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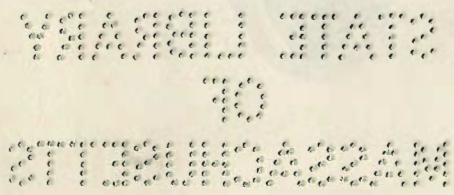
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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

REPORT.

The Commissioners on War Records have the honor to submit the following report.

SOLDIERS.

The work of this Bureau on records of soldiers has been continued for the past year on hospital and casualty reports and books outside of the regular rolls; and on enlistment papers, — one of the most important series of documents contained in the archives, and which, begun upon in 1903, has been made use of for the first time by this Bureau, and is most important in clearing up numerous incorrect or defective records. More hospital books and casualty reports have been discovered in the archives the past year, and are in process of carding.

The results of the work have been very gratifying. There has been no year since the establishment of the Bureau when so much has been accomplished in the way of correction of errors in the roster, and the connection of services in different organizations of this Commonwealth, or of men in Massachusetts regiments or batteries, with their service in other State organizations or in the regular army or navy.

In connection with the State Aid Bureau, investigation has revealed a number of men who had been drawing State or military aid, who were deserters, and not entitled to such aid.

Many instances have come to light, as in previous years, where men have been falsely charged with desertion. Curi-

ous and interesting cases could be given of facts revealed by the investigations in this particular line, but such have no place in a report which calls for conciseness.

SAILORS.

The branch of the work comprising naval enlistments and transfers is well advanced toward publication. The carding of all the books of the Adjutant-General's lists of sailors and marines as they now stand, with everything that up to this time applies to the service of sailors and marines, is completed, and believed to be correct as far as now known. Numerous additions must be made after ascertaining certain facts from the Navy department, which has shown every courtesy in promptly furnishing all information asked for. Care has to be taken, however, not to call for too much at a time, as such a course might result unfavorably.

It has been necessary, nevertheless, to defer work in one direction, — that of examination for indispensable information contained in the earlier letter files, embracing the communications of many years from the Navy department, which files have been for months at the bindery, and only recently returned to the Adjutant-General's archives.

This branch of the work requires peculiarly careful investigation, and presents difficulties unknown to the army records. The results during the past year have been very satisfactory. The names of a large number of men who served from this Commonwealth in the navy, either by original enlistment or by transfer from the army, records of whose service had hitherto been lacking, have been added to the list. Corrections in records of hundreds of sailors have been made.

It is proper to remark that only those men who were residents of this Commonwealth at the time of their enlistment are included in the quota of Massachusetts, wherever or on whatever station they may have enlisted. Those who had moved away and become permanently citizens elsewhere are not properly to be considered as Massachusetts men, although they may have been born within the limits of the Commonwealth. Of course all men who were enlisted or

drafted from any station, and were afterwards formally allowed as on the Massachusetts quota, are to be rated as on the list of Massachusetts sailors or marines.

The original enlistment rolls of the receiving ship "Ohio" are now on the receiving ship "Wabash," at Charlestown Navy Yard, and are open to this Bureau through the courtesy of the admiral in command on this station. They are invaluable in many ways where it is necessary to verify dates of enlistments, secure descriptive lists, and to determine the facts relative to identification in many cases where confusion has existed up to this time in regard to the identity of certain men.

All information received from the officers at the Charlestown Navy Yard and receiving ship, as well as from the Bureau of Navigation, and the adjutant and inspector of the United States Marine Corps, has been full, exact and of final value.

The work is progressing as rapidly as can be expected, where close and careful examination is often very difficult. The results already apparent are proving its value.

Many appreciative letters are received from soldiers and sailors who have, through the efforts of this Bureau, received completed or corrected records of service.

Respectfully submitted,

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