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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 Rcn 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 AWBn	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 Ren Sgdn, Mecz	Springfield	5 Nov 46
Trp A, 106th Cav Ren Sgdn, Mecz	Springfield	14 Nov 46
Trp B, 106th Cav Ren Sgdn, Mecz	Urbana	19 Nov 46
Trp C, 106th Cav Ren Sgdn, Mecz	Urbana	6 Jan 47
Trp E, 106th Cav Ren, Sgdn, Mecz	Urbana	19 Nov 46



Unit	Location	Activation Date
Co F, 106th Cav Ren 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