

## Kansas Adjutant General miscellaneous correspondence

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Correspondence sent and received by Kansas Adjutant General Samuel H. Kelsey. Correspondents include Major Frank W. Butler, Captain Frank G. Babcock, Perry M. Hoisington, Captain Albert J. Jones, Captain J.F. Lawson, Captain Thomas A. Mayhew, Major E.W. Wellington, Captain Wilton D. Snodgrass, General Wilder S. Metcalf, and Brigadier General Henry Blanchard Freeman. Adjutant General Kelsey requested information relating to appropriation from other state militia and received responses from Nebraska, Iowa, Wisconsin, North Carolina, Virginia, New York, Connecticut, Ohio, Maryland, New Jersey, Tennessee, and Illinois. Also included in this correspondence are several bills and receipts for services from Ottawa Gas and Heating Company, Franklin County Hardware Company, Topeka Transfer and Storage Company, and the Missouri Pacific Railway Company, among others.

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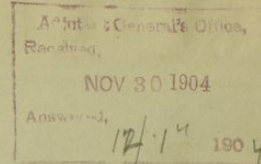
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Headquarters Nebraska National Guard  
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE  
LINCOLN

J. H. OULVER, ADJUTANT GENERAL



S.H.K.#2.

During the interim the Adjutant General performs his duties.

The Governor's staff consists of Adjutant General, with rank of Brigadier General; Inspector General, Quartermaster General, Surgeon General and Judge Advocate General, and twelve aides, all with the rank of colonel, whose terms expire with the term of office of the appointing power, the Governor. The term of service of all other officers of the National Guard is for three years, except the staff appointments of the regimental commanders, whose terms expire with that of the officer appointing.

We have no brigade commander now; have two regiments of infantry one battery or artillery, one troop of cavalry, one signal corps, one hospital corps and two bands.

Enclosed find general order prescribing minimum and maximum strength of companies, batteries, corps &c. The total strength of our Guard at last quarterly report was 1613.

The annual allowance for companies, regimental headquarters, bands, &c is one hundred dollars. We have asked this to be raised to two hundred and fifty dollars per annum.

The pay of officers and men when called into active service <sup>or</sup> at annual encampments is \$1.00 per day for enlisted men, and the same pay for officers as allowed to corresponding rank in the regular army. The allowance for horses for artillery and cavalry is fifty cents per day.

The Military Board has provided for officers detailed for inspection, boards of survey, courts-martial &c, four dollars per day.

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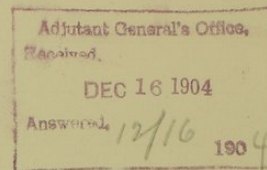


STATE OF KANSAS.

Company H, Second Infantry, Kansas National Guard.

Elmhurst, Dec, 14 1904

S. H. Kelsey  
Adjutant General  
Topeka Kans  
Sir:



I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your Communication of the 13<sup>th</sup>. I enclose Bills and Vouchers as you request all of these bills were paid by Captain W. E. Sheriff in regard to financial statement for Quarter ending June 30<sup>th</sup> on file in this Office. I find that the total of bills paid to be \$91<sup>31</sup> but the statement does not show that any money was received during that Quarter. The Bank book shows a balance of \$17<sup>23</sup> on July 1<sup>st</sup> and a deposit of \$75<sup>00</sup> on July 16. and a Balance of \$96<sup>3</sup> Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>. I took my statement from the Bank book as statement on file in this Office did not show that any money had been received so I could not make a statement from it and the safest way for me to do was to take it from the Bank book —

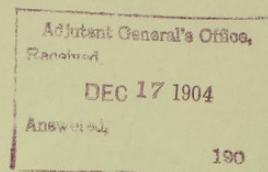
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STATE OF NEW JERSEY,  
OFFICE OF ADJUTANT GENERAL.

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Trenton, December 15, 1904.

General S. H. Kelsey,  
Adjutant-General of Kansas,  
Topeka, Kansas.



Sir:-

I have yours of November 28, requesting sundry information regarding the military department of this State, and I am pleased to make the following replies to your inquiries:

1. Appropriations for the several departments of the State Militia, to whom paid and law governing same. See appropriation bill.
2. Salary of Adjutant-General. \$2500.00. Assist Adjutants-General. No salary. Clerical force - Chief Clerk \$2500.00. Rank and duties of Adjutant-General. Brigadier-General. Duties - see military code, paragraph 45, etc.
3. Salary of Quartermaster-General. \$2500.00. Assistants, Clerical force and Contingent expenses. See appropriation bill. Rank and duties of Quartermaster-General. Brigadier-General. See code, paragraph 45, etc.
4. Number of officers and rank on Governor's Staff, pay of same, their duties, how appointed, term, etc. See paragraph 7.
5. Commanders of the active force, rank, how appointed, term of office, pay, when, etc. See sundry paragraphs of enclosed law.
6. Number of brigades. Two. Regiments - five infantry, two batteries, one signal and telegraph corps, no engineer corps, no hospital corps, two troops of cavalry. How maintained - See appropriation memorandum.
7. Minimum and maximum strength of companies - paragraph 12. Batteries, - paragraph 15. Signal Corps - paragraph 16. Cavalry - paragraph 14.

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8. Total strength of Guard of all arms, officers and men. Strength on September 30, 1904, officers - 296. Enlisted men - 4589.
9. Monthly allowance for each Headquarters, Company Band, Battery or Corps, for rent of Armory and contingent expenses. See appropriation bill.
10. Pay for officers and men, - paragraph 55; when in active service, or when called out for Annual Encampment, Muster, Drills, Parades, Target practice, Inspections, Escort duty, etc., by proper authority, and if time is limited. See Paragraph 60.
11. Allowance for horses, for mounted officers, Artillery Horses, etc., and who are entitled to mounts and how many. See appropriation bill.
12. Amounts allowed for enlisted men or officers for travel rations enroute to Encampment or reporting for active service. None.
13. Pay and allowance for officers on Inspection duty - paragraph 60; Military Boards - paragraph 108. Court Martial - paragraph 72. Boards of Survey, etc. None.

I am sending you by this mail a copy of the military law of the State, together with the appropriation bill, which is referred to in the answers given above.

Respectfully,

*Charles H. Parker*  
Acting Adjutant-General.

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Adjutant General's Office  
*State of Tennessee*  
HARVEY H. HANNAH, ADJUTANT GENERAL  
HARVEY C. ALEXANDER, ASST. ADJUT. GENERAL  
NASHVILLE Dec. 16, 1904.

The Adjutant General,  
Topeka, Kansas.

Adjutant General's Office,  
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Sir:-

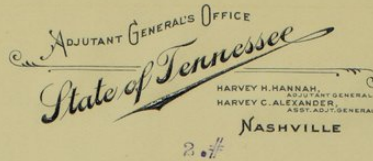
Replying to your request for information relative to the organizations of the National Guard of this State, and matters pertaining thereto, I have the honor to submit the following: The appropriation for the maintenance of the National Guard of Tennessee, was \$12,499 per annum, this is the only Military appropriation made by the State, and is far inadequate.

The salary of the Adjutant General is \$1800, per annum, and the Assistant \$1200, State Armorer \$720, the State Armorer however is a civilian. This is the only working force continually on duty with the exception of stenographer in Office. The Governor's Staff consists of Adjutant General, Judge Advocate General, Surgeon Gen., Quartermaster & Commissary General, Inspector General, all with the rank of Brigadier General, and Assistant Adjutant General, rank of Col., and two aids from each of the eleven Congressional Districts of the State with the rank of Col. The Inspector General is the only one of the Staff detailed to any duty within the last two years.

The National Guard is composed of one Regiment, Inftry. twelve (12) Companies, one Regiment of eleven (11) Companies, one Regiment of eight (8) Companies, Two troops of Cavalry, one unattached Company of Infantry, and one platoon of Artillery.

The strength of the above and Officers are in accord with the Organizations of the U. S. Army. The Regimental organizations have

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hospital corps and bands. The allowance for Armories is necessarily small on account of limited appropriation, averaging about \$150, per year. No allowance is made for mounted Officers or horses. Officers on inspection and other duty, Boards of Survey and etc., are only paid actual expenses while on duty. Of course this is voluntarily done on their part necessitated by the small appropriation, This works a hardship and the Legislature will probably allow us more money at the coming session. Our Encampments for the last two years have been held under the Dick Bill, and of course Officers and men received regular Army pay.

Tennessee sent two Regiments to the maneuvers at Manassas, all expenses of course being paid by the Government.

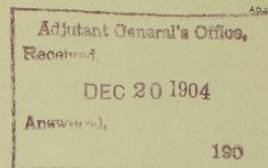
I will be glad to furnish any additional information you may desire.

Very respectfully,

*Harvey H. Hannah*  
Adjutant General.

H. C. A.

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BRIGADIER GENERAL THOS. W. SCOTT,  
Adjutant General.

December 19, 1904.

General S. H. Kelsey,  
Adjutant General of Kansas,  
Topeka, Kansas.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date, I have the honor to inform you that the appropriation for the several Departments of this State Militia is \$316,164.00 per annum for ordinary and contingent expenses. The salary of the Adjutant General, who ranks as Brigadier General, is \$3500 per year; of the Assistant Adjutant General, who ranks as Colonel, \$2000 per annum; of the Chief Clerk, \$1500; of the Record Clerk, \$1200; of the Stenographer, \$1000; of the Messenger, \$720; and for the office expenses we have \$1000 per year. The Governor's Staff formerly consisted of one Aide from each Congressional District, but is now limited to ten in all, and they receive no pay what so ever. The term of the Adjutant General is at the pleasure of the Governor.

Commanders of Brigades are appointed by the Governor from the active officers of the Guard above the rank of Major and who shall have served as an officer in the Guard for seven years. The Field Officers are elected by the line

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Officers, and the Line Officers are elected by their respective commands. Line officers hold their commissions for three years and Field Officers for five years, and Brigade Commanders for life, or until they shall have reached the age of sixty-five (65) years.

The Illinois National Guard is composed of one Signal Corps, one Hospital Corps, one Regiment of Cavalry (eight Troops), one Battalion of Artillery (three Batteries), eight Regiments of Infantry (twelve companies each). We also have a Naval Reserve consisting of eight Divisions and a total strength of about eight hundred (800) men and officers. This organizations also shares the appropriation for ordinary and contingent expenses. The organizations named above, with the exception of the Naval Reserve, are divided into four Brigades.

The minimum strength of a company is 45, and the maximum strength is 88, and the total strength of the Guard is 8167.

The allowance for each headquarters, company, etc., for rent of armory and contingent expenses is on an average about \$800 per annum. The pay for officers when in active service is the same as in the regular army, and for enlisted men, \$2.00 per day with slight increase for non-commissioned officers. At the annual encampment the officers receive half

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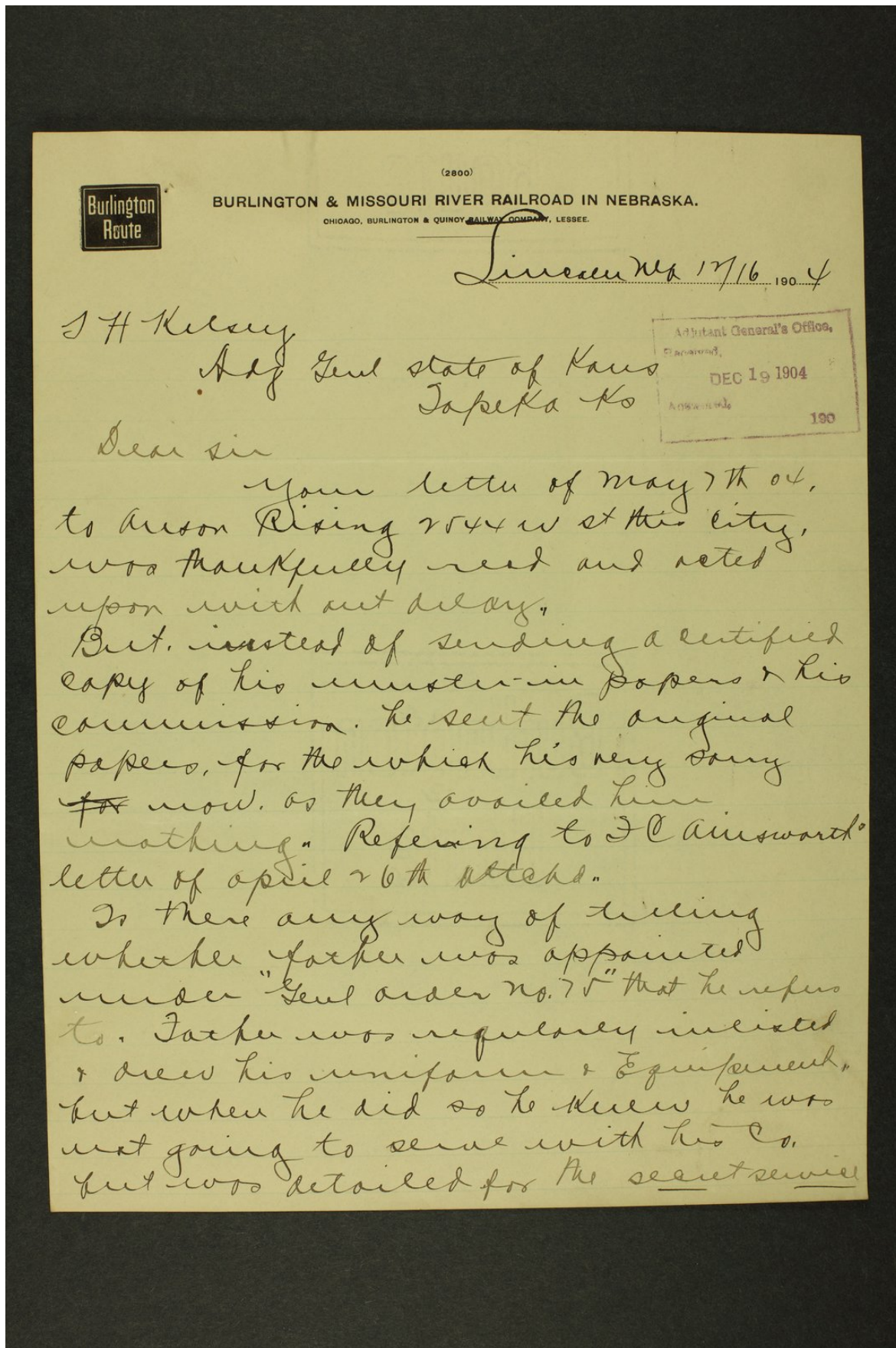
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of like grade in the regular army, and enlisted men receive \$1.00 per day and transportation and subsistence, as also do the officers. No pay is allowed for drills, parades, target practice, inspections, etc. No allowance is made for mounts for mounted officers, as horses are furnished by the State for the annual encampment. Twenty Cents per meal is allowed as travel ration for officers and enlisted men when enroute to encampment or for active service. Officers are allowed half pay of like grade in the regular army for duty on inspections, Military Boards, Courts Martial, etc.

Yours very respectfully,

*Chas W Scott*  
Adjutant General.

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BURLINGTON & MISSOURI RIVER RAILROAD IN NEBRASKA.  
CHICAGO, BURLINGTON & QUINCY RAILWAY COMPANY, LESSEE.

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under Genl Curtis and after Genl  
Curtis was through with him he  
was transferred to Genl Mitchell  
at Omaha.

Father enlisted under Col Davis  
at Leavenworth Mo. Is there any  
way of finding out whether he  
is alive and if so. his address?

You will observe in Mr. Ainsworth's  
letter where he says "if the enclosed  
commission, with the endorsement thereon,  
be returned to this office for permanent  
file, it will be placed on file as a record  
of such musters in." What is a "muster  
in"? Is it an enlistment? Can a  
man be commissioned & regularly  
mustered into the U.S. army and  
still not be a member thereof?

In a letter from Com. E. D. Ware he  
says the records only show that  
father enlisted & more. I send  
you herewith a letter from a  
very responsible man. M H Felt

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of Fremont Neb. who knows of nine  
men that father incited from  
Salem Neb. and father incited  
12 or 15 men in and around  
Sedalia Mo. so you see fathers  
record has been very poor kept.

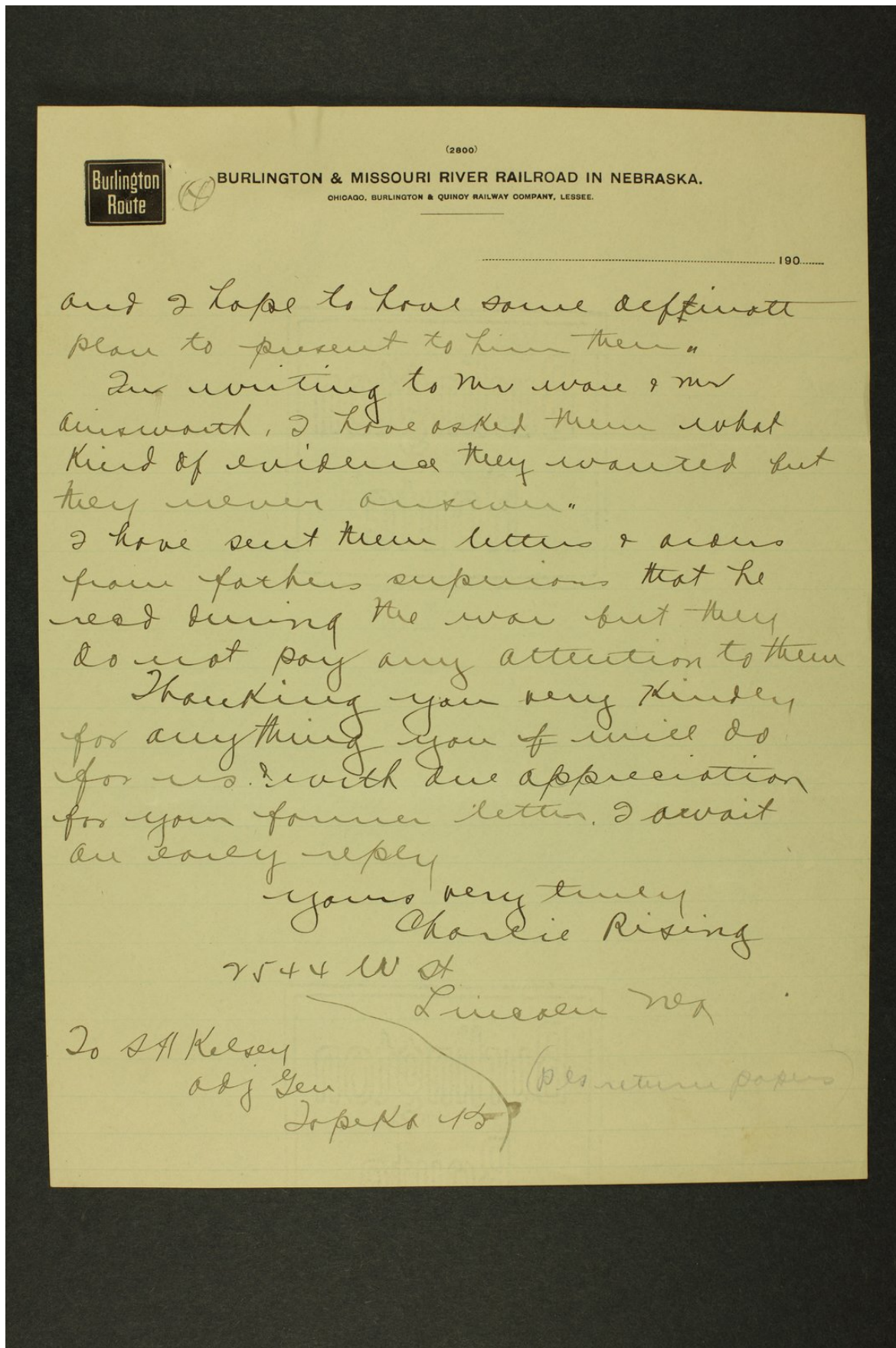
so there is no way of telling how many  
he did incite & where taken.  
Notwithstanding Mr. Ainsworth's  
promise of accepting fathers papers  
or showing he was regularly  
mustered in and your certificate.  
Mr. Ware says the records of the war  
dept fail to show him as being  
a member of the 16th Mo Vol Cov.

Father is being kept from his just  
deserts through some clerical error  
or red tape of some kind. and he needs  
this assistance & needs it now.

If it isn't asking too much will  
you please help him out.

Our Congressman, Ed Bennett  
will be home (here) for the holidays

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Topeka, Kansas, December 21st, '04.

S. H. Kelsey, Adjutant General.

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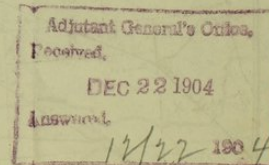
Dear General:--

In arranging for the Inauguration Ceremonies January 9th, prox. The Committee would like to have Company A, 1st, regiment, K. N. G. escort the Governor and the Governor elect from the Copeland Hotel to the State House and Battery B, to fire the Governor's salute during the march. The Column to move at 1 o'clock P. M.

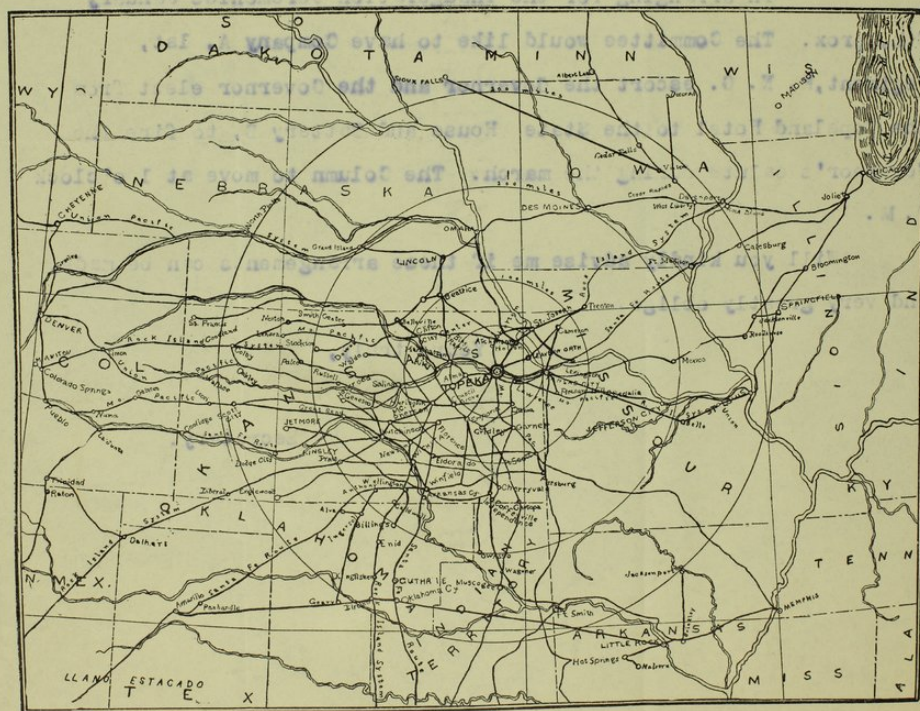
Will you kindly advise me if these arrangements can be made, and very greatly oblige.

Yours truly,

Secretary.



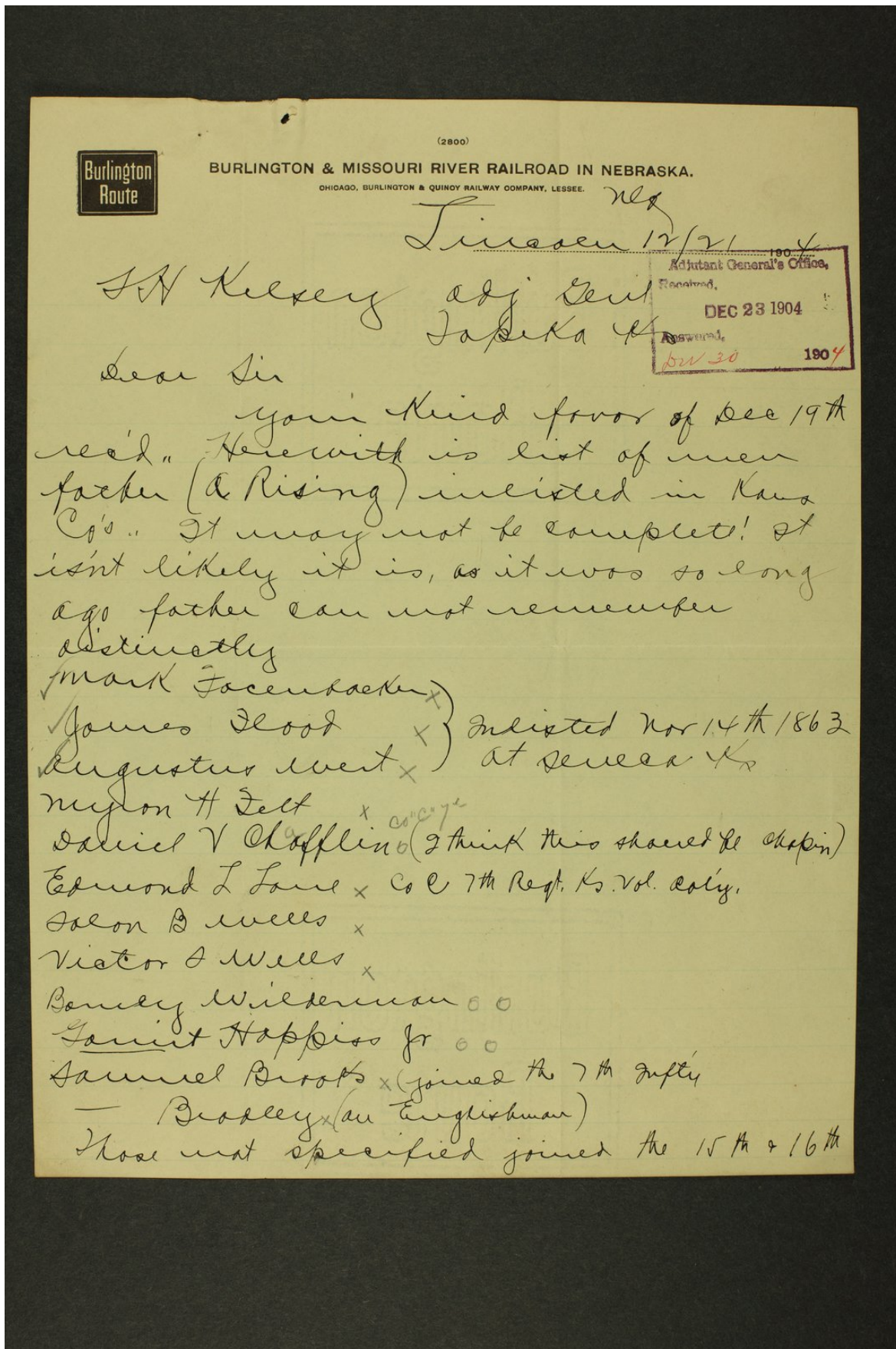
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Topeka to St. Louis, 343 miles. Time, 10 hours.  
Topeka to Chicago, 524 miles. Time, 16 hours.  
Topeka to Des Moines, 237 miles. Time, 9 hours.  
Topeka to Omaha, 196 miles. Time, 9 hours.  
Topeka to Lincoln, 163 miles. Time, 7 hours.

Topeka to Denver, 570 miles. Time, 16 hours.  
Topeka to Salt Lake City, 1,210 miles. Time, 40 hours.  
Topeka to San Francisco, 2,050 miles. Time, 69 hours.  
Topeka to Los Angeles, 1,740 miles. Time, 52 hours.  
Topeka to Galveston, 885 miles. Time, 32 hours.

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Ko val Carl.

It must be understood that father did not get up a complete Co nor does he lay claim to have done so, but he did all he could at it while he was working for the secret service.

I suppose that we must establish the fact that father did enlist a few men & that he was enlisted in and appointed an officer of the 16th Ko val Carl.

Believe us to be very thankful to you for the interest you have taken in father's case and the trouble we are putting you to.

Yours sincerely

Chas Rixing

7544 W st  
Lincoln Ne

Mrs J. B. Burdette  
Recd Dec 30/14

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December 23, 1904.

Captain Frank B. Lodds,  
Lawrence, Kans.

S I R :-

It will be necessary for you, in order to satisfy this department in covering property lost or destroyed, to furnish additional evidence from officers or soldiers cognizant of the facts.

You have made this certificate on the wrong blank. I enclose you blanks to make same upon, for it is necessary that you swear to it, together with affidavits from others to substantiate the fact. You will please attend to this as the Board of Survey would not recognize the certificate that you have forwarded, for the loss of such property. And in your certificate you must state the facts of property that has been lost, stolen or destroyed with corroborative evidence. I return herewith the certificate received.

Your property return received and will be checked up.

Very respectfully,

*L. H. Kelley*  
Adjutant General.

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December 27, 1904.

J. A. Harris, Esq.,

314 Traders Bank Bldg.,

Spokane, Washington.

S I R :-

Yours of the 21st inst. received. In regard to the services in the Kansas Militia during the Civil War of one, R. N. Woodard, I would say that I find his name on file in what is called "Price Raid Claims" as allowed by the state Auditor and Commissioners in their report made in accordance with act approved March 5th, 1887, which reads as follows:

Scrip, to whom issued,-----	R. N. Woodard
On what account,-----	Services
To whom paid,-----	H. Wilder
No. of pieces,-----	Six
Amount,-----	\$59.00.

The above Scrip is supposed to have been issued to Mr. Woodard in full for services as a soldier of the Militia at that time. He evidently transferred this Scrip to H. Wilder either as a sale or for collection.

Up to two years ago the legislature had never appropriated any money to take up this Scrip. They at that time through the general demands of the Claimants, (2 years ago) authorized the Governor to appoint a commissioner on these Claims or Scrip holders and gave him power to classify these Claims and make such recommendations as the evidence might be presented to him, and for the commissioner to make full report of all Scrip now in existence, and recommend to the legislature an itemized list of Claimants who are entitled to payment. This the commissioner has done and his report will come before the Legislature for their action in January next. It is supposed that an appropriation will then be made to pay all such Scrip which has been filed with the commissioner.

Very respectfully,

*L. H. Kelley*  
Adjutant General.