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BIENNIAL REPORT
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The Adjutant General



ILLINOIS

1950 - 1952

TROOP BASIS ALLOTMENT FOR ILLINOIS

When the reorganization of our State forces was inaugurated following World War II, the Federal Government in conformity with its overall planning for a balanced force to provide for our national security allotted to Illinois a total of 309 units, Army, Air and Navy, with an authorized strength of 40,108 officers and men. Due to reorganization this allotment has been revised and our troop basis now consists of the following units with authorized strength shown:

ILLINOIS ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

	Units	Strength
Headquarters & Headquarters Detachment.....	1	132
33d Infantry Division.....	110	14,791
44th Infantry Division.....	113	14,791
178th Regimental Combat Team.....	29	3,784
698th AAA Gun Battalion.....	6	606
768th AAA Gun Battalion.....	6	595
32d Ordnance Battalion.....	4	364
385th Signal Radar Maintenance Unit.....	1	4
179th AAA Operations Detachment.....	1	47
	<hr/> 271	<hr/> 35,114

ILLINOIS AIR NATIONAL GUARD

126th Light Bomb Wing.....	20	2,427
	<hr/> 291	<hr/> 37,541

ILLINOIS NAVAL MILITIA

Brigade Staff	1	16
Battalion Staffs	2	36
Divisions	9	1,720
	<hr/> 12	<hr/> 1,772
	<hr/> 303	<hr/> 39,313

ENTRY INTO ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF ILLINOIS NATIONAL GUARD UNITS DURING KOREAN EMERGENCY

The first units of the Illinois National Guard to be ordered into active military service of the United States were those selected by the Department of Defense during the summer of 1950 and the last to be so ordered was the 44th Infantry Division in February 1952.

A complete list of units ordered into active military service follows:

UNIT	DATE MUSTERED	HOME STATION
Hq Hq Det 32d Ord Bn.....	19 Aug 1950	Springfield
184 Med Coll Co.....	11 Sept 1950	Chicago
3637th Ord MAM Co.....	11 Sept 1950	Springfield
1903d Avn Eng Hq&Hq&Sv Co.....	1 Oct 1950	Chicago
385th Sig Radar M Unit.....	23 Jan 1951	Chicago
170th Ftr Sq (SE).....	1 Mar 1951	Springfield
170th Wea Station.....	1 Mar 1951	Springfield
Hq Hq Det 126th Comp WG.....	1 Apr 1951	Park Ridge
Hq 126th Comp Gp.....	1 Apr 1951	Park Ridge
168th Bomb Sq (L).....	1 Apr 1951	Park Ridge
168th Wea Sta.....	1 Apr 1951	Park Ridge
Hq 126th Maint & Sup Gp.....	1 Apr 1951	Park Ridge
126th Maint Sq.....	1 Apr 1951	Park Ridge
126th Sup Gp.....	1 Apr 1951	Park Ridge
126th Mtr Veh Sq.....	1 Apr 1951	Park Ridge
Hq Hq Sq 126th AB Gp.....	1 Apr 1951	Park Ridge
126th Comm Sq.....	1 Apr 1951	Park Ridge
126th Air Police Sq.....	1 Apr 1951	Park Ridge
126th Food Sv Sq.....	1 Apr 1951	Park Ridge
126th Installation Sq.....	1 Apr 1951	Park Ridge
126th Med Gp.....	1 Apr 1951	Park Ridge
566th USAF Band.....	1 Apr 1951	Park Ridge
108th Bomb Sq (L).....	1 Apr 1951	Chicago
108th Wea Sta.....	1 Apr 1951	Chicago
Hq Hq Btry 698th AAA Gn Bn.....	1 May 1951	Chicago
Med Det 698th AAA Gn Bn.....	1 May 1951	Chicago
Btry A 698th AAA Gn Bn.....	1 May 1951	Chicago
Btry B 698th AAA Gn Bn.....	1 May 1951	Chicago
Btry C 698th AAA Gn Bn.....	1 May 1951	Chicago
Btry D 698th AAA Gn Bn.....	1 May 1951	Chicago

UNIT	DATE MUSTERED	HOME STATION
179th AAA Opr Det.....	1 May 1951	Chicago
Hq Hq Btry 768th AAA Gn Bn.....	15 May 1951	Chicago
Btry A 768th AAA Gn Bn.....	15 May 1951	Chicago
Btry B 768th AAA Gn Bn.....	15 May 1951	Chicago
Btry C 768th AAA Gn Bn.....	15 May 1951	Chicago
Btry D 768th AAA Gn Bn.....	15 May 1951	Chicago
Hqs 156th AC & W Gp.....	1 Sept 1951	Park Ridge
126th AC Sqdn.....	1 Sept 1951	Park Ridge
606th Sig L Constr Co.....	1 Sept 1951	Park Ridge
106th Rad Calib Det.....	1 Sept 1951	Park Ridge
Hq 44th Inf Div.....	15 Feb 1952	Urbana
Hq Co 44th Inf Div.....	"	Decatur
Med Det Div Hq 44 Div.....	"	Kewanee
44th MP Co.....	"	Decatur
744th Ord M Co.....	"	West Frankfort
44th QM Co.....	"	Rockford
44th Sig Co.....	"	Decatur
44th Rcn Co.....	"	Urbana
44th Inf Div Bnd.....	"	Springfield
Hq Hq Co 123d Inf.....	"	Springfield
Sv Co 123d Inf.....	"	Quincy
Hv Mort Co 123d Inf.....	"	Monticello
Tk Co (M) 123d Inf.....	"	Springfield
Med Co 123d Inf.....	"	Quincy
Hq Hq Co 1st Bn 123d Inf.....	"	Champaign
Co A 123d Inf.....	"	Pontiac
Co B 123d Inf.....	"	Champaign
Co C 123d Inf.....	"	Tuscola
Co D 123d Inf.....	"	Clinton
Hq Hq Co 2d Bn 123d Inf.....	"	Delavan
Co E 123d Inf.....	"	Lincoln
Co F 123d Inf.....	"	Beardstown
Co G 123d Inf.....	"	Jacksonville
Co H 123d Inf.....	"	Delavan
Hq Hq Co 3d Bn 123d Inf.....	"	Peoria
Co I 123d Inf.....	"	Peoria
Co K 123d Inf.....	"	Kewanee
Co L 123d Inf.....	"	Pekin
Co M 123d Inf.....	"	Peoria
Hq Hq Co 129th Inf.....	"	Dixon
Sv Co 129th Inf.....	"	Sycamore
Hv Mort Co 129th Inf.....	"	Ottawa

UNIT	DATE MUSTERED	HOME STATION
Tk Co (M) 129th Inf.....	15 Feb 1952	Princeton
Med Co 129th Inf.....	"	Ottawa
Hq Hq Co 1st Bn 129th Inf.....	"	Aurora
Co A 129th Inf.....	"	Woodstock
Co B 129th Inf.....	"	Rockford
Co C 129th Inf.....	"	Elgin
Co D 129th Inf.....	"	Waukegan
Hq Hq Co 2d Bn 129th Inf.....	"	Joliet
Co E 129th Inf.....	"	Kankakee
Co F 129th Inf.....	"	Streator
Co G 129th Inf.....	"	Joliet
Co H 129th Inf.....	"	Aurora
Hq Hq Co 3d Bn 129th Inf.....	"	Peru
Co I 129th Inf.....	"	Freeport
Co K 129th Inf.....	"	Savanna
Co L 129th Inf.....	"	LaSalle
Co M 129th Inf.....	"	Sterling
Hqs 130th Inf.....	"	Cairo
Hqs Co 130th Inf.....	"	Danville
Sv Co 130th Inf.....	"	Decatur
Hv Mort Co 130th Inf.....	"	Litchfield
Tk Co (M) 130th Inf.....	"	Cairo
Med Co (less 2 Plts) 130th Inf.....	"	Danville
Hq Hq Co 1st Bn 130th Inf.....	"	Danville
Co A 130th Inf.....	"	Carmi
Co B 130th Inf.....	"	Hoopeston
Co C 130th Inf.....	"	Mt. Carmel
Co D 130th Inf.....	"	Lawrenceville
Hq Hq Co 2d Bn 130th Inf.....	"	Sullivan
Med Plt 2d Bn 130th Inf.....	"	Mattoon
Co E 130th Inf.....	"	Mattoon
Co F 130th Inf.....	"	Effingham
Co G 130th Inf.....	"	Shelbyville
Co H 130th Inf.....	"	Paris
Hq Hq Co 3d Bn 130th Inf.....	"	Carbondale
Med Plt 3d Bn 130th Inf.....	"	Cairo
Co I 130th Inf.....	"	Salem
Co K 130th Inf.....	"	Centralia
Co L 130th Inf.....	"	Harrisburg
Co M 130th Inf.....	"	Mt. Vernon
Hq 44th Div Arty.....	"	Monmouth
Hq Btry 44th Div Arty.....	"	Monmouth

UNIT	DATE MUSTERED	HOME STATION
Med Det 44th Div Arty.....	15 Feb 1952	Rock Island
Hq Hq Btry 123d FA.....	"	Galesburg
Sv Btry 123d FA.....	"	Monmouth
Btry A 123d FA.....	"	Galva
Btry B 123d FA.....	"	Aledo
Btry C 123d FA.....	"	Galesburg
Hq Hq Btry 209th FA.....	"	E. St. Louis
Sv Btry 209th FA.....	"	E. St. Louis
Btry A 209th FA.....	"	Alton
Btry B 209th FA.....	"	Belleville
Btry C 209th FA.....	"	Edwardsville
Hq Hq Btry 223d FA.....	"	Rock Island
Sv Btry 223d FA.....	"	Moline
Btry A 223d FA.....	"	Moline
Btry B 223d FA.....	"	Rock Island
Btry C 223d FA.....	"	Rock Island
Hq Hq Btry 233d FA.....	"	Macomb
Sv Btry 233d FA.....	"	Bushnell
Btry A 233d FA.....	"	Carthage
Btry B 233d FA.....	"	Havana
Btry C 233d FA.....	"	Canton
Hq Hq Btry 144th AAA AW Bn.....	"	Bloomington
Btry A 144th AAA AW Bn.....	"	Bloomington
Btry B 144th AAA AW Bn.....	"	Bloomington
Btry C 144th AAA AW Bn.....	"	LeRoy
Btry D 144th AAA AW Bn.....	"	Gibson City
Hq Hq & Sv Co 106th Tk Bn (M).....	"	Urbana
Med Det 106th Tk Bn (M).....	"	Urbana
Co A 106th Tk Bn (M).....	"	Springfield
Co B 106th Tk Bn (M).....	"	Urbana
Co C 106th Tk Bn (M).....	"	Springfield
Hq Hq & Sv Co 135th Eng C Bn.....	"	Benton
Med Det 135th Eng C Bn.....	"	Murphysboro
Co A 135th Eng C Bn.....	"	Murphysboro
Co B 135th Eng C Bn.....	"	Anna
Co C 135th Eng C Bn.....	"	Johnston City
Co D 135th Eng C Bn.....	"	Chester
Hq Hq Co 203d Med Bn.....	"	Peoria
Amb Co 203d Med Bn.....	"	Kewanee
Clr Co(less 2d Clr Plt)203d Med Bn.....	"	Peoria
2d Clr Plt Clr Co 203d Med Bn.....	"	Mt. Vernon

Many of these units have completed their tour of duty and are being returned to Illinois for reactivation. The 170th Fighter Squadron of Springfield is in this category and is at this time being reactivated.

The 126th Wing will be returned in January 1953 at which time it will be reactivated. The majority of officers and men of the wing have already returned and the preliminary plans for reactivation are in progress.

Most of the units of the Wing were based at O'Hare International Airport at Park Ridge, Illinois, and due to a controversy now existing between the City of Chicago, the Commercial Air Lines and the U.S. Air Force on the use of O'Hare Field as both a commercial and military airport, it appears probable that the Air National Guard and other military units may be denied use of this base. Such action would present a serious problem to our reactivation plans for those units which had formerly been based at O'Hare Field.

It may well be that these units will have to be held in a temporary inactive status until suitable facilities at other locations are obtained.

The major problem with which we will be confronted in the second year of the next biennium will be the reactivation of the 44th Infantry Division upon its release from Federal Service.

The reactivation of this division will entail a complete reorganization and involves the problems of personnel both commissioned and enlisted and the leasing of commercial buildings to house the units, their personnel and military equipment. The fiscal support necessary for such reactivation will be included in the departmental appropriation request to be submitted to the General Assembly for the 68th biennium.

ARMORIES AND FACILITIES

With the induction of units of the Illinois National Guard into active military service of the United States armories previously occupied by them were temporarily vacated.

Armories owned outright by the State of Illinois and those leased from the Illinois Armory Board which have been vacated have been placed on a stand-by basis with skeleton maintenance forces. Commercial buildings rented as armories were returned to their owners under provisions of leases executed by the State and property owners.

During the past two years the Illinois Armory Board constructed new armories in Bloomington, East St. Louis, Kewanee and Paris and under the terms of trust indentures were leased to the State of Illinois.

Armories at Galva, Sullivan and Macomb are under construction and will be completed in 1953.

Plans for the construction of armories at Joliet, Mattoon and Rock Falls are completed and construction will soon be started with completion expected early in 1954.

The Chairman of the Illinois Armory Board will undoubtedly cover in more detail the armory program of the board in his report.

