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Memorandum regarding voluntary enlistments, June 15, 1917

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Maine National Guard

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MEMORANDUM:

STATE OF MAINE
The Adjutant General's Office
Augusta, June 15, 1917

1. There is at present no order in contemplation stopping voluntary enlistments of persons registered until they are drafted under the Selective Service Law. In order to facilitate the operation of selection, it will be necessary that each local board be informed of persons within its jurisdiction who have enlisted in any branch of the Army, Navy or National Guard.

2. There is inclosed a form of postal card which, if filled out by the recruiting officer at the time any registered person is enlisted and forwarded to the Governor of the State in which it appears that such person was registered, will accomplish this purpose.

3. All recruiting officers for the National Guard not in Federal service will be required to furnish these postcards for all men enlisted by them. Pending receipt of the cards, the required information will be furnished by letter in form similar to the postcard; penalty envelopes may be used in mailing these letters.

4. Strict compliance with these instructions is absolutely necessary.

GEORGE McL. PRESSON,
The Adjutant General.

To Maine Coast Artillery
15 copies of return slips inclosed to each organization.