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Valuable for Those Who Are Liable for Federal Service—Some Vacancies in Companies E and F.

SHERRILL'S STATEMENT

Young men in this city who are liable to military service under immediate or deferred classification should be interested in the announcement made by Adjutant General Sherrill of the New York Guard regarding the New York Guard as a training school for federal service. It has the hearty endorsement of the local guard officers, who have a few vacancies in companies E and F which may be filled with ambitious young men. The statement follows

The New York Guard is not only performing a valuable and necessary service in training its members for State duty and in guarding the barge canals, the New York aqueduct, railway bridges and various public utilities and munition plants, but also it is at the same time serving the nation as a training school for the federal army. The value of the New York Guard as such a training school cannot be overestimated, especially in the preparation of non-commissioned officers, so essential to a new force like the national army. Many men after a period of training in the state service are enlisting in federal service—the United States thus obtaining recruits with military experience, and the men thus enjoying a training in the New York Guard fitting them for rapid advancement in federal service. Men of draft age are also finding service in the New York Guard a useful preparation for their duties after being called to the federal colors.

It is the desire of this office to facilitate in every way the enlistment in federal service of members of the New York Guard who are willing to enlist. With this end in view commanding officers will afford every opportunity to members of their commands for such enlistment, granting them passes for not to exceed twenty-four hours for that purpose if on active duty. Discharges, however, will not be granted until the applicants are accepted for enlistment by a United States recruiting officer, and upon receipt of official notice of such acceptance action will be taken as set forth in paragraph III of this order. Commanding officers should also establish cordial relations with United States recruiting officers and should co-operate with them in obtaining recruits when ever requested to do so.

Upon receipt of official notice either from this office or from a United States recruiting officer that a member of the New York Guard has been accepted for enlistment in federal service, his immediate commanding officer will at once apply to the proper officer for the discharge of the man from the New York Guard. If the man is on active duty he will be relieved therefrom as promptly as possible. If the man is not on active duty he will be considered as released from state service upon his turning in to his New York Guard company commander, public property in his possession and his discharge will be forwarded as heretofore indicated. The discharge of an enlisted man accepted for federal service will be forwarded to the United States recruiting officer who accepted the man with request that same be returned for cancellation in the event of the man not completing his enlistment in the Federal service.