

# ORGANIZATION OF INFANTRY REGIMENT

ITS MAKE UP UNDER NEW ARMY LAW WHICH BECOMES EFFECTIVE JULY 1 — THE COMPONENT PARTS.

Here is the organization of an infantry regiment under the new army law which will become effective July 1. The First Regiment, Oklahoma National Guard, will conform to the provisions of this plan before entering active service.

An infantry regiment shall consist of one colonel, one lieutenant-colonel, three majors, fifteen captains, sixteen first lieutenants, fifteen second lieutenants, one headquarters company, one machine gun company, one supply company and twelve infantry companies grouped in three battalions of four companies each.

### Battalion Components.

Each battalion shall consist of one major, one first lieutenant, mounted battalion adjutant, and four companies.

Each infantry company in a battalion shall consist of one captain, one first lieutenant, one second lieutenant, one first sergeant, one mess sergeant, eleven corporals, two cooks, two buglers, one mechanic, nineteen privates (first class) and fifty-six privates.

Each infantry headquarters company shall consist of one captain, mounted (regimental adjutant); one regimental sergeant-major, mounted; three battalion sergeants major, mounted; one first sergeant (drum major), two color sergeants, one mess sergeant, one supply sergeant, one stable sergeant, one sergeant, two cooks, one horseshoer, one band leader, one assistant band leader, one sergeant bugler, two band sergeants, four band corporals, two musicians, first class; four musicians, second class; thirteen musicians, third class, four privates, first class, mounted; twelve privates, mounted.

### Machine Gun Company.

Each infantry machine gun company shall consist of one captain, mounted, one first lieutenant, mounted; one first sergeant, mounted; one mess sergeant; one supply sergeant, mounted; one stable sergeant, mounted; one horseshoer; five sergeants; six corporals; two cooks; two buglers; one mechanic; eight privates; first class; and twenty-four privates.

Each infantry supply company shall consist of one captain, mounted; one second lieutenant, mounted; three regimental supply sergeants, mounted; one first sergeant, mounted; one mess sergeant; one stable sergeant; one corporal, mounted; one cook; one saddler; one horseshoer and one wagoner for each authorized wagon of field and combat train. Provided, that the president may in his discretion increase a company of infantry by two sergeants, six corporals, one cook, one mechanic, nine privates, first class, and thirty-one privates and an infantry machine gun company by two sergeants, two corporals, one mechanic, four privates, first class, and twelve privates.

Without the discretionary increase a regiment will consist of 1,765 officers and men, and with the increase will consist of 2,336 officers and men.

# BUILDING FUND IS SUBJECT OF CONTROVERSY

TRANSFER OF \$750,000 FOR USE OF CAPITOL IS DISCUSSED — THE LAW IS CRITICIZED BY SOME.

Oklahoma City, June 27.—A little controversy regarding a remainder interest of the consolidated schools in the public building fund of the state has reached the letter writing stage. It grew out of the action of the fifth legislature in appropriating \$750,000, known as public building funds, for use of the state capitol commission in construction of the capitol. This act provides that this transfer of public building funds to the capitol fund shall be construed to be a loan, and in event sufficient funds do not accrue to the public building fund from sale of lands known as public building fund lands pledged to secure bonds heretofore issued, the credit of the state is pledged in this act to the extent of \$400,000 for that purpose. The sum named is the amount of outstanding public building bonds.

In brief, the law is that the public building lands are back of the \$400,000 public building bond issue. Any surplus in that fund after the bonds shall have been discharged is to go to the consolidated school fund of the state. The money that is in the interest and sinking fund for discharge of the building bonds has been lent to the capitol commission and the credit of the state is pledged to the extent of the outstanding bonds for public buildings. The 1915 law provides that the fund thus loaned shall be reimbursed from the sale of lands donated to the state for capitol purposes.

### Lemon Criticizes Law.

Representative J. E. Lemon of Grant county has been quoted in a local farm paper as follows:

"Of course, there is a weak and meaningless promise to pay it back out of the money to be derived from the sale of the 650 acres of land given to the state by Oklahoma City, and, of course, those who are informed know there will never be more than a small fraction of that sum realized from the sale of these lands. The same bill that 'diverted' this money provided that the state capitol commission could exchange any of these lands for other lands adjacent to the capitol site, and as it will take from ten to 100 acres of these outlying lands to buy one acre of the more valuable land contiguous to the capitol site, there will not be much left when they get through exchanging."

"Nothing but an aroused public sentiment could ever have forced the legislature to pass the law setting aside this money for consolidated schools in the first place. Nothing but an aroused public sentiment can force them to restore the money."

### Peebly Explains Legislation.

On the other hand, Representative R. L. Peebly of this city explains the legislation as follows:

"Now what is the real truth of the matter regarding the \$750,000 appropriation? When the fifth legislature met it was confronted with this condition: The contractors could not use the entire \$1,500,000 which the capitol was to cost before another legislature met. The people in the country were not using the consolidated school fund money and by borrowing this money the legislature could save the state about \$90,000 in interest. Was it worth saving? On page 567, Session Laws of 1915, you will find this language: 'Provided that the transfer of funds from the custody of said commissioners of the land office to the state treasury as herein provided shall be construed to be a loan from said commissioners of the land office.' Perfectly plain, isn't it?"

"Had the legislature appropriated, or issued warrants or bonds in order to raise the money, I predict that the members would have been handled without gloves for lacking in common business judgment, and they should have been."

"The fifth legislature gave Oklahoma county and Oklahoma City just about everything that they asked for. As a member of that body, I desire to say that in all my experience I have never met a better or more honest body of men, and men who were honestly working in the interest of the state. As a whole, they were men who had sacrificed their own interests at home because their constituents had confidence in them and asked them to represent them."

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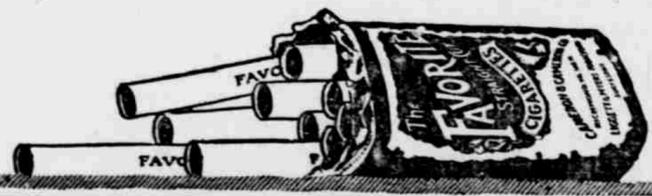
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