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To His Excellency, the Honorable ALFRED E. SMITH, Governor of the State of New York, Albany, N. Y.:

SIR.—This is the ninth annual report of the Department of State Police.

The year of 1926 brings to a close the first complete chapter in the history of the Department of State Police, as on January 1, 1927, under the reorganization this department becomes the Division of State Police in the Executive Department. Owing to this circumstance it might be well to briefly recount the principal events which have gone to make up this chapter.

The department was authorized by the Legislature and the bill creating it was signed on April 11, 1917. With the appointment of Colonel George F. Chandler as Superintendent on May 2d of that year its actual existence began. At that time the department consisted of four troops of fifty-eight men each, one captain, one lieutenant, one first sergeant, four sergeants, four corporals, one saddler and one blacksmith with the rank and pay of corporal and forty-five privates; these, together with a headquarters staff, including a deputy superintendent, one clerk and two stenographers, made a total force of two hundred and thirty-six men. In 1920 the Superintendent was further authorized to appoint an inspector and such other employees as might be necessary within the appropriations made by the Legislature, and a troop clerk was provided for each of the four troops in place of one of the privates.

The first change on a large scale took effect in 1921, when two additional troops were provided, the original four having been found insufficient to take care of the constantly increasing activities.

During the latter part of 1923 Colonel Chandler, whose conspicuous ability had been responsible for the building up and maintaining of a splendid organization which was a source of pride to the citizens of the State, felt that he could no longer give his time to the force and upon his resignation the present Superintendent was appointed.

April of the succeeding year saw a further enlargement through the addition of twenty men to each of the six troops, this number remaining in effect until January 1st of the present year when, under the State reorganization, the enforcement of various provisions of the Motor Vehicle Law was turned over to the State Police from the Motor Vehicle Bureau. To provide for this, seventeen men were added to each troop, this making a total strength of five hundred and seventy men, plus a headquarters staff of nine.

It is interesting to note that all these various increases were authorized without one dissenting vote in either branch of the Legislature.

HEADQUARTERS

JOHN A. WARNER, Superintendent.
GEORGE P. DUTTON, Deputy Superintendent.
ALBERT B. MOORE, Captain-Inspector.

STANLEY C. BEAGLE.....Chief Clerk
THOMAS A. KEMMY.....Personnel and Pay Roll Clerk
JOSEPH C. RAUSCH.....Requisition and Supply Clerk
JOHN R. MCCORMICK.....Criminal Record Clerk
JAMES W. WHITE.....Secretary to the Superintendent
JOSEPH L. MCGIVERN.....Clerk and Stenographer

Captains:

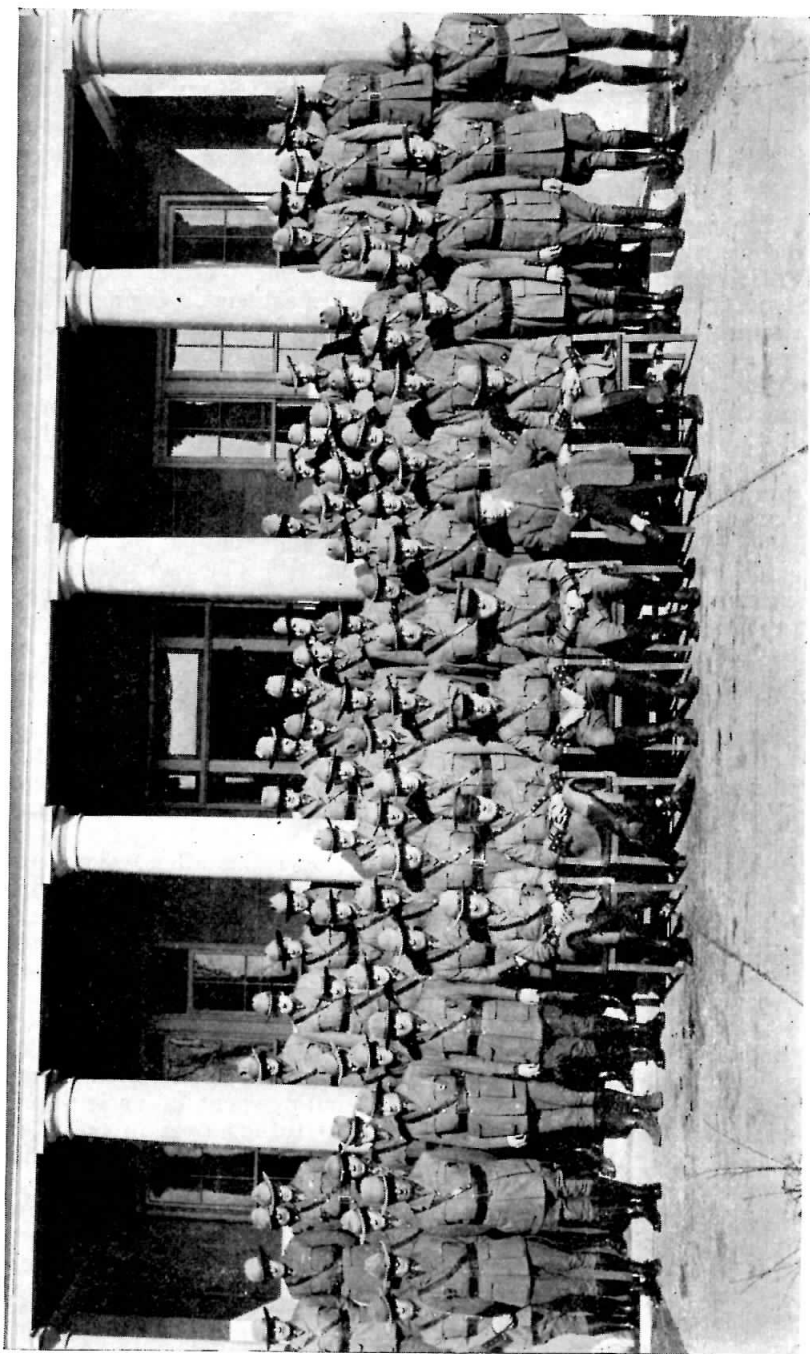
WINFIELD W. ROBINSON, Troop A.....Batavia
CHARLES J. BROADFIELD, Troop B.....Malone
DANIEL E. FOX, Troop C.....Sidney
STEPHEN McGRATH, Troop D.....Oneida
JOHN M. KEELEY, Troop G.....Troy
ELIHU F. TOBEY, Troop K.....White Plains

Lieutenants:

WILLIAM J. GEORGE, Troop A.....Batavia
LAWRENCE C. NELSON, Troop A.....Batavia
SAMUEL FREEMAN, Troop A.....Batavia
EDWARD F. HEIM, Troop B.....Malone
HERMAN H. GORENFLO, Troop B.....Malone
HAROLD C. HERRICK, Troop B.....Malone
DANIEL FABER, Troop C.....Sidney
JACOB B. LOCKMAN, Troop C.....Sidney
JAMES J. MONTGOMERY, Troop C.....Sidney
WALTER CROASDALE, Troop D.....Oneida
JOHN A. COSART, Troop D.....Oneida
CHARLES B. McCANN, Troop D.....Oneida
HAROLD J. NAGELL, Troop G.....Troy
TREMAIN M. HUGHES, Troop G.....Troy
MERRITT E. DOESCHER, Troop G.....Troy
FRANCIS S. MCGARVEY, Troop K.....White Plains
JOSEPH B. LYNCH, Troop K.....White Plains
JAMES FLYNN, Troop K.....White Plains

Dr. J. LEWI DONHAUSER.....Surgeon-Inspector
POULTNEY BIGELOW.....Chaplain

Each troop consists of ninety-five officers and men.



Troop "C," 1st Cavalry Division, 4th Infantry Regiment, N. Y.

One hundred and five different classifications of crimes have been given attention during the past year, resulting in 22,697 arrests with 90 per cent convictions. The number of those prosecuted for and convicted of felonies was greater than in any previous year.

Enforcement of the Motor Vehicle Law is being carried on in accordance with the intent of the Committee on Reorganization. All the one hundred and two men provided for this work have been equipped with motor or motorcycle equipment and are patrolling the main highways of the State in addition to those formerly detailed to this form of duty.

The force is excellently housed with the exception of Troop "K," but appropriations were provided for the erection of a model barracks on a site generously furnished by the Westchester County Park Commission along the new Bronx parkway extension, for which plans are rapidly approaching completion in the State Architect's office. This barracks, together with the other five at present owned by the State, will take care of our needs for many years to come.

Personnel is the most important requisite for a successful police force and with the calibre and number of those constantly applying for appointment, the former standards have been able to be maintained and constantly improved. The granting of an increase of pay for length of service of \$100 a year up to a maximum of six years, from the previous one of four years, has had an excellent effect in providing an inducement to the experienced men of the force to remain in the service.

The New York State School for Police, under the able direction of Captain-Inspector Albert B. Moore, continues to afford invaluable schooling of an advanced standard, not only to this division, but to representatives of other police forces. In the eight sessions which have been held, nine hundred and fifty men have been graduated and have received their diplomas.

Expenditures have remained constant for the maintenance and operation of the force and such increases as have been made have been solely those necessitated by a larger personnel. Appropriations have been adequate and careful administration of these has enabled us to carry on our work with a full complement of men and all the equipment required for the efficient performance of our many and varied duties.

With the assurance that the fine spirit and morale shown by the members of the force will continue, there is every reason to believe that the coming year will continue the progress it is our endeavor to make in rendering the people of this State the helpful service which it has been our aim to give ever since the establishment of the New York State Troopers.

JOHN ADAMS WARNER,
Superintendent.



One of the Results of Reckless Driving

RECORD OF ARRESTS

| Crime | Arrests | Con- victions | Pending |
|---|---------|------------------|---------|
| Abandonment | 65 | 48 | 8 |
| Abduction | 20 | 6 | 11 |
| Accidental shooting | 1 | ..... | 1 |
| Adultery | 21 | 7 | 13 |
| Agricultural Law, violations of..... | 1 | 1 | ..... |
| Aiding prisoner to escape..... | 2 | 2 | ..... |
| Animals, cruelty | 488 | 426 | 10 |
| Arson | 20 | 3 | 16 |
| Assault | 804 | 568 | 111 |
| Bastardy | 17 | 12 | 3 |
| Bigamy | 11 | 4 | 7 |
| Billiard Room Law, violations of..... | 40 | 31 | 5 |
| Blackmail | 1 | ..... | 1 |
| Bribery | 1 | ..... | 1 |
| Burglary | 349 | 128 | 200 |
| Checks, passing worthless..... | 7 | 5 | 1 |
| Children, cruelty to..... | 17 | 13 | 4 |
| Children, endangering life and health of..... | 9 | 7 | 2 |
| Children, endangering morals of..... | 60 | 58 | ..... |
| Children, failing to provide for..... | 4 | 4 | ..... |
| Children, improper guardianship of..... | 7 | 7 | ..... |
| Cockfighting | 192 | 191 | ..... |
| Coercion | 1 | ..... | ..... |
| Conservation Law, violations of..... | 395 | 388 | 1 |
| Conspiracy, criminal | 2 | ..... | 2 |
| Contempt of court..... | 31 | 27 | 3 |
| Crime, attempt to commit..... | 8 | 5 | 3 |
| Crime, threat to commit..... | 11 | 7 | 1 |
| Defrauding innkeepers | 89 | 80 | 3 |
| Deserters, U. S. Army and Navy..... | 33 | 33 | ..... |
| Disorderly conduct | 2,293 | 2,217 | 21 |
| Disorderly houses | 26 | 14 | 12 |
| Disorderly persons | 264 | 235 | 14 |
| Education Law, violations of..... | 43 | 37 | 1 |
| Escaped inmates | 26 | 26 | ..... |
| Escaped prisoners | 55 | 55 | ..... |
| Extortion | 14 | 11 | 3 |
| Federal violations, Customs Law..... | 7 | 7 | ..... |
| Federal violations, Immigration Law..... | 38 | 38 | ..... |
| Federal violations, Liquor Law..... | 493 | 88 | 391 |
| Federal violations, Narcotic Law..... | 11 | 11 | ..... |
| Federal violations, stealing and disposing of government property..... | 1 | 1 | ..... |
| Federal violations, Motor Vehicle Theft Act... | 10 | 5 | 4 |
| Felony, accessory to..... | 2 | ..... | 2 |
| Firearms, unlawful discharge of..... | 5 | 5 | ..... |
| Firearms, unlawful sale of..... | 1 | 1 | ..... |
| Forgery | 50 | 30 | 19 |
| Fraud | 50 | 43 | 5 |
| Fraudulently selling mortgaged property..... | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| Fraudulently secreting mortgaged property... | 4 | 3 | 1 |
| Fraudulently secreting personal property..... | 4 | 2 | 2 |
| Fugitive from justice..... | 19 | 18 | ..... |



Trophies won by Troop D, Oneida

| Crime | Arrests | Con- victions | Pending |
|--|---------|------------------|---------|
| Gambler, common | 153 | 141 | 9 |
| Gambling devices | 105 | 86 | 19 |
| Gambling houses | 4 | 4 | |
| General Business Law, violations of | 3 | 3 | |
| General Highway Traffic Law, violations of | 45 | 42 | 3 |
| Incest | 1 | 1 | |
| Indecency | 16 | 15 | 1 |
| Insanity Law | 72 | 72 | |
| Intoxication, public | 1,342 | 1,331 | 3 |
| Juvenile delinquency | 297 | 271 | 17 |
| Kidnapping | 4 | 1 | 3 |
| Labor Law, violations of | 4 | 4 | |
| Larceny | 1,532 | 1,182 | 226 |
| Lost persons | 1 | 1 | |
| Maiming | 1 | | 1 |
| Malicious mischief | 131 | 107 | 7 |
| Manslaughter | 40 | 24 | 8 |
| Material witness | 6 | 2 | 4 |
| Mental Deficiency Law | 27 | 27 | |
| Motor Vehicle Law, violations of | 10,999 | 10,636 | 163 |
| Motor vehicle, unauthorized use of | 3 | 3 | |
| Murder | 6 | 3 | 2 |
| Non-support | 5 | 4 | |
| Nuisances | 105 | 87 | 16 |
| Officer, impersonating | 8 | 8 | |
| Officer, interference with | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| Officer, resisting | 11 | 10 | |
| Parole, violation of | 23 | 23 | |
| Peddling without license | 6 | 6 | |
| Perjury, subornation of | 1 | 1 | |
| Probation, violation of | 5 | 5 | |
| Prostitution | 2 | | 2 |
| Public Health Law, violations of | 2 | 2 | |
| Public Safety Law, violations of | 17 | 12 | 4 |
| Rape | 90 | 17 | 63 |
| Receiving stolen goods | 28 | 6 | 16 |
| Refusing to obey summons | 1 | | |
| Riot | 3 | | 3 |
| Robbery | 49 | 21 | 25 |
| Sabbath breaking | 13 | 13 | |
| Security to keep peace | 2 | | 2 |
| Septure | 1 | 1 | |
| Sodomy | 8 | 3 | 3 |
| Threatening letters | 1 | | 1 |
| Town ordinance, violations of | 18 | 16 | 1 |
| Trains, riding on illegally | 27 | 27 | |
| Tramps | 937 | 936 | |
| Unlawful entry | 22 | 14 | 7 |
| Vagrancy | 281 | 274 | 2 |
| Wayward minor | 8 | 7 | 1 |
| Weapons, carrying concealed | 77 | 46 | 24 |
| Weapons, possessing dangerous | 2 | 2 | |
| Weight, short | 3 | | 3 |
| Total | 22,679 | 20,409 | 1,523 |
| Total number of arrests | | 22,697 | 100% |
| Total number of convictions | | 20,409 | 90. |
| Cases pending | | 1,523 | 6.7 |
| Discharged cases | | 765 | 3.3 |



Trophies and Prize Winning Horses, Troop C

STATEMENT OF MILES PATROLED

| | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| Mounted patrols | 228,275 |
| Motorcycle, automobile, etc..... | 3,587,696 |
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| Total miles of road patrolled..... | 3,815,971 |
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| Investigations without arrests..... | 16,088 |
| Automobiles recovered | 425 |
| Sheep-killing dogs killed..... | 260 |
| Value of property recovered..... | \$489,784 86 |
| Fines collected | \$398,415 61 |
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Destitute Family Cared for by Troopers