

## Kansas Adjutant General miscellaneous correspondence

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Correspondence to and from the Adjutant General's Office in Topeka, Kansas. Included are several requests for military records of service, especially relating to the Spanish-American War, and several bills for a variety of services, including repairs following a fire in an armory, enlisting and examining soldiers, meals, and lodging.

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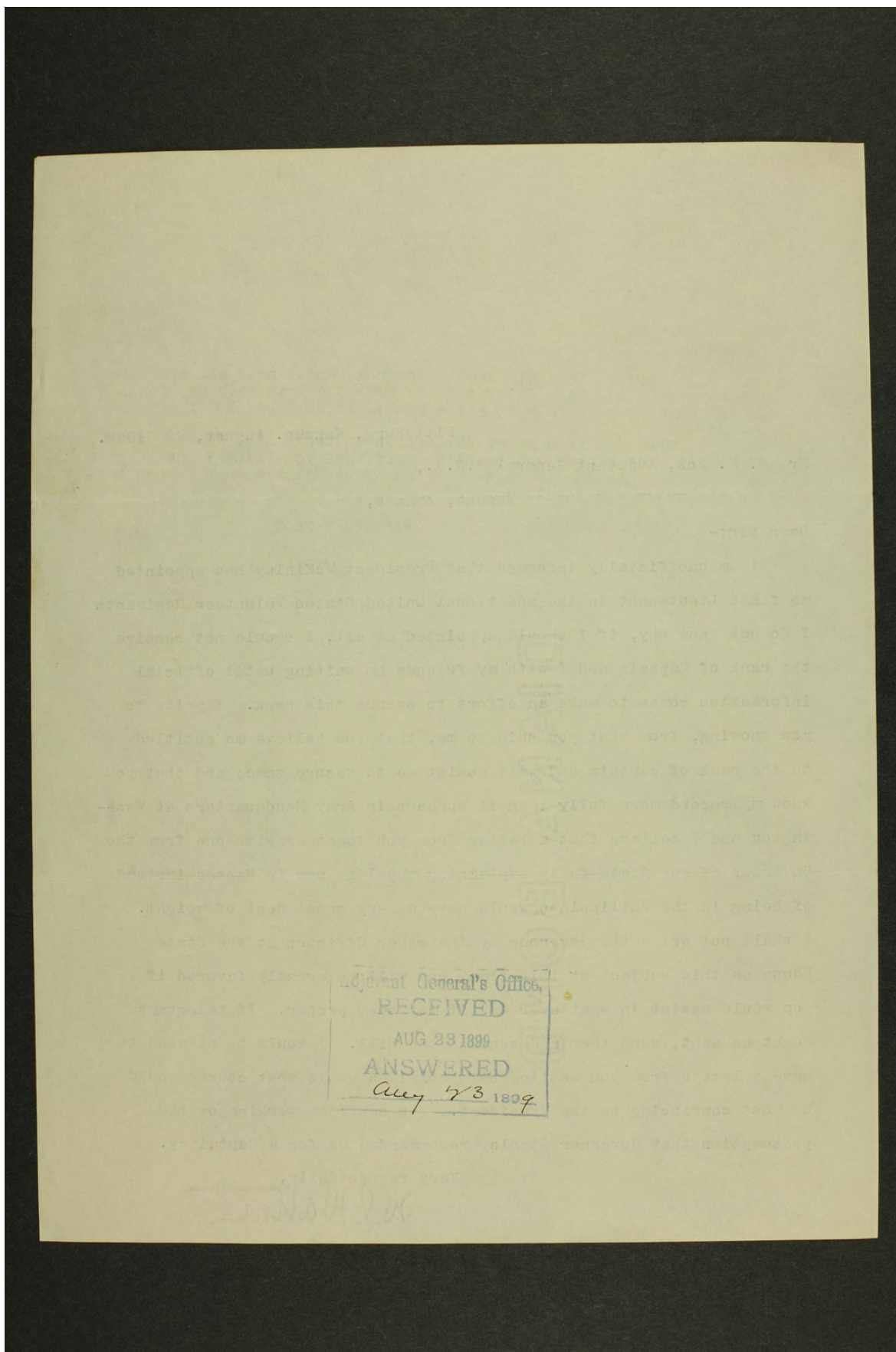
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Pittsburg, Kansas, August 25th., 1899

S.M. Fox, Adjutant General,  
Topeka, Kansas.

Sir:-

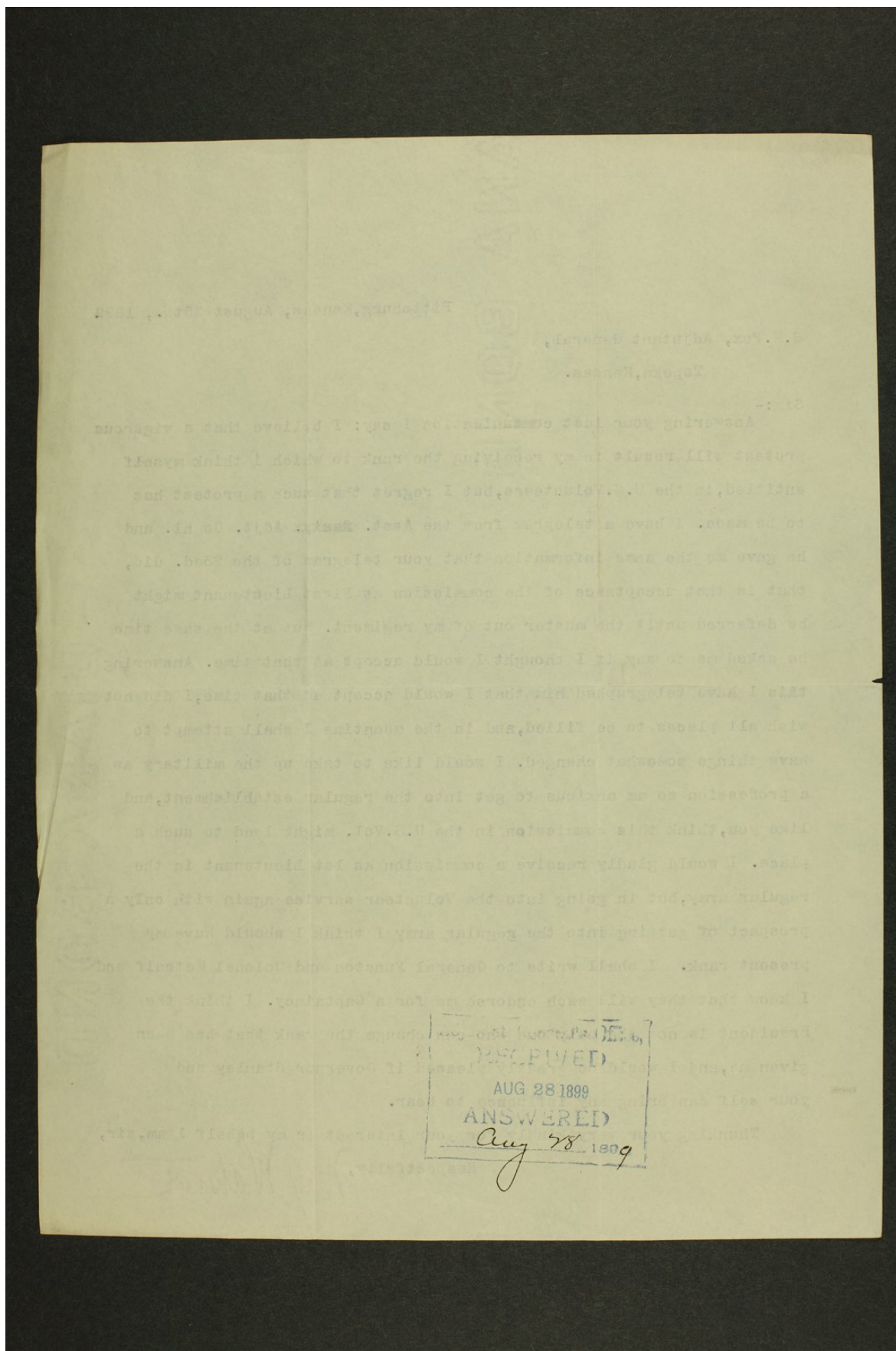
Answering your last communication I say: I believe that a vigorous protest will result in my receiving the rank to which I think myself entitled, in the U.S. Volunteers, but I regret that such a protest has to be made. I have a telegram from the Asst. ~~Secy~~ Adjt. Genl. and he gave me the same information that your telegram of the 23rd. did, that is that acceptance of the commission as First Lieutenant might be deferred until the muster out of my regiment. But at the same time he asked me to say if I thought I would accept at that time. Answering this I have telegraphed him that I would accept at that time, I did not wish all places to be filled, and in the meantime I shall attempt to have things somewhat changed. I would like to take up the military as a profession so am anxious to get into the regular establishment, and like you, think this commission in the U.S. Vol. might lead to such a place. I would gladly receive a commission as 1st Lieutenant in the regular army, but in going into the Volunteer service again with only a prospect of getting into the regular army I think I should have my present rank. I shall write to General Funston and Colonel Metcalf and I know that they will each endorse me for a Captaincy. I think the President is now the only one who can change the rank that has been given me, and I would be greatly pleased if Governor Stanley and your self can bring any influence to bear.

Thanking you very kindly for your interest in my behalf I am, sir,

Respectfully,

*W. J. Watson*

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### *State of Kansas.*

Headquarters Second Infantry, Kansas National Guard.

Newton, August 29th 1899.

Col. S. M. Fox, Adjutant General,  
Topeka, Kans.

Sir:-

I forward today through the channels, reports of elections in companies G and L, On receipt of the reports, I at once notified the officers elect to send their acceptancies and oaths of office, and have held them several days for same. If they come to me will forward promptly.

It is very hard to make some of the officers understand the importance of observing any definite form in reference to these matters.

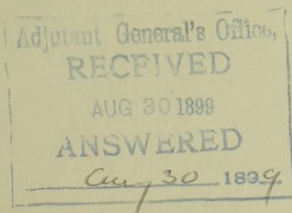
Shall be glad when the new Rules and Regulations are out.

I mustered the Battery on the 23d, and have since been trying to get the roll and report of election in form. This I hope to do within the next few days.

Dr. Boyd showed me Col. Godwin's letter offering to appoint Eric Boyd a sergeant. Please accept thanks for your good offices in the matter.

Very truly yours,

*B. M. Huntington*  
Col. Com'dg. 2d. Inf'ty. K.N.G.



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Colonel J. G. ROWLAND, Governor.

**This Home Has Its Own Postoffice.**

Mr. *Joseph Francis*

National Military Home,

KANSAS.

The Above is my Correct Address.

Major W. B. SHOCKLEY, Treasurer.

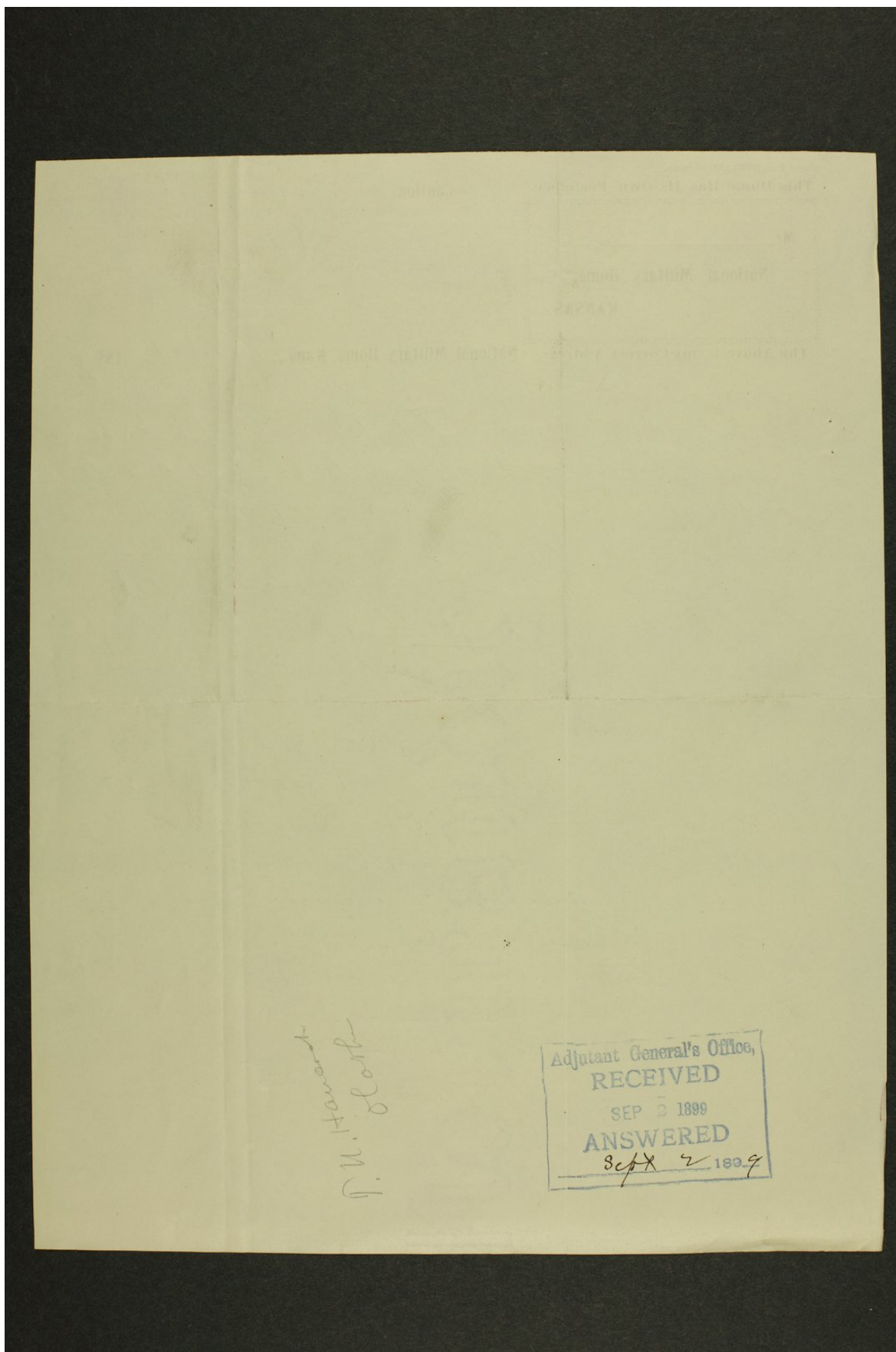
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National Military Home, Kans., *Sept 1* 189*9*

*Adjutant Gen  
State of Kansas Topeka Sir the board  
of Managers of this Home have decided to  
send me out after quite a long time membership  
here on acct of my not having any record  
of United States Military service Now I  
enlisted and served in com. A 5<sup>th</sup> Regt-  
Kansas Militia from Paola Kas River as  
Mounted Infy We went into Mo. and engaged  
the Enemy there and was paid & claim by  
the United States for said service Now I  
ask you for a complete transcript of my  
service and pay. just as complete as  
possible at your very earliest convenience as  
I am limited for time here. Not knowing  
what fees are expected in the case I enclose  
two dollars if more is if you are entitled  
to more let me know*

*Joseph Francis  
Late Co A 5 Regt  
Kansas Militia*

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Pittsburg, Kansas. September 2nd 1899

S.M.Fox, Adjutant General.

Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Sir:-

I have received your letters of the 28th and 30th Ult., the former while at the reunion at Baxter Springs, the latter yesterday. I think you have done every thing that could have been done to have my rank increased to that of a Captain, and I again assure you that I shall long appreciate it as I do now. I, like you, am very glad to have been assigned to the Fortieth regiment, Col. Godwin, for from what I have learned of the Colonel he is an excellent officer and a true soldier.

In the event Mr. Mitchell does not desire a lieutenancy in the U.S. Vol. I think it would be quite the right thing and quite the popular thing to secure the appointment of your son, Philip. I sincerely believe that he would be strongly endorsed by the field as well as the line officers of the 20th Kas. though my only reason for thinking so is my high regard for him both as a soldier and a gentleman, and the high regard with which he seemed to be held by all others. I would not surprise me if Mitchell should not accept, and if you have concluded to urge Philip's appointment, I hope he will not.

I noticed that arrangements have been completed with the Santa Fe to bring the Kansas troops home. Will you kindly say if this be true, for if it is I shall not hesitate to ask them for a reduced rate when I go back to San Francisco to rejoin my regiment. I hope you will pardon so lengthy a letter, and believe me to be

Very respectfully,

*W. J. Watson*

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WILL J. WATSON,  
ATTORNEY.  
PITTSBURG, KANSAS.

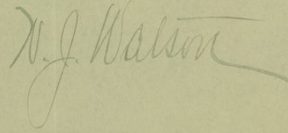
Pittsburg, Kansas. Sept., 2 1899.

S.M.Fox, Adjutant General,  
Topeka, Kansas,

Sir:-

I have your note of the first inst., and because you ask it I to-day mail you under seperate cover a photograph of myself. When the Army and Navy Magazine is out I would like to know, that I may be able to get one.

Very respectfully yours,



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National Military Home, Kans., *Sept 5* 189*7*.

*Adjutant Gen.*

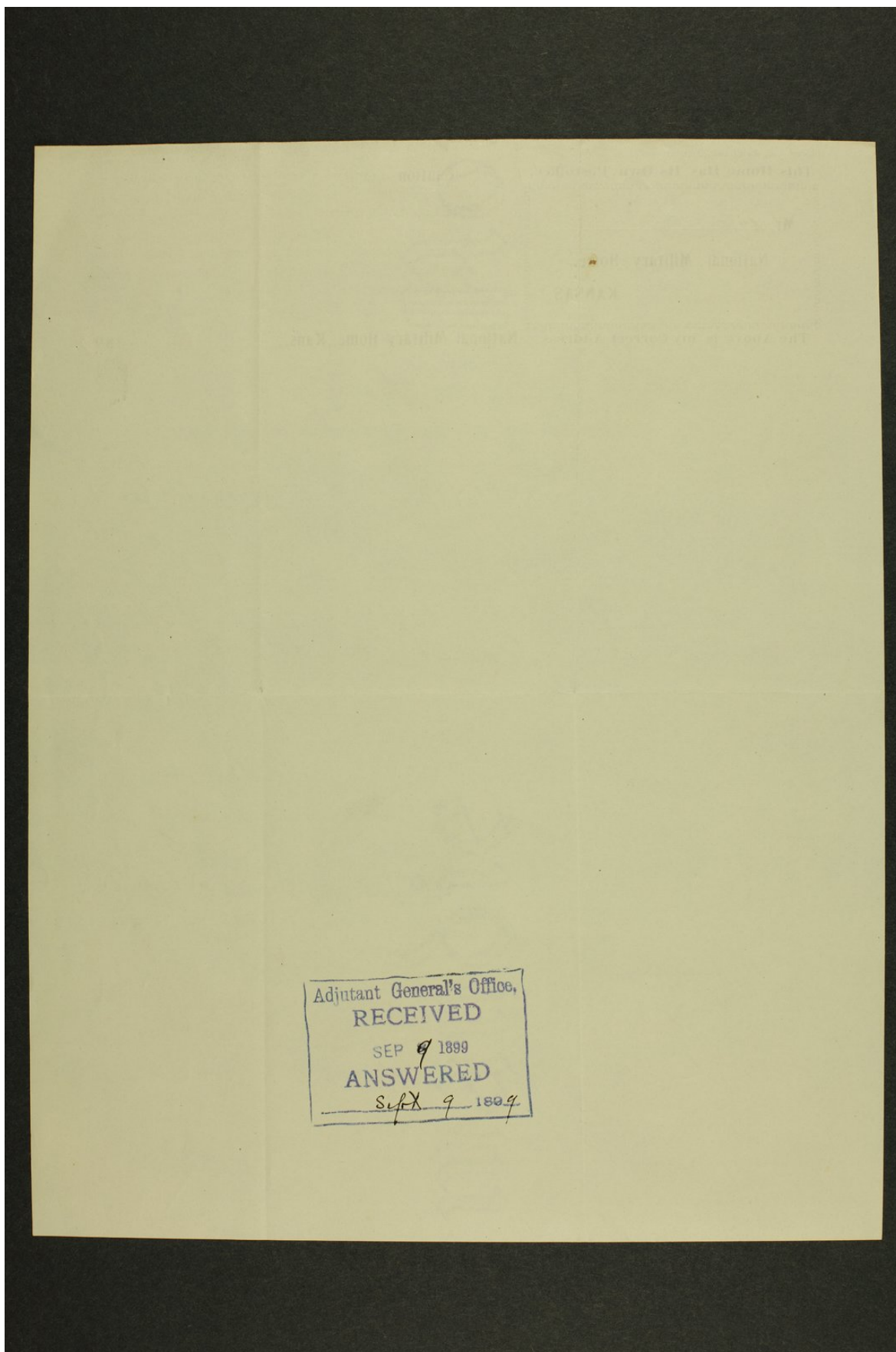
*Topulka Dear Sir I have to acknowledge receipt of record transcript of my service in Kansas Militia. But what I particularly want is a record of one being paid by United States pay master for said service which I think was the facts in the case. I think the books in some of the departments will show such transaction. I am willing to pay for such record if same can be found as such fact if established would I think entitle me to the benefits of the home here from which I am ordered but I have no pension I am totally blind have no home or friends with whom to which I could go can you help me*

*yours truly*

*Joseph Francis*

*late A Co 5<sup>th</sup> Regt Kansas Militia Cav.*

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Adjutant General's Office,  
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Secret Society Uniforms,  
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300 Wabash Ave., Sept. 13th, 99  
Next to Auditorium Chicago,

Col. S. M. Fox,  
Adjt. Gen'l, Manhattan Ks.  
Dear Sir:-

We thank you for the roster of Kansas National Guard just received, and as soon as our new price list is out, we will distribute them. In the meanwhile, we trust you will kindly direct any officers wanting first class goods to us. Our work is special fine military custom work. We have aimed to give the west a thoroughly high grade house with no attempt to compete with any other western house and we refer you to the enclosed circular from the Adjutant General of Wisconsin as to how we fulfill our trust, but of course, our great specialty is officers goods.

In our communication requesting distribution of price lists, we find that it was misinterpreted, and easily so. we should have couched it a distribution of our special khakie price list to the newly appointed officers of the new Volunteer service from the different States. In other words, the published list of names only gives their State. There are a number of these appointments from your State. Will you kindly give us the number of these appointments, and then we make the request that if we send you the stamped circulars or price lists complete, you will kindly distribute them to these different officers as we presume you have their local addresses in your office. We did not intend to ask you to distribute our price lists to the National Guard. This would be too much to ask, but we presume there are from one to two dozen of these new appointments to the Volunteer Service and that you have their local addresses. We would therefore make the request that if we can send our

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new price list to you, you will kindly have them forwarded to these different officers appointed to the newly organized Volunteer Regiments, as it would be some time before they reach their regiments, most of them being detailed to recruiting service first.

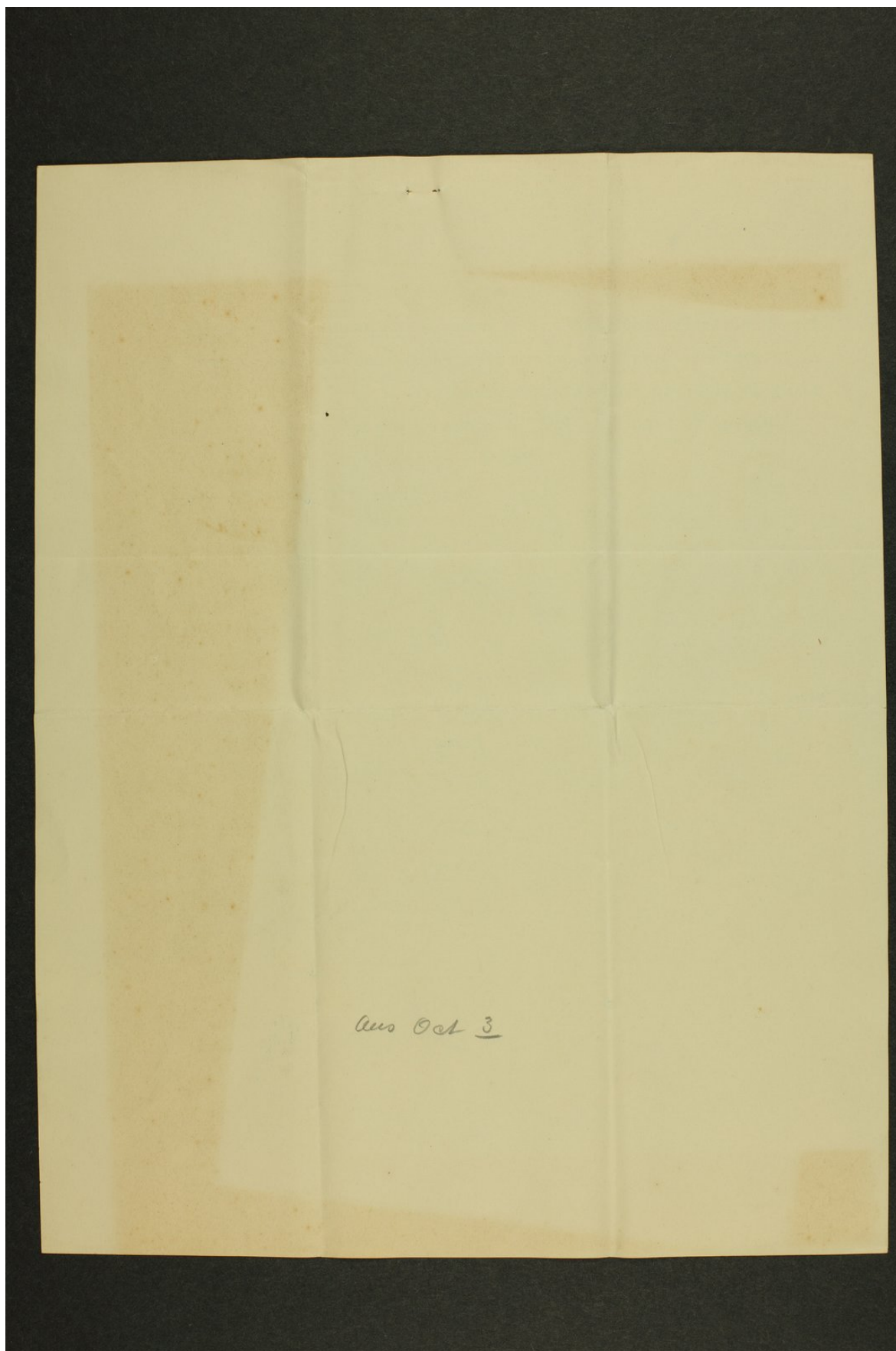
Hoping to hear from you with thanks also, we are

Yours very truly

E. A. ARMSTRONG MFG. CO.

*W.A.*

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Manhattan 9-25-99.

S.M. Fox Esq.

My Dear Sir: — We have been informed that by making proper application to the Quarter Master department the body of our Soldier boy after arrival at San Francisco will be expressed to any place ordered by us. I have written to a friend in S. Francisco asking him to be on the lookout for the arrival of the vessel and when it comes look after the condition of the body and see that it is properly shipped to me here by express. His name is Henry B. Rastwick. He is a resident in S.F. but I have recently learned that he may at this time be absent on a trip to China & Japan. I have more recently learned that you expect to go to S.F. with the committee appointed to meet the 20th regiment.

I therefore take the liberty to ask of you one or two favors.

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Will you please ascertain if the body is aboard the Tartar in what condition and boxing it has arrived, and will be sent by the express, also will you see that is properly started by express to Rev. J. H. Lee, Manhattan Kansas. And will you at once wire me of date when started and when its arrival at Manhattan may be expected. We shall need to know these things as soon as possible in order that we may have time to make the necessary arrangements for the burial. If you can do this we shall be greatly obliged and will repay you for any expense you may incur in the matter.

An early reply to this will be a favor

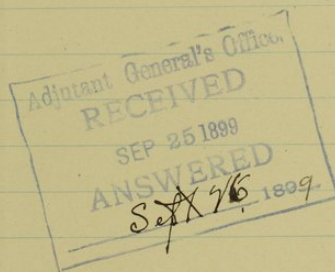
Yours truly  
J. H. Lee

(See next sheet.)

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P.S. We do not know who or where the  
Quartermaster is to whom application  
is to be made for shipment of  
the body to us. - Can you  
give us his name and address  
and the proper mode of application  
If or please inform us as early  
as possible.

J.H.L.





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Coffeyville, Kansas.

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No. 3924.

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H. W. READ, VICE-PRESIDENT.  
J. T. WETTACK, CASHIER.  
W. H. SHEPARD, ASSISTANT CASHIER.

Coffeyville, Kansas, Sept. 30th. 1899.

Governor W.E. Stanley,

Topeka, Kansas.

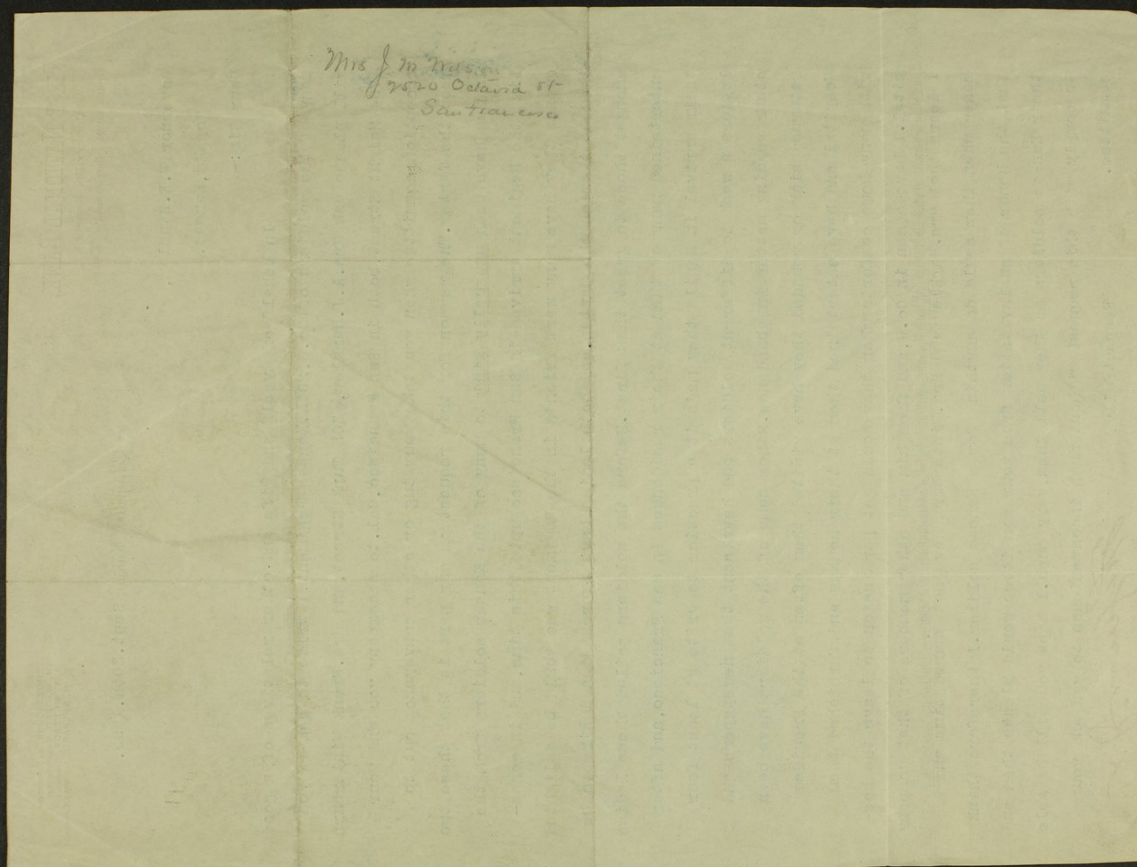
Dear Sir:-

In behalf of myself and wife and other relatives of a good many of the soldiers of Co. G, 20th. Kansas Regiment. I write to ask if you will please ask Mrs. A. J. Barkley, #305 Turk Street, and Mrs. Frank Winterburn #794 Haight Street, both in San Francisco, Cal. to accompany you and your reception committee when you take your tug or other conveyance out to meet the Tarter. The reason for this request on our part is that these two ladies have been unusually kind to many of the Kansas soldiers from the time the Regiment arrived in San Francisco upto this time, and in consequence they have many warm friends in the Regiment who would be delighted to meet them on the Tarter, and both ladies have expressed a desire to be amongst those to greet them first. Before the soldiers sailed these ladies entertained many of them at their residences in San Francisco, and after their arrival in Manila they made it a practice to write at least four letters a week to different soldiers and have sent them newspapers and other reading matter in abundance. Since some of the soldiers have been returned sick or wounded they have visited them often at the Presideo Hospital and have entertained them at their houses and furnished them with many home comforts when they could get permission to leave the hospital. I have a son in Co. G, and from him and other members of that Company I learn that Mrs. Barkley and Mrs. Winterburn have not spared time and money when they could do anything for a Kansas soldier. I therefore think that the honor of an invitation from your committee would please them and their Kansas soldiers as they call them, very much. I hope you will be able to comply with this request without much inconvenience to you and your committee.

Respectfully,

*Thos. Scurr, Jr.*

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John H. Crider, Grand Master Workman,  
Ft. Scott.  
E. M. Forde, Grand Recorder, Emporia.  
M. B. Light, Grand Receiver, Winfield.  
J. M. Minick, Grand Medical Examiner,  
Wichita.

Office of GRAND MEDICAL EXAMINER,  
Grand Lodge of Kansas, A. O. U. W.

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and Best Fraternal Beneficiary Organization.

Wichita, Kans., 105-99, 189

Col. C. M. Fox:-,  
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Col.

Allow me to thank you for commission sent me some days since and I desire that you than others that may have been connected with the matter as I do not know who they are as the matter was wholly unexpected to me.

I write also that the board may take action in a certain matter connected with the former administration. The former board notified Co. A. 2nd. regt. to continue their organization after the arms were called away but in July 98 they were told to discontinue their armory which they did but were never able to get one cent of armory rent for that quarter (Apr. May, and June 1898) in spite of the fact that they had orders to continue the use of their armory. I was forced to pay the amount of their rent and expenses for that quarter which amounted to \$33.50. This is but a small portion of the money that I was beat out of by that administration and still I notice that the present board has in some instance reimbursed those that lost money in 98. Captain Koeneke has never received this money and the same is charged up to him by me and I hold a receipt from The trustees of the building that the present armory is in for that amount. It will be quite a favor to me if it would be possible for the present board to allow him this money so that he can turn it over to me. I do not know that this can be done but it seems to

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that this is a legitimate item of expense that there could be no  
doubt of and I am sure that if this had not have been paid that the  
present company could not have leased their armory as it was only  
by paying our debts that we could keep the financial affairs of  
the K.N.G. in good standing.

The company here is doing fine and have a very large  
attendance and I am quite sure that they will be a credit to our  
organization.

Again thanking you for past favors. I remain,  
Respectfully yours,  
*W. Minick*  
Maj. Staff 2nd Inf'ty, K.N.G.

Adjutant General's Office,  
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OCT 24 1899

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State of Kansas.

Company *K*, First Regiment, Kansas National Guard.

Washington Kan 10/12, 99

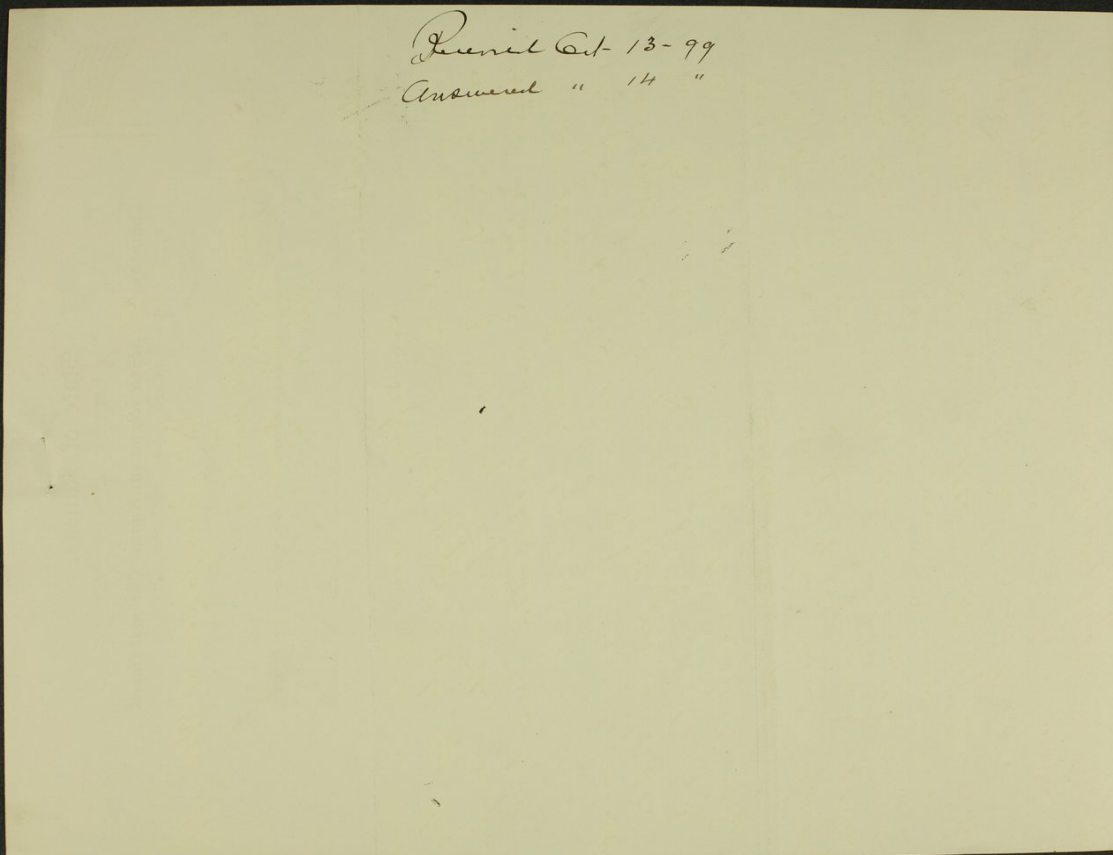
S. M. Fox adjt Genl.  
Topeka Kans.

Dear Sir,

In reply to yours of 12<sup>th</sup> I have to say that I have not paid out any thing because I had nothing to pay with, as I before stated I have contracted but as I understand the State does not become responsible, I gave my personal guarantee - or rather became personally responsible for the purchase I made, I suppose I can get vouchers as to the amounts had been paid, but the Locker man lives in Clyde and I am only to pay him in installments, the others are here but some of them are to be paid as the allowance will permit.

Of course I have advanced some for Postage and a few little matters of that sort for which I will make a voucher. I understand your instructions to be to make statement for items I have actually paid. The Contract

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State of Kansas.

Company \_\_\_\_\_, First Regiment, Kansas National Guard.

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Amount to more than this quarters allowance, and a report of all, I suppose would not be approved. I don't want to file a blank report if that will cut me out, and I can't file vouchers for money paid. If it is the instruction of the Department that I obtain vouchers and send them in to cover the proportion of appropriation <sup>for</sup> the last quarter I will do so - (I presume parties will sign them) and hereafter I will try and be ready, but don't know now which is proper.

Pardon my stupidity if it is me. That is at fault.

Very Respectfully  
Chas Smith

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State of Kansas.

Battery "A," Kansas National Guard.

Wichita, Kans. Oct 13<sup>th</sup> 1899  
To the Adjutant General, State of Kansas,  
Topeka, Kansas.

Sir:

I have the honor to state that there are straps attached to the canteens, Haver-Sacks and Blanket-Bags.

I did not report any thing of that nature, as canteens, Haver-Sacks and Blanket-Bags are not complete without straps.

Every thing is in the Armory now that was turned over to me on the 20 twenty-second of August 1899.

I will take the old Quartermaster Sergeant, who has had the stores in charge for years, and also at the present, and He and I together will go through the entire lot of goods on Sunday or Monday and will send you an inventory of all stores in detail.

and then if there is any discrepancy you will know who to charge it up to.  
Captain Downing still resides in Wichita.

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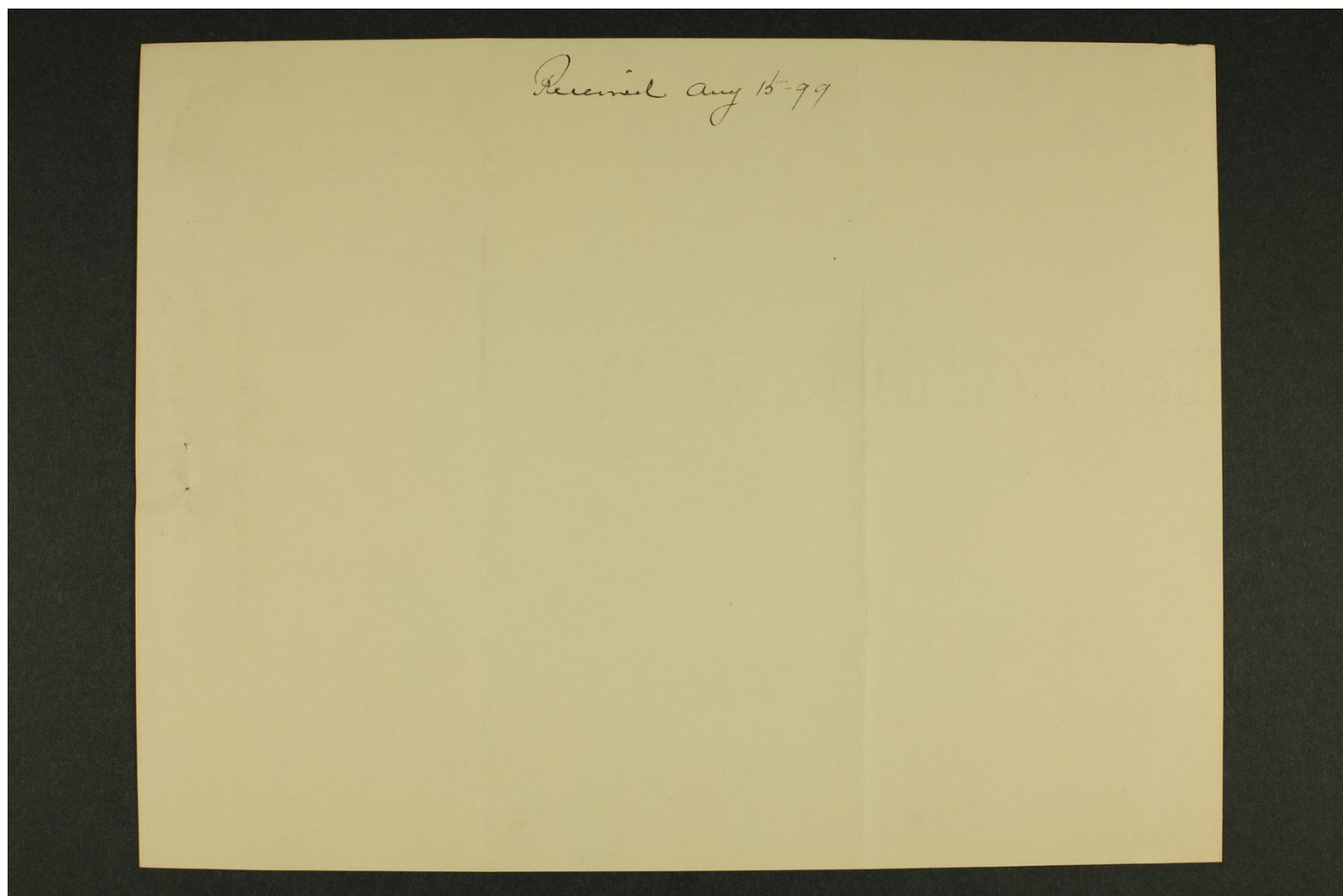
Battery "A," Kansas National Guard.

Wichita Kans, Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> 1899  
To the Adjutant General, State of Kansas,  
Topeka, Kansas.

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Yours Respectfully  
Capt Lewis Aspy  
Commanding Battery A K.N.G.  
Wichita, Kansas.

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State of Kansas.

Battery "A," Kansas National Guard.

Wichita Kansas, Oct 16<sup>th</sup> 1899  
To the Adjutant General, State of Kansas.  
Topeka, Kansas.

Sir;

I have the honor to state that,  
herewith you will find a correct  
of all the Quarter Master's  
Stores turned over to me on the (22<sup>nd</sup>)  
twenty-second of August 1899.  
Nermer Screw - without staff.

	1
Pouches	28
Blankets	5
Leg gings	21 1/2
Campaign Hats	27
Cross Guns	31
Caps	19
Blanket Bags	19
Containers	9
Haver Sacks	34
Blanket Bags and Straps for Blankets	5
Blanket Bags Shoulder Straps	19
Haver Sack Straps	31
Container Straps	16
Rammers	2

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Trail Hand Spikes	3
Powder Pouches	2
Priming Pouches Belts	2
Powder Pouches Straps	2
Tanyards	3
Priming Pouches	3
Pendulum Harness	2
Pendulum Harness Pouch	1
Friction Primers	33
Bitchen Extra Broken for Harness	2
Pole Straps	2
Primers Boots	4
Double Set Wheel Harness	2
Double Set Lead Harness	2
Prolongs	2
Cavalry Saddles	12
Cavalry Bridles (with curb bits)	12
6 lb. Brass field Gun	2
Guide on Staff	1

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Battery "A," Kansas National Guard.

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These Harness are very badly broken  
There being one collar, one Bridle,  
five stirrups & straps and many other  
straps, buckles and other belongings  
short on them.

Some Goods have been found and  
turned in to me since I sent  
you my Quarterly - Report,  
which you will find on the above  
itemized list.

And if there is and difference in  
my Quarterly Report and this  
list and changes to be made, you  
will please make the necessary  
changes and notify me of the  
changes made, in order that I may  
make the same changes on the  
duplicate which I retained from the  
Report.

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State of Kansas.

Battery "A," Kansas National Guard.

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Very Respectfully  
Capt Lewis Asphy  
Commanding Battery D. N. G.  
Wichita Kansas