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GEN. PHISTERER DEAD.

"Father of the National Guard of This State," He Is Termed by Gen. Henry.

ALBANY, July 13.—Gen. Frederick Phisterer, with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel and chief of the State Bureau of Records of the War of the Rebellion, died here to-day after a long illness of heart disease. Gen. Phisterer was twice brevetted—as Brigadier-General on December 22, 1898, and as Major-General on January 2, 1905.

He had a notable record as a soldier. Gen. Phisterer was born in Germany in October, 1836. He enlisted as a private in the Regular army, Third United States Artillery, on December 8, 1855, when he was 19 years old, and rose from the ranks. In 1861 he enlisted for the civil war in the Eighteenth United States Infantry, becoming successively sergeant-major and Second Lieutenant, First Lieutenant and Captain. He continued in the service after the war until August 4, 1870.

In the National Guard he became Captain of the Governor's Guards, Ohio National Guard, in 1877. He came to this State in 1880 to become Colonel and acting Assistant Adjutant-General of the State under Adjt.-Gen. Frederick Townsend.

He had continued in the State service since, and in the Spanish-American War organized and equipped the guard regiments for Federal service. He was Adjutant-General on the staff of Major-Gen. Roe. He had two sons, one of whom is Capt. Frederick W. Phisterer, Coast Artillery Corps, stationed at Fort Wadsworth, and the other Karl Phisterer, who lives in Rutherford, N. J.

Gen. Phisterer got a medal of honor from Congress for gallantry in the Rebellion.

General orders to the National Guard issued to-day by Adjt.-Gen. Nelson H. Henry include the following:

"The life of Gen. Phisterer during a long career of public service has been characterized by loyalty to country and unswerving devotion to duty. Few officers have done as much as he to promote the efficiency of the State military forces, and he is entitled to be called the father of the National Guard of this State.

"In his death the State mourns the loss of a born soldier and a man of unquestioned integrity who discharged the duties of every position he was called upon to fill ably, efficiently and conscientiously.

"In respect to his memory the national flag will be displayed at half mast at all headquarters, armories and State arsenals until retreat on the day of his funeral."