

[Act No. 2715, March 17, 1917]

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE PHILIPPINE MILITIA, PROVIDE FOR THE ENROLLMENT OF THE UNORGANIZED MILITIA, AND THE FORMATION, ORGANIZATION AND GOVERNMENT OF THE ORGANIZED MILITIA OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Legislature assembled and by the authority of the same:

SECTION 1. The short title of this Act shall be "The Militia Act."

SEC. 2. The militia shall consist, first, of every able-bodied male citizen of the Philippine Islands who is more than eighteen and not more than forty-five years of age, except as hereinafter provided, and second, of American citizens who may be enrolled or appointed in the National Guard.

SEC. 3. Judicial and administrative officers of the Insular Government and of the different provinces of the Philippine Islands, including the Department of Mindanao and Sulu; persons in the military or naval service of the United States and of the Philippine Islands; clerks of the Bureau of Customs, letter carriers, artificers and workmen employed in the armories, arsenals and dockyards of the United States and of the Philippine Islands, and harbor pilots, shall be exempt from duty in the militia, regardless of their age.

SEC. 4. The militia shall be divided into two classes: First, regularly enlisted militia between the ages of eighteen and forty-five years, organized, armed and equipped as hereinafter provided, and commissioned officers between the ages of twenty-one and sixty-four years, which shall be designated and known as the National Guard; and, second, the reserve militia.

SEC. 5. The Governor-General shall be Commander in Chief of all the militia.

SEC. 6. When it is necessary to execute the laws, repress or repel invasion or to quell disturbances or riots, or when a requisition shall be made by the President of the United States for troops, the Governor-General, as Commander in Chief, may by proclamation require the enrollment of the reserve militia or such portion thereof as may be necessary, and he shall appoint the necessary enrolling officers and prescribe their duties, issuing all proper orders that may be required in the premises.

The Governor-General, as Commander in Chief, shall provide for the organization of the land forces of the reserve militia into companies or batteries, battalions or squadrons, regiments, brigades and divisions; he shall designate the places of rendezvous and of supply depots and prescribe the necessary measures so that the enrollment may be, at all times, prompt, orderly, and efficient.

SEC. 7. The organized militia under the designation of the National Guard shall consist of not more than nine regiments of infantry, one squadron of cavalry, one regiment of field artillery, four companies of coast artillery, brigade, division and general headquarters with their detachments and troops, the general officers commanding the divisions and brigades, an adjutant-general's department, an inspector-general's

department, a judge-advocate-general's department, a quartermaster corps, a medical department, a corps of engineers, an ordnance department, and a signal corps. These troops shall constitute a general headquarters and complete division, which division shall be under the command of a major-general.

SEC. 8. As soon as may be practicable after the passage of this Act the Governor-General shall be authorized to organize, equip, and muster into the National Guard three regiments of infantry of three battalions each, one troop of cavalry, two batteries of field artillery, two companies- of coast artillery, the brigade, division and general headquarters with their detachments and troops, an adjutant-general's department, an inspector general's department, a judge-advocate-general's department, a quartermaster corps, a medical department, an engineer corps, an ordnance department, and a signal corps.

These troops shall constitute a general headquarters and a provisional division, which division shall be under the command of a division general. Each brigade shall be under the command of a brigadier-general. In the absence of the division commander or of a brigade commander the command of the division or brigade shall devolve on the next highest line officer present until such time as the Commander in Chief may designate the officer to command.

SEC. 9. The general headquarters shall consist of the adjutant-general, inspector general, judge-advocate-general, chief quartermaster, surgeon general, chief of engineers, chief of ordnance, chief signal officer, and such officers and enlisted men of these staff corps as are not assigned or detailed to duty with the division or brigades. It shall also include three aides of the Commander in Chief who shall not be of higher rank than major and who shall be detailed by the Commander in Chief from the commissioned officers of the National Guard. The Commander in Chief may detail such officers and enlisted men as he may see fit for special duty with the general headquarters.

SEC. 10. Each division and brigade shall consist of such troops as may be assigned to it by the Commander in Chief.

SEC. 11. The division staff shall consist of the following officers who shall be detailed from the different staff corps and departments: one adjutant-general, lieutenant-colonel, adjutant-general's department; one inspector general, lieutenant-colonel, inspector-general's department; one judge-advocate, lieutenant-colonel, judge-advocate-general's department; one chief quartermaster, lieutenant-colonel, quartermaster corps; one chief surgeon, lieutenant-colonel, medical department; one chief engineer, lieutenant-colonel, corps of engineers; one chief ordnance officer, lieutenant-colonel, ordnance department; one chief signal officer, lieutenant-colonel, signal corps; and three aides, captains or lieutenants of the National Guard, and such other officers as may from time to time be detailed from the National Guard for duty with the division.

SEC. 12. Each brigade staff shall consist of the following officers who shall be detailed from the different staff corps and departments: One adjutant-general, major, adjutant-general's department; one inspector general, major, inspector-general's department; one judge-advocate, major, judge-advocate-general's department; one quartermaster, major, quartermaster corps; one surgeon, major, medical department; one engineer officer, major, engineer corps; one ordnance officer, major, ordnance department; one signal officer, major, signal corps; and two aides, lieutenants of the National Guard;

and such other officers as may be detailed from time to time from the National Guard for duty with the brigade.

SEC. 13. Each regiment of infantry 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 organized into three battalions of four companies each.

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

Each infantry company in battalion shall consist of one captain, one first lieutenant, one second lieutenant, one first sergeant, one mess sergeant, one supply sergeant, six sergeants, 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; and twelve privates, mounted.

Each infantry machine gun company shall consist of one captain, mounted; one first lieutenant, mounted; two second lieutenants, 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 wagon of the field and combat train: *Provided*, That the Governor-General 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; an infantry machine gun company by two sergeants, two corporals, one mechanic, four privates (first class), and twelve privates.

The commissioned officers required for the infantry headquarters, supply and machine gun companies and for the companies organized into battalions shall be assigned from those hereinbefore authorized.

SEC. 14. A squadron of cavalry shall consist of one major, one first lieutenant (squadron adjutant), and four troops. A troop of cavalry shall consist of one captain, one first lieutenant, one second lieutenant, one first sergeant, one mess sergeant, one supply sergeant, one stable sergeant, five sergeants, eight corporals, two cooks, two horseshoers, one saddler, two buglers, ten privates (first class), and thirty-six privates.

SEC. 15. A regiment of field artillery shall consist of one colonel, one lieutenant-colonel, one headquarters company, one supply company, and such number of gun and howitzer batteries as the Commander in Chief may direct.

Each battery of field artillery shall consist of one captain, two first lieutenants, two second lieutenants, one first sergeant, one supply sergeant, one stable sergeant, one mess sergeant, one packmaster sergeant (first class), six sergeants, one assistant packmaster sergeant, one cargador corpora], thirteen corporals, one chief mechanic, one saddler, two horseshoers, one mechanic, two buglers, three cooks, twenty-two privates (first class), and seventy-one privates.

SEC. 16. Each company of coast artillery shall consist of one captain, one first lieutenant, one second lieutenant, one first sergeant, one supply sergeant, eight sergeants, twelve corporals, two cooks, two mechanics, two buglers, twenty privates (first class), and sixty privates (second class).

SEC. 17. The adjutant-general's department shall consist of an adjutant-general, with the rank of brigadier-general; one assistant adjutant-general, with the rank of colonel, who shall assist the adjutant-general in the discharge of his duties generally, and who shall perform the duties of the adjutant-general in the absence or disability of the adjutant-general; two assistant adjutants-general, with the rank of lieutenant-colonel; three assistant adjutants-general, with the rank of major, and the inspector instructors that may be appointed by the Commander in Chief. Inspector instructors shall have the rank of captain and their number shall not exceed five for each brigade of troops. They shall either be originally appointed by the Commander in Chief as inspector instructors or detailed by him from the officers of the National Guard.

SEC. 18. The adjutant-general shall issue and transmit 0 all orders of the Commander in Chief with reference to the militia and military organizations of the Philippine Islands, and shall keep a record of all officers commissioned by the Governor-General and all general and special orders and regulations, and all such matters as pertain to the organization of the Insular militia and the National Guard, and perform the duties of adjutant-general, chief of staff, quartermaster general and chief of ordnance. He shall have charge of the insular armory, arsenal and arsenal grounds, and all military camps and target ranges, and shall receive and issue all ordnance stores, clothing, camp and garrison equipage, subsistence stores and all other public property pertaining to the military forces of the Philippine Islands, on the order of the Commander in Chief. The adjutant-general and the assistant adjutant-general shall receive for their services the pay fixed by law. The adjutant-general may appoint, with the approval of the Governor-General, an ordnance sergeant to be permanently on duty at the general headquarters of the National Guard with the pay fixed by law. The adjutant-general shall furnish, at public expense, all blank books, blanks and forms, and such military instruction books as shall be approved by the Commander in Chief. He shall also, on or before the first day next preceding the regular session of the Legislature, make out a full and detailed report of all the transactions of his office, with the receipts and expenditures of the same for the preceding year. In preparing his account of the money paid out and expended, he will group the expenditures made from each separate appropriation under the following subheads or titles:

NATIONAL GUARD.

1. Armory, rent, fuel, light, janitor, et cetera.
2. Camp and garrison equipage, clothing and equipment.

3. Pay of officers and troops for camp duty, and other duties ordered by the Commander in Chief.
4. Transportation of officers and troops.
5. Subsistence of troops at each camp of instruction, practice march, or other duty ordered by the Commander in Chief.
6. Horse hire and forage.
7. Target practice, including all expenses connected therewith, except pay of officers and enlisted men and civil employees.
8. Pay of officers, clerks, enlisted men, and civil employees with permanent salaries.
9. Miscellaneous expenses.
10. Total expenditures.

The adjutant-general shall also report the total unexpended balance of appropriation on hand, and shall also report upon such other matters at such time as shall be required by the Governor-General.

The adjutant-general and assistant adjutant-general shall each reside at the Insular capital and hold their respective offices during the pleasure of the Governor-General.

SEC. 19. Stores, supplies and equipment for the National Guard not issued by the United States Government shall be obtained through the Bureau of Supply on requisitions drawn by the adjutant-general.

Sec. 20. The inspector general's department shall consist of one inspector general, with the rank of colonel; one inspector general with the rank of lieutenant-colonel, and three inspectors general with the rank of major.

SEC. 21. The judge-advocate-general's department shall consist of one judge-advocate-general, with the rank of colonel; one judge-advocate with the rank of lieutenant-colonel, and three judge-advocates, with the rank of major.

SEC. 22. The quartermaster corps shall consist of the adjutant-general acting as quartermaster-general; one assistant chief quartermaster, with the rank of colonel; three assistant quartermasters-general, with the rank of lieutenant-colonel; four majors, and eight captains.

The total enlisted strength of the quartermaster corps and the number in each grade shall be limited and fixed and shall be assigned to station and duties by the Governor-General from time to time in accordance with the actual needs of the National Guard, and shall consist of quartermaster-sergeants, sergeants, corporals, cooks, privates (first class), and privates.

The actual number in each grade at any one time shall not exceed the following: eight quartermaster-sergeants; twenty sergeants; thirty corporals; twelve cooks; fifty privates, first class; one hundred privates.