

## Casualties Only Surpassed by Infantry; 122,500 Re-enlist.

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Washington, Oct. 4.—A total of 171,122 officers and 3,196,433 enlisted men have been discharged from the army to date, the war department announced today. The sailings from Europe since November 11 number 1,921,720, while the enlistments to date total 122,500. Of the latter 15,084 signified a desire to serve in Europe and 793 in Siberia.

Casualties in the signal corps during the war averaged 50 to the 1,000, ranking next to the infantry, which suffered 262 to the 1,000, General George O. Squier today told the house military affairs committee.

General Squier urged that the signal corps be made a permanent branch of the service, which is not contemplated under the war department's plan of army reorganization.

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