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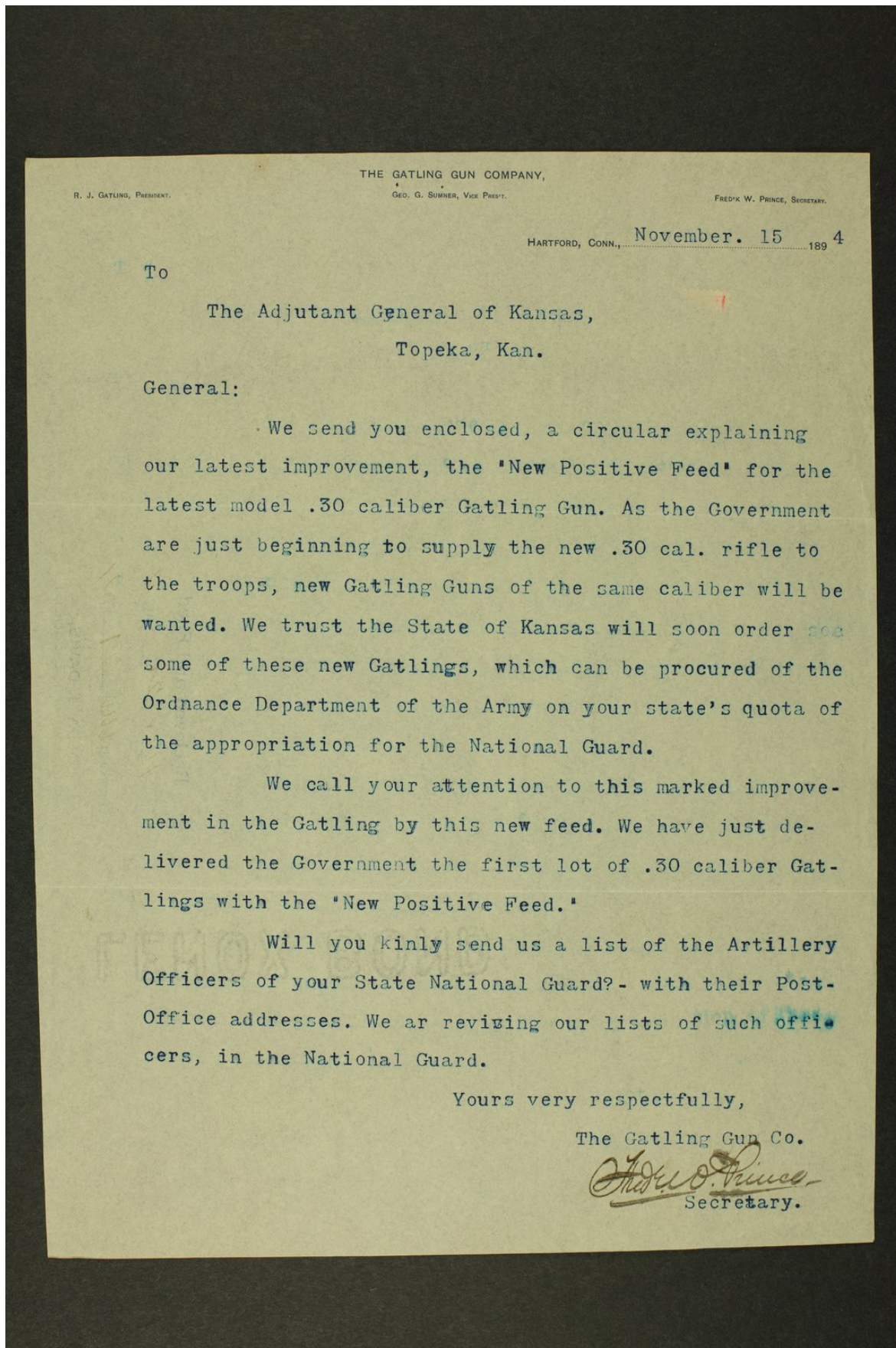
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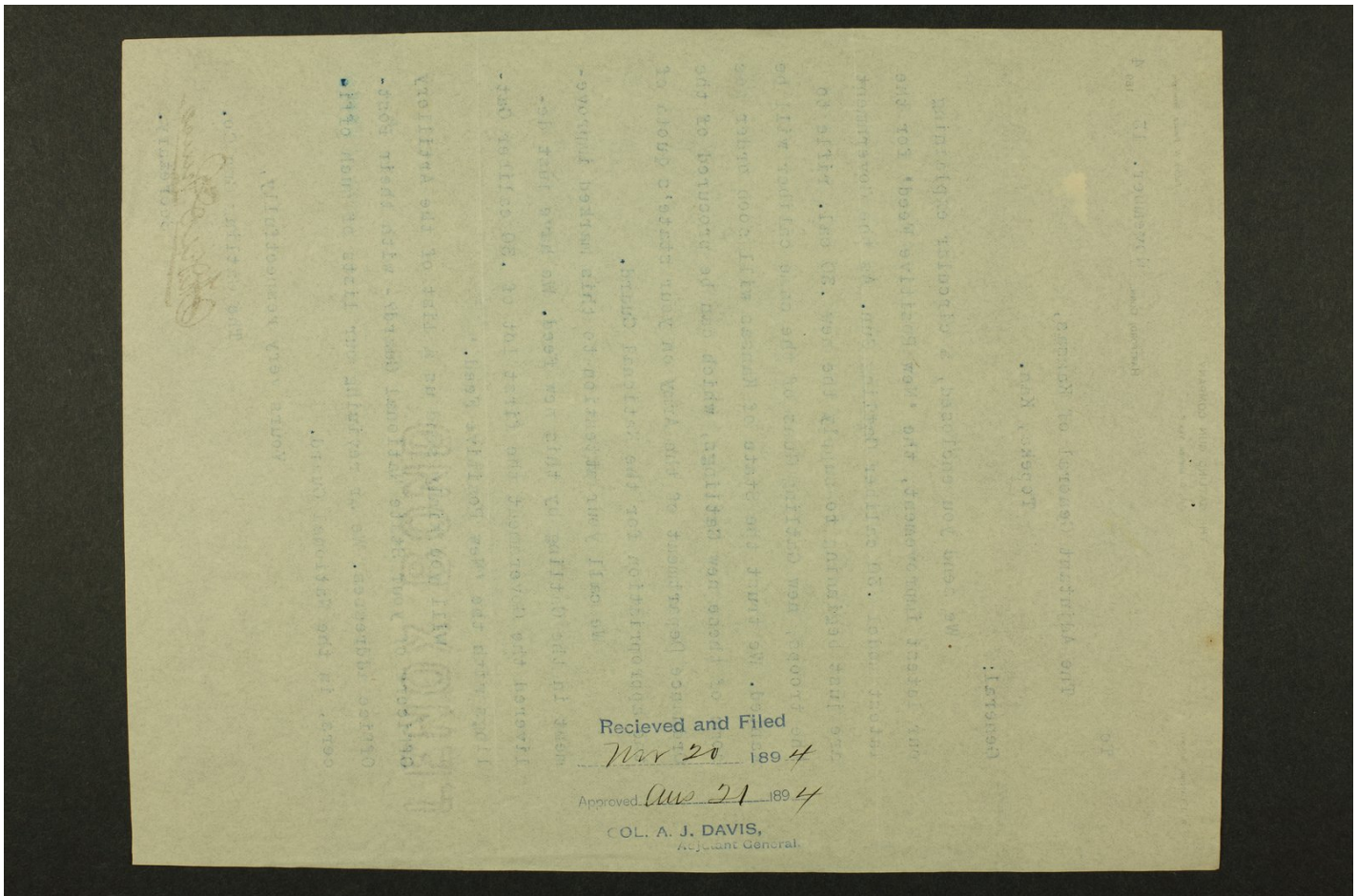
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NEOSHO VALLEY INVESTMENT COMPANY.

Chetopa, Kansas. November 15th, 1894

A. J. Davis, Adj. General,
Topeka, Kansas.,

Dear Sir:-

The "Chetopa Protective Association" with headquarters in this city, is an association formed for the protection of life and the recovery of property of its members and to protect its members and other citizens from the depredations and incursions of thieves, out-laws and desperadoes.

The formation of such an association has been deemed necessary, in view, particularly of the action of the "Cook Gang" and other bands of out-laws throughout the Indian Territory and in the towns in Kansas bordering thereon.

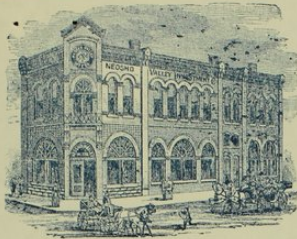
The citizens of this town feel that we are subject to attack from these outlaws at any time and that we should be thoroughly organized and equipped to resist such an attack, and if possible wipe out any gang that may make an attempt upon us.

The association above mentioned, comprises the business men of our town and has among its members, men of determination and experience in such work.

We feel quite satisfied that if this association could be properly equipped all danger would be averted, but unfortunately there are but few guns in this town or vicinity, that are fit for such service.

We do not know what are the steps necessary to be taken in order to secure weapons from the State or Government stores, but we do feel that we need a liberal supply of good modern guns.

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NEOSHO VALLEY INVESTMENT COMPANY.

Davis, Adj. General, #2,
Chetopa, Kansas.

ROBERT SIMONS, President.

L. M. BEDELL, Treasurer.

E. W. MINTURN, Secretary.

All members of the Association have been sworn in by the Sheriff of this County as "Special Deputies" and we have divided the town into four districts, placing each district in the command of a Captain and a Lieutenant. We have been careful to select only trustworthy, cool headed men and men who are responsible.

This is a border town and about the only town along the line that has not suffered both loss of life and property by reasons of these desperadoes in the Territory.

We know of no good reason why we should continue to be exempt from their incursions and have every reason to believe that we will not. Rumors of threats have been numerous, how well founded, we cannot say.

We ask, that if within your power, ^{you} ~~we~~ furnish us at once, with Ten (10) stands modern guns, with a liberal supply of ammunition.

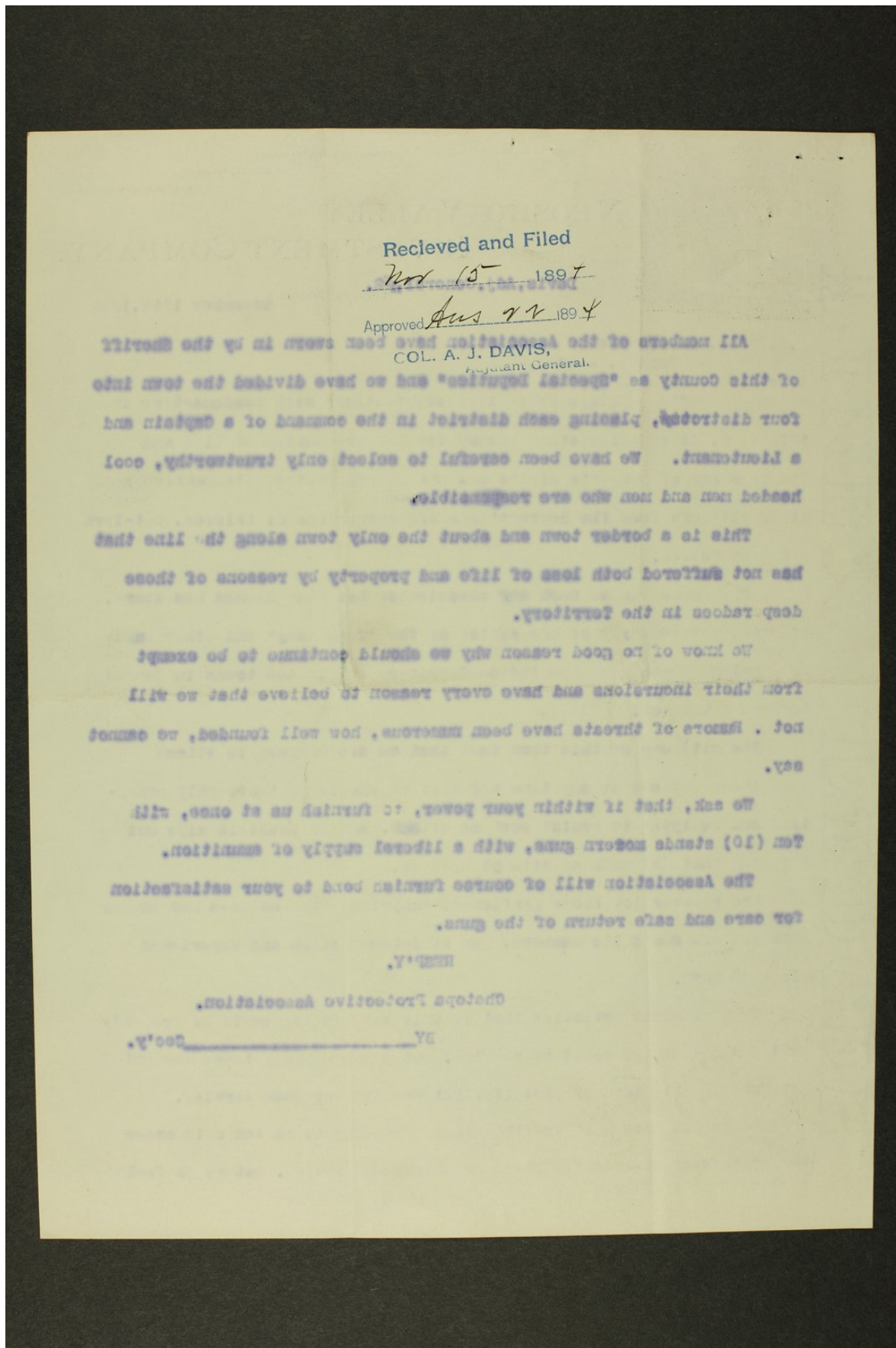
The Association will of course furnish bond to your satisfaction for care and safe return of the guns.

RESP'Y.

Chetopa Protective Association.

BY E. W. Minturn Sec'y.

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12th Regt

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Pittsburg Kan Nov 16, 1894

Brig Genl W. H. Lewis
Lawrence
Kans

Sir;

I respectfully submit my report of the
line of duty of the Hunt Regt during its encamp-
ment from Oct 22nd to Oct 27 at Ottawa Kans.
In accordance with Circular Letter H. A. G. O
dated Oct 18/94 and Genl Order No A. Div Hdqrs
dated Oct 18/94 supplemented by Genl Order
numbered dated Div Hdqrs Oct 19/94 also by
Genl Order No 1 Brigade Hdqrs dated Oct 19/94
the Hunt Regt reported for duty at Camp
Tennant Hunt Park Ottawa Kans on
Monday Oct 22/94 and was in to camp
with Co^s A and B of the 3rd Regt Battery B.
of Topeka and Troop of Cavalry from Lawrence
The Camp was designated as Camp Tennant
in honor of Col Tennant of W. H. Lawrence
who has always been a sincere friend
of the War Grant and who made the
officer line of duty at Lawrence a
pleasure as well as practical and useful one.

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The Camp was established as a Post, ~~with~~
Brig Genl W. H. Sears in Command, ~~as Post~~
~~Commandant~~. The establishment ~~was~~ Head
quarters at the Park Oct 20th 1894.

Co Commanders were ordered in Genl Orders
No 1 Brigade Orders to report by this time of
leaving their stations and the post and no of
men they would bring to Camp. This was
promptly done and the whole Regiment
arrived in the afternoon of Oct 22nd 1894
with the exception of Co A. of Burlington
who did not report until Oct 24th.

The no of Officers and men in Camp each
day can be noted by my Consolidated Reports
The Camp was beautifully located at Forest
Park along the bank of the historic Mar-
seilles river and had many advantages
in the way of buildings belonging to the Park
Association which was given to the Genl
for Headquarters. 2. M. G. H. Headquarters men
Platts and Out buildings.

The location was perfect and could not have
been improved upon.

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The first days work was in getting the Camp in order and the various organizations located; in my opinion in order to save time and give another day for instruction I should send a detachment under the command of a competent Officer and Engineer and have every thing in readiness for the men to go into Camp and commence work at once. Also that the L. M. Dept. have all of its Officers in hand with their suits two days before the Commencement in order to have every thing ready for the issue of rations immediately on arrival of troops.

The L. M. Dept was especially handled by Major Anderson of the 1st Staff and Lt Doolittle of the Brigade Staff, and by L. M. M. Haddock of the 1st Regt part of the time.

Work of the Camp commenced in earnest under Genl Order No 3 Brig Hdqrs.

Lt Col Chas H. M. Crane was detached as Asst Adjt Genl and chief officer under Brig Hdqrs.

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Major W. M. Etchell Senior Major of the 1st Regt
was detailed to take charge of the guard
as instructed during this Encampment and
his work was well performed.

Although the first guard mount was
not up to what it should have been
yet by continuous practice it attained a
marked improvement before the breaking
of camp, which would be still better un-
derstood and performed if during the interim
of sentinal duty, the Officers of the Guard
would see that the Arm. Co. officers thor-
oughly understood their duties and that
the Corporals in charge of reliefs in each
instance devoted the time necessary
to post the men in every thing pertaining
to a sentinal duty; by this means much
valuable time could be utilized with great
benefit to the guard and its efforts would
soon be manifested in bringing up to its
proper standard this important duty.
The 1st Regt Band under Sgt. C. E. Smith 3rd Corps did as follows
at Guard Mount as well as in their other duties.



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The orders for Monday Oct 23/94
was Guard Mount Co., Drill, Battalion Drill
in morning ^{and one} & afternoon Regimental Drill meeting
with Regimental Parade.

As many of the Ours were recruits the first
days work was not very good but as the
men were all willing to learn and were
in good discipline much improvement was
expected from them and which was ob-
tained before the breaking of camp.

Military Country and Stagnation need more
attention on the part of both Officers and
men.

The order for Wednesday Oct 24 1894
was the same as the preceding day as
marked impairment was noted in
Grand March and in Battalion and
Regimental Drill.

X The orders for Thursday Oct 25th 1894 were
the same for morning drill as on the
afternoon the Regiment ^{with} went.

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With the Cadets of the Ottawa University and
made a ~~short~~ parade through the
streets of the City of Ottawa; thousands
of people lined the sidewalks and
the troops made a fine appearance
and were complimented on all sides
by the citizens who witnessed it.
After the parade a sham battle was
fought which represented an attack
upon the outposts which were under
command of Major W. S. Mitchell with 4
Co. of the 1st Regt - and Battery B.
The attacking force was under command
of Lt. Col. M. C. Green and consisted of four
Co. of the 1st Regt - 2 of the 2nd and Troop
D. The advance and return of the skirmish
line and of the sentinels and pickets was
well executed and the outpost troops doing
outpost duty with their supports and
reserves and with Battery B held their
positions and repulsed two attacks of
the enemy and were owing to luck

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of ammunition and of superior numbers of the enemy the troops defending the outposts were forced to surrender when they died according to the Rules & Articles of War.

During the engagement Col Sgt. Van Horn was wounded down and trampled upon by a horse ridden by one of the Officers of the attacking force, yet he held to his color and sustained no serious injury.

The manning of the troops was good and was an instructive lesson to all concerned and was enjoyed by the men as it broke the monotony of Camp life and duties.

Order for Monday Oct 26 I was the same in the forenoon as heretofore and a still greater superiority was noted in General Mansur and in Battalion Drills.

In the afternoon I inspected my Regt and was assisted by Major Atkinson and Major M. S. Metcalf who were detailed for this purpose.

Let Col Chas M. Crum inspect Troop A and Battery B. The reports of these inspections I presume have been forwarded to

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~~given by these Officers.~~

The Camp and quarters was also in-
spected by Brig Genl Paul Lee Col McCrann
and myself.

The policing of the Camp was good and
the quarters of the men was in an
average in good shape and well ma-
tained.

Messing was done by Co Mess and all of the
Cooking apparatus was in good condition.
This is as it should be, as I have noticed
in my experience that Eastern troops employ
Captains and pay them so much a month
which does not give the men the actual
experience which they should have in
Co Mess, especially when called into action
service.

The Regt was furnished at this Encampment
with a new Hospital Tent which was
very convenient for the Asst Surgeon
and his assistants.

Major W. H. de Meade Surgeon of the 1st Regt-
was made to be present at this Encampment.

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must the aid me will station can of
by the Ant Regim ~~at~~ the Hippatic
who was kept my long all through the
Encampment as will be seen by his
report which is now in and is a
part of my report to you. *marked Exhibit*
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In my opinion a Hospital Corps should
be established the same as in Eastern
States, which is a separate and distinct
body and does my efficient work when
so organized.

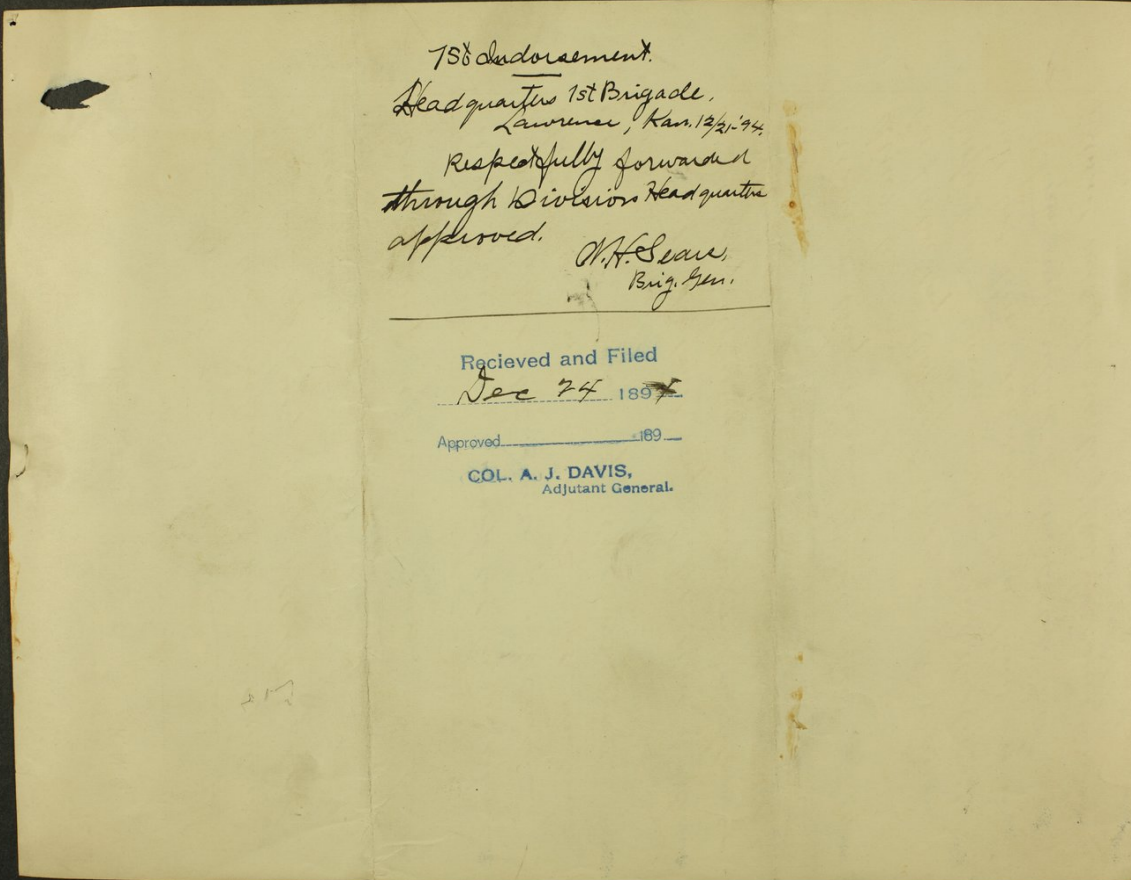
As ~~per~~ ~~McFarland~~ my 2. M. had to leave
on Monday afternoon said Mr. was placed
in chg of Major Anderson and Lt Doolittle
and as they are on your staff I
presume they have made their report
direct to you.

On Saturday Oct 27 ~~at~~ 10³⁰ the various
troops broke camp as per Genl Order No 10
and took their departure for their various
stations and retired to private life all well
pleased with the results of the Encampment.

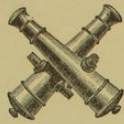
Very respectfully,

Wm. C. Johnson

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Headquarters, First ^{Brigade,} ~~Regiment~~ K. N. G.

Lawrence, Kas. Nov. 22, 1894. , 189

Sir,-

Herein find blank combination bill and receipt to be used by you in making up the books ordered by the Military Board at its last meeting. Supt. Swett suggests that as a matter of convenience for private use this blank should be made at least one line wider and two inches shorter. These should be put up in books of 100 each and each page and stub numbered consecutively. Of course you will adapt them to the National Guard service changing the wording where necessary.

I believe we should have a meeting of the Board sometime before the 20th of next month to finish auditing accounts that were not in before the last meeting; to consider questions pertaining to the good of the Guard, such as reorganization bill, the 1 cent rate bill, and other matters of a miscellaneous nature.

Very respectfully,

W. H. Sears

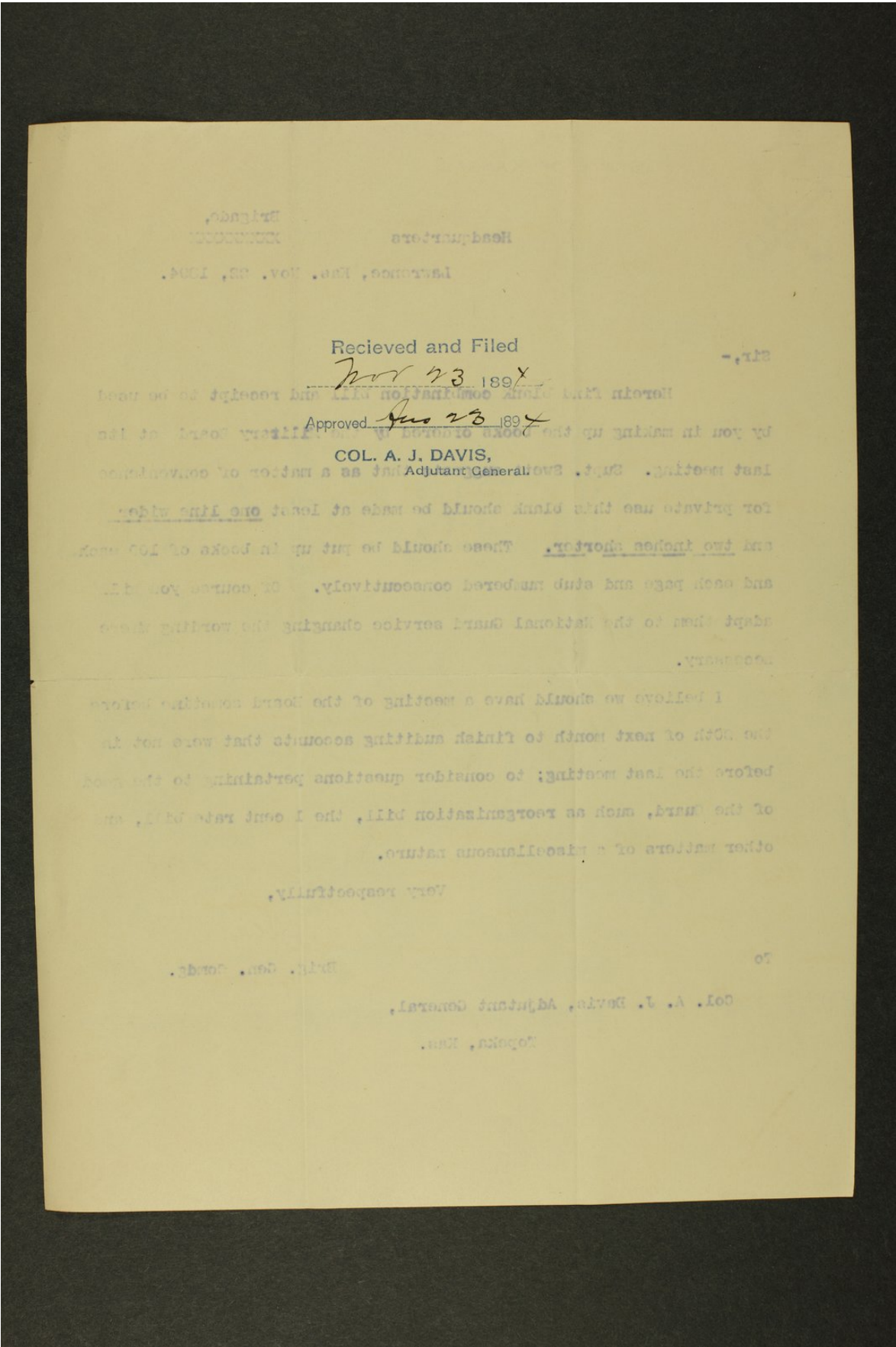
To

Brig. Gen. Comdg.

Col. A. J. Davis, Adjutant General,

Topeka, Kas.

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My Dear Colonel,-

Yours of yesterday, received this morning. In regard to your claim against Johnston, I desire to inform you that I had a talk with him yesterday, and he said he had referred it to some one connected with the Fair Association, who as I understood him, would see to its settlement very shortly. Now, that I have received your request to make an accommodation with them, I will see him again and press the matter.

Mr. Swett called at my office and informed me there were three counts taken of the arms and accoutrements, one by himself, one by his store keeper and one by Capt. Johnston, and they all made it the same number, viz: 150 stands of arms. Are you quite sure your ordnance sergeant counted them back correctly. This shipment was made without my knowledge. If the application for the return of these arms had been made through me, I should have counted them myself and there could have been no shortage without my knowledge, but of course their bond is sufficient for these arms, or any shortage occurring. I will see that the state loses nothing if it shall finally appear there is a shortage. After the arms were shipped as baggage from Lawrence, the baggage man gave me the checks the morning I started for Ottawa to the encampment, and these checks I mailed you from Ottawa.

In regard to the tents and camp equipage loaned the University

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I have to inform you that I have written Chancellor Snow asking him to return them as soon as possible.

Last night I visited Troop A, and witnessed their drill; they are making rapid progress and are in fine condition. Yesterday the Troop were out at the target range, and some very fine scores were made, but there will not be enough ammunition for them to finish their score- only enough for about 15 rounds per man. If you can find time to ship down the old 50 cal. to which I called your attention while in Topeka, the boys would appreciate it very much.

Very respectfully,

O. R. Sears

Brig. Gen. Comdg.

To

Col. A. J. Davis, Adjutant General,
Topeka, Kas.

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Headquarters, First ^{Brigade,} ~~Regiment~~ N. G.

Lawrence, Kas. Nov. 26, 1894. , 189

Sir,-

I have the honor to call your attention to the following paragraph on page 2, of Circular No. 1, dated Adjutant General's office, Topeka, Kansas, May 19th, 1891:

"Hereafter upon receipt at this office of satisfactory evidence that a man has been duly elected to a commissioned office in the Guard, an appointment shall be at once issued to him. This appointment shall be for a term of six months, or until he shall have passed a satisfactory examination before a board of officers appointed by the Colonel of his regiment, and shall have provided himself with uniform and arms, in conformity with the order covering that point. "

I have been unable to find the order based upon this recommendation. If it is still in force, I should appreciate it very much if you could have the officers of Troop A commissioned or appointments issued. Following the precedent established at Erie, and of course it is within the Governor's power, regardless of all orders, it would be best to commission the officers of this Troop without issuing the preliminary appointment.

I believe it is necessary for all commissioned officers upon receipt of their commission to take the oath of office. I am not informed as to whether the Erie Company complied with this requirement or not.

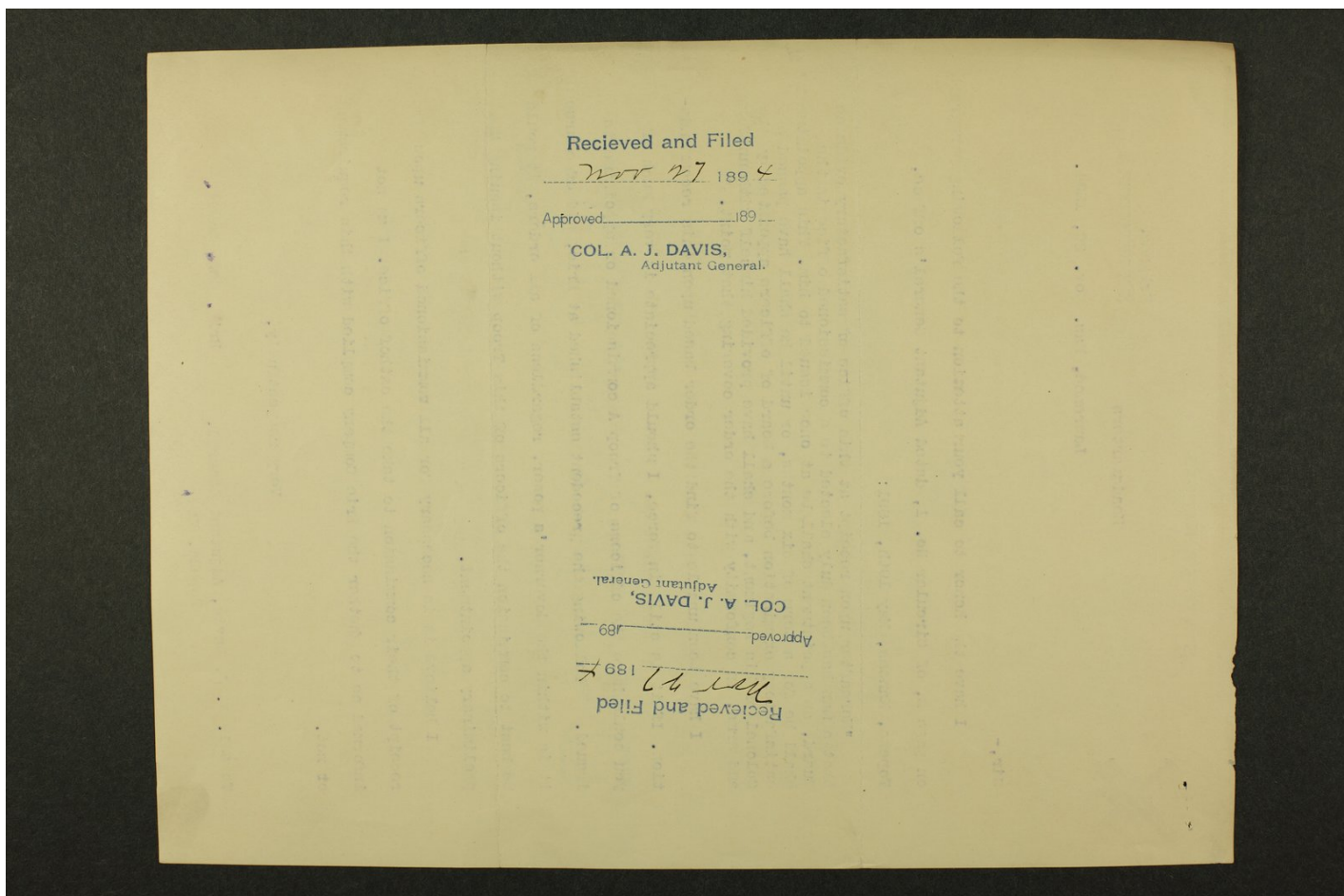
Very respectfully,

M. H. Sears

To Col. A. J. Davis, Adjutant General,
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El Dorado, Kas, Nov. 23 '91

A. J. Davis Adj. Gen.

Dear Sir:

The report which I made to your office June 1st 1894 was correct to the best of my knowledge and belief based on the reports made to me by the members of Co. H. Capt. McQuinn issued or loaned anything anybody wanted and took no receipts for it and when he was commissioned Colonel and ordered me to take command of the Co. when it was ordered to be ready to move into the coal mines during the strike of '93 he did not give me a list of anything supposed to belong to the Co. so I had nothing to figure from but the word of the boys. In one or two cases the boys have more out.

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and thrown away their uniforms
one family has cut up a uniform
and made clothes for the younger
children ~~but~~ but by the time
all uniforms have been turned
in they will correspond very
closely to my report. Capt Douglas
did not report anything to you
that he did not have in his
immediate possession as he has
made a bond covering all he may
hold in his possession. Two guns
have been turned in since his
report to you. Whenever the Co.
was ordered ~~at~~ the boys would
take knapsacks canteens and havers-
acks home with them to camp
their belongings in and have not
turned them in yet. The
dutch oven and camp kettles
not reported by Capt Douglas were
packed away in the armory and

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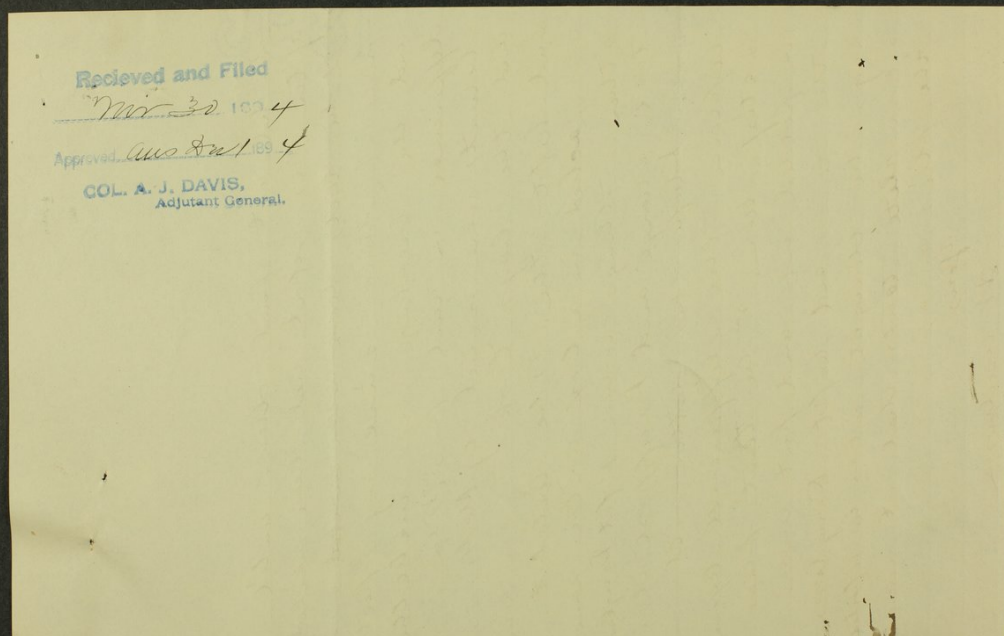
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he did not find them until
after his report had been mailed.
The tents have been ~~mailed~~
pitched twice since my report
and the breakage will make the
difference in tent pins. The
helmets were issued by McGinnis
and the boys took them home
and kept the. The hatchet
was packed in a box with some
other things when Capt Douglas
took charge and I suppose it is
yet. I hope this letter will
explain the difference to your
satisfaction. The tent flies
we folded up and put under
the tents and Capt Douglas
says he thought when he reported
3 complete tents that it included
the flies

Yours

W Anderson

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P. S.

Since writing the foregoing I have had a long talk with Capt Douglass and he says he has been hunting up the uniforms and finds that a number of the boys who had uniforms have left the state and as he can not find their uniforms they must have took them with them which will cut the number of complete uniforms to 25. Capt Douglass has just shown me your communication about Amory went. If you will look up my receipt in the Paymasters office you will find that the last money paid me was for the quarter ending Dec 30th amounting to \$50 This was paid to me in August The Sec

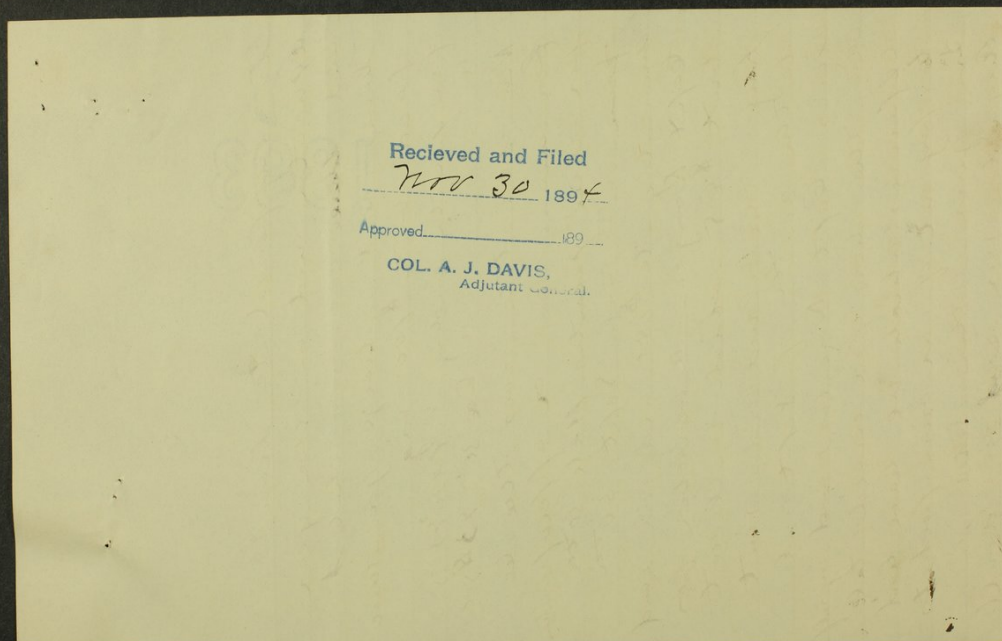
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is supposed to draw \$50
a quarter and in the year
and these months that I
have had charge you have
paid but \$100 viz
for quarter ending Sept 30 '83 \$50
" " " Dec 30 '83 \$50

Now the state owes the Co,
for annuity rent or appropriation
for three quarters March 30th
June 30th and Sept 30th
amounting to \$150 and you send
Capt Douglass a voucher for
but \$25 which will not
pay the landlords rent
to the 30th of Sept and
leaves Capt Douglass and myself
in the hole for incidental
expenses which we have had
to pay out of our own pockets
In your letter dated in
August you said you would

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settle settle the army rent
in full as soon as the new
officers were elected and now
you simply pay four
months rent and say nothing
about the remaining five
months. Your letter of Aug 11
letter says "I have this
day ordered the army rent
paid in full for quarter
ending Dec 30, 1893" The
payment's letter under date of
Aug 14 says. "I havein hand your
army rent in full for
quarter ending Dec 30 1893". The
landlord has been very patient
in this matter and I hope you
will straighten the matter
with out much more
delay

W Anderson