

## Kansas Adjutant General miscellaneous correspondence

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Correspondence sent and received by Kansas Adjutant General Simeon M. Fox. The movement of the Kansas National Guard is frequently discussed, with the help of horses, the Missouri Pacific Railway, and the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway. Correspondents include U.S. Adjutant General H.C. Corbin, Major W.W. Minick of the Artillery Battalion, and Major E.W. Wellington of the 3rd Battalion, Second Infantry, among others.

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Kansas City, Mo. Sept. 24th, 1902,

Mr. J.O. Brinkerhoff,

Supt. Kansas City, Mo.,

Dear Sir:-

The Kansas National Guards will leave Ft. Riley for their homes on Monday, Oct. 6th., and we will require special service as follows, leaving Ft. Riley or Pawnee, at 9.30 A.M. train consisting of three baggage cars and ten coaches.

One baggage car and one coach destined to Lawrence.

One baggage car and four coaches to be delivered to A.T. & S.F. at Topeka to run through to Burlingame, Chanute, Ottawa and Fredonia, equipment to be returned to us at No. Topeka by first train.

Two coaches for Topeka.

One coach for Manhattan.

One baggage car and two coaches for Marysville from which point the Guards and baggage will leave for Sabetha and Hiawatha. This latter equipment to be moved from Manhattan to Marysville on train No. 91. Would like to have this train reach Topeka so that parties going on A.T. & S.F. can leave that point on Santa Fe train No. 1 which leaves Topeka at 1.15 P.M.

Two coaches for Concordia to leave Junction City on train No. 66.

Special train one baggage car and three coaches for Ellsworth to leave Encampment grounds at 10.00 A.M. Two coaches to be cut out at Salina, one of them with the Lindbergh Company to leave Salina on train No. 71.

Conductors on these trains will collect tickets in the usual way.

Please arrange.

KB-FBS)

✓ Genl. Fox, P.

Ans yours 734

Yours truly,

*H. G. Kallie*



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ARTILLERY BATTALION,  
KANSAS NATIONAL GUARD.

MAJOR W. W. MINICK.

Wichita, Sept. 24th. 1902

General S. M. Fox,  
Topeka, Kansas.

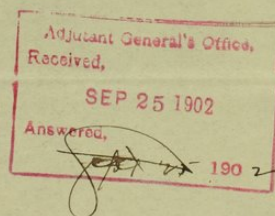
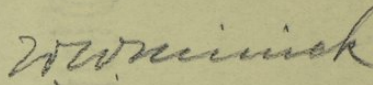
Sir -,

Will you please issue transportation to Quartermaster Sergt. Chas. R. Crosby and Chief Trumpeter M.K. Lindsay of the Artillery Battalion, non com staff. To Fort Riley for Sunday morning the 28th.

I understand that headquarters of Adj. General will be moved to Fort Riley th t day and they can be taken in on th same transportation.

Respectfully,

Major



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HEADQUARTERS SECOND INFANTRY,  
KANSAS NATIONAL GUARD.  
COLONEL PERRY M. HOISINGTON.

Newton, Sept. 15th 1902.

General S.M.Fox:-

Topeka, Kans.

Dear Sir:-

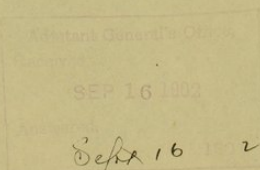
How will it be best to care for our horses at Riley? Will these "strangers" behave together on a rope? If so, will we provide the rope and pins, or can we probably get them there?.

Do you think it will be best for me to go Sunday? Will you be there then?

I am troubled about my sergeant major. He is in the R.R. employ and may not be able to go. Is now at Beaumont Texas. Do you know of an experienced man who could take the detail, for this tour of duty? I have a great many bright young sergeants but as we have not been in camp for 5 years they do not know much of the regimental organization.

Respectfully,

*Perry M. Hoisington*  
Col. Comdg 2d Regt K.N.G.





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CHICAGO, ROCK ISLAND & PACIFIC RAILWAY

JNO. SEBASTIAN, Gen'l Passenger and Ticket Agent, Chicago.  
L. M. ALLEN, First Ass't Gen'l Passenger and Ticket Agent, Chicago.  
W. J. LEAHY, Ass't Gen'l Passenger and Ticket Agent, Chicago.  
E. W. THOMPSON, Ass't Gen'l Passenger and Ticket Agent, Topeka.

GEN'L PASSENGER & TICKET DEPARTMENT

IN YOUR REPLY, PLEASE REFER

TO FILE NO. **83-362**

SUBJECT: Movement troupes.

Kansas City  
Topeka, Kas., Sept. 16, 1902

Mr. S. M. Fox,  
Adj. Genl., Topeka.  
Dear Sir:-

Referring to your letter 12th inst.

I have not received anything definite from U.P. in regard to time schedule which they expect to adopt for special train to Junction City.

I received under date of 13th communication from Mr. Kaill of U.P. in which he writes as follows " In all probability we will have a special train for the movement of these troupes leaving Topeka about 2 P.M., Monday, Sept. 29th, but up to this writing definite arrangements have not been made;" so that so far as we are concerned I am as much in the dark as ever.

I received short time since letter from Mr. Parker, of M.K. & T. stating that Mr. Morton from his office would be in Kansas City last week and would call here in regard to service via M.K. & T. but up to this time I have not seen Mr. Morton nor heard anything further from Mr. Parker so I do not know what the M.K. & T. will do.

We haul the Government troupes from Ft. Gill, Little Rock and several other points but take them to Manhattan and turn them over to U.P. at this point.

If it is your desire to have Sabetha and Hiawatha troupes come via Pierce Junction to Topeka and then turn them over to U.P. I would be glad to know it so we can make arrangements accordingly.

I would also like to know definitely in regard to the movement of troupes from Wichita and Wellington.

Yours truly,

A G P A

Adjutant General's Office,  
Received,

SEP 18 1902

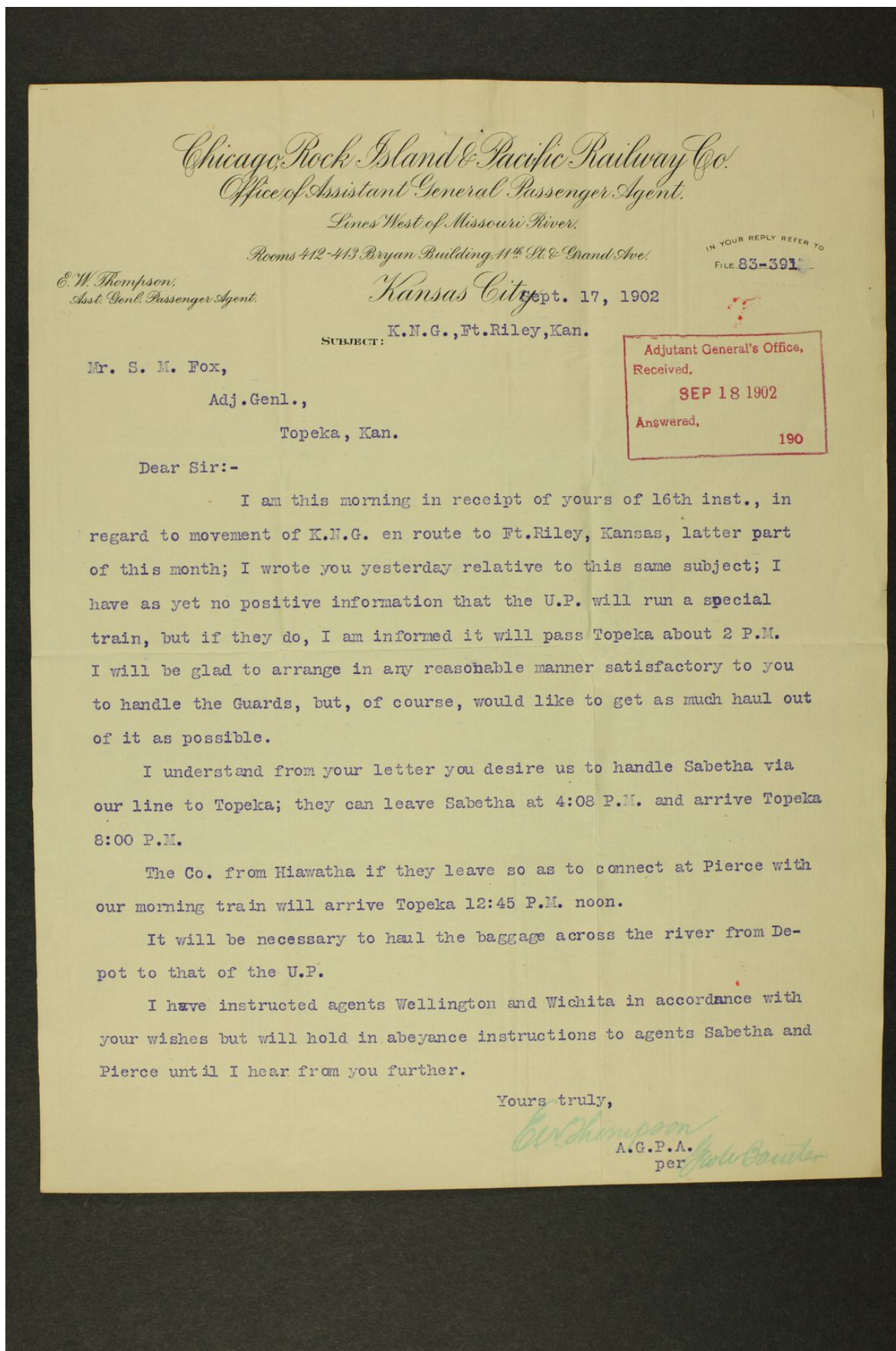
Answered,

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*Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway Co.  
Office of Assistant General Passenger Agent.  
Lines West of Missouri River.*

*Rooms 412-413 Bryan Building, 11th St. & Grand Ave.*

*E. W. Thompson,  
Asst. Genl. Passenger Agent.*

*Kansas City* Sept. 17, 1902

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO  
FILE 83-391

SUBJECT: K.N.G., Ft. Riley, Kan.

Mr. S. M. Fox,  
Adj. Genl.,  
Topeka, Kan.

Adjutant General's Office,  
Received,  
SEP 18 1902  
Answered,  
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Dear Sir:-

I am this morning in receipt of yours of 16th inst., in regard to movement of K.N.G. en route to Ft. Riley, Kansas, latter part of this month; I wrote you yesterday relative to this same subject; I have as yet no positive information that the U.P. will run a special train, but if they do, I am informed it will pass Topeka about 2 P.M. I will be glad to arrange in any reasonable manner satisfactory to you to handle the Guards, but, of course, would like to get as much haul out of it as possible.

I understand from your letter you desire us to handle Sabetha via our line to Topeka; they can leave Sabetha at 4:08 P.M. and arrive Topeka 8:00 P.M.

The Co. from Hiawatha if they leave so as to connect at Pierce with our morning train will arrive Topeka 12:45 P.M. noon.

It will be necessary to haul the baggage across the river from Depot to that of the U.P.

I have instructed agents Wellington and Wichita in accordance with your wishes but will hold in abeyance instructions to agents Sabetha and Pierce until I hear from you further.

Yours truly,

*E. W. Thompson*  
A.G.P.A.  
per *John Cowley*

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HEADQUARTERS SECOND INFANTRY,  
KANSAS NATIONAL GUARD.  
COLONEL PERRY M. HOISINGTON.

Adjutant General's Office,  
Received.

SEP 18 1902

Answered.

Newton, Sept. 17th 1902.

The Adjutant General of Kansas,  
Topeka, Kans.

Sir:-

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of yours of the 15 and 16 of September.

Concerning weight of baggage, we will cut this down to the smallest, but will have much more than 3000 at best. The necessary tents alone will weigh more than 2000. We will take with us bedding, horse equipment and other supplies for the whole staff and non commissioned staff. Very little private baggage. Think will require 2 wagons to move it. If the wagons are not at the station we will find them. The transfer at Emporia could not be arranged better. I will go on Sunday.

We have engaged a cook and helper at Eldorado. Can you arrange for Dillenbeck to come with them on Sunday, also.

I note that Col Smith will be there Sunday, and that you will come on Monday. My Quartermaster will confer with Col Smith concerning care of horses. Wellington writes that the car load he ships will arrive at Riley sometime Sunday night.

Some company commanders have trouble to enlist competent cooks. In case of failure can hired cooks be allowed pay and allowance? If we were to be in the field for a continued period cooks could be instructed, but for short and irregular tours, enlisted men to do this work are not always available in the Guard.

Your instructions concerning transportation with other commands is noted.

Very Respectfully,

*Perry M. Hoisington*  
Col. Comdg 2nd Regt K.N.G.



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State of Kansas.

Company....., First Infantry, Kansas National Guard.

Topeka Kan Sept 18 1902

Adjutant General, State of Kansas  
Sir :

I have the honor to submit the addresses  
of the Field and Staff, 1st Regt. K.N.G.

✓ Wilder S Metcalf Colonel	Lawrence Kan.
✓ Charles S Dandies Lt Colonel	Paola Perryvale or "
Andrew Hudson Major	Fredonia "
✓ Frank D Butler "	Gates Center "
✓ William S Cheeler "	Topeka "
✓ Clarence L Cobb Capt & Adj	" "
✓ Chas St M Garland " + D.M.	Lawrence "
✓ Albert H France " Comm	" "
✓ Claude L Brown 1st Lt Bat Adj	" "
✓ Murray R Doults 1 " " "	Chanute "
✓ Carl D Crump 1 " " "	Manhattan "
✓ James D Gray 2nd Lt " D.M.	Chanute "
✓ Dennis J Shedy 2 " " "	Fredonia "
✓ Cooper 2 " " "	Gates Center "
William F McMeidam Major & Surgeon	Manila P.D.
✓ Henry L Smith Capt & Asst Surgeon	Washington Kan
✓ Henry T Salisbury 1st Lt " "	Burlington Kan
Non Comm Staff	



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Company....., First Infantry, Kansas National Guard.

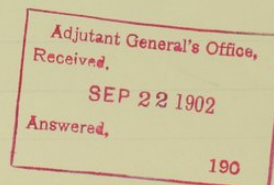
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✓	Seagraves Joseph H	Regt Sgt Major	Perry Star
✓	William Blain	Bat " "	Manhattan "
	Stephenson James C	" " "	
✓	W. C. Sanford	" " "	Topeka "
✓	Howell William H	Coop Steward	Leavenworth "
✓	Notus Ralph H	Act " "	Frontenac "
✓	Henry William C.	" " "	Topeka "
	Cooke Chas C	Regt Comm Sgt.	Harland "

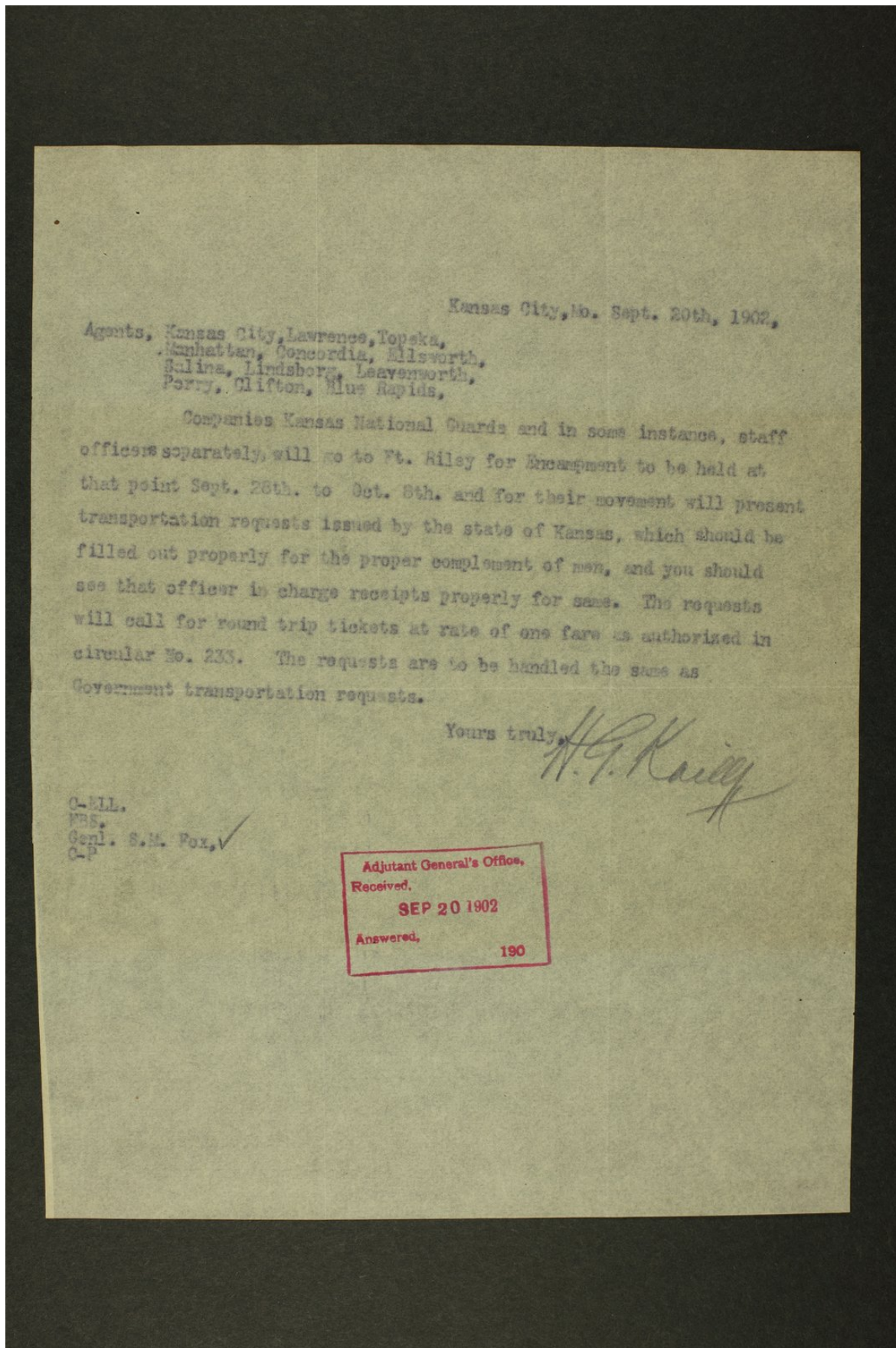
The address of the two blanks, i.e. Bat & M & Comm & Bat Sgt Major of ~~the~~ Bat are on record in your office since my latest roll

By order of Colonel Metcalf  
Clarence R Cole

Capt & Adjt 1st Infy S.M.S.



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UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY.  
OREGON SHORT LINE RAILROAD.  
THE OREGON RAILROAD AND NAVIGATION COMPANY.  
SOUTHERN PACIFIC COMPANY.

D-9-2-02-5H

H. G. KAILL,  
ASST. GENL. PASSENGER AGENT.  
J. B. FRAWLEY,  
DISTRICT PASSENGER AGENT.

TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT.

1000 MAIN ST., KANSAS CITY, MO. Sept. 20th, 1902,

General S.M. Fox,

Adj. Genl, Topeka, Ks.,

Dear Sir:-

Referring to your letter 16th, inst., and taking same up by paragraphs, and referring to our telephone conversation Sept. 17th, regarding headquarters from Topeka and Lawrence, on Sunday, Sept. 28th.

We will handle these officers and men with the equipment they carry on our regular train.

We are to-day in receipt of telegram from our Agt. Topeka regarding special service on Monday, Sept. 29th. which changes the arrangements as originally contemplated, which was to leave Lawrence about 1.00 P.M. and Topeka about 2.00 P.M. and <sup>to</sup> leave Topeka earlier than 2.00 P.M. would require the movement of Burlingame company on regular afternoon train, as Mr. Black in his letter of 15th. to this office, states they will not reach Topeka until about 1.45 P.M. on train No. 114.

On receipt of our agent's message to-day, we immediately wired him to take up with you and see what disposition or manner you wished the Burlingame company moved, but to this writing have no reply.

Will instruct agents at Lawrence, Topeka, Manhattan, Concordia, Ellsworth, Salina, Lindsborg, Kansas City, Leavenworth, Perry, Clifton and Blue Rapids to honor transportation requests as issued by the state of Kansas, and receipted for by the officer in charge or for individual who may hold such request.



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UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY.  
OREGON SHORT LINE RAILROAD.  
THE OREGON RAILROAD AND NAVIGATION COMPANY.  
SOUTHERN PACIFIC COMPANY.

D-9-2-02-58

H. G. KAILL,  
ASST. GENL. PASSENGER AGENT.  
J. B. FRAWLEY,  
DISTRICT PASSENGER AGENT.

TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT.

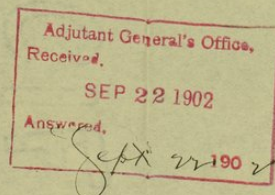
1000 MAIN ST., KANSAS CITY, MO.

We cannot arrange to handle a car of horses on special train from Lawrence and Topeka and our Mr. J.C. Fulton, Agt. Topeka has been advised that same must be shipped by freight on regular trains the day before.

Yours truly,

*H. G. Kaill*

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Kansas City, Mo. Sept. 22nd, 1902,

Mr. J.O. Brinkerhoff,

Supt. Kansas City, Mo.,

Dear Sir:-

For movement of Kansas State Militia to Ft. Riley, please furnish special train leaving Lawrence at 11.00 A.M. Monday, Sept. 29th, starting from Lawrence with one baggage car and one coach.

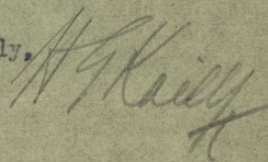
At Topeka, pick up two coaches; also pick up one baggage car and four coaches to be delivered by A.T. & S.F. at No. Topeka. This Santa Fe baggage car and coaches to be returned to A.T. & S.F. at Topeka immediately.

At Manhattan pick up one coach; also pick up one baggage car and two coaches, delivered to us by St.J. & G.I. at Marysville to be taken from Marysville to Manhattan extra on train No. 92.

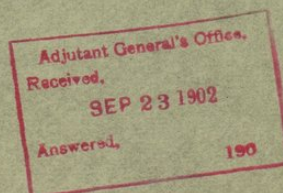
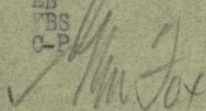
This train to be run to Pawnee.

Conductor will collect regular tickets in the usual way to cover the entire number of men.

Yours truly,



C-ELL  
EB  
FBS  
C-P





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*E. W. Wellington,  
Attorney and Financial Agent,  
Loans, Bonds, Abstracts, Real Estate and Insurance,  
Ellsworth, Kansas.*

Ellsworth, Kan. Sept 24, 1902,

Gen. S. M. Fox,

State House,

Topeka, Kan.,

Sir:-

I have the honor to submit herewith, copy of my letter of instructions to Geo. Parker, who I have employed as special man in charge of the horses to be shipped from here to Ft. Riley. The car of horses will leave Ellsworth on U.P. No. 12 at 4:10 P.M. next Sunday, Sept 28, and will be due to arrive at Ft. Riley Sunday at 10:45 P.M. and will probably have to be unloaded that night. There being no stock yards at Ft. Riley it will be necessary for the two men in charge to have additional help to take the horses to camp. I have written Capt. Norton, Qr. M. of the 2nd Reg. fully relative to the matter and send this for your information.

I trust the horses will prove satisfactory to you in every respect. I would state that two or three of the horses are the private property of some of the officers and would therefore request that no general selection be made by any other officers until my arrival, when I can explain fully the disposition of each horse and point out those claimed as personal property. You will notice that Col. O'Donnell furnishes three horses but he has stated to me that he is willing to surrender the use of his particular horse and ride any other, should such action meet with the pleasure of those having more active work to do.

I presume that curry combs and brushes will be furnished by the Quarter Master. I have engaged Geo. Parker with the understanding that he is to be with the horses during the week, with such assistance as may be necessary.



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*E. W. Wellington,  
Attorney and Financial Agent,  
Loans, Bonds, Abstracts, Real Estate and Insurance,  
Ellsworth, Kansas.*

Gen. S. M. T. #2

Col. Hoisington and myself will have our own men to take care of the horses ridden by ourselves and Adjutants, therefore it would seem to me that very little, if any, extra help will be necessary with the horses after reaching camp.

Very truly Yours

*E. W. Wellington*

Maj. 3rd Bat'l 2nd Inf't'y K.N.G.

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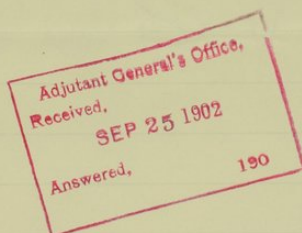
State of Kansas.

Company *B*, Second Infantry, Kansas National Guard.

Wellington Sept 24 1902  
Adjutant Genl. S. M. Fox.  
Topeka, Kansas.

Received at Wellington Kansas Sept 24-1902  
transportation for Co. B. 2. Reg. K.N.G.  
over The Rock Island rail road from  
Wellington to At Riley and return.

V. R. Cannon  
Capt Commanding





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State of Kansas.

Company *E*, First Infantry, Kansas National Guard.

Ottawa Oct 5<sup>th</sup> 1902


S. M. Fox Adj't. Genl  
Popeka  
Kans.

Sir -

I have the honor to report that upon transferring to the Atchison, Popeka<sup>and</sup> Santa Fe, Railway at ~~X~~ Popeka they refused to accept our baggage owing to its being loaded in a box car <sup>and</sup> as a result we (Companies *L*, *M*, <sup>and</sup> *E*) were compelled to load in the regular baggage car <sup>and</sup> transfer again at Lawrence. At Lawrence the employees insisted upon helping handle the baggage although our details for the purpose were all ~~so~~ large enough to handle the baggage as rapidly as it could be gotten from the car. I was not present with the detail in person, being engaged elsewhere or I should not have permitted it. As a result of the mishandling of the baggage, it was gotten home in very bad shape, the hole of one

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conical tent being broken from the tripod  
 and another tripod being badly twisted  
 the cooking utensils were badly jammed  
 and the field range was racked out of shape  
 although repacked in the crate it came in  
 Upon arrival here, the other two companies  
 were compelled to transfer their baggage  
 again before mine could be unloaded  
 although mine was loaded in the center  
 of the car to facilitate unloading  
 I would respectfully ask if I should  
 present a claim for damages to the aforesaid  
 Company or let the matter drop?

Very Respectfully,  
*L. R. Smith*  
 Captain Commanding  
 Co. E., First Inf. K. N. G.

Adjutant General's Office,  
 Received,  
 OCT 10 1902  
 Answered,  
*OK* 13 1902



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HEADQUARTERS SECOND INFANTRY,  
KANSAS NATIONAL GUARD.

COLONEL PERRY M. HOISINGTON.

Newton, Oct 16 1902.

General S.M.Fox,

Topeka, Kans.

Sir:-

Is it intended that a meeting of the Military Board be held this quarter, or before the end of the year?

Will an order be issued for the usual semi-annual inspection?

When you have reached a conclusion with the Army and Navy Journal, I am anxious to know what it is. I am informed that their local correspondent is an employe at Fort Riley, the same who reported to the Kas City Journal, the harrowing tales of ill-treatment of the National Guard, who were left in the mud and rain without straw or fuel, while the Regulars had even "floors in their tents" I did not hear the mans name. Am curious to know on what circumstance he based his report of desertions from the Kas.Troops.

I have the honor to remain,

Very Respectfully,

*Pm Hoisington*

Col Com'dg 2nd K.N.G.

*Done*

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State of Kansas.

Company. K., First Infantry, Kansas National Guard.

October 17, 1902.

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Very respectfully,

S. M. Fox, Adj. General,

Comd. K. Co.

Topeka, Kansas.

Sir: At the time of the organization of this company, and at the time of the filling out of the enlistment papers, in the endorsement on the outside of the enlistment paper under "Date", we entered the date as of the time the paper was signed by the recruit. We were mustered in on July 21, 1902, and I can see it no other way now but that the 21st. should appear in the endorsement of all enlistment papers of men who were mustered in at that time. In all later enlistments I have followed this rule, filling in this blank as of the date they were sworn in, and not that of the date they signed the paper.

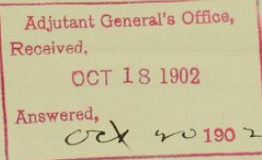
I noticed on the discharge of some of the men that have been discharged, that they enlisted "on July 12, 1902," when in fact none of the men of this company were sworn in until July 21, 1902.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully,

*Admiral S. Fox*

Captain Commanding.





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### State of Kansas.

Company K, First Infantry, Kansas National Guard.

October 18, 1902.

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General S. M. Fox,

Topeka, Kansas.

Sir: Replying to your communication of Oct. 17, 1902, would say: I have made out another report identical with the other, except that I have changed the date of appointment of cooks, musicians and artificer to September 6, instead of September 1, the 6th. being the date of my company order appointing them, and the only company order I have issued.

As to the aggregate column, I would like to be advised wherein it is not correct.

As to the discharge of Edgar G. Griffith; would say, that along about September 20, I recommended the discharge of this man, as he was going to western part of the state. On the 23rd. of September he advised me that he had arranged his affairs so that he could attend the encampment, and was very desirous of going. I needed men, and wrote to Col. Metcalf, requesting that if the discharge had not gone beyond his office, that it be delayed; to which he replied that it had, but that on receipt of the same I could hold it until after the encampment, taking the soldier along, which I did. He attended, mustered and will draw pay therefor. I still hold the discharge, as I have been away from home almost continuously since the evening of Oct. 6, and have not had an opportunity to see him. Unless directed to the contrary, I shall make a note on his discharge, when delivered, to the effect that it was withheld until such date as I shall be able to deliver it to him.

As to the enlistment papers of the eight recruits, they were also handed to the Adjutant of the 1st. Regiment, K.N.G., at the same time as my monthly reports, heretofore referred to, were turned into his office.

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State of Kansas.

Company....., First Infantry, Kansas National Guard.

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Oct. 18, 02.

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I have written asking that they be sent at once to your office, and would like to be advised when they are so received.

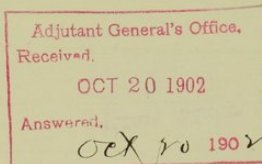
My August and September reports are inconsistent, in that the September report shows the appointment of all N.C.O. Cooks, etc., that have been made in this company, (and which is correct). The August report showed 12 noncommissioned officers, when in fact there were none, for the reason that my understanding was that an order would be made making the date of appointment of non commissioned officers as of the date of our muster in; in this I was wrong, but did not know it until sometime after my August report had been submitted. This September report herein submitted is correct according to the records. If the August reports are returned to me, I am now well enough posted to make them so.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully,

*John H. Buehler*  
Captain Commanding.

K.





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### *Station Co. "E" 3rd Regt. W. N. G.*

OTTO H. KITZMAN, CAPTAIN.  
KARL A. FRANKLIN, 1ST LIEUT.  
WM. J. KESSLER, 2ND LIEUT.

*Eau Claire, Wis.,* October 24, 1902

Adjutant General,  
Topeka, Kansas.

Sir:

I inclose you herewith a sample leaf of a Company Descriptive Record Book that I have gotten up, patented and copyrighted, which I would be pleased to have you examine. This leaf is form No. 6 for privates. Forms No. 1 to 5 inclusive are for Officers, Sergeants, Corporals, Musicians and Artificers respectively. I also send you under separate cover a booklet descriptive of this new system which I trust will explain to you clearly all the working details of my book.

This system has now been officially adopted by eight states, and the endorsements and testimonials that I have from other states where the book has been in use for over a year justify me in stating that I have the very best arrangement for these particular records that has ever been brought to our attention.

The loose leaf arrangement is what I point to particularly. Without this arrangement it would be very impractical to attempt to combine into one, the records of four or five books formerly kept. You will note that this has been most effectively accomplished through the medium of my loose leaf arrangement.

Another point that is immensely appreciated is that a Company Commander is enabled to keep separate under one label "Discharged" all the men that have for any reason been dropped, which leaves the front or current part of the book free from all non-members of the Company. The last division of the book is labeled "blanks" and under this label is kept a supply of extra blanks of each form. When a man presents himself for enlistment in the Company, we turn to this part of the book and fill out the necessary data, obtain the applicant's signature which we give him to understand forms a receipt for the property which will be issued to him later, and recorded on the form which is a part of his page. We allow this page to remain under this division until a copy of the enlistment paper, which is forwarded in duplicate to the Adjutant General's Office, is returned with the Adjutant General's endorsement which makes the applicant a member of the Company. We then unlock the binding, transfer this page to the front or current part of the book in its proper alphabetical order, where it remains until the member is for some reason dropped from the Company. When a member is dropped, the date and reason of his discharge are entered, and any additional military record is credited to him, and before the member is finally discharged, it is a very simple matter with the record of a man's property before you on the same page with the balance of the information that you have had to refer to, to make out his discharge, to step to the man's locker and assure yourself that all his property for which he is accountable is in the Armory.



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*Eau Claire, Wis.,* \_\_\_\_\_ 190

Company Commanders who are responsible for the state's property, appreciate this point immensely. Discharged blanks as used in this and most other states, give mention to a man's ability as a marksman, to give him proper credit for his accomplishment in this respect, all that is necessary for you to do is to turn his page over and on the reverse side you have a comparative record of this man's rifle work for four years which enables a Company Commander to make an intelligent statement in this respect.

When I first conceived the idea of applying this loose leaf feature to our records as formerly kept, I realized at once that I had at last struck upon the very best arrangement for these peculiar records. I made a very close investigation into the system of records kept by nearly all the other states and found that the old style descriptive book as formerly kept by us was what was in general use through out the United States. I do not at this time recall that I made an investigation into your particular system but feel satisfied that it does not differ much from those of other states. You have undoubtedly had more or less experience with the books and records as kept by a Company Commander and you will agree with me that there is room for improvement in the methods as in use by you at the present time.

With reference to the semi-annual or quarterly muster returns which are undoubtedly required in your state as well as ours, you will appreciate at once the immense advantage of being able to fill out all the necessary information required on these returns from this book where all the Officers, Non-commissioned Officers and enlisted men of the Company are alphabetically arranged, and where the current part of the books contain nothing but actual members of the Company. I feel very safe in saying that under your present system these returns are very cumbersome reports to make, as a bound book will fill up very fast as the pages will necessarily contain a great deal of dead matter.

In the form that I send you provision has been made for every record of any consequence and covers in our state the following books formerly kept; The Descriptive Book, Property Book, Record of Rifle Practice, Assignment Record, Record of Address, and other features more minutely explained in my booklet. However, should the form that I send you not fit your requirements all that will be necessary for you to do will be to send me a lead-pencil sketch covering such points as you would want changed.

I would like very much to send you by express a complete book so that you can see the actual arrangement. This would be a very much better argument than all the cuts and descriptive matter that I can furnish you. These books are very beautifully made, bound in half morocco and supplied with substantial "Corbin" Locks and leather projecting index, making a very attractive combination. The



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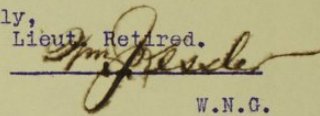
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actual size of a book is 1 1/4 x 10 x 15 1/2" which is a very convenient size for handling in the Armory as well as inserting in the field desk. Enough blank leaves are furnished with each book to last a Company from three to five years, after that time I shall always be prepared to furnish additional blanks to the Company Commanders at a very low cost.

I would be very glad to receive an inquiry from you as I am satisfied that we can get together on the price. I have made arrangements for the production of these books in large quantities and have reduced the original cost in small quantities to a surprising extent.

Will you at least kindly write me and give me an expression as to what you think of my system. Thanking you for such a favor and trusting that I may eventually receive an order from you, I am,


Yours truly,  
1st. Lieut. Retired.

  
W.N.G.



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FORM A. F. R. 139. (GES 56220)

 THE LAKE SHORE & MICHIGAN SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY.

Adjutant General  
Received.  
NOV 5 - 1902  
Answered.  
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Atchafalpa Ohio Station, October 3rd 1902

To the Attorney General State of Kansas  
Dear Sir

I Am Woodbridge was a member of the State Militia from Donaghue Co your state in 1868 & was in the service two or three times twice we were out of Kansas in to Missouri I have never received any pay for the service and our captain's name was Fleming and Lieutenant was D. L. Pair Will you kindly see if there is any money due me for state service also kindly give me the amount of time I was in the US service I was drafted from bur oak township donaghue co and held at Ft. Leavenworth for 2 months is I was in the US service a month I would be entitled to a pension as I am getting very deep speck will please give the necessary <sup>me</sup> information I will be very much obliged

Yours respectfully  
Am Woodbridge



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THE LAKE SHORE & MICHIGAN SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY.

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State of Kansas.

Adjutant General's Office.

Topeka, \_\_\_\_\_ 190

*Sent annual Nov 5. 1902*

I HEREBY CERTIFY,\* That it appears from the records on file in this office that  
*William Worlidge* was enrolled on the *18th* day of  
*Oct* 186*4*, at *Salt Creek Ks*  
 by *Captain Fleming*, and ordered into active K. S. M. service as  
*Private* in Company *E*, *9th* Regiment, KANSAS VOLUNTEER MILITIA,  
 on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 186\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_  
 by \_\_\_\_\_; that the service was performed  
 in pursuance of a proclamation of Governor Thomas Carney, issued in compliance with General Orders,  
 No. 53, Department of Kansas, dated at Fort Leavenworth, October 9, 1864, promulgated by Major General  
 S. R. Curtis, U. S. A., commanding the Department; and also General Orders, No. 56, by General Curtis,  
 dated Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, October 10, 1864, declaring martial law throughout the State of Kansas,  
 and ordering all men, white or black, between the ages of 18 and 60 years, into the militia service; and  
 that he was relieved from duty on the *27* day of *Oct* 186*4*  
*By order of Governor Thomas Carney,*  
*Remains 10 day so the pay roll states,*



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OTTO H. KITZMAN, CAPTAIN.  
KARL A. FRANKLIN, 1ST LIEUT.  
WM. J. KESSLER, 2ND LIEUT.

*Lawrence, Kas., November 7, 1902*

Adjutant General,  
Topeka, Kansas.

Sir:

I wrote you at some length a short time ago, in regard to a new system of Company Records that I have gotten up. Failing to receive a reply I have decided to write you again concerning this matter. It may be possible that my communication has been disposed of with the indifference with which most advertisements are treated. This however, it did not merit, and I am confident that this matter is of great importance to you and your Company Commanders.

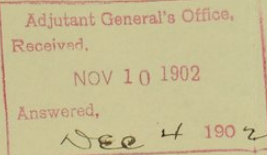
Last fall the writer took a month's vacation and visited the principal eastern states with a sample book, and personally explained my system to the Adjutant General's Office. Every where my system was enthusiastically received, and with our then limited facilities for production, we were kept busy all the winter with the orders from the states visited.

My Record Book is the acme of simplicity and convenience. It must be seen to be appreciated. Some of the states that I have supplied with my books have found it necessary for financial and other reasons to issue an order or recommendation to their Company Commanders to purchase the book direct. If your department is unable to make this purchase, will you issue a circular letter from your office recommending to your Company Commanders to supply themselves with a copy each?

If at all interested in my proposition, I would like very much to send you a sample copy of my book. I am very confident that you will not have your Companies without them long, after you have seen the system.

Yours truly,

*Wm. J. Kessler*  
1st. Lieut. Retired.  
W.N.G.





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ARTILLERY BATTALION,  
KANSAS NATIONAL GUARD.

MAJOR W. W. MINICK.

Wichita, Nov. 18th. 1902

General S. M. Fox,  
Topeka, Kansas.

Sir:-,

Yours of the 17th. relative to article in Army and Navy Journal just received and will say that I never was so surprised in my life as I have not seen a copy of that paper and wish to say most emphatically that the statement said to have been made by me is a most shameful barefaced LIE in every respect. I never met a correspondent of that paper to my knowledge but if I did I made no statement to him relative to infantry affairs as I knew absolutely nothing as to what was transpiring in the infantry camp as I was seldom down there and then only for a few moments at a time and I will say that I have had nothing but the <sup>very</sup> commendable remarks to make for the infantry as I have known that they were soldiers in every respect and that they endured even greater hardships than the artillery as I know that we had the best of it owing to better location for our camp as well as the conveniences of the Post both for the officers and men and more than this I never heard a word of complaint from any of the K.N.G. other than that they were sorry that the weather did not permit of getting the instruction out of that camp that they had hoped.

I cannot imagine what such a report is published for and of course will be glad to refute it. How shall I proceed? Please notify me by return mail giving addresses of those to whom statements should be sent as I shall in all probability leave here next Saturday for New York.

Respectfully,

Major *W. W. Minick*