

June 1, 1917

GENERAL ORDER }
 No. 1. }

1. (a) It shall be the duty of the State Police to prevent and detect crime and apprehend criminals. They shall be subject to the call of the Governor and are empowered to cooperate with any other department of the State or with local authorities. They shall have power to arrest without a warrant any person committing or attempting to commit crime within their presence or view, a breach of the peace or other violation of law; to serve and execute warrants of arrest or search issued by proper authority and to exercise all other powers of peace officers of the State of New York. But they shall not exercise their power within the limits of any city to suppress rioting and disorder except by direction of the Governor or upon request of the Mayor of the City with the approval of the Governor.

2. (a) The Department of State Police shall consist of a Superintendent, a Deputy, 4 Captains, 4 First-Lieutenants, 4 First-Sergeants, 16 Duty Sergeants, 16 Corporals, 4 Saddlers with the rank of Corporal, 4 Blacksmiths with the rank of Corporal and 180 privates, divided into 4 troops. All members of the State Police shall be appointed by the Superintendent and may be removed by him after a hearing.

(b) The members of the New York State Police should bear in mind that they are a preventive as well as a repressive force and that the prevention of crime is of greater importance than the punishment of criminals. The force individually and collectively should cultivate and maintain the good opinion of the people of the State by prompt obedience to all lawful commands, by steady and impartial line of conduct in the discharge of its duties and by cleanly, sober and orderly habits and by a respectful bearing to all classes.

(c) Each member of the Department of State Police ought seriously to consider the totally new position in which he is placed by his appointment whereby he becomes a Peace Officer.

3. (a) Cavalry Drills Regulations, U. S. A., 1916, and Manual of Guard Duty, U. S. A., 1914, shall govern in the mechanism of the organization. The law as laid down by the Code of Criminal Procedure of the State of New York together with the manual as prescribed by the Attorney-General shall be used for the guidance of the Department of State Police in the performance of its duties and shall be conscientiously adhered to.

4. (a) Sanitation: The person, clothing, equipment and quarters of the members of this Department at all times shall be kept in a sanitary condition. Strict attention to the care of mounts, cleanliness of stables and horsemanship in its broadest sense will be exacted.

(b) Equipment: The improper use of State property will be summarily dealt with. Every officer commanding a troop is

charged with the arms, accoutrements, ammunition, clothing, or other stores belonging to his command, and is accountable to the Superintendent in case of their being lost, spoiled, or damaged otherwise than by unavoidable accident, or in actual service. Any officer who wilfully or through neglect suffers to be lost, spoiled, or damaged, any stores belonging to the State of New York, shall make good the loss or damage, and be dismissed from the service.

(c) **Liquor and Drugs:** No alcoholic drinks or narcotic drugs shall be used by any member of the Department of State Police while on duty unless by proper authority. Nor shall such articles be kept upon the person or in the quarters of any trooper. No member of this force, while in uniform, shall enter a public drinking place or disreputable place except in the proper performance of his duty.

(d) The uniform, except underwear, will be issued from the Department and shall be worn as prescribed at all times except on leaves of absence and furloughs or by proper authority.

(e) **Gratuities:** No gratuity or reward shall be accepted individually or collectively by the members of the Department except by written permission of the Superintendent who may direct its acceptance for the benefit of the Department or for some charitable purpose or institution.

(f) **Gambling:** Gambling in any form is strictly forbidden, and borrowing or lending money or equipment between members of the Department will not be tolerated.

(g) **Canteens:** Canteens in each troop will be allowed subject to the approval of the Commanding Officer who shall direct the use of funds derived therefrom. No alcoholic beverages will be sold.

(h) **Correspondence:** All correspondence shall be by mail; telegraph and telephone shall be used only where time is a factor for consideration and only on official business. All correspondence shall conform to military models and pass through military channels.

(i) **Property returns:** Property returns shall be rendered on the first day of July and the first day of January each year or oftener at the discretion of the Superintendent.

(j) All records, transactions and accounting shall be prepared at each troop headquarters and forwarded to the office of the Superintendent as directed.

5. (a) Reports of all investigations of crime, apprehension of criminals, movements of troops or special duties on detached service in connection with the work of the Department shall be reported at the earliest possible moment.

(b) No information of any character pertaining to the organization or its work will be given out for publication either directly or indirectly, except by authority of the Superintendent.

By order of

GEORGE F. CHANDLER,

Superintendent.