

Article 65, Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, authorizes the Governor, as Commander-in-Chief, to have ten aides. The aides to be selected from the commissioned officers of the National Guard and National Guard Reserve, each of them may receive a commission as aide, which, however, shall not add to the actual grade of the officer so appointed, nor shall such officer be relieved from duty with his proper organization, but shall perform all duty pertaining thereto except when actually on duty as aide under the orders of the Governor.

RE-ORGANIZATION OF THE NATIONAL GUARD.

Brief Review of Principal Activities.

In October, 1919, the War Department furnished the initial allocation of troops to be organized as the Maryland National Guard as required by the National Defense Act. Preliminary steps were then taken to obtain the requisite officer personnel to the organized units required under the allocation. This required several months when, in March, 1920 (an intensive program was inaugurated and vigorously pursued with the result that at the end of the calendar year of 1920 one regiment of infantry was completely organized and the remaining organizations had gotten well under way for complete organization.

In 1921 every recognized means of creating, stimulating and maintaining active and co-operated interest of our citizens in their National Guard were used with gratifying response. The organization of additional units for organizations requiring completion continued as rapidly as existing civic conditions warranted. Camps for officers, non-commissioned officers and selected privates; camp of rifle instruction, and camps of field instruction were held. A team from the Maryland National Guard participated in the national matches held in 1920 and 1921 at Camp Perry, Ohio, competing with teams from the National Guard of the several States, and from all branches of the military service of the United States. Athletic activities in all organizations have been inaugurated and encouraged by this department. Every armory in the State is being made as attractive as possible for the enlisted men so that, in a real measure, they can feel and enjoy the armory as a place of social activities and recreation as well as a center of military training.

During the present year (1922) considerable progress has been made in the National Guard. Many of the initial features necessary for completely organizing, equipment, etc., of the organizations, their armories and the many necessary matters incidental to their proper functioning have been and are being constantly improved thereby insuring greater proficiency and higher efficiency.

The present allocation of troops to compose the Maryland National Guard, under the provisions of the National Defense Act, is as follows: State Staff Corps and Departments:

- Adjutant General's Department.
- Inspector General's Department.
- Judge Advocate General's Department.
- Quartermaster Corps.
- Ordnance Department.
- Medical Department.