CERTAIN CLASSES OF KENTUCKY TROOPS IN THE CIVIL WAR, ETC.

LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY OF WAR, TRANSMITTING,

IN RESPONSE TO A SENATE RESOLUTION OF JANUARY 27, 1905, A STATEMENT SHOWING THE VARIOUS CLASSES OF KENTUCKY VOLUNTEERS, MILITIA, AND HOME GUARDS THAT WERE IN SERVICE DURING THE CIVIL WAR, AND OTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING SAID ORGANIZATIONS.

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WAR DEPARTMENT,
Washington, February 3, 1905.

Sir: In response to Senate resolution of January 27 ultimo, directing the Secretary of War—
to transmit to the Senate a statement showing the various classes of Kentucky volunteers, militia, and home guards that were in service during the civil war, the designations of the organizations composing them, and the laws, orders, and regulations under which they were raised; also what organizations or classes of these troops are recognized by the War Department as having been in the military service of the United States, and what organizations or classes are not so recognized,

I beg to invite attention to the accompanying copy of report of The Military Secretary, showing, from the records on file in his office, the Kentucky troops in the military service of the United States during the civil war.

Very respectfully,

Wm. H. Taft,
Secretary of War.

Hon. William P. Frye,
President of the Senate pro tempore.
Respectfully returned to the honorable the Secretary of War.

It is shown by the records that the Kentucky troops in the military service of the United States during the civil war were of the following classes:

(1) Three months militia, furnished under the President's call of April 15, 1861.
(2) Three years volunteers, furnished under the acts of July 22 and 25, 1861.
(3) One year volunteers, accepted under authority of the acts of July 22 and 25, 1861.
(4) Nine months militia, furnished under the act of July 17, 1862.
(5) Thirty days militia, furnished under the act of July 17, 1862.
(6) One year volunteers, furnished under the act of February 7, 1863, "to authorize the raising of volunteer forces for the better defense of Kentucky."
(7) One year volunteers, furnished under the act of July 4, 1864.

The designations of the organizations received under the several authorities cited above were as follows:

**CAVALRY.**

First to Seventh Regiment inclusive, the Eleventh, Twelfth, and Sixteenth Regiments, and Independent Company (Scouts), three years' service. The Eighth, Ninth, Tenth, Thirteenth, Fourteenth, Fifteenth, and Seventeenth Regiments, one year service.

**LIGHT ARTILLERY.**

First and Second Batteries (also designated A and B), and First Independent Battery, three years' service. Batteries C and E, one year service; the latter reenlisted for three years.

**INFANTRY.**


All of the above-mentioned organizations have been recognized by the War Department as having been in the military service of the United States. Of the Kentucky troops and home guards not mustered into the military service of the United States there are no rolls or other records on file in this office from which their designations, strength, and the laws, orders, and regulations under which they were
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raised can be ascertained; but in the published report of the adjutant
general of the State of Kentucky, dated September 1, 1867, volume 2,
page 903, it is stated that the home guards, State guards, and militia
on active duty for various short periods aggregated 8,704. How many
of these local troops served under United States officers has not been
ascertained, but it is stated in the report referred to that 1,534 of the
home guards were called out by Generals Anderson and Sherman.
For more specific information with regard to Kentucky local troops it
is suggested that application should be made to the adjutant-general
of the State.

F. C. AINSWORTH,
The Military Secretary.