the Civil War, Spanish-American War and the World War. Every request is complied with, without charge, if the record is available in the Department, and when not available the applicant is advised of the best authentic source to seek the same. Only in respect to the records pertaining to the Revolutionary, War of 1812, and Mexican Wars are our records rather incomplete and the incompleteness is solely due to the methods used in those days of making and preserving records.

CONTROL OF STATE ARMORIES

By Act of the General Assembly of 1922 (Art. 65, P. G. L., Md.) the State Armory Commission was abolished and the direct control of all State Armories placed with the Ranking Line Officer of the State, to whom all applications should be made for the use of any armory, provided, however, that when applications are disapproved by the ranking line officer they shall be subject to review and approval of the Board of Public Works, the Ranking Line Officer and the commanding officer of the unit occupying the armory concerned.

In addition to the Fifth Regiment Armory in Baltimore City, State owned armories are now completed in the following towns and cities

throughout the State:

Pikesville
Frederick
Hagerstown
Cambridge
Bel Air
Elkton
Hyattsville
Cumberland
Westminster
Easton
Denton

Laurel
Salisbury
Centreville
Crisfield
Annapolis
Pocomoke City
Silver Spring
Kensington
Chestertown
Towson

MILITIA LAW OF MARYLAND

The National Defense Act required all States to make their military laws conform with the provisions of the Act, in so far as any State law might have been in conflict or might have been deficient as to certain mandatory features of the Act, to entitle any State to participate in the Federal appropriations for arming, equipping and training the National Guard.

Accordingly, Article 65, P. G. L., Md., was repealed and re-enacted by the Legislature at its January (1922) session in which certain provisions of the National Defense Act have been incorporated as the law of the State, thereby conforming to the Act.

MARYLAND STATE GUARD

Whenever any part of the National Guard of this State is in active Federal service, the Governor is authorized to organize and maintain within this State, during such period, under such regulations as the Secretary of War of the United States may prescribe for discipline and training, such military forces as the Governor may deem necessary; and the Governor is authorized to reduce the number of or disband such forces at any time he