

Article 65, Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, authorizes the Governor, as Commander-in-Chief, to have ten aides. The aides to be selected from the commissioned officers of the National Guard and National Guard Reserve, each of them may receive a commission as aide, which, however, shall not add to the actual grade of the officer so appointed, nor shall such officer be relieved from duty with his proper organization, but shall perform all duty pertaining thereto except when actually on duty as aide under the orders of the Governor.

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### **CORPS TROOPS—One Auxiliary Engineer Battalion.**

#### **ARMY CORPS—Three Coast Artillery Companies.**

This department is co-operating with the War Records Commission in assisting the Commission to make their records complete for publication by the official service records of the men from Maryland in the World War as furnished the War and Navy Departments and the U. S. Marine Corps, and from such other authentic sources that are available to this Department.

Numerous requests are received for the service records of men who served in the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, the Mexican War, the Civil War, Spanish-American War and the World War. Every request is complied with, without charge, if the record is available in the Department, and when not available the applicant is advised of the best authentic source to seek the same. Only in respect to the records pertaining to the Revolutionary, War of 1812, and Mexican Wars are our records rather incomplete and the incompleteness is solely due to the methods used in those days of making and preserving records.

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## **MILITIA LAW OF MARYLAND**

The National Defense Act required all States to make their military laws conform with the provisions of the Act, in so far as any State law might have been in conflict or might have been deficient as to certain mandatory features of the Act, to entitle any State to participate in the Federal appropriations for arming, equipping and training the National Guard.

Accordingly, Article 65, P. G. L., Md., was repealed and re-enacted by the Legislature at its January (1922) session in which certain provisions of the National Defense Act have been incorporated as the law of the State, thereby conforming to the Act.

It was also found desirable to provide for the functioning of the ranking line officer of the National Guard on active duty pay status and to place this officer in control of the military department of the State. This provision in the present Militia Law is in line with the best thought and progressive acts of many of the States. The authority, prerogatives and duties heretofore held and performed by the Adjutant General have, by the present law, been transferred to the ranking line officer who is responsible only to the Governor, acting for and by his direction in all matters pertaining to the Military Department of the State.