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Honorable William G. Stratton
Governor of the State of Illinois
Springfield, Illinois

Sir:

The following Report of the Military and Naval Department is submitted in accordance with Section 9, Article VI, the Military and Naval Code of Illinois, and covers the period between 1 November 1954 and 31 October 1956.

The objective of the State Military Forces, during the period of this Report, has been the attainment of the high degree of efficiency in organization, equipment, training and housing, so vital to the successful accomplishments of the assigned missions, both Federal and State.

STATUS OF STATE TROOPS

The troops of Illinois, Army, Navy and Air Force, and those of the several states, territories and the District of Columbia, under the Federal law are Reserve Components of the United States Army, Navy and Air Force, and as such are subject to immediate "call" or "order" to active duty by the Federal Government in time of National emergency.

FEDERAL MISSION

The mission of our State Military Forces, in accordance with the overall defense plan for the security of our nation is as follows:

ARMY

"To provide units of the Reserve Components for the Army, adequately organized, trained and equipped, available for mobilization in the event of National emergency or war, in accordance with the deployment schedule, and capable of participating in combat operations in support of the Army's war plans. This mission may include the defense of critical areas of the United States against attack."

AIR FORCE

"The mission of the Air National Guard is to provide trained units and qualified individuals to be available for active duty in the Air Force in time of war or National emergency and at such other times as the National security may require."

NAVY

"The mission of the United States Naval Reserve Forces is to be capable, with fully trained components, of immediately bringing the active fleets and major combatant ships of the Reserve Fleet to war strength in the event of emergency."

STATE MISSION

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

TROOP BASIS ALLOTMENT FOR ILLINOIS

In compliance with the requirements of above missions, 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 201 units (Army, Navy and Air Forces) with an allotted strength of 25,077 officers, warrant officers and enlisted men as follows:

ARMY

<i>Organization</i>	<i>Units</i>	<i>Allotted Strength</i>	<i>Actual Strength</i>
State Hq & Hq Det Ill NG.....	1	109	102
33d Infantry Division.....	113	14,938	7,656
178th Regimental Combat Team.....	29	3,782	1,997
202d Anti-Aircraft Artillery Gp.....	21	1,737	1,022
32d Ordnance Battalion.....	3	269	199
 Total.....	 167	 20,835	 10,976

AIR FORCE

<i>Organization</i>	<i>Units</i>	<i>Allotted Strength</i>	<i>Actual Strength</i>
Headquarters, Illinois Air NG.....	1	26	11
126th Fighter Interceptor Wing and Organization Units.....	20	2,444	1,960
 Total.....	 21	 2,470	 1,971

NAVY

Brigade, Illinois Naval Militia.....	13	1,772	905
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Note: Two hundred (200) units of the Illinois troop basis allotment have been activated and are in being with the actual strength recorded. Only one unit, the Medical Detachment of the 106th Tank Battalion, remains to be activated. The delay in activating this unit has been due to the inability to procure a medical officer. It is expected this obstacle will be overcome within a very short time, which will complete the 100% organization of all units under the troop basis allotment to Illinois.

THE NATIONAL GUARD IN THE ACTIVE DEFENSE OF THE UNITED STATES IN TIME OF PEACE

In conformity with the Federal missions for the National Guard, the Departments of the Army and Air Force have called upon the Army National Guard and the Air National Guard of the several states to assume a greater peace time role in the active defense of the Nation than ever before in our history.

The Air National Guard actively participates in the Air Defense Command Alert Program by providing personnel and aircraft, fully armed, from thirty minutes before sunrise to thirty minutes after sunset each day. Pilots on Air Defense Command Alert when properly notified, which is many times daily, are air-borne within five minutes for the purpose of intercepting any unknown or known enemy aircraft in the area.

The Army National Guard, under the Anti-Aircraft Artillery Plan in the defense of the Nation, has taken over many "on-site" positions throughout the Nation; thereby relieving the United States Army troops for other duties.

In Illinois, the 202d Anti-Aircraft Artillery Group has moved "on-site" at three positions, and in the next year will have occupied about nine additional sites to provide for the Anti-Aircraft Defense for the City of Chicago, under the overall coordinated Army and Air Force Defense Plans.

The utilization of the National Guard in the actual defense of our Nation in time of peace demonstrates its vitally important position in the national defense structure. The responsibilities, thus imposed upon the officers and men of the National Guard (Army and Air) are many times greater than they have ever been in the past.

FEDERAL LEGISLATION

During the period of this Report, the Congress of the United States has enacted many laws affecting the National Guard and other Reserve Components. I will not attempt to detail all of these laws and the helpful affect and protection they afford the officers and men. I do, however, feel that the following should be emphasized:

THE RESERVE OFFICERS PERSONNEL ACT OF 1955 PUBLIC LAW 773, 83D CONGRESS AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAW 115, 84TH CONGRESS

This Act provides for the promotion, precedence, constructive credit, distribution, retention and elimination of officers by age and service. This law was effective for the Air National Guard immediately. It becomes effective for the Army National Guard on 1 July 1960.