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THE
ILLINOIS NATIONAL GUARD
and
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THE POSTWAR NATIONAL GUARD

The National Guard of the United States is designated as an integral part of the Army under the provisions of the military establishment for the Postwar Army of the United States.

Under the reorganization program Illinois for the first time was allotted two full divisions of infantry plus additional troops and a greatly expanded Air National Guard.

“MISSION

1. Mission of the National Guard of the United States.

To provide a reserve component of the Army of the United States, capable of immediate expansion to war strength; able to furnish units fit for service anywhere in the world, trained and equipped:

- a. To defend critical areas of the United States against land, sea-borne or airborne invasion;
- b. To assist in covering the mobilization and concentration of the remainder of the reserve forces;
- c. To participate by units in all types of operations, including the offensive, either in the United States or overseas.

2. Mission of the National Guard of the several States.

To provide sufficient organizations in each State, so trained and equipped as to enable them to function efficiently at existing strength in the protection of life and property and the preservation of peace, order and public safety, under competent orders of the State authorities.”

REORGANIZATION

Much progress was made during the period covered by this report in the reorganization of the postwar Illinois National Guard. Between November 1, 1946 and August 31, 1948 a total of 256 units of the Illinois National Guard were activated.

Enlisted strength exceeded the ceiling established by the National Guard Bureau for this phase of the reorganization program in June 1948, at which time it was necessary to stop accepting new enlistments temporarily.

At that time the strength of the Illinois National Guard neared the 20,000 mark, and gave the State second place among all states in the nation in the number of enlisted men.

Following is a list of units activated during the period covered by this report:

| Unit | Location | Activation Date |
|------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Hq & Hq Det, Ill NG (Less Sep Det) | Spfld & Cp Ellis | 4 Nov 46 |
| Sep Det, Hq & Hq Det, Ill NG | Chicago | 1 Jul 48 |
| Hq, 33rd Inf Div | Chicago | 7 Nov 46 |
| Hq Co, 33rd Inf Div | Chicago | 1 May 47 |
| Sp Trps Hq, 33rd Inf Div | Chicago | 23 Jan 47 |
| 33rd MP Co | Chicago | 16 Jan 47 |
| 33rd QM Co | Chicago | 17 Apr 47 |
| 33rd Sig Co | Chicago | 5 Jun 47 |
| 733rd Ord Maint Co | Chicago | 27 Feb 47 |
| Hq & Hq Co, 131st Inf | Chicago | 20 Dec 46 |
| Serv Co, 131st Inf | Chicago | 31 Jan 47 |
| AT Co, 131st Inf | Harvey | 31 Mar 48 |
| Med Det, 131st Inf | Chicago | 27 Jun 47 |
| Hq & Hq Co, 1st Bn, 131st Inf | Chicago | 14 Mar 47 |
| Co A, 131st Inf | Chicago | 11 Nov 47 |
| Co B, 131st Inf | Chicago | 7 Oct 47 |
| Co C, 131st Inf | Chicago | 23 Mar 48 |
| Co D, 131st Inf | Chicago | 15 Apr 47 |
| Hq & Hq Co, 2nd Bn, 131st Inf | Chicago | 21 Feb 47 |
| Co E, 131st Inf | Chicago | 18 Feb 48 |
| Co F, 131st Inf | Chicago | 28 Mar 47 |
| Co G, 131st Inf | Chicago | 18 Feb 48 |
| Co H, 131st Inf | Chicago | 24 Sep 47 |
| Hq & Hq Co, 3rd Bn, 131st Inf | Chicago | 7 Mar 47 |
| Co I, 131st Inf | Chicago | 15 Dec 47 |
| Co K, 131st Inf | Chicago | 29 Sep 47 |
| Co L, 131st Inf | Chicago | 29 Mar 48 |
| Co M, 131st Inf | Chicago | 14 Apr 47 |
| Hq & Hq Co, 132nd Inf | Chicago | 11 Feb 47 |
| Serv Co, 132nd Inf | Chicago | 3 Mar 47 |
| AT Co, 132nd Inf | Maywood | 12 Oct 47 |
| Can Co, 132nd Inf | Chicago | 30 Aug 48 |
| Med Det, 132nd Inf | Chicago | 3 Mar 47 |
| Hq & Hq Co, 1st Bn, 132nd Inf | Chicago | 24 Mar 47 |
| Co A, 132nd Inf | Chicago | 29 Sep 47 |
| Co B, 132nd Inf | Chicago | 22 Dec 47 |
| Co C, 132nd Inf | Chicago | 22 Dec 47 |
| Co D, 132nd Inf | Chicago | 13 Nov 47 |
| Hq & Hq Co, 2nd Bn, 132nd Inf | Chicago | 23 May 47 |
| Co E, 132nd Inf | Chicago | 16 Jul 47 |
| Co F, 132nd Inf | Chicago | 22 Dec 47 |
| Co G, 132nd Inf | Chicago | 10 Dec 47 |
| Co H, 132nd Inf | Chicago | 12 Nov 47 |
| Hq & Hq Co, 3rd Bn, 132nd Inf | Chicago | 24 Mar 47 |
| Co I, 132nd Inf | Chicago | 11 Nov 47 |
| Co K, 132nd Inf | Chicago | 4 Nov 47 |

| Unit | Location | Activation Date |
|----------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Co L, 132nd Inf | Chicago | 14 Oct 47 |
| Co M, 132nd Inf | Chicago | 26 Jun 47 |
| Hq & Hq Co, 228th Inf | Villa Park | 28 May 48 |
| AT Co, 228th Inf | LaGrange | 11 Nov 47 |
| Hq & Hq Co, 1st Bn, 228th Inf | Wheaton | 28 Apr 48 |
| Co A, 228th Inf | Downers Grove | 11 Dec 47 |
| Co B, 228th Inf | Hinsdale | 12 Aug 48 |
| Hq & Hq Co, 2nd Bn, 228th Inf | Oak Park | 29 Jun 48 |
| Hq & Hq Btry, 33rd Div Arty | Chicago | 18 Dec 46 |
| Med Det, 33rd Div Arty | Chicago | 7 Apr 47 |
| Hq & Hq Btry, 122nd FA Bn | Chicago | 18 Dec 46 |
| Serv Btry, 122nd FA Bn | Chicago | 3 Oct 47 |
| Btry A, 122nd FA Bn | Chicago | 15 Apr 47 |
| Btry B, 122nd FA Bn | Chicago | 31 Oct 47 |
| Hq & Hq Btry, 124th FA Bn | Chicago | 4 Feb 47 |
| Serv Btry, 124th FA Bn | Chicago | 25 Feb 47 |
| Med Det, 124th FA Bn | Chicago | 11 Nov 47 |
| Btry A, 124th FA Bn | Chicago | 15 Apr 47 |
| Btry B, 124th FA Bn | Chicago | 16 Dec 47 |
| Btry C, 124th FA Bn | Chicago | 7 Oct 47 |
| Hq & Hq Btry, 208th FA Bn | Chicago | 15 Mar 48 |
| Serv Btry, 208th FA Bn | Chicago | 31 Mar 48 |
| Med Det, 208th FA Bn | Chicago | 16 Aug 48 |
| Hq & Hq Btry, 210th FA Bn | Chicago | 18 Dec 46 |
| Serv Btry, 210th FA Bn | Chicago | 12 Jun 47 |
| Med Det, 210th FA Bn | Chicago | 13 Nov 47 |
| Btry A, 210th FA Bn | Chicago | 23 Oct 47 |
| Btry B, 210th FA Bn | Chicago | 10 Apr 47 |
| Btry C, 210th FA Bn | Chicago | 18 Sep 47 |
| Hq & Hq Serv Co, 108th Engr C Bn | Chicago | 6 Mar 47 |
| Co A, 108th Engr C Bn | Chicago | 10 Jul 47 |
| Co B, 108th Engr C Bn | Chicago | 30 Oct 47 |
| Co C, 108th Engr C Bn | Chicago | 18 Mar 48 |
| Hq & Hq Co, 108th Med Bn | Chicago | 5 Mar 47 |
| Co A, 108th Med Bn | Chicago | 7 May 47 |
| Co D, 108th Med Bn | Chicago | 9 Apr 47 |
| 33rd Cav Rec Trp | Chicago | 29 Apr 47 |
| 33rd Inf Div Band | Chicago | 3 Jun 47 |
| Hq, 44th Inf Div | Waukegan | 29 Nov 46 |
| Hq Co, 44th Inf Div | Decatur | 18 Feb 47 |
| Sep Det, Hq Co, 44th Inf Div | Waukegan | 30 Jan 48 |
| Sp Trps Hq, 44th Inf Div | Decatur | 3 Apr 47 |
| 44th MP Co | Decatur | 3 Apr 47 |
| 44th QM Co | Decatur | 9 Dec 46 |
| 44th Sig Co | Decatur | 3 Apr 47 |
| Hq & Hq Co, 123rd Inf | Springfield | 29 Jan 47 |
| Serv Co, 123rd Inf | Quincy | 7 Apr 47 |
| Can Co, 123rd Inf | Monticello | 12 May 48 |

| Unit | Location | Activation Date |
|------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Hq & Hq Co, 1st Bn, 123rd Inf | Champaign | 29 May 47 |
| Co A, 123rd Inf | Pontiac | 31 Mar 47 |
| Co B, 123rd Inf | Champaign | 24 Jul 47 |
| Co C, 123rd Inf | Tuscola | 5 May 47 |
| Co D, 123rd Inf | Clinton | 20 Oct 47 |
| Hq & Hq Co, 2nd Bn, 123rd Inf | Delavan | 27 Mar 47 |
| Med Sec, 2nd Bn, 123rd Inf | Quincy | 15 Jul 48 |
| Co E, 123rd Inf | Lincoln | 9 Oct 47 |
| Co F, 123rd Inf | Beardstown | 7 Jan 48 |
| Co G, 123rd Inf | Jacksonville | 13 May 48 |
| Co H, 123rd Inf | Delavan | 27 Mar 47 |
| Hq & Hq Co, 3rd Bn, 123rd Inf | Peoria | 26 Jun 47 |
| Co I, 123rd Inf | Peoria | 31 Mar 48 |
| Co K, 123rd Inf | Kewanee | 8 May 47 |
| Co L, 123rd Inf | Pekin | 19 Dec 47 |
| Co M, 123rd Inf | Peoria | 10 Nov 47 |
| Hq & Hq Co, 129th Inf | Dixon | 18 Dec 46 |
| Serv Co, 129th Inf | Sycamore | 12 Mar 47 |
| AT Co, 129th Inf | Princeton | 4 Apr 47 |
| Can Co, 129th Inf | Ottawa | 18 Mar 47 |
| Med Det, 129th Inf | Ottawa | 3 Jul 47 |
| Hq & Hq Co, 1st Bn, 129th Inf | Aurora | 20 Dec 46 |
| Co A, 129th Inf | Woodstock | 14 Nov 47 |
| Co B, 129th Inf | Rockford | 3 Apr 47 |
| Co C, 129th Inf | Elgin | 15 May 47 |
| Co D, 129th Inf | Waukegan | 28 Mar 47 |
| Hq & Hq Co, 2nd Bn, 129th Inf | Joliet | 14 Jan 47 |
| Co E, 129th Inf | Kankakee | 9 Apr 47 |
| Co F, 129th Inf | Streator | 1 Oct 47 |
| Co G, 129th Inf | Joliet | 7 Nov 47 |
| Co H, 129th Inf | Aurora | 12 Apr 47 |
| Hq & Hq Co, 3rd Bn, 129th Inf | Peru | 14 Apr 47 |
| Co I, 129th Inf | Freeport | 16 Sep 47 |
| Co K, 129th Inf | Savanna | 17 Dec 47 |
| Co L, 129th Inf | LaSalle | 14 Apr 47 |
| Co M, 129th Inf | Sterling | 20 Mar 47 |
| Hq & Hq Co, 130th Inf | Danville | 27 Mar 47 |
| Serv Co, 130th Inf | Decatur | 25 Mar 47 |
| AT Co, 130th Inf | Cairo | 7 Jan 47 |
| Can Co, 130th Inf | Litchfield | 31 Mar 48 |
| Med Det (Less 3 Bn Sec), 130th Inf | Danville | 10 Apr 47 |
| Hq & Hq Co, 1st Bn, 130th Inf | Danville | 10 Feb 47 |
| Med Sec, 1st Bn, 130th Inf | Danville | 10 Mar 48 |
| Co B, 130th Inf | Hoopeston | 31 Mar 48 |
| Co C, 130th Inf | Mt Carmel | 30 Mar 48 |
| Co D, 130th Inf | Lawrenceville | 27 Oct 47 |
| Hq & Hq Co, 2nd Bn, 130th Inf | Sullivan | 31 Jul 47 |
| Med Sec, 2nd Bn, 130th Inf | Mattoon | 8 Jan 48 |

| Unit | Location | Activation Date |
|---------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Co E, 130th Inf | Mattoon | 2 Apr 47 |
| Co F, 130th Inf | Effingham | 23 Oct 47 |
| Co G, 130th Inf | Shelbyville | 16 Nov 47 |
| Co H, 130th Inf | Paris | 9 Apr 47 |
| Hq & Hq Co, 3rd Bn, 130th Inf | Carbondale | 11 Feb 47 |
| Med Sec, 3rd Bn, 130th Inf | Cairo | 3 Mar 47 |
| Co I, 130th Inf | Salem | 14 Apr 47 |
| Co K, 130th Inf | Centralia | 21 Jul 47 |
| Co L, 130th Inf | Harrisburg | 27 Mar 47 |
| Co M, 130th Inf | Mt Vernon | 24 Feb 47 |
| Hq & Hq Btry, 44th Div Arty | Monmouth | 17 Dec 46 |
| Hq & Hq Btry, 123rd FA Bn | Monmouth | 10 Apr 47 |
| Serv Btry, 123rd FA Bn | Galesburg | 30 Jan 48 |
| Btry A, 123rd FA Bn | Galva | 11 Apr 47 |
| Btry B, 123rd FA Bn | Aledo | 14 Nov 47 |
| Btry C, 123rd FA Bn | Galesburg | 14 Apr 47 |
| Hq & Hq Btry, 209th FA Bn | E St Louis | 17 Mar 47 |
| Serv Btry, 209th FA Bn | E St Louis | 12 Nov 47 |
| Btry A, 209th FA Bn | Alton | 15 Apr 47 |
| Btry B, 209th FA Bn | Belleville | 29 Oct 47 |
| Btry C, 209th FA Bn | Edwardsville | 14 Apr 47 |
| Hq & Hq Btry, 223rd FA Bn | Rock Island | 4 Jan 47 |
| Serv Btry, 223rd FA Bn | Moline | 30 Oct 47 |
| Btry A, 223rd FA Bn | Moline | 31 Mar 47 |
| Btry B, 223rd FA Bn | Rock Island | 22 Jul 48 |
| Btry C, 223rd FA Bn | Rock Island | 16 Sep 47 |
| Hq & Hq Btry, 233rd FA Bn | Macomb | 6 Oct 47 |
| Hq & Hq & Serv Co, 135th Engr C | Benton | 26 Jan 48 |
| Med Det, 135th Engr C Bn | Benton | 31 Mar 48 |
| Co A, 135th Engr C Bn | Murphysboro | 14 May 48 |
| Co B, 135th Engr C Bn | Anna | 27 Jan 48 |
| Co C, 135th Engr C Bn | Johnston City | 28 Jan 48 |
| Hq & Hq Co, 203rd Med Bn | Peoria | 17 Feb 48 |
| Co A, 203rd Med Bn | Kewanee | 16 Mar 48 |
| 44th Inf Div Band | Peoria | 9 Jun 47 |
| Hq & Hq Btry, 109th AAA Brig | Chicago | 8 Mar 48 |
| Hq & Hq Btry, 202nd AAA Grp | Chicago | 6 Dec 46 |
| Hq & Hq Btry, 693rd AAA AW Bn | Chicago | 13 Dec 46 |
| Med Det, 693rd AAA AW Bn | Chicago | 17 Oct 47 |
| Btry A, 693rd AAA AW Bn | Chicago | 14 Mar 47 |
| Btry B, 693rd AAA AW Bn | Chicago | 31 Oct 47 |
| Btry C, 693rd AAA AW Bn | Chicago | 13 Aug 47 |
| Hq & Hq Btry, 698th AAA Gun Bn | Chicago | 14 Feb 47 |
| Med Det, 698th AAA Gun Bn | Chicago | 11 Nov 47 |
| Btry A, 698th AAA Gun Bn | Chicago | 8 Apr 47 |
| Btry B, 698th AAA Gun Bn | Chicago | 11 Nov 47 |
| Btry C, 698th AAA Gun Bn | Chicago | 13 Jul 47 |
| Hq & Hq Btry, 396 AAA AW Bn | Bloomington | 3 Jun 47 |

| Unit | Location | Activation Date |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Med Det, 396th AAA AW Bn | Bloomington | 6 Nov 47 |
| Btry A, 396th AAA AW Bn | Bloomington | 23 Sep 47 |
| Btry B, 396th AAA AW Bn | Bloomington | 6 Nov 47 |
| Btry C, 396th AAA AW Bn | LeRoy | 15 Jun 48 |
| Hq & Hq Co, 178th Inf | Chicago | 31 Mar 47 |
| Serv Co, 178th Inf | Chicago | 9 Apr 47 |
| AT Co, 178th Inf | Chicago | 31 Mar 48 |
| Can Co, 178th Inf | Chicago | 31 Mar 47 |
| Med Det, 178th Inf | Chicago | 10 Apr 47 |
| Hq & Hq Co, 1st Bn, 178th Inf | Chicago | 9 Apr 47 |
| Co A, 178th Inf | Chicago | 9 Apr 47 |
| Co B, 178th Inf | Chicago | 25 Sep 47 |
| Co C, 178th Inf | Chicago | 18 Feb 48 |
| Co D, 178th Inf | Chicago | 9 Apr 47 |
| Hq & Hq Co, 2nd Bn, 178th Inf | Chicago | 10 Apr 47 |
| Co E, 178th Inf | Chicago | 10 Apr 47 |
| Co F, 178th Inf | Chicago | 26 Sep 47 |
| Co G, 178th Inf | Chicago | 19 Feb 48 |
| Co H, 178th Inf | Chicago | 10 Apr 47 |
| Hq & Hq Co, 3rd Bn, 178th Inf | Chicago | 13 May 48 |
| Co I, 178th Inf | Chicago | 27 May 48 |
| Co K, 178th Inf | Chicago | 17 Jun 48 |
| Co L, 178th Inf | Chicago | 27 May 48 |
| Co M, 178th Inf | Chicago | 17 Jun 48 |
| Hq & Hq Btry, 184th FA Bn | Chicago | 11 Apr 47 |
| Serv Btry, 184th FA Bn | Chicago | 24 Jun 47 |
| Med Det, 184th FA Bn | Chicago | 11 Apr 47 |
| Btry A, 184th FA Bn | Chicago | 11 Apr 47 |
| Btry B, 184th FA Bn | Chicago | 17 Feb 48 |
| Btry C, 184th FA Bn | Chicago | 17 Feb 48 |
| 1698th Engr C Co | Chicago | 25 Apr 47 |
| 184th Med Coll Co | Chicago | 25 Apr 47 |
| 154th Army Band | Chicago | 13 May 47 |
| Hq & Hq Det, 623rd QM Grp | Chicago | 21 Nov 46 |
| Hq & Hq Det, 198th Trans Trk Bn | Chicago | 27 Feb 47 |
| 725th Trans Trk Co | Chicago | 28 Oct 47 |
| 3563rd Trans Trk Co | Chicago | 27 May 47 |
| 3564th Trans Trk Co | Chicago | 22 Jul 47 |
| Hq & Hq Det, 32nd Ord Bn | Macomb | 5 Nov 47 |
| 108th Ord Med Maint Co | Canton | 5 Nov 47 |
| 3625th Ord Maint Co (AA) | Chicago | 1 Jun 48 |
| 3637th Ord Med Auto Maint Co | Macomb | 20 Dec 46 |
| Hq & Hq & Serv Trp, 106th Cav Rcn | | |
| Sqdn, Mecz | Springfield | 5 Nov 46 |
| Trp A, 106th Cav Rcn Sqdn, Mecz | Springfield | 14 Nov 46 |
| Trp B, 106th Cav Rcn Sqdn, Mecz | Urbana | 19 Nov 46 |
| Trp C, 106th Cav Rcn Sqdn, Mecz | Urbana | 6 Jan 47 |
| Trp E, 106th Cav Rcn, Sqdn, Mecz | Urbana | 19 Nov 46 |

| Unit | Location | Activation Date |
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| Co F, 106th Cav Rcn Sqdn, Mecz | Springfield | 15 Nov 46 |
| Hq & Hq Sqdn, 66th Fighter Wing | Park Ridge | 26 Nov 46 |
| 226th AS Grp, Hq Det | Park Ridge | 7 Aug 47 |
| 126th LB Grp, Hq | Park Ridge | 29 Jun 47 |
| 156th AC Contl & Wng Grp, Hq | Park Ridge | 6 May 48 |
| 106th AAF Comm Sqdn, Wing | Park Ridge | 19 Feb 48 |
| 108th LB Sqdn | Chicago | 19 Jan 47 |
| Util Flt, 108th LB Sqdn | Chicago | 19 Jan 47 |
| Det A, 226th AS Grp | Chicago | 19 Jan 47 |
| 108th Weather Station | Chicago | 19 Jan 47 |
| 168th LB Sqdn | Park Ridge | 19 Oct 47 |
| Util Flt, 168th LB Sqdn | Park Ridge | 19 Oct 47 |
| Det B, 226th AS Grp | Park Ridge | 19 Oct 47 |
| 168th Weather Station | Park Ridge | 19 Oct 47 |
| 169th Ftr Sqdn | Peoria | 21 Jun 47 |
| Util Flt, 169th Ftr Sqdn | Peoria | 21 Jun 47 |
| Det B, 231st AS Grp | Peoria | 21 Jun 47 |
| 169th Weather Station | Peoria | 21 Jun 47 |
| 106th Radar Calib Det | Chicago | 30 Aug 48 |

FIELD TRAINING

The first field training of the postwar Illinois National Guard was held during the period 24 July to 28 August at Camp Ellis, Illinois, Camp McCoy, Wisconsin and Fort Sheridan, Illinois for Army units and at Chicago-Orchard Airport, Park Ridge, Illinois and Municipal Airport, Chicago, Illinois for the air units. A total of 13,951 officers, warrant officers and enlisted men participated in this field training.

During the period of this training all units were inspected by Inspectors General representing Fifth Army and Tenth Air Force and all units were rated "Satisfactory". In view of the over-all problems involving personnel, housing and equipment, the rating received was very commendable.

ARMORIES

The greatly expanded Illinois National Guard program has resulted in many communities throughout the State being given an opportunity to serve for the first time as home stations for troops.

Thus far in the reorganization program a total of 75 stations have been organized in downstate cities for National Guard troops. Before the program is completed at least 40 more stations are expected to be organized.

The problem of providing adequate housing for the various units has been a major one, particularly in those communities which are serving as home stations for the first time. Because armory buildings