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The following letter received from the Militia Bureau is published for the information and guidance of all concerned:

Subject: Familiarity with Mobilization Regulations.

1. It is probable that a call into Federal service will issue at an early date for all National Guard organizations in existence on April 6, 1917, that have not already been called by the President.

2. It is urgently recommended that all officers be advised of the importance of becoming thoroughly familiar with the Mobilization Regulations (Special Regulations No. 55). This publication has been distributed to the States in the same manner as General Orders, and the States have been notified that additional copies could be had upon requisition. Every officer should study these Regulations closely so that he will know exactly what will be required of him.

3. All organizations should take immediate steps to put themselves in complete readiness for a call into Federal service. Blank forms required for "records to be started" (Paragraph 30, Special Regulations No. 55) should be on hand, and records of officers and enlisted men (paragraphs 55, 56, Special Regulations No. 55) should be brought up to date; The equipment of all organizations should be completed as far as practicable.

4. It is desired that the mobilization and induction into Federal service proceed in an orderly and well regulated manner. Great haste is not the main object to be sought, nor is it essential. The object is to bring the National Guard into Federal service and begin their training under the supervision of Department Commanders, and it is not desired that thoroughness in carrying out the provisions of the Mobilization Regulations be subordinated to a desire to hurry through with the process of induction into Federal service.

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