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## LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

*To the Honorable Theodore Christianson, Governor of Minnesota.*

SIR: The Minnesota War Records Commission submits herewith its third biennial report, in accordance with the provisions of Section 7, Chapter 496, *Laws of 1921*, which reads as follows:

"On or before February 1, 1921, and biennially thereafter, the said commission shall present a report to the governor containing a statement of the progress of its work, together with plans and recommendations for the continuation and completion of the work, which report shall be transmitted by the governor to the legislature."

Respectfully yours,

FRANKLIN F. HOLBROOK,

*Secretary*

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## THIRD BIENNIAL REPORT

Because the earlier reports of the Minnesota War Records Commission were not printed and made available for general distribution, the following account of recent activities and future plans is prefaced by a brief review of the origin, purposes, and previous accomplishments of the organization.

The commission was established, in 1918, to collect and preserve the records of Minnesota's part in the World War. The foundations of a great state collection of World War records had been laid by the Minnesota Historical Society, but the new field was a vast one and it was felt that there was need of something on the order of the familiar war-time "drive," conducted by a statewide organization specially created, named, and financed for the purpose. Accordingly, in August, 1918, the Minnesota Commission of Public Safety, at the suggestion of the historical society, authorized the establishment of a body to be known as the Minnesota War Records Commission, and the latter, composed of twelve representative citizens appointed by the governor, was organized the following October.

With modest financial assistance from the public safety commission and with the co-operation of the historical society, the new commission organized volunteer county committees wherever possible throughout the state and began the collection of records, in the expectation that the legislature would make permanent and substantial provision for a work of this magnitude and importance. The nature of the material to be collected and the commission's plans for the continuation and expansion of the work were described in two bulletins, widely distributed, entitled *A Statewide Movement for the Collection and Preservation of Minnesota's War Records* and *Minnesota's Part in the War: Shall It Be Adequately Recorded?*

In April, 1919, the commission was established by law with a somewhat altered personnel and with greatly extended functions. Thenceforth the commission was not only "to provide for the collection and preservation in state and local war records collections of all available material relating to Minnesota's participation in the World War," but

also "to provide for the preparation and publication, as a permanent memorial record, of a comprehensive documentary and narrative history of the part played by the state in the World War, including conditions and events within the state relating to or affected by the war." The commission was authorized to employ paid assistants but the members as such were to receive no compensation.<sup>1</sup>

#### THE FIRST BIENNIAL—THE COLLECTION OF RECORDS

For the first two and a half years, with an annual appropriation of five thousand dollars during the biennium 1919–21, the commission had all it could do in the pursuit of its original object, the collection of records. In that period there was assembled a mass of material relating to the war services of Minnesotans and of Minnesota organizations. With later additions, the state war records collection now includes—besides the local newspapers, books, and miscellany accumulated by the historical society during the war—extensive files of records of the services of soldiers, sailors, marines, and welfare workers; published reports and files of the official correspondence and records of many of the leading war organizations, such as the Minnesota Commission of Public Safety, the War Camp Community Service, the Military Training Camps Association, and the United States Employment Service; a great deal of the printed matter, including pamphlets, bulletins, and circular letters, which formed part of the working paraphernalia of every large war agency; representative collections of soldiers' photographs, war letters, and military documents; and mementoes, such as military equipment and insignia, battlefield trophies, war posters, service flags, lantern slides, and motion picture films.

Some idea of the extent of the collection may be gained from the fact that it comprises, exclusive of all except the manuscripts, nearly a million and a half separate items and fills hundreds of filing-case drawers. As to their value, no one would contend that each separate item is of tremendous historical significance, but taken severally or as a whole the records in these collections will contribute very largely to the interest, the fullness, and the accuracy of Minnesota's war history. They constitute the raw material, so to speak, from which the intelligible thing we call history is wrought.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>*Laws*, Regular Session, 1919, Chap. 284. This act, as amended by Chap. 496, *Laws* of 1921, is printed in full on page 19.

<sup>2</sup>For a descriptive catalog of the commission's manuscript collections, see pages 21 to 31.

Besides assembling material for the state war records collection, the commission encouraged its county committees in the building up of similar collections of local war records for permanent preservation in courthouses, libraries, or other local depositories throughout the state. For the guidance of these committees the commission issued a bulletin (mimeographed) entitled *County War History Prospectus and Guide to the Collection of Material*, and legislation was secured empowering cities and counties to appropriate funds for the work of their several war records committees in amounts ranging from two hundred and fifty to five thousand dollars—funds, it should be observed, which could be used for strictly local war records purposes only.<sup>3</sup> As a result, though not always with the aid of public funds, a number of the committees, notably those in Benton, Clay, Hennepin, Le Sueur, Morrison, Nicollet, Nobles, Polk, Pope, Ramsey, Rice, St. Louis, and Stevens counties, assembled local war records collections of great interest and value; and other committees, including those of Anoka, Blue Earth, Chisago, Jackson, Martin, Mower, and Watonwan counties, published or assisted in the preparation of county war histories.

#### THE SECOND BIENNIAL HISTORY OF MINNESOTA IN THE SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR

In 1921, having assembled a large part of the needed material, the commission submitted to the governor and the legislature a tentative plan for the publication of a comprehensive history of Minnesota in the World War as required by law. This plan was tacitly approved, and the commission's appropriation was increased to ten thousand dollars a year; but at the same time the commission law was amended so as to provide for the preparation and publication, first, of a history of Minnesota in the Spanish-American War and the Philippine Insurrection. It appeared that a commission had been established some years before to compile and publish a history of "Minnesota in the Spanish War, 1898-1899,"<sup>4</sup> but that owing to lack of funds this work had been left unfinished, and it was felt that in justice to the veterans of the Spanish war the earlier work, considerably broadened in scope, should be completed before similar recognition were given to the veterans of the later conflict.

<sup>3</sup>*Laws*, Regular Session, 1919, Chap. 288. Authority for the continuation of similar support in the cases of a few of the larger county war records projects was granted in Chap. 262, *Laws* of 1921, and Chap. 202, *Laws* of 1923.

<sup>4</sup>*Laws*, 1903, Chap. 249.

During the biennium 1921-23, therefore, the commission devoted most of its attention to this new-old task, carrying on the collection of World War history material as well as might be at the same time.

The new task proved larger than expected. Upon examination of the effects of the earlier commission, it was discovered that that body had compiled a roster of the four Minnesota regiments which served in the Spanish war, but had prepared nothing in the way of a narrative history or—because it was not then required—of records of Minnesotans in other branches of the service. Moreover, under revised plans for the work, the roster could not be used for publication without extensive alterations in content and form. It was necessary, therefore, for the present commission to make practically a new start.

The preparation of the narrative involved a search covering all possible sources of information, including standard works relating to the Spanish war and the Filipino insurrection; reports of the secretary of war, and other government publications; inspection reports, regimental returns, and other material relating to Minnesota regiments, transcribed at the commission's expense from documents in the archives of the war department; biennial reports of the adjutant general of Minnesota; official correspondence and other manuscript records of the offices of the governor and the adjutant general; published regimental histories; printed and manuscript records of local civilian war agencies; private correspondence of participants in the events described; and contemporary local newspapers.

More complicated and laborious was the work of compiling the roster. This was especially true in the cases of Minnesotans who served in units or branches other than the four Minnesota volunteer regiments. The state had no records even of the names of these men, and it was only through an extended canvass of thousands of records in the files of the war and navy departments at Washington that the commission was enabled to identify and record the services of the thirty-five hundred Minnesotans who entered the regular army, the navy, the marine corps, the United States volunteers, or volunteer regiments of other states during the period under consideration.

The completed work, published in April, 1923, under the title *Minnesota in the Spanish-American War and the Philippine Insurrection*, has met with the approval of men qualified to speak for the veterans; it has drawn appreciative comment from the press; and it has survived the test of critical review at the hands of a number of professional historians.

Typical of the reception accorded the history by the men whose records fill so large a part of the book is the following comment which appears in a letter received by the commission from the Honorable Samuel A. Rask, a veteran of the Spanish war and the prime mover in the legislature for the resumption of the work thus brought to completion:

You have done wonderfully well with this book, in view of the fact that such a long time has elapsed since the events took place. You are surely to be commended upon the manner in which you have succeeded in presenting the history in such a readable form, and also upon the apparent completeness of the data regarding the individuals who were in the service.

In a review of the book written by Dr. Lester B. Shippee of the University of Minnesota and published in the *Minnesota History Bulletin* of August, 1923, appears the following:

If the succeeding volumes which this group [*the Minnesota War Records Commission*] is expected to complete come up to the standard set by this one, no one will question either the wisdom of the legislature in making the work possible or the good sense and judgment of those to whom it has been intrusted. A scholarly and readable volume, it should appeal both to those who delight in seeing such a task done as it ought to be and to those who read because they are interested in the subject matter.

Dr. John D. Hicks, formerly of Hamline University, made the following general observations in the course of a discussion of the same subject which appeared in the *Mississippi Valley Historical Review* of September, 1923:

The present volume is altogether admirable. It has great intrinsic merit, and it provides also a pattern which other states interested in their military past would do well to follow. . . . It is a great relief to find a book of this sort done in such a scholarly and scientific way. If the volumes the commission has to offer on the world war maintain the high standard set by this volume they will leave but little to be desired.

#### ACTIVITIES OF THE CURRENT BIENNIAL, 1923-25

During the current biennium, with a continued annual appropriation of ten thousand dollars, the commission has been able for the first time to undertake on any considerable scale the discharge of the second of its original tasks, the preparation and publication of a history of Minnesota in the World War. Before considering what has now been

accomplished in that direction, however, it is desired to call attention to certain continuing activities which necessarily absorb no little of the commission's time and effort and which thus delay progress in the more obviously productive work of publication.

*Distribution of the Spanish War History*

Under regulations formulated by the commission in accordance with the law, 1,226 of an edition of 1,500 copies of *Minnesota in the Spanish-American War and the Philippine Insurrection* have been distributed as follows:

Allotted specifically by law to the Minnesota Historical Society for exchange with libraries and institutions outside the state .....	200
Distributed free, postage, when required, having been paid by the recipients :	
To state officials, including legislators.....	286
To public libraries, schools, colleges, and state institutions .....	577
To newspapers, historical magazines, veterans' associations, etc., for the most part for advertising purposes .....	148
Sold to individuals at \$2 a copy—a price slightly exceeding the cost of printing and binding—the proceeds being turned over to the state treasurer as required by law	15

The book is obviously not a "best-seller," but more copies would doubtless have been purchased by individuals had it not been for a feeling prevalent among those most interested, the Spanish war veterans, that they are entitled to free copies, authority for the distribution of which a number of veterans' associations will doubtless seek to obtain from the legislature.

Pending the settlement of this question, the commission has aimed principally to secure the widest possible distribution among the public, school, and college libraries of the state in order to place the book within reach of every one desirous of consulting it.

*Additions to the State War Records Collection*

The time for a continuous search for and a wholesale gathering in of material for the state war records collection is past, and the commission's collecting activities are now confined largely to the filling of specific and immediate needs, as in the case of the records obtained specially for use in the preparation of the Spanish war history; but the commission continues on the lookout for new material likely to be useful at any stage of its work.

Two of the more important recent acquisitions may be noted here: one comprising a large portion of the records of the bonus and tuition departments of the adjutant general's office; the other consisting of records relating to the auditing of accounts in connection with the construction of the great war-time cantonments, particularly of Camps Dodge and Funston. The former will supply invaluable supplementary information for use in the compilation of the projected World War roster, and the latter will furnish interesting sidelights on the war activities of civilian specialists from this state.

*Classification and Arrangement of Material*

From the time when the commission first began to assemble records in large quantities it has been necessary to devote considerable time and effort to the work of getting the several large bodies of material into workable form—a task involving endless sorting, classifying, and filing—and much remains to be done in this direction. During the current biennium marked progress has been made in the final arrangement of the commission's many thousands of service records, and something has been accomplished in the examination and classification of the equally large collections of material relating to group activities.

As always, the commission receives not infrequent requests for information on various phases of the state's war history, for the answering of which some little time in the aggregate is required. Its policy is to meet all such requests except in cases where the research involved would seriously delay the main business in hand.

*The Work in the Counties*

The commission continues to take a supervisory interest in the activities of its county committees, at least five of which are still more

or less active or have arranged for a continuation of their work. The Stevens County committee continues to care for and to make occasional additions to its collections, particularly of war relics; the Hennepin County committee, though not now aggressively and continuously active, is still intact and in a position to care for belated acquisitions; the work of the St. Louis County committee is carried on now as a part of the activities of the more recently organized St. Louis County Historical Society; in Rice County the local committee has the material, the funds, and the plans for the publication of a county war history which will doubtless be forthcoming in time; and in Ramsey County work on a similar county publication is moving forward slowly but steadily, with good prospects of completion in the near future.

*Plans for the History of Minnesota in the World War*

Turning now to the principal work of the biennium, it will be well to recall the broad outlines of the tentative plan for a history of Minnesota in the World War which was tacitly approved by the legislature in 1921 and again in 1923.

This plan calls for the production of an eight-volume work divided roughly as follows:

Four volumes dealing comprehensively, in narrative and documentary form, with the many and varied phases of Minnesota's war effort, including volumes or chapters setting forth the services rendered by such groups or organizations as the national guard, the naval militia, the army of Minnesotans who entered the federal service as individuals, the draft boards, the public safety commission, the great welfare agencies, the war loan organization, and the food and fuel administrations.

Three volumes containing an alphabetical roster of the names and brief statements of the services of all Minnesota soldiers, sailors, and marines.

One volume of narrative history summarizing the whole story in a form suitable for general distribution and use.

As originally presented, the plan indicated how the several volumes might be numbered and how the narrative portion of the history might be divided, but it was understood that the plan would be subject to modification in detail, and experience has shown that only in the course of actual preparation can the precise character and order of all the volumes in the series be determined.

*History of the 151st Field Artillery*

While plans for this work were still under consideration, the secretary of the commission learned that Lieutenant Governor Louis L. Collins, who served with the 151st Field Artillery in France, had written a brief history of that regiment for publication when opportunity offered. At the suggestion of the secretary, the commission secured Mr. Collins' permission to publish this account of one of Minnesota's foremost military organizations as part of the projected state war history, and, as it turns out, the first volume of the series.

Work on this volume was started during the last biennium. At that time the regular members of the commission's staff were still occupied with work on the Spanish war history, and the editing of the Collins manuscript was assigned to Dr. Wayne E. Stevens of Dartmouth College, whose services were available for this purpose for short periods during the summers of 1922 and 1923. As a trained historian, an ex-service man, and a former resident of Minnesota, Dr. Stevens was well qualified for this task.

With the assistance of regular members of the staff and with the approval of the author, Dr. Stevens revised and considerably expanded Mr. Collins' account, on the basis of material much of which was not available to the author at the time of writing, and selected, arranged, and edited a series of documents for inclusion in the volume as illustrative of and supplementary to the narrative. Other features of the history, including a roster of the members of the regiment, were prepared by regular members of the staff, and to the latter also fell the task of seeing the entire volume through the final stages of revision and printing.

The amount of work involved in this development of a brief account into a complete historical record can only be suggested here. Every statement in the narrative, whether made originally by the author or inserted by the editor, was checked and rechecked with reference to completeness, accuracy, consistency, spelling of names, and grammatical construction, in the light of the best available authorities on the points in question. The documentary material was obtained for the most part in the form of photographic copies of records in the archives of the war department and of papers in the possession of Colonel, now Brigadier General, George E. Leach, commander of the regiment during the war, and this material was then "shaped up," typed, and collated for the use of the printer—all at the expense of

much time and labor. The roster was compiled to a large extent on the basis of material already in hand, but it was necessary to secure at Washington, at the commission's expense, certain information about a number of the Minnesota members of the 151st as well as the service records of nearly a thousand men from other states who served at one time or another with this Minnesota unit. And with the completion of copy for the whole book there of course remained the exacting task of seeing it through the press.

Specifications for the printing of the history were submitted to the state printer on April 3, 1924, and the latter then sent copies to a number of printers with requests for bids. The specifications called for an edition of 1,500 copies of a volume conforming in all essential respects to the model set by the Spanish war history. The bids received were as follows: the Webb Publishing Company, St. Paul, \$2,300; the Riverside Press, St. Paul, \$2,200; the Syndicate Printing Company, Minneapolis, \$1,968; and the McGill-Warner Company, St. Paul, \$1,850. The state printer then awarded the contract to the McGill-Warner Company as the lowest bidder and the printing was begun on May 1.

The completed work was issued in December, 1924, under the title *History of the 151st Field Artillery, Rainbow Division*, and as copies have since been placed in the hands of the governor and of members of the legislature, the book may now speak for itself.

#### *Minnesota Units in the Sandstorm Division*

From this beginning the commission has naturally proceeded to a consideration of the services of other organized units furnished by this state to the armed forces of the nation. It so happened that all of the Minnesota national guard units in federal service, other than the 151st Field Artillery, were assigned to the Sandstorm (the 34th) Division, trained at Camp Cody, New Mexico, and sent overseas in time for some of the men to get to the front and share in the fighting as replacements. There was also the naval militia whose services must be noticed in this or some other connection. It was therefore decided to devote the second volume of the series to a discussion of the first of these subjects at least, and to issue it under some such title as "Minnesota Units in the Sandstorm Division." Before the end of the current biennium, work on this new project will have been gotten well under way, with a view of publication as early as may be during the coming biennium.

*The Compilation of the Roster Begun*

The commission has also made a start on the preparation of printer's copy for the projected three-volume general roster of Minnesota service men. This is the commission's largest single task and the plan is to keep at least one member of the staff working at it almost continuously while others are preparing the narrative volumes. In this way the commission hopes to have the roster ready for publication in its proper place in the series without undue delays in the issuance of successive volumes. That the compilation of some 120,000 roster entries will require no little labor and painstaking care will be readily appreciated.

*Expenditures*

Actual expenditures for the first year of the biennium and proposed expenditures for the second, or current, year are shown (omitting odd cents) in the statement immediately following this report. The latter is largely self-explanatory, but it should be stated here that the balances there noted represent amounts carried forward to meet obligations incurred in connection with work started, but not finished, within a given fiscal year. This is unavoidable in the case of a department getting out extended publications. For example, as indicated above, the history of the 151st Field Artillery was ready for the printer in April, 1924, and the printing was accordingly started, but it continued into the present fiscal year and the 1923-24 balance of \$1,955 was carried forward and held in reserve to apply on that work.

## PLANS FOR THE BIENNIIUM 1925-27

The commission has always felt under obligations, when making recommendations relating to the continuation and completion of its work, to call attention to the fact that, since it has a special and definitely limited task to perform, the larger the appropriations granted the sooner can this task be completed and the commission disbanded. But real progress has been made under the ten thousand dollar-a-year rate, and the commission is prepared to continue on that basis. It therefore recommends a continuation of the present appropriation for use substantially as indicated in the accompanying statement. This, however, is regarded as the minimum requirement for productive work, and should the commission be called upon to provide veterans with free

copies of its publications, it would obviously be necessary to ask for a separate appropriation for that specific purpose, unless, as seems more likely, such special provision were made as a matter of course.

Granted the usual appropriation, the commission will proceed with the unfinished tasks already noted, including the preparation and publication of a volume on the history of Minnesota units in the Sandstorm Division and the preparation of a portion of the general roster of Minnesota service men. It is possible, also, that a beginning can be made on the preparation of the third volume of narrative history, which, according to present plans, will cover the remaining phases of Minnesota's military participation under some such title as "Recruiting and the Selective Draft."

In all this it has been assumed that, as a temporary body engaged at a special task whose requirements would remain the same under whatever auspices continued, the commission will be permitted to finish as it has begun, passing out of existence automatically in the not distant future after having produced a work of which, it is hoped, the state may be proud.

## EXPENDITURES AND ESTIMATES, 1923-1927

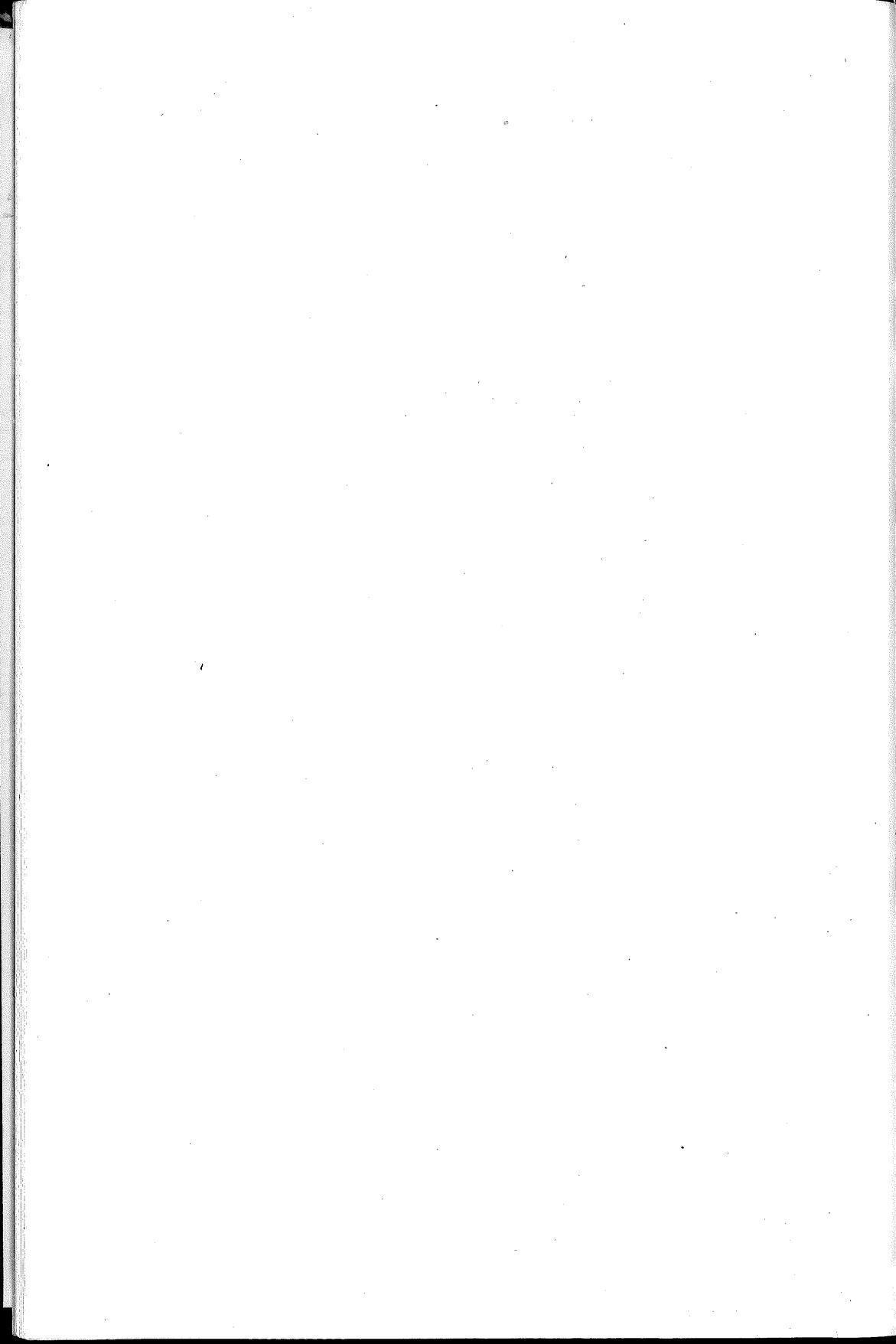
### *Funds Available*

Year beginning	July 1, 1923 (actual)	July 1, 1924 (actual)	July 1, 1925 (proposed)	July 1, 1926 (proposed)
Carried forward <sup>5</sup> .....	\$300	\$1,955		
Current appropria- tion .....	10,000	10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Total .....	\$10,300	\$11,955	\$10,000	\$10,000

### *Expenditures*

Year beginning	July 1, 1923 (actual)	July 1, 1924 (proposed)	July 1, 1925 (proposed)	July 1, 1926 (proposed)
Salaries				
Secretary .....	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
General assist- ant .....	1,440	1,440	1,800	1,800
Research assist- ant .....	1,250	1,800		
Typist .....	584	840	1,200	1,200
Filing clerk .....	444	500	500	500
Special services				
Editorial work, filing, etc. ....	954	500	1,000	1,000
Traveling expenses..	95	200	200	200
Office expenses				
Supplies .....	277	275	225	225
Equipment .....	186	75	100	100
Postage .....	22	50	100	100
Telephone .....	34	50	50	50
Incidentals .....	3	25	25	25
Publication .....	56	3,200	1,800	1,800
Total .....	\$8,345	\$11,955	\$10,000	\$10,000

<sup>5</sup>The amounts noted above as carried forward at the beginnings of the years 1923-24 and 1924-25 are not to be regarded as unexpended balances, but rather as sums held in reserve to meet obligations, chiefly for printing, which were incurred, but which could not be discharged, during the previous fiscal years.



## APPENDIX



## THE LAW GOVERNING THE COMMISSION

[Chap. 284, *Laws of 1919*, as amended by Chap. 496, *Laws of 1921*.]

*An act establishing the Minnesota War Records Commission; providing for the compilation of records and the collection of materials relating to the participation of the state and its citizens in the Spanish-American War, the Phillipino Rebellion and the World War, and for the preparation, publication, and distribution of a memorial record and history of Minnesota's part in said wars.*

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. There is hereby established the Minnesota war records commission to be composed of the president of the Minnesota Historical Society, the chairman of the department of history of the University of Minnesota, the adjutant general of the state, the state superintendent of education, and five other citizens of the state to be appointed by the governor. As soon as may be after the passage of this act the commission shall meet at the call of the president of the Minnesota Historical Society and shall organize by electing a chairman from its membership and by appointing a secretary who shall be the executive officer of the commission. The members of the commission shall not receive any compensation for their services as such, but shall be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses in the performance of their official duties.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the said Minnesota war records commission to provide for the collection and preservation in state and local war records collections of all available material relating to Minnesota's participation in the Spanish-American War the Phillipino [sic] Rebellion and the World War; to procure, in co-operation with the adjutant general of the state, transcripts or abstracts of all available records of the United States war and navy departments relating to the services of citizens or residents of Minnesota or to the history of military or naval units composed largely of Minnesota men; and to provide for the compilation and preservation in the state war records collection of individual records of the service during said wars of all citizens or residents of Minnesota in the military or naval forces of the state or of the United States or of any of the governments associated with the United States in said wars, also of all citizens or residents of Minnesota engaged in non-military forms of war service with the armed forces of the United States or of the associated nations or conspicuously engaged in civilian war work.

Section 3. It shall be the further duty of the said commission to provide for the preparation and publication, as a permanent memorial record, of a comprehensive documentary and narrative history of the part played by the state in the Spanish-American War, the Phillipino Rebellion and the World War, including conditions and events within the state relating to or affected by said wars; and also for the preparation and publication of a condensed narrative of Minnesota's part in said wars suitable for distribution to the soldiers and sailors from the state in recognition of their services to the commonwealth, and the preparation and publication of such permanent memorial record and such narrative history as pertains to the Spanish-American War and Phillipino Rebellion shall be first completed.

Section 4. Of the comprehensive history provided for in section three of this act eight hundred sets shall be available for distribution to public, college, and school libraries, institutions, and officials of the state under such rules and regulations as the said commission may prescribe, and two hundred sets shall be

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deposited with the Minnesota Historical Society to be available for exchange with libraries and institutions outside the state. All the publications herein provided for may be sold by the said commission at such price, not less than the cost of printing and binding, as it may determine; provided that the proceeds from such sales shall be turned in to the state treasury.

Section 5. The state war records collection assembled by the said commission shall be deposited in the library of the Minnesota Historical Society, and the said society is hereby designated as the official custodian of the collection; provided that the transcripts from the records of the United States war and navy departments relating to the services of individual soldiers and sailors shall be filed in the office of the adjutant general, although copies thereof may be made for the state war records collection.

Section 6. The said commission shall have power to appoint such field agents, writers, editors, indexers, and other employees as may be necessary for carrying out the purposes of this act, and shall fix the compensation thereof; provided no obligations shall be incurred in excess of the sum appropriated for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act.

Section 7. On or before February 1, 1921, and biennially thereafter, the said commission shall present a report to the governor containing a statement of the progress of its work, together with plans and recommendations for the continuation and completion of the work, which report shall be transmitted by the governor to the legislature.

Section 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

## MANUSCRIPT COLLECTIONS

The following descriptive catalog of the manuscript collections assembled by the commission represents an important part, but not all, of the material which may be said to constitute the state's war records collection for the periods of the Spanish-American War, the Philippine Insurrection, and the World War. No account is taken, for example, of the commission's acquisitions in the way of publications, such as military histories, county war histories, reports of war agencies, and collections of war-time printed miscellany, or of war relics, such as posters, service flags, and battlefield trophies, because material of this description has been turned over to the library and museum departments of the Minnesota Historical Society, in the same building, where it is catalogued and readily accessible. Nor is any mention made of similar material, including extensive files of Minnesota newspapers and periodicals embracing the periods under discussion, which the historical society has acquired and made readily available in the course of its regular activities. When the war records commission completes its work of publication, all of the collections described below, with the possible exception of certain records belonging to the office of the adjutant general, will be turned over to the historical society for permanent preservation.

### SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN

#### *Spanish-American War and Philippine Insurrection*

Records of the Minnesota Volunteers, 1898-1899.....6,000 items

Original muster rolls, pay rolls, enlistment papers, etc., giving details of the individual services of the 5,300 men of the 12th, 13th, 14th, and 15th regiments, Minnesota Volunteer Infantry.

—Roster ..... 600 pages

Names and service records of the Minnesota volunteers, compiled on the basis of the foregoing by a state commission established in 1903; a similar roster, somewhat more thoroughly organized and condensed, has been compiled from the original sources by the present war records commission.

Records of Minnesotans in Other Branches, 1898-1902.....4,000 items

Individual statements of the services of 3,500 Minnesota men who served in the regular army, navy, marine corps, United States volunteers, or volunteer regiments of other states, transcribed by the war records commission from official records in the government archives at Washington.

#### *World War*

Roster of 100,000, or about Eighty-seven Per Cent, of the Minnesota Men in the Service of the United States.....4,000 pages

An incomplete but useful alphabetical list compiled by the adjutant general of Minnesota soon after the armistice. Like all other records described in this section, this roster is valuable both for purposes of verification and as a source of information as to names and details of service not found in other files.

*THIRD BIENNIAL REPORT*

Personal Statements of the Services of 100,000, or about Eighty-five Per Cent, of the Minnesota Men and Women in the Armed Forces of the United States and of the Allied Nations, with Supplementary Material in Certain Cases.....105,000 items

Individual records secured by means of questionnaires distributed by the war records commission among the service men and women, or their relatives, with the co-operation of its county committees and of the Minnesota Soldiers' Bonus Board. The compilation was begun at the close of the war, at a time when there was no reason to believe that the complete data desired would be readily available in any other form. Not a few of the formal statements are accompanied by supplementary material such as soldiers' or nurses' photographs, war letters, and military papers. The file is divided as follows:

—Military Service Records.

Statements furnished for the most part by service men and nurses themselves, giving detailed information, much of which is not readily available elsewhere. The statements were entered, with varying degrees of fullness, on four-page blank forms calling for certain biographical data, details of military or naval service, and information as to the circumstances attending the service man's or woman's return to civil life.

—“The Gold Star Roll.”

Detailed supplementary statements in the cases of 2,500, or about seventy per cent, of the Minnesota men and women who died in the service. These records were furnished by relatives and friends through the medium of a four-page blank form calling for specially detailed information as to the subject's personal and family history and as to the circumstances attending his or her death and burial.

Official Statements of the Services of 115,000, or Nearly All, of the Minnesota Men and Women in the Armed Forces of the United States.....115,000 items

Individual records, in card form, compiled by the federal government under a general plan whereby the latter has furnished to the several states of the Union the names and brief records of all the men and women who entered the service from those states. Supposedly authoritative and all-inclusive, these records can be used with confidence only in comparison with corresponding records derived from other sources. They are classified according to branch of service, as follows:

—Army Service Records.

Statements furnished by the war department under the provisions of an act of Congress approved July 11, 1919. They supply, with varying degrees of fullness and accuracy, the service records of all Minnesota officers, enlisted men, and nurses in the army.

—Naval Service Records.

Statements furnished by the navy department under the provisions of an act of Congress approved June 4, 1920. They supply for the most part complete and trustworthy information as to the services of all Minnesota officers, enlisted men, nurses, and "yeomanettes" in the navy.

—Marine Corps Service Records.

Statements furnished by the marine corps, apparently without special authorization from Congress, during the period when the official records described above were being compiled. Through them are provided dependable records of all Minnesota officers and enlisted men in the marine corps.

Applications for the Victory Medal..... 36,000 items

A growing file of duplicate application blanks filled out and signed by Minnesotans who have applied to the adjutant general of the army for the Victory Medal, a decoration to which all who served in the army are entitled, or for the same with clasps, indicating service overseas and battle participation. The chief local source of official information as to the battle records of individual Minnesotans.

Records of the Distribution of the Minnesota Bonus.....400,000 items

Complete files, with the exceptions noted below, of the individual records and papers acquired, successively, by the Minnesota Soldiers' Bonus Board, the Soldiers' Bonus Board of Review, and the adjutant general's office in con-

nexion with their administration of the law which provided a cash bonus for Minnesota men and women who served in the armed forces of the nation during the war. These records may be described, with special reference to their bearing on military or naval service, as follows:

—Card Index of Applications.

An alphabetical record of the 120,000 men and women who applied for the Minnesota bonus. Although intended primarily as a guide to the fuller records listed below, this index is useful in itself as furnishing the names of individuals who may properly be included in a Minnesota roster.

—Applications.

Sworn statements of the 120,000 applicants for the Minnesota bonus, setting forth, among other things, certain facts as to the services upon which they based their claims. With these applications, in the case of unsuccessful claimants, are filed all of the papers relating to the several claims, but in the case of successful claimants all papers other than the formal applications are filed with the cancelled checks in the office of the state auditor. The formal applications, considered as service records, are valuable chiefly as supplying confirmatory evidence, with official endorsement in the case of successful claimants, as to Minnesota residence at the time of entering the service and as to dates of entry and discharge.

—Card Record of Applicants Who Were Summoned to Service under the Draft.

Brief statements, based upon an investigation of the original draft records in Washington, showing, primarily, whether or not a given applicant or possible applicant in this group sought to evade service in such a way as to render him ineligible to the state bonus.

Records of the Tuition Department of the Office of the Adjutant General of Minnesota ..... 30,000 items

Individual records of the nature and disposition of the claims of the 8,800 men and women who have applied for the free tuition provided by the state, beginning in 1919, for Minnesota veterans and Red Cross nurses at certain recognized schools, colleges, and universities. The records are divided as follows:

—Card Index of Applications.

An alphabetical record giving the names, brief histories of the cases, and file references to the papers of all applicants for free tuition.

—Applications.

Sworn statements of the 8,800 applicants for free tuition, certified by the adjutant general in the case of successful claimants, setting forth, among other things, certain facts relating to the services upon which they based their claims. Regarded as service records, these documents serve to establish, with a minimum of detail, the following main points: American citizenship and Minnesota residence at the time of entry; the fact of service; and receipt of an honorable discharge.

Draft Registration and Induction Lists ..... 20,000 pages

Photographic copies of the original draft lists at Washington, furnished by the war department in connection with the compilation of the official army service records noted above. They are grouped as follows:

—Registration Lists.

Lists of the names, addresses, and numbers of the 540,000 Minnesota men who were registered under the draft.

—Induction Lists.

Records, incomplete as to local board areas covered, of the induction of about sixty per cent of the 80,000 Minnesota men called into the service under the draft.

Supplementary Lists and Records Relating to Special Classes or Groups of Service Men and Women ..... 32,000 items

—Casualties.

Two files of records, in card form, of casualties, including deaths, as reported contemporaneously in the *Official U. S. Bulletin*: one, including all Minnesota casualties, compiled by the Minnesota Commission of Public Safety; the other, including all Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Montana casualties, compiled by the Northern Division of the American Red Cross.

—Desertions and Special Discharges.

Three lists: one, a list of Minnesota draft deserters, issued by the adjutant general of the army in 1920; another, a revised and printed list of the same group, issued from Headquarters, 7th Corps Area, Fort Crook, Nebraska, in 1922, with later corrections from the same source; and the third, a list of Minnesotans in the army who deserted or who were discharged on account of alienage, misconduct, fraudulent enlistment, etc., compiled by the war records commission from the official records in its keeping.

—Deaths.

Numerous lists, official and unofficial, of Minnesotans who died in the service. Among the most important are the following: an alphabetical record, in both list and card index forms, of 3,500 names collected from all sources by the war records commission; a list, furnished by the war department, of 2,200 Minnesota members of the A. E. F. who were killed or who died of wounds or from other causes; an official list of Minnesota Gold Stars in the marine corps; and county lists compiled by the public safety and war records commissions and their local branches.

—Enlistments in the Marine Corps.

An official list, furnished by marine corps headquarters in St. Paul, of all the men who entered the marine corps from the district of Minnesota during the years 1917 and 1918.

—Members of the 151st Field Artillery.

In addition to the official army service records described above, the following sources of information as to members of this regiment are available: an official roster of Minnesotans who were members of the regiment on or before February 1, 1919; a roster, covering the same period, of all members of the regiment; and complete individual records, including service with the 151st, which were furnished by the war department at the expense of the war records commission, of the 950 men from other states who served at one time or another with this Minnesota unit.

—Men in Foreign Service.

Detailed individual records of 150 Minnesotans who served in the armies of the allies, compiled by the Navy League of the United States, Department No. 6, Philadelphia.

—Officers.

Four lists: one, of commissioned officers from Minnesota who served in the army, furnished by the war department; another, of Minnesota officers in the navy and the marine corps, compiled by the war records commission from the official records; and two, compiled by the Hennepin County and Ramsey County branches of the war records commission, of the officers furnished by these communities, respectively, to all branches of the service.

—Prisoners of War.

An official list, compiled by the war department, of Minnesota officers and enlisted men captured by the enemy.

—Service Men, by Counties.

Roster of the names and brief records of the 16,000 men and women who entered the service from Ramsey County, compiled by the local branch of the war records commission; and less complete lists, compiled by the commission or its local branches, of the names of the men who entered the service from the following counties: Clay, Dakota, Freeborn, Goodhue, Kandiyohi, Kittson, Le Sueur, McLeod, Marshall, Martin, Nicollet, Nobles, Olmsted, Polk, Pope, Rice, St. Louis, Scott, Sibley, and Wilkin.

—Miscellaneous.

Lists of the names, accompanied by more or less information about the services, of men and women of various groups, such as Episcopalians, Jews, Knights of Columbus, and relatives of Daughters of the American Revolution.

## WELFARE WORKERS—WORLD WAR

War Service Records..... 1,000 items

Personal statements, oftentimes accompanied by photographs and other supplementary material, of representatives of the American Red Cross, the Y. M. C. A., the Y. W. C. A., the Knights of Columbus, and other welfare agencies who served with the armed forces of the nation in canteens, hospitals, and camps at home or abroad.

## MILITARY UNITS

*Spanish-American War and Philippine Insurrection*

Records of the Four Minnesota Volunteer Infantry Regiments, 1898-1899..... 1,000 items

Correspondence and papers of the adjutant general of Minnesota, 1898-1902, including orders, regimental reports, supply lists, and expense accounts, relating to the 12th, 13th, 14th, and 15th regiments, Minnesota Volunteer Infantry; transcripts, from the original documents in the archives of the war department, of a portion of the proceedings of a court of inquiry convened at St. Paul on April 10, 1899, to examine into the conduct of Colonel Harry A. Leonhaeuser on the occasion of a mutiny in his regiment, the 15th Minnesota Volunteer Infantry, and of a report made by the judge advocate general of the army on June 19, 1899, reviewing the proceedings and findings of said court of inquiry.

Records of Outside Organizations Composed in Part of Minnesota Men. Transcripts of documents in the archives of the war department..... 200 pages

—United States Volunteer Signal Corps.

Complete history of the corps, 1898-1899, in the form of a condensed "Record of Events" for each of the nineteen companies, taken from the original muster-out rolls; and the report of the chief signal officer of the 1st Division, 1st Army Corps, August 31, 1898, on the work of his command during the expedition to Porto Rico.

—2nd United States Volunteer Engineers.

A brief monthly "Record of Events," from June, 1898, to March, 1899, taken from the original regimental returns; and a similar record of events, from July, 1898, to April, 1899, taken from the original returns of Company G, a unit composed almost entirely of Minnesota men.

—3rd United States Infantry.

Detailed information about this unit is recorded here in the following forms: a transcript of that portion of a manuscript history of the regiment, on file in the war department archives, which covers the regiment's service in Cuba, at Leech Lake, Minnesota, and in the Philippines from 1898 to 1902; a "Record of Events" from the muster rolls of Companies A, B, C, D, E, F, G, and H, from August 31 to October 31, 1898, including the period of the Leech Lake Indian uprising; and a letter from the chief of the historical section of the Army War College at Washington, January 11, 1923, accompanied by diagrams, justifying the claim that this regiment is the oldest infantry organization in the regular army.

—34th, 35th, 36th, and 37th Regiments, United States Volunteer Infantry.

Complete histories of these regiments, 1899-1901, in the form of detailed monthly "Records of Events" taken from the original regimental returns.

—45th United States Volunteer Infantry.

Complete history of this regiment, 1899-1901, in the form of a condensed "Record of Events," by companies, taken from the original muster-out rolls.

*World War*

Brief Histories of Divisions, U. S. Army, 1917-1918 (mimeograph)..... 93 pages

Accounts of the organization, composition, and services of the army divisions, numbers 1 to 20, 26 to 42, 76 to 93, and 95 to 100, all inclusive, issued by the historical branch of the war plans division of the general staff in June, 1921.

Short History of the 88th Division, by Lieutenant Wendell T. Burns of St. Paul ..... 9 pages

*See also Dudley, James P., on page 30.*

Records Relating to the 151st Field Artillery, formerly the 1st Field Artillery, Minnesota National Guard..... 350 pages

Photographic copies of some of the more important documents, such as orders, memorandums, reports, and summaries of intelligence, relating to the service of this regiment. The copies were made under the auspices of the war records commission from official papers in the archives of the war department or in the possession of the regimental commander.

*See also Leach, George E., on page 30.*

## HOME ACTIVITIES—WORLD WAR

Alien Registration Records..... 175,000 items

Complete records of the registration, in February, 1918, of citizens or subjects of foreign countries resident in Minnesota. Besides printed forms filled in by the registrants, giving detailed personal and family histories and data on the nationality, draft status, and property holdings of the signers, there are printed lists of the names and addresses, arranged by counties, townships, cities, wards, and precincts, of all the aliens so registered.

American Legion, Minnesota Department. Publicity Material..... 200 items  
Bulletins, weekly news releases, and circulars.

American Legion Auxiliary, Minnesota Department. Records of the State Historian..... 200 items

Correspondence, reports, questionnaires, and other papers relating to the organization and activities of women relatives of legionnaires.

American Red Cross. Records..... 40,000 items

Mimeographed instructions and reports issued by the Department of Civilian Relief from national and divisional headquarters; fragmentary files of the correspondence and papers of the Northern Division, comprising the states of Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Montana; and large bodies of reports and original records relating to the work of Minnesota chapters.

### —Minneapolis Chapter.

Original war-time files, including account books, ledgers, notebooks, tabulated statistics, inspection reports, lists of donors, work sheets, class schedules, scrapbooks, etc., all relating to the work of the chapter in the raising of funds, the production and distribution of comforts for fighting men, the relief of soldiers' dependents, the recruiting of nurses, and in numerous other lines of activity.

### —St. Paul Chapter.

Selected documents and transcripts of war-time records, including correspondence with national headquarters, division headquarters, and local branches and auxiliaries; minutes of meetings; chapter and committee reports; financial statements; production charts; class records; a survey of local nursing resources; lists of local members, war fund subscribers, and workers; and records of nurses and other representatives of the Red Cross who served with the army or navy at home stations or overseas.

### —Other Minnesota Chapters.

Summary descriptive and statistical reports of the work of the local chapters, and, in some cases, of their branches and auxiliaries, in the following counties: Big Stone, Blue Earth, Brown, Carver, Chippewa, Freeborn, Houston, Hubbard, Jackson, Kittson, Koochiching, Lac qui Parle, Le Sueur, Lincoln, Lyon, McLeod, Mahnomen, Martin, Meeker, Morrison, Mower, Nicollet, Nobles, Norman, Red Lake, Redwood, Renville, Scott, Sherburne, Stearns, Swift, Todd, Waseca, Watonwan, Winona, Wright, and Yellow Medicine.

Army and Navy Club, Minneapolis (successor to the Minneapolis branch of the War Camp Community Service). Records..... 50,000 items

Correspondence, reports, employment cards, lists, bills, financial statements, and other records relating to this agency's recreational and welfare work among the veterans after the war.

- Boy Scouts of America, St. Paul Council. Records.....6,000 items  
 Records for the years 1912 to 1918, including correspondence, applications, registration cards, account books, receipts for Liberty Bonds sold by Boy Scouts, photographs, and miscellany.
- Bureau for Returning Soldiers and Sailors, St. Paul (co-operating with the United States Employment Service). Records.....1,000 items  
 Correspondence, reports, questionnaires, and miscellany relating to the work of securing employment for World War veterans.
- Council of National Defense. Reports.....350 pages  
 These include the proceedings of the national defense conference held under the auspices of the council, May 2 and 3, 1917; brief reports of the national conference held May 13-15, 1918; and a report on the organization and activities of state councils of defense.  
*See also* Woman's Committee on page 29.
- Daughters of the American Revolution. Chapter Reports and Service Records.....100 items  
 A collection of reports of the war work done by the several Minnesota chapters and lists of the names and the war records of members or their relatives who were in the service.
- Draft Boards, Minnesota. Reports and Records.....1,500 items  
 Descriptive and statistical reports of the work of District Board No. 3, St. Paul, and the Local Board for Division No. 1, St. Paul; "Chronicles of the Selective Draft," or stories of the human side of conscription, written by members of District Board No. 3, the local boards for Divisions No. 1 and No. 10, St. Paul, the Local Board for Division No. 9, Minneapolis, and the Blue Earth County Board, in response to a request made of all draft boards by the provost marshal general; and an incomplete file of the original correspondence and papers of District Board No. 3.  
*See also* Draft Registration and Induction Lists on page 23.
- Farm Crop and Labor Census, 1918.....175,000 items  
 Individual descriptions of farms in Minnesota, giving kinds and quantities of produce raised, kinds and number of stock, silos erected or to be erected in 1918, and labor needs for the year.
- Hamline Community (St. Paul) in the Great War.....335 pages  
 Two bound volumes containing a manuscript history, illustrated with photographs, of the war services of Hamline residents and organizations, compiled under the direction of, and in large measure by, Mary D. Akers; and one bound volume containing character sketches of Mrs. Akers, written by Harriet E. Budd and Keith Clarke, with an autobiographical supplement.
- Jewish Welfare Board, Twin Cities Branch. Records.....1,500 items  
 Correspondence, reports, lists, bulletins, circulars, and card files relating to welfare work among Jewish men in the service.
- Military Training Camps Association, Northwest States Division and Minneapolis Branch. Records.....6,500 items  
 Correspondence, reports, lists, applications, and other records relating to the recruiting and examination of men for officers' training camps and for special branches of the service such as the signal corps, the construction division of the quartermaster corps, and the naval reserve.  
*See also* Cotton, Donald R., on page 30.
- Minneapolis Civic and Commerce Association. Records.....6,000 items  
 Selected original correspondence and papers relating to the activities of the association in promoting all war enterprises, including training camp activities, war industries, war chest campaigns, Red Cross work, sales of Liberty Bonds and War Savings Stamps, food conservation, employment of veterans, and Americanization work.
- Minnesota Commission of Public Safety. Records.....75,000 items  
 Complete files of the original records of the state's war-time governing body, and of some of its committees and county branches, covering all phases of the commission's activities, including the establishment and direction of county branches, the regulation of public places of amusement, the restriction of the liquor traffic, the conservation of resources, the organization of the home guard and motor corps, and the suppression of disloyalty.

## —State Headquarters Files.

Official minutes of all meetings, April 23, 1917, to December 15, 1920; orders, reports, circular letters, and expense lists; general correspondence; separate files of the correspondence and papers of the Americanization, Hall of States, and marketing committees and of the labor, public employment, publicity, and speakers' bureaus; correspondence with the county branches, including lists of county directors and reports from the latter on local subscriptions to the various war funds; records of investigations, including transcripts of testimony and proceedings of several investigations of the illegal sale of liquor, of sedition, and of labor controversies; and large scrapbooks of clippings from Minnesota newspapers relating to the activities of the commission.

## —Records of County Branches.

More or less complete files of the original correspondence and papers of the local branches of the commission in the following counties: Anoka, Becker, Beltrami, Blue Earth, Clay, Cottonwood, Hennepin, Kandiyohi, Kittson, Pennington, Polk, Ramsey, Renville, St. Louis, Todd, and Washington.

*See also Woman's Committee on page 29.*

Minnesota Library Association. Records..... 2,500 items

Correspondence, reports, and bulletins relating to the book drives carried on in co-operation with the American Library Association; news letters; bibliographies and other material relating to subjects of war-time importance, including food conservation.

Newspapers. Calendar of War Editorials and News..... 250 items

A card file recording the results of a survey of Minnesota newspapers, made during the spring and summer of 1917 for the purpose of ascertaining the attitude of Minnesota editors and communities toward the war as reflected in editorials and news items.

Newspaper Clippings..... 7,000 items

Articles clipped from newspapers published in all parts of the state and partially classified under such subjects as American Participation in the War; Camp Dodge; Casualties; Fort Snelling; Individual Units; Recruiting; Soldiers' Letters; and War Memorials.

Recruiting. Reports..... 21 pages

A report on war-time recruiting in Minnesota for the United States Marine Corps, by Major Ralph E. Walker, and an account of recruiting for forestry regiments in the United States Army, prepared from notes of an interview with William T. Cox, state forester.

*See also McCree, George W., on page 30.*

St. Paul and Ramsey County. Records of War Activities..... 12,000 items

Under this head are included the smaller bodies of material relating to the war work of this community, as follows: war-time original records of the St. Paul Association of Business and Public Affairs, including correspondence and papers relating to the Liberty and Victory Loan campaigns, and a condensed but comprehensive report on all of its war activities made by the association to the Chamber of Commerce of the United States early in 1918; reports or original records of the activities of the American Committee for Relief in the Near East, the American Fund for French Wounded, the Civilian Auxiliary, the Commission for Relief in Belgium, the Committee for Free Milk for France, workers for the Fatherless Children of France, the Housewives' League, the Junior Housewives' League, the Patriotic League, the Post Office, the Salvation Army, the Vocational Bureau for Trained Women, the Young Men's Christian Association, and the Young Women's Christian Association; and a calendar of newspaper and other material relating to all phases of the community's war history.

Survey of Women in Industry, 1918-1919..... 15,000 items

Original records of a committee representing the Woman's Committee of the Minnesota Commission of Public Safety and the Bureau of Women and Children, Minnesota Department of Labor and Industries, including questionnaires giving biographical data and statements relating to the working conditions of 51,861 women wage earners employed in industry, mercantile work, personal service, and other gainful occupations throughout the state. Part of the survey relates to the replacement of men workers by women.

United States Employment Service. Records..... 50,000 items

The headquarters file of the Minnesota branch of the service and the files of the branch offices at Albert Lea, Bemidji, Mankato, and St. Cloud, includ-

ing applications for employment, occupational cards of 2,500 men enrolled in the United States Public Service Reserve, employers' requisitions for labor, correspondence, daily reports from branch offices, reports of the state office to Washington, publicity material, clippings, and circulars.

United States Food Administration. Records.....1,200 items

Mimeographed reports and other material issued from national headquarters; press releases and parts of the correspondence of the federal food administrator for Minnesota; records of the state home economics director, including reports from the counties; biographical sketches of members of the state headquarters staff; and reports of the county food administrators on the personnel of their local organizations, including brief reports of activities in the cases of the following counties: Anoka, Becker, Carlton, Chisago, Clay, Dodge, Jackson, Kittson, Mower, Pope, Red Lake, Redwood, Renville, Roseau, St. Louis, Sherburne, Stearns, Todd, and Winona.

United States Fuel Administration. Final Report of the Federal Fuel Administrator for Minnesota.....31 pages

United War Work Campaign. Records.....1,500 items

Correspondence of the joint fund-raising committee representing the Young Men's Christian Association, the Young Women's Christian Association, the National Catholic War Council, the Jewish Welfare Board, the War Camp Community Service, the American Library Association, and the Salvation Army.

University of Minnesota. Reports.....48 pages

Three reports dealing respectively with the influence of the war on the university and the extent of the latter's war contributions, the patriotic services rendered by university and other teachers of history and political science in the line of their specialties, and the war activities of the department of agriculture.

War Camp Community Service. Records of the Minneapolis and St. Paul Branches .....10,000 items

Complete files of the original records of these agencies, including correspondence, reports, account books, bulletins, lists of patrons, clippings, and other records relating to the work of providing recreation and wholesome surroundings for soldiers stationed in or near the Twin Cities; a descriptive report covering all activities of the St. Paul branch.

*See also Army and Navy Club on page 26.*

Woman's Committee of the Council of National Defense. Records....50,000 items

Original records of the Minnesota division and of the local divisions in Minneapolis and Ramsey County, as follows:

—Minnesota Division (Woman's Auxiliary Committee of the Minnesota Commission of Public Safety).

Correspondence with the central office in Washington and with the local committees; general reports; minutes of meetings; reports and correspondence of the committees on Americanization, child, dress, and food conservation, legislation, Liberty Loans and War Savings Stamps, patriotic education, publicity, Red Cross, social hygiene, and women in industry; publicity material; scrapbooks; and photographs.

—Minneapolis Division (Woman's Community Council).

General correspondence and reports; lists of workers; reports of committees; volunteer enrollment cards; newspaper clippings.

—Ramsey County Division (Council of Home Defense).

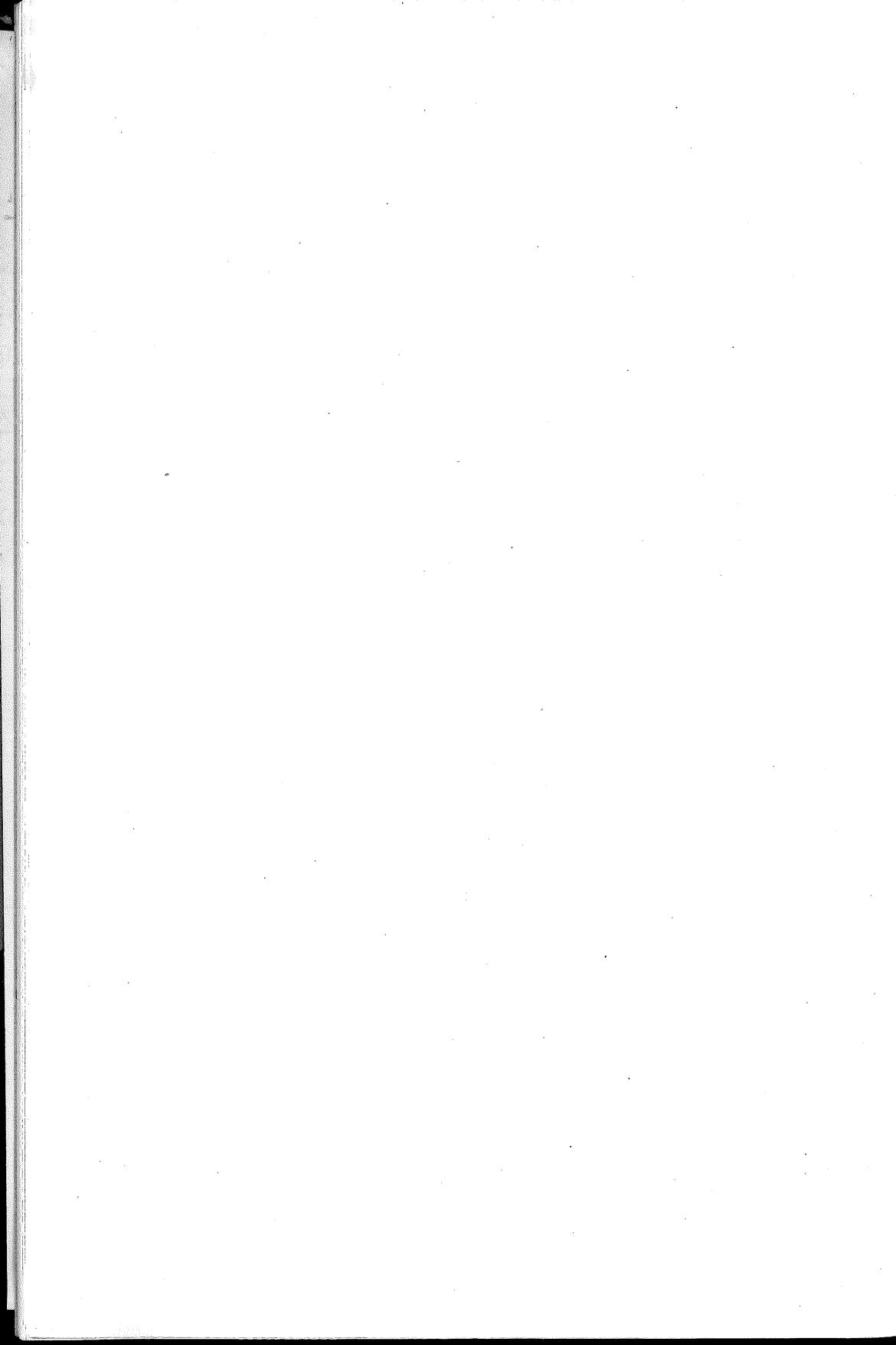
Correspondence and papers, including reports of Red Cross and Liberty Loan activities; records of food and dress conservation campaigns; 3,500 questionnaires returned by canvassers, showing kinds of buildings in individual city blocks of St. Paul, the attitude of residents toward war activities, and the general financial status of householders; a card file of 4,000 members of the ward, precinct, and block organization of St. Paul; records of an Americanization survey, including card records of 12,000 families giving information about each family and its several members with regard to age, sex, race or nationality, citizenship, occupation, knowledge of English, schools or classes attended, church membership, etc.; and a child welfare survey, giving biographical data and notes on the physical condition of 15,000 children.

Woman's Naval Service, Minneapolis Chapter. Records.....	1,000 items
Correspondence, minutes of meetings, and miscellany relating to welfare work among sailors in training in Minneapolis and to reconstruction work among veterans.	
Young Men's Christian Association, Minnesota Division of the National War Council. Records.....	3,000 items
Correspondence relating to patriotic meetings and education, and to the selection of men for service as Y. M. C. A. secretaries and workers in camp and at the front; reports of funds raised in Minnesota.	
Young Women's Christian Association. Records.....	3,000 items
Correspondence, reports, lists of workers, and other papers of the Minnesota state committee and the north central field committee, relating to the organization of local branches of the association for war work, the United War Work Campaign, patriotic education, and other war activities.	

## PRIVATE COLLECTIONS—WORLD WAR

Cotton, Donald R. Papers.....	1,200 items
Correspondence, reports, and minutes of meetings relating to Mr. Cotton's activities as director of Region 16, Resources and Conservation Section, War Industries Board; director of the Northwest States Division of the Military Training Camps Association; director of the Four Minute Men for the state of Minnesota; member of the Intercollegiate Intelligence Bureau; chairman of the Ramsey County branch of the Minnesota Commission of Public Safety; and member of the Committee on War Inventions and Research.	
Darling, William L. Diary.....	66 pages
Transcript of entries covering the period from May to December, 1917, made by Mr. Darling in his personal diary while traveling in Russia and the far east as a member of the advisory commission of railway experts sent by the United States to assist in the rehabilitation of the railroads of Russia and Siberia.	
Dudley, James P. Military Records.....	300 items
Material relating to the history of Company G, 350th Infantry, 88th Division, with which the donor served as first lieutenant, including original records, such as war maps, orders, memorandums, telegrams, records of transfers, letters, clippings, and photographs, and a sketch of the history of the personnel of the unit.	
Feldhauser, Mrs. Edward D. Papers.....	50 items
Records, clippings, and miscellaneous papers relating to the war activities of the St. Paul chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Woman's Division of the Patriotic League of St. Paul.	
Holbrook, Franklin F. War Notes and Miscellany.....	41 pages
Notes on the reaction to the war of Minnesota communities visited by Mr. Holbrook during the summer and fall of 1917 in the capacity of field agent of the Minnesota Historical Society.	
Klein, Horace C. Papers.....	200 items
Correspondence and miscellany relating to Mr. Klein's activities as editor of the <i>Farmer</i> and as a member of the Board of Review, an agency created for the purpose of administering the rulings of the War Industries Board as they related to non-war construction projects in Minnesota.	
Leach, George E. Diary.....	90 pages
Typewritten transcript of a diary kept by Colonel Leach from September 2, 1917, to January 31, 1919, while serving as commander of the 151st Field Artillery.	
McCree, George W. Records.....	2,200 items
Original record books, correspondence, and other papers relating to Mr. McCree's work, latterly as civilian aide to the adjutant general of the United States Army, in the recruiting, from headquarters in St. Paul, of men needed for the engineer regiments of the army.	

Schall, Anthony X. Records.....	100 items
Correspondence, rosters, orders, and other material relating to the organization of a regiment intended to form a part of the projected Roosevelt division.	
Stone, Richard S. Papers.....	100 items
Collection of blank forms, regulations, and records relating to army personnel work at Camp Grant.	
Temple, Herbert M. Records.....	100 items
Letters of instruction, charts, blank forms, and photographs, relating to the work of accounting in connection with the construction of the great army cantonments, with special reference to Camps Dodge and Funston.	
Thompson, Paul J. Papers.....	100 items
Reports and papers relating to the work of the Y. M. C. A. in Italy, and pictures and clippings illustrating the war situation in the country.	
Upton, LaRoy S. Letters.....	70 items
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