

## APPENDIX M

### COLONEL PATRICK J. HAMROCK,

#### WORLD WAR COMMANDER 157th (1st COLORADO) INFANTRY

"Col. Hamrock was born in Dublin, Ireland, February 10, 1871. He began his military career as an enlisted man in company E, 7th U. S. Infantry, in January, 1890. After one enlistment in the regular service, he came to Colorado, where, in 1898, he assisted Col. Klee the assistant adjutant general of Colorado, to organize the Rocky Mountain Sharpshooters, which was not a state organization, but a group of active young men volunteering as a group for the Spanish-American War. Col. Hamrock served as a sergeant in companies G, K, and L, 1st Colorado Infantry, National Guard, from May, 1899, to September, 1904. Commissioned a first lieutenant September, 1904; captain in July, 1906; major in October, 1911; a lieutenant colonel in June, 1917, and a colonel in July, 1917, the two latter commissions in the United States Army, the National Guard then being in federal service. He was appointed a colonel in the infantry section, officers' reserve corps, on November 19, 1919. He had active service in the South Dakota Sioux campaign of 1890-1891; on the Mexican border, June 18, 1916, to April 6, 1917, and during the World War he commanded 'Colorado's Own,' the 157th Infantry. When the 157th Infantry was ordered home, he was attached to the inspector general's department and assigned inspector general, Bordeaux embarkation camp, returning to the United States in July, 1919. He was assigned to command the 412th Infantry on March 26, 1923, and has been on active duty with that organization for training in 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, and 1932. Col. Hamrock has had a very colorful career as a civilian soldier, having participated in every activity of the National Guard of the state since 1903. He was a member of the Colorado National Guard rifle team in the national matches from 1905 to 1911, being their coach for the last four years. His team won the regimental match of the United States at Camp Perry in 1909. He is a graduate of the school of musketry at Camp Perry and from February, 1921, to January, 1923, served as adjutant general of the Colorado National Guard. He is an expert rifleman and an expert pistol shot."

(G. O. No. 2, 103d Division, Denver, Colo., Oct. 29, 1934). (Colonel Hamrock was transferred to the Auxiliary Reserve on June 11, 1934. J. H. N.)