., until he lost his horse; Major Moore, who afterward commanded the same regiment; Col. Hancock, commanding the 14th Wisconsin Vols.; Lieut.-Col. Ward, of the same regiment; Col. Bouck, commanding the 18th Wisconsin Vols.; Major Jackson, of the same regiment; Lieut.-Col. McDermott, commanding the 15th Michigan Vols.; Capt. Ault, commanding the Battalion of the 18th Missouri Vols.; Lieut.-Col. Hall, commanding the 11th Iowa Vols.; Maj.

Abercrombie, of the same regiment, a veteran of the Mexican war, and a survivor of the battle of Wilson's Creek; Lieut.-Col. Shane, who commanded the 13th Iowa Vols.; Major Van Hosen, of the same regiment; Col. Reid, 15th Iowa Vols., who was sick when the battle commenced, but was with his regiment at daylight on the 4th, and remained in command until the regiment returned from the pursuit; Lieut.-Col. Belknap, who commanded the same regiment on the 1st day of the battle, and displayed great coolness and bravery in the conflict near Battery "F"; Major Cunningham, of the same regiment, who was severely wounded; Lieut.-Col. Sanders, who commanded the 16th Iowa Vols., and was also severely wounded at the same time; Major Purcell, who afterward commanded the same regiment, are entitled to credit, not only for good conduct in the field, but for their previous industry in perfecting the discipline of their respective regiments.

Cpts. Funke and Zeigler, in command of detachment of cavalry, performed their laborious duties in a very satisfactory manner. Lieut. A. Roehrig, of the same regiment, rendered great service in carrying dispatches. The artillery attached to the division proved itself reliable, and reflects credit upon officers and men of that arm of service. Capt. White, commanding 10th Ohio Battery, is reported to have rendered signal service when the enemy momentarily entered the town. Dr. Eastman, Surgeon of 16th Wis. Vols., Act'g Div. Surgeon, was very zealous in the discharge of his duties. Capt. W. T. Clark, Ass't Adj't Gen'l, serving on my staff, who has long served with fidelity and great intelligence, on this occasion displayed great bravery and energy. Lieut. M. A. Highley, Quartermaster and Commissary 15th Iowa Vols., Act'g Division Quartermaster, performed his arduous duties in a very intelligent manner, and has always shown himself reliable. Lieut. G. S. Hampton, Jr., 13th Iowa Vols., who got up from a sick bed, Lieut. J. B. Dawson, 11th Iowa Vols., Aides-de-Camp, and Lieut. L. S. Willard, 11th Ills. Cav., attached to my staff, all performed great labors, and were fearless and indefatigable.

I respectfully refer to the reports already furnished for an exhibit of the killed, wounded, &c., of the division.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

THOS. J. McKEAN,
Brigadier-General, U. S. Vols.

CIRCULAR.

STATE OF IOWA,
 ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE,
 Des Moines, Aug. 25th, 1870. }

The following circular of the Hon. Joseph S. Wilson, Commissioner, etc., General Land Office, Department of the Interior, is published for the information of correspondents.

N. B. BAKER,
Adjutant-General of Iowa.

DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR,
 GENERAL LAND OFFICE, August 8, 1870. }

GENTLEMEN:—The following is the 26th section of the act of Congress, approved, July 15, 1870, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the army for the year ending June 30, 1871, and for other purposes."

SEC. 26. *And be it further enacted,* That every private soldier and officer, and every seaman, marine, and officer, or other person, who has served in the Army and Navy of the United States, or in the Marine corps or revenue marine, during the rebellion for ninety days, and received an honorable discharge, shall, by the payment of legal fees or commission to any register or receiver of any land-office, be entitled to enter one-quarter section of land, not mineral, of the alternate reserved sections of public lands along the lines of any one of the railroads where the law now allows the entry of eighty acres, wherever public lands have been or may be granted by acts of Congress to aid in the construction of any railroad, and to receive a patent therefor, under and by virtue of the provisions of the act to secure homesteads to actual settlers on the public domain, and the acts amendatory thereof, and on the terms and conditions therein prescribed; and all the provisions of said acts, except as herein modified, shall extend and be applicable to entries under this section; and the Commissioner of the General Land Office is hereby authorized to prescribe the necessary rules and regulations to carry the provisions of this section into effect, and determine all facts necessary therefor."

By these provisions the homestead law of 20th May, 1862, and the acts amendatory thereof, are modified so as to allow entries to be made by the parties mentioned therein of the maximum quantity of one quarter section, or 160 acres of land, held at the double minimum price of \$2.50 per acre, instead of one-half quarter section, or 80 acres, as heretofore.

In case of a party desiring to avail himself thereof, you will require him to file the usual homestead application for the tract desired, if legally liable to entry, to make affidavit according to the form hereto annexed, instead of the usual homestead affidavit; and on his doing so, allow him to make payment of the \$10 fee stipulated in the act of 20th May, 1862, and the usual commissions on the price of the land at \$2.50 per acre, the entry to be regularly numbered and reported to this office in our monthly homestead returns.

Regarding settlement and cultivation, the requirements of the law in this class of entries are the same as in other homestead entries.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOSEPH S. WILSON,
Commissioner, Register, and Receiver.

AFFIDAVIT.

LAND OFFICE, AT, I, of, having filed my application, No., for an entry under the provisions of the act of Congress, approved, May 20, 1862, and desiring to avail myself of the 26th section of the act of July, 15, 1870, in regard to land held at the double minimum price of \$2.50 per acre do solemnly swear that I am the identical, who was in the company commanded by, in the regiment of, commanded by, in the war of 1861; that I continued in actual service for ninety days, and have remained loyal to the Government; that said application, No., is made for my exclusive benefit, and for the purpose of actual settlement and cultivation, and not directly or indirectly for the use or benefit of any other person or persons, and that I have not heretofore had the benefit of the homestead law.

Sworn to and subscribed this day of, before

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Register or Receiver of the Land Office.

Approved:

Department of the Interior, August 8, 1870,

J. D. COX, *Secretary.*