

**SECRETARY STANTON'S REPORT
 OF LAST YEAR.**

**The Operations of the War Department—
 The Work Performed by the Different
 Bureaus—How the Conscription
 Worked.**

The report of Mr. Secretary Stanton for the year 1864 has just been published. It is a long and very interesting document, containing as it does the reports of the different bureaus of the War Department. They are the Adjutant-General's, Paymaster-General's, Ordnance Engineer's, Subsistence Quartermaster-General's, Provost-Marshal-General's, and Surgeon-General's. Many of the interesting and valuable facts have never before been published.

THE ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S REPORT.

From the Adjutant-General's report we learn that from the 1st January, 1864, to 31st October of the same year the enlistments into the regular army numbered 13,019 men, and the transfers from the army to the navy, in the same period, numbered 3,568 men.

Between the 1st of November, 1863, and the 31st of October, 1864, there were forwarded to the field: One, two and three year recruits, for old and new organizations..... 366,459
 Drafted men..... 42,727
 One-hundred-day troops..... 80,640

Total..... 489,826

In the same period there were mustered out and discharged:

Three years volunteers..... 51,174
 One hundred day troops..... 80,640
 Veterans furloughed and returned to field..... 136,300

Total discharged, forwarded, and furloughed..... 757,940

THE COLORED TROOPS.

Col. Foster, in charge of the Bureau of Colored Troops, reports that on the 31st of October, 1863, there were fifty-eight regiments of colored troops, numbering thirty-seven thousand seven hundred and seven men. October 30, 1864, there were in the service one hundred and forty regiments, including all arms, with a total strength of one hundred and one thousand nine hundred and fifty, divided as follows, viz.:

Twelve regiments of artillery, heavy..... 12,226
 Artillery (light), eight batteries..... 853
 Six regiments cavalry..... 5,605
 One hundred and twenty-one regiments infantry..... 83,286

Total..... 101,950

This branch of the service, up to that time (October 30, 1864), lost by battle, discharges, desertions and diseases, 33,139 men. From July 4, 1864, to October 15, 1864, 2,510 colored recruits were mustered into the service.

Up to November 7, 1864, Gen. L. Thomas had organized along the Mississippi River the following colored troops:

Four regiments of cavalry..... 4,800
 Six regiments of heavy artillery..... 10,500
 Four companies of light artillery..... 720
 Forty regiments of infantry..... 40,000

Total..... 56,320

The number of soldiers who would have been larger but for the pressing need for the negroes in the Quartermaster's and Commissary Departments.

JUDGE-ADVOCATE-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT.

The operations of this Bureau for the sixteen months previous to March, 1865, were as follows:

Number of records of general courts-martial and military commissions reviewed..... 33,896
 Number of reports made as to the regularity of proceedings on application for restoration to the service, the pardon of offenders, the remission or commutation of sentences, and upon miscellaneous questions referred to this office..... 9,346

THE PROVOST-MARSHAL GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT.

The report of this officer is in many respects the most interesting of the documents from which we quote. The report is dated Nov. 15, 1864. From July 1, 1864, up to that time, 130,000 names were added to the enrollment list, and 285,398 names stricken from the enrollment showed the National Government. This enrollment, Nov. 1, 1864, to consist of 2,784,292 men. This enrollment of 1863, the quota drafted..... 1,000,000. In the draft of 1864, the quota drafted..... 1,000,000. Of these 1,000,000, 194,963, with fifty per cent added. Of these 194,963, 164,887 were exempted from physical and other causes, and 52,987 paid commutation, 26,012 furnished substitutes, and 9,848 were held to service.

On the 1st of May, 1864, another draft was drawn. A deficiency drafted for..... 50,387
 and examined..... 85,861
 and disability..... 21,446

The number held to personal service..... 3,418
 The number furnished substitutes..... 8,903
 The number who paid commutation..... 52,446
 On September 19, 1864, another draft was had, and

the result, known up to November 1, was as follows:
 Number reported and examined..... 72,433
 Number exempted for physical disability..... 20,333
 Number exempted for other causes..... 19,697
 Number held to personal service..... 19,053
 Number furnished substitutes..... 13,345

The recruiting in the Rebel States did not progress as satisfactorily as the loyal Governors anticipated. The result on November 1 was as follows:
 Total of Recruiting Agents appointed by Governors of Loyal States to recruit in Rebel States.. 1,047
 Total number of Recruits obtained by these Agents 2,83
 Recapitulation of forces raised and mustered into service for one, two, or three years, between November 1, 1863 and November 1, 1864.

FOR THE ARMY.

Volunteers, white and colored, in loyal States, between Nov. 1, 1863, and Nov. 1, 1864..... 402,698
 Volunteers, colored, enlisted in the States in rebellion, between Jan. 1, 1864, and Oct. 15, 1864, and not embraced in the above..... 22,143
 Recruits for Regular Army, between Jan. 1, 1864, and Oct. 31, 1864..... 13,871

Veterans who re-enlisted before the expiration of their terms of service, between Nov. 1, 1863, and Nov. 1, 1864..... 136,507

Drafted men, and substitutes for drafted men and men liable to draft, to Nov. 1, 1864..... 75,550

Total..... 650,769

Enlistments in the naval service, between Feb. 24, 1864, and Nov. 1, 1864..... 22,930

Enlistments in the marine corps, between Feb. 24, 1864, and Nov. 1, 1864..... 1,753

Total..... 675,452

In estimating the number of troops called into service, it has been the rule of the Department to take into account the whole number of men mustered, without regard to the fact that the same persons may have been previously discharged after having been accepted and credited on preceding calls.

A large part (near two hundred thousand) of the men accepted in the years 1861 and 1862 were soon found to be unfit for the service, and were discharged. (This accounts partially, for the large excess carried forward from the calls of 1862, and deducted from those of 1863.) The amount of money received from commutation prior to November 1, 1863, as stated in the last annual report, was \$10,518,000 00

The amount received since that report, and prior to November 1, 1864..... 15,066,599 25

Total received..... \$25,584,599 25

The number of deserters arrested between October 1, 1863, and September 30, 1864, was 39,392.

The total number arrested from the time this branch of the Bureau went into operation, May 1, 1863, to September 30, 1864, was 60,769, being an average of 3,574 per month; from which it may be inferred that not many who remain in the country escape arrest.

Accompanying Gen. Fry's report are 22 tables of medical statistics, with comparison statements.

The following is the number examined and the number rejected for physical and mental disability, together with the ratio per 1,000 of exemptions under the first draft:

States.*	Number rejected.	Number examined.	Ratio per 1,000
Maine.....	5,943	14,304	418.47
New-Hampshire.....	2,531	7,375	353.32
Vermont.....	2,183	6,719	304.89
Massachusetts.....	12,344	29,028	485.24
Rhode Island.....	1,320	4,097	322.18
Connecticut.....	3,164	10,808	322.47
New-York, Southern div.....	6,338	24,627	257.35
New-York, Northern div.....	8,627	27,658	311.91
New-York, Western div.....	19,524	29,759	353.64
Pennsylvania, Eastern div.....	9,806	36,294	270.18
Pennsylvania, Western div.....	10,138	35,607	284.46
Delaware.....	694	2,175	319.08
Maryland.....	1,116	4,821	231.48
District of Columbia.....	1,084	4,290	252.68
Wisconsin.....	2,671	12,237	218.27
Michigan.....	1,599	5,379	278.27

Total..... 80,134 255,188 314.02

Under the second draft the same exhibit is as follows:

States.*	Number exempted.	Number examined.	Ratio per 1,000
New-Hampshire.....	441	1,441	305.00
Vermont.....	48	197	243.06
Massachusetts.....	1,837	6,689	274.06
New-York.....	1,668	6,630	251.05
New-Jersey.....	1,446	7,728	187.01
Pennsylvania.....	2,480	10,941	286.67
Delaware.....	369	1,692	218.09
Maryland.....	2,655	7,656	345.43
Minnesota.....	1,056	3,125	337.92
Kentucky.....	961	4,461	215.48
Ohio.....	2,649	10,299	257.91
Michigan.....	136	368	369.56

Total..... 15,744 61,257 257.02

* In those States not named there were no drafts.

Table showing the ratio of exemptions from military service for mental and physical infirmities in the United States, France, Great Britain, and Belgium.

Nations.	Years.	Ratio rejected per 1,000 examined.
United States.....	1863 1864*	314.02 257.02
France.....	1831 to 1843 1859	324.4 317
Great Britain.....	1832 to 1851, and 1860 to 1862	317.3
Belgium.....	1851 to 1855	330.6

* Supplementary draft.

The average measurement of the chests (at inspiration) of recruits, substitutes, and drafted men in certain States, was as follows:

New-Hampshire, 34.62 inches; Vermont, 36.05; Massachusetts, 34.83; New-York, 35.30; New-Jersey, 34.87; Pennsylvania, 34.92; Delaware, 35; Maryland, 35.42; Minnesota, 36.01; Kentucky, 33.58; Ohio, 35.79; Michigan, 36. Total, 35.16.

The average height of the same persons was as follows:

New-Hampshire, 5 feet 5.73 inches; Vermont, 5 7.26; Massachusetts, 5 6.74; New-York, 5 5.05; New-Jersey, 5 6.86; Pennsylvania, 5 7.08; Delaware, 5 5.05; Maryland, 5 5.93; Minnesota, 5 5.56; Kentucky, 5 7.02; Ohio, 5 6.64; Michigan, 5 8. Total height, 5 6.44.

ORDNANCE DEPARTMENT.

The amount of appropriations to the department was \$45,279,022 12; the amount of expenditures was \$35,502,822 99.

The following is a report of the ordnance, arms and ammunition remaining in the arsenals on June 30, 1864:

Field cannon and siege guns..... 2,033
 Small arms..... 1,304,947
 Pounds of artillery ammunition..... 1,831,851

QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT.

In this department, during the past year, accounts to the amount of \$284,809,697 73 have passed the official examination required by law, prior to the transmission to the Treasury for final examination and settlement. They number 7,913; 7,828 accounts remain on hand to be examined, relating to disbursements, amounting to \$221,339,550 48.

During the year preceding the last annual report from this office the accounts examined and transmitted to the Treasury covered disbursements to the amount of \$118,463,312 03.

There were in operation during the year 6,500 miles of military telegraph, of which 76 miles are submarine. One half of the above, or 3,000 miles, of which 38 were submarine, was constructed during the year.

About 1,000 persons have been constantly employed in this service.

One million eight hundred thousand telegraphic messages were transmitted during the year.

The average cost of these messages therefore, charging the whole yearly expense of construction, maintenance, and operation to them, would be only 30 cents.

There has been purchased during the year about 9,500 army wagons, 1,100 ambulances, and harness for 175,000 animals.

The special reports of animals and means of transportation with the several armies during the year are imperfect, and the accounts and returns of officers, which contain the exact information, have not yet received their final examination; but it is estimated that there are about 300,000 horses and mules in the service of the army, of which the horses are about 170,000 and the mules about 130,000.

The reports received from armies numbering 426,000 enlisted men, show that there were present with the armies 221,059 animals, among which there are 113,684 serviceable horses and 87,791 serviceable mules.

With the same armies there were present 17,478 army wagons of the transport train, exclusive of ambulances, and of the artillery carriages, caissons, limbers, &c.

There were purchased during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1864, 158,718 horses, 82,320 mules; and there were captured from the enemy in the same time, as reported, 20,308 horses, 9,613 mules.

During the first eight months of the year 1864 the cavalry of the Army of the Potomac was supplied with two remounts, nearly 40,000 horses.

The charge of the National Cemeteries and the burial of deceased soldiers and others dying in the service of the United States in hospitals in and about Washington, is under the jurisdiction of this office, and is probably the most important of my specialties.

The following is the number of men who died in hospitals in the vicinity of Washington from August 1, 1861, to August 1, 1864:

Cemetery.	White.	Black.
Old-Soldiers' Home.....	5,447	529
Union.....	1,012	
Harmony.....	473	2,667
New National, Arlington.....	2,619	231

Total..... 8,539 4,169

The nativity of a portion of these is as follows: United States, 4,910; England, 142; Ireland, 444; Scotland, 40; Wales, 7; France, 22; and Germany, 306.