

## Kansas Adjutant General U.S. War Department correspondence

### Section 11, Pages 301 - 330

Correspondence sent and received by the Kansas Adjutant General's Office and the U.S. War Department between July 1904 - December 1906. Letters were also sent to Governor Willis J. Bailey and Governor Edward W. Hoch. Kansas Adjutant Generals during this period were Samuel H. Kelsey and James W.F. Hughes. Correspondents include Brigadier General William Crozier at the Office of the Chief of Ordnance, Quartermaster General Charles F. Humphrey, and James W. Cheney, librarian of the War Department. Frequent record-keeping information is solicited on behalf of the Secretary of War, the Office of the Commissary General, and the Surgeon General's Office. Topics discussed include general orders, army appropriation bills, payment of expenses, and annual reports.

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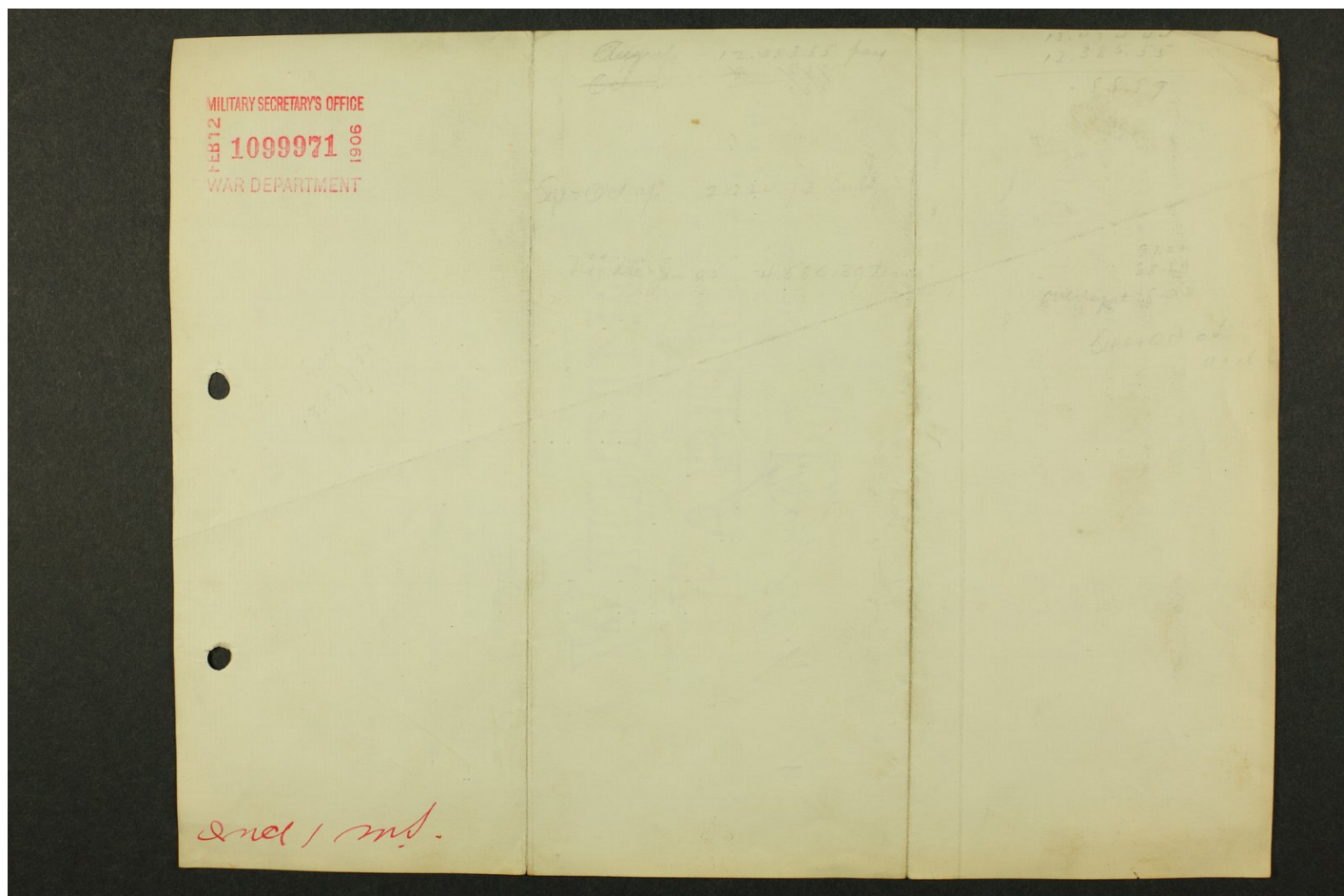
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Subject:

WAR DEPARTMENT,  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF ORDNANCE,  
WASHINGTON.

Mi.

October 30, 1905.

28559-431<sup>6</sup>

The Adjutant General,  
State of Kansas,  
Topeka, Kans.

Sir:

1 Referring to your letter of the 25th instant, O.O. 28559--431-E, in regard to procuring from this Department a mounting for an old Spanish cannon which came from the Philippines, I have the honor to inform you that this Department has not for sale any mountings such as you desire.

2. Very few of the cannon in the possession of the United States which came from the Philippines have any mounts, and the best plan for you to follow seems to be to have a wooden carriage made for the purpose. It is suggested, however, that you communicate with Mr. Francis Bannerman, #579 Broadway, New York City, N.Y., who might possibly have a mount on hand which will answer your purpose.

Very respectfully,

Brig.Gen., Chief of Ordnance.



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Subject:

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**WAR DEPARTMENT,  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF ORDNANCE,  
WASHINGTON.**

October 13, 1905.

25420-126

The Governor,  
State of Kansas,  
Topeka, Kansas.

Sir:

1. I have the honor to inform you that, in accordance with the request contained in your letter of the 4th instant, addressed to the Secretary of War, (25420-125,) for the cancellation of all requisitions pending in this office, the requisition of the former Governor of your State (Honorable J. W. Bailey), dated October 28, 1904, (25420-Req.269-M,) requesting the issue of four 3".2 rifles and pertaining equipment for Batteries "A" and "B" of the National Guard of the State, located at Wichita and Topeka, respectively, the only requisition now pending in this office for ordnance and ordnance stores, has this day been cancelled and no further action will be taken thereunder.

Very respectfully,

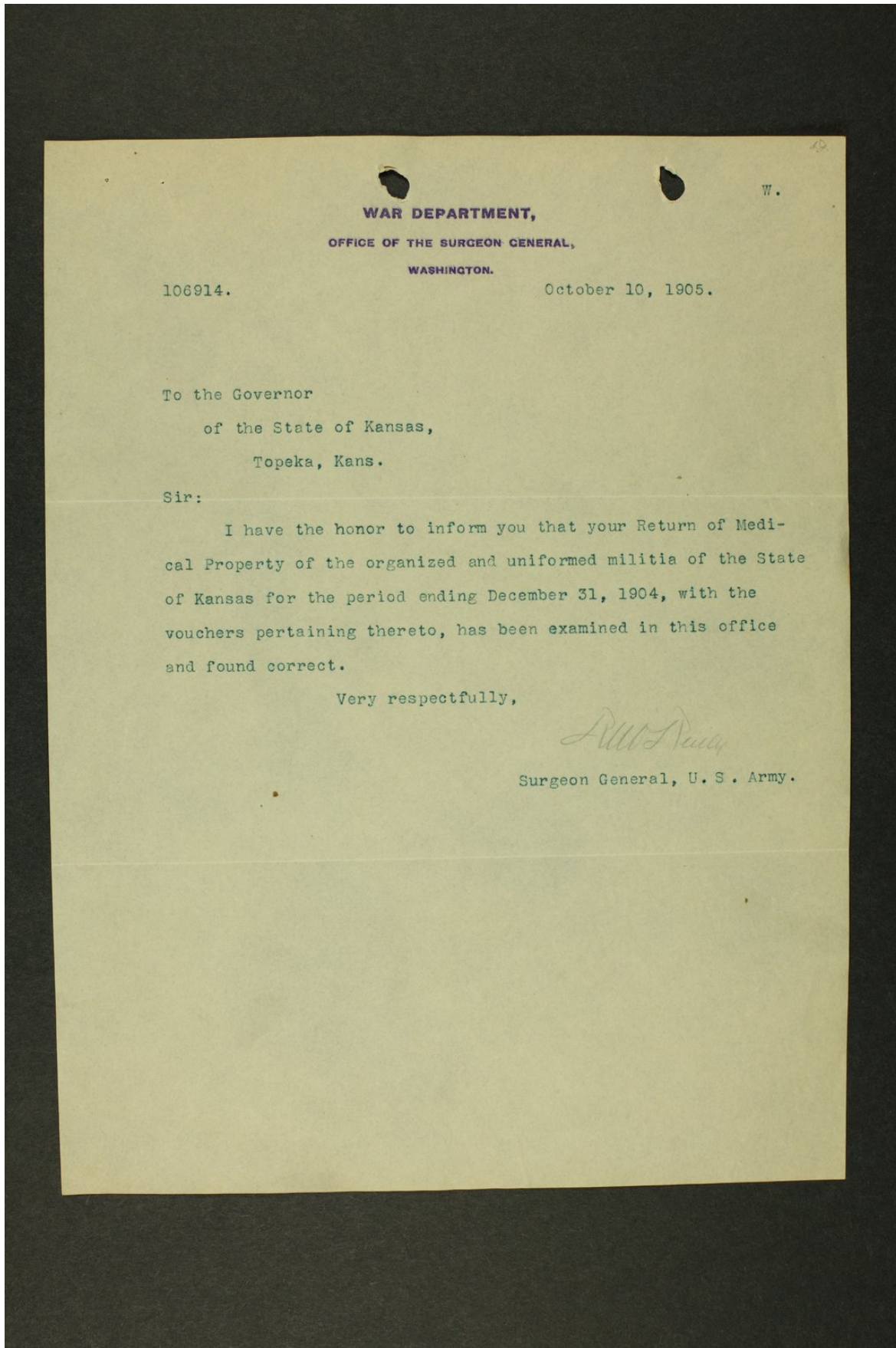
Lt.-Col., Ord.Dept., U.S.A.,  
Acting Chief of Ordnance.

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WASHINGTON,  
October 13, 1905.  
Chief of Ordnance  
To Gov., State of Kansas,  
informing him that, in compliance  
with request contained in his letter  
of Oct. 4, 1905 (25420-125) all  
requisitions pending in this office  
have been cancelled.



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WAR DEPARTMENT,

OFFICE OF THE SURGEON GENERAL,

WASHINGTON.

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October 10, 1905.

To the Governor  
of the State of Kansas,  
Topeka, Kans.

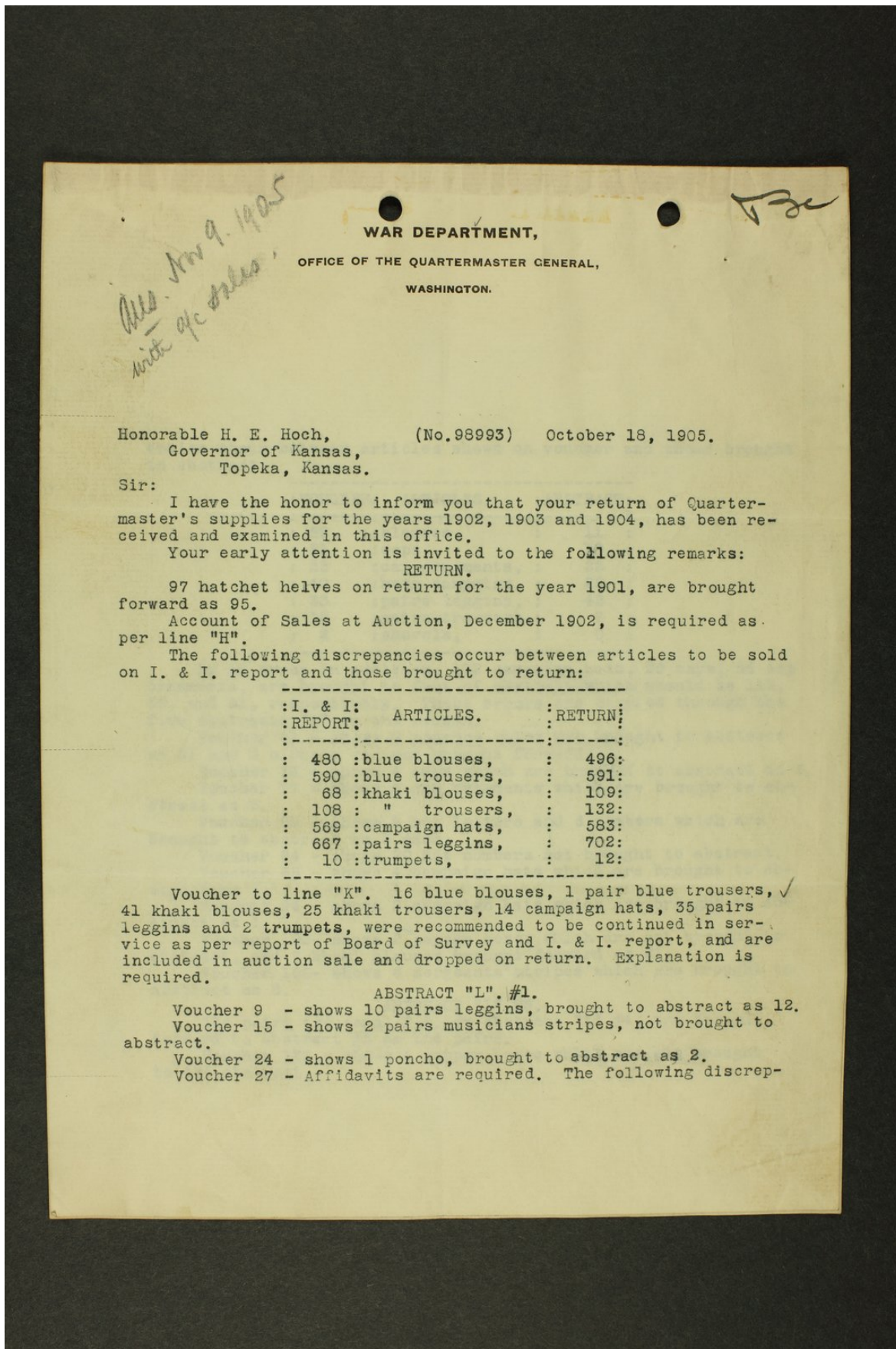
Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that your Return of Medical Property of the organized and uniformed militia of the State of Kansas for the period ending December 31, 1904, with the vouchers pertaining thereto, has been examined in this office and found correct.

Very respectfully,

Surgeon General, U. S. Army.

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ancies occur between articles shown on voucher and those brought to abstract:

:VOUCHER:	ARTICLES.	:ABSTRACT:
: 22	:blouses,	: 11 :
: 21	:caps,	: 10 :
: 33	:cap ornaments,	: 22 :
: 40	:hats,campaign,	: 29 :
: 53	:pairs leggins,	: 42 :
: 18	:pairs trousers,:	: 7 :
: 2	:shovels,	: 0 :

By an error in addition, 102 campaign hats, 29 caps, 85 cap ornaments, are brought to foot of abstract, which should be 112, 33, and 81, respectively. These errors are carried through the five abstracts "L" to the return.

Voucher 41 - shows 2 ponchos which are brought to abstract as 3; and 3 blouses are not brought forward.

Voucher 56 - shows 4 caps which are brought to abstract as 5.

Voucher 77 - shows 5 cap ornaments which are brought to abstract as 3.

Voucher 80 - shows 8 hat letters and 6 numbers which are brought to abstract as 3 each.

Voucher 84 - shows 20 hat numbers not brought to abstract.

Voucher 85 - shows 4 campaign hats which are brought to abstract as 5.

Voucher 94 - shows 2 campaign hats which are brought to abstract as 1.

Voucher 100- shows 2 pepper boxes which are not brought to abstract, and 7 khaki blouses brought forward as 21.

Voucher 102- shows 6 sergeants' stripes which are brought to abstract as 8.

### ABSTRACT "L" #5.

134 pairs trousers, f.m. on abstract "L" #4, are brought forward to abstract #5 as 154 pairs.

Voucher 122 - shows 4 pepper boxes which are not brought to the abstract.



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Total number of trousers, foot made, at foot of abstract, should be 414 pairs instead of 434 pairs; see number of trousers, f.m. at foot of abstract #4.

RETURN.

Abstract "L" #5 shows 113 khaki coats which are brought to return as 213. 2 Dutch ovens on abstract are not brought to return.

Respectfully,

*W. H. Humphrey*  
Quartermaster General, U. S. A.

Rets-0

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WAR DEPARTMENT,  
THE MILITARY SECRETARY'S OFFICE,  
WASHINGTON.


October 3, 1905.

The Adjutant General,  
State of Kansas,  
Topeka.

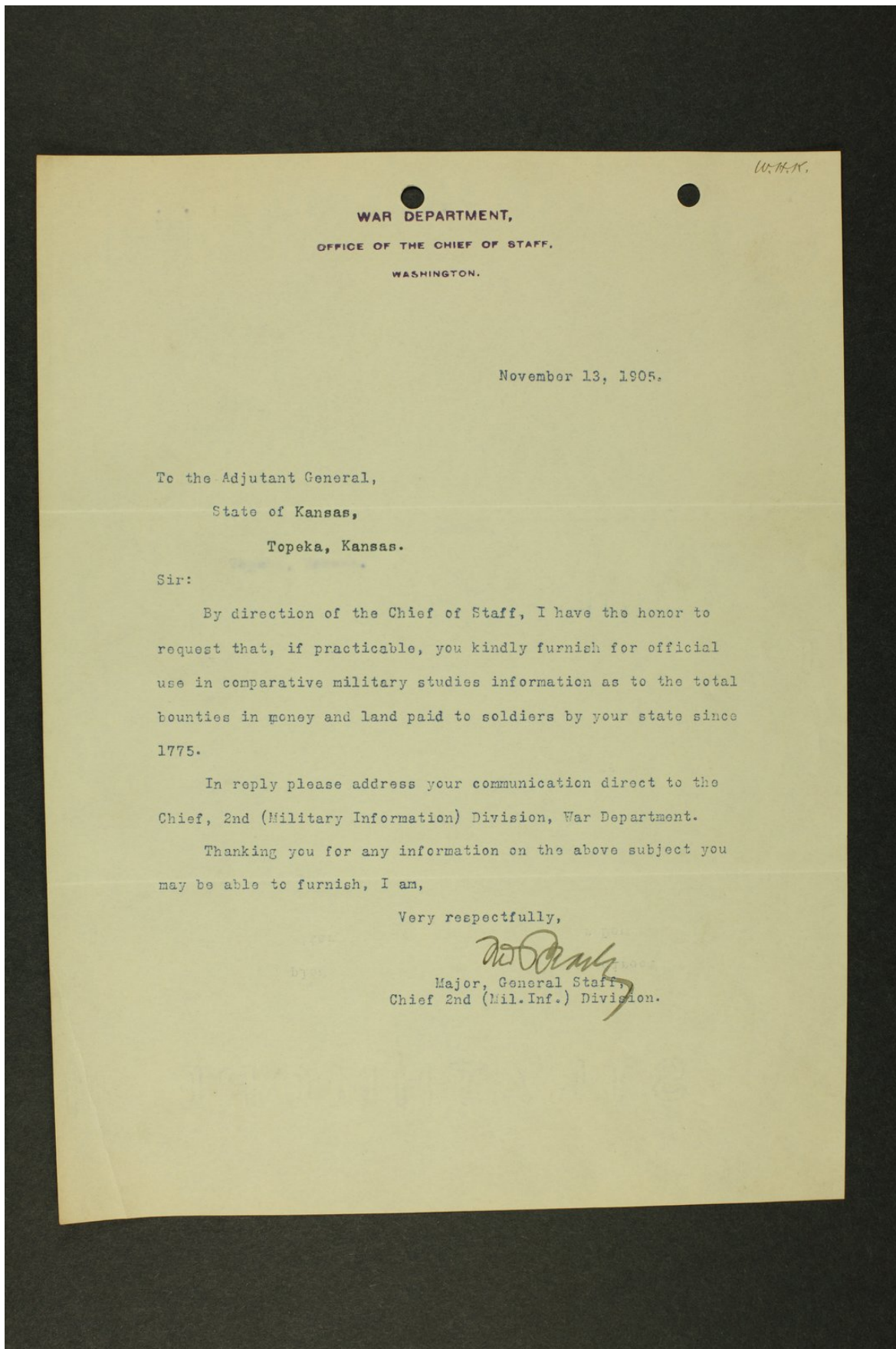
Sir:-

Acknowledging the receipt of your request of the 29th ultimo, to be furnished with copies of General Orders and Circulars issued by the War Department during the years 1869; 1872 to 1877, inclusive; 1879 to 1882, inclusive; 1891 to 1897, inclusive, and 1902 to 1904, inclusive, I am directed by the Secretary of War to say that the Department regrets its inability to comply with your request, because of the fact that there are no copies available for issue of the orders and circulars specified.

Very respectfully,

  
Military Secretary.

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WAR DEPARTMENT,  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL,  
WASHINGTON.

General J.W.F. Hughes, (No. 98993) November 11, 1905.  
Adjutant General of Kansas,  
Topeka, Kansas.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith blank forms #94 -Account of Sales at Auction"- and to request that they be properly filled out as vouchers to accompany the reports of Boards of Survey shown on lines "H" & "K" of the return of Quartermaster's supplies of the Governor of Kansas for the years 1902, 1903, and 1904, and returned to this office.

Respectfully,

4 enc.  
Rets-0

*O. H. Humphrey*  
Quartermaster General, U. S. A.

*9th*

*Nov. 11/14*



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WAR DEPARTMENT,  
VICKSBURG NATIONAL MILITARY PARK COMMISSION,  
VICKSBURG, MISS.

Nov. 22, 1905.

Adjutant General, State of Kansas,  
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

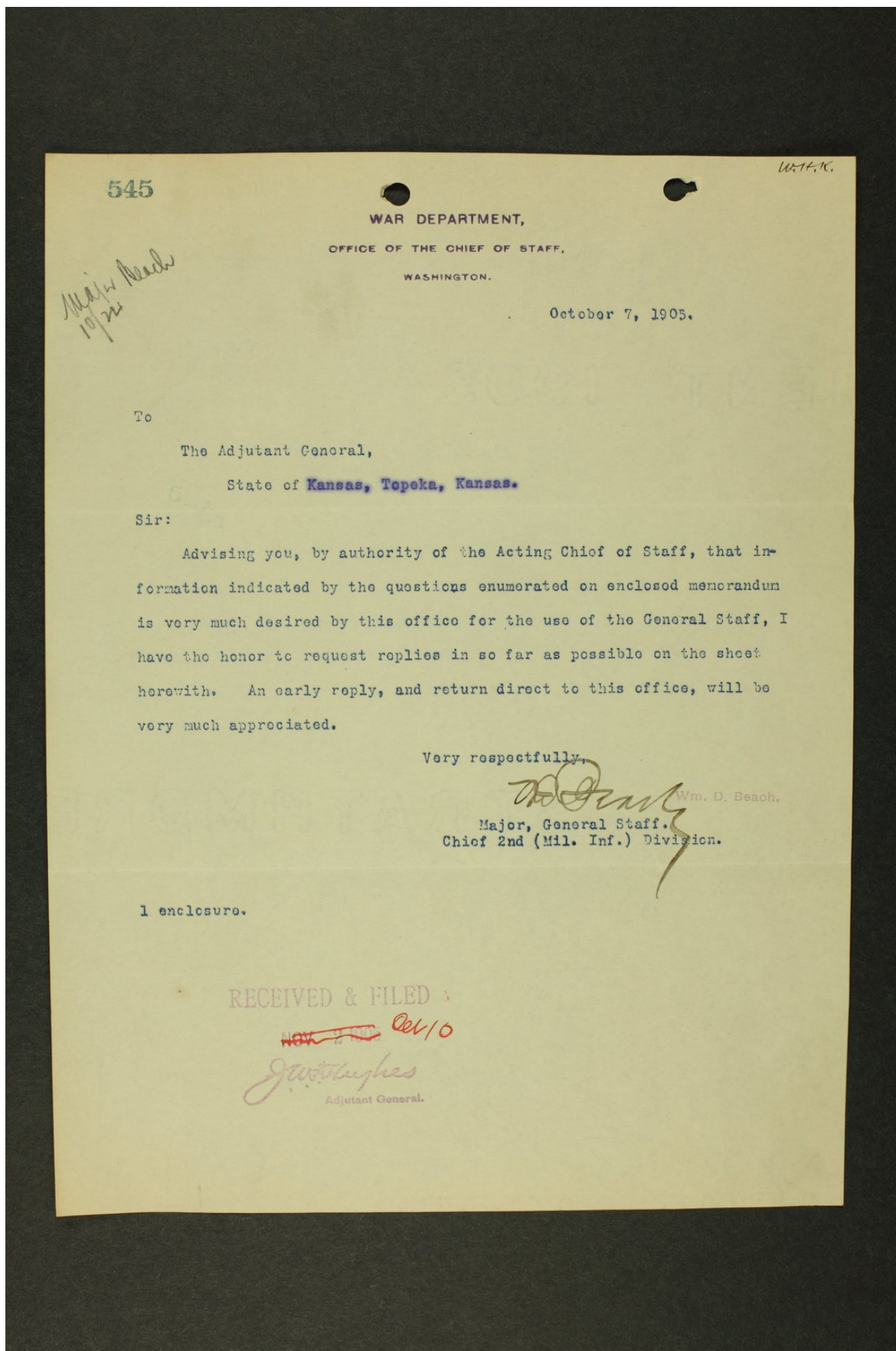
Please write me whether or not the legislature of Kansas will meet in regular or special session in January, 1906. If your State Legislature meets at that time or during the year 1906, I respectfully request your assistance in securing a liberal appropriation for a monument in the Vicksburg Park and at the site of Gen. Grant's Headquarters to the gallant 1st Kansas Infantry, engaged in the campaign and siege of Vicksburg in 1863.

Sincerely yours,

*W. S. Ripley*  
Chairman.



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W.D.B.

WAR DEPARTMENT,  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF,  
WASHINGTON.

October 7, 1905.

To

The Adjutant General,  
State of Kansas, Topeka, Kansas.

Sir:

Advising you, by authority of the Acting Chief of Staff, that information indicated by the questions enumerated on enclosed memorandum is very much desired by this office for the use of the General Staff, I have the honor to request replies in so far as possible on the sheet herewith. An early reply, and return direct to this office, will be very much appreciated.

Very respectfully,

*Wm. D. Beach*  
Wm. D. Beach.  
Major, General Staff.  
Chief 2nd (Mil. Inf.) Division.

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*J. W. Hughes*  
Adjutant General.



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M. I. D.  
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WAR DEPARTMENT,  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF,  
WASHINGTON.

October 28, 1905.

Brigadier General J. W. F. Hughes,  
Adjutant General, State of Kansas,  
Topeka, Kansas.

Sir:-

In reply to your letter of the 24th instant, in which you state that your National Guard did not hold an encampment this year but did in 1904, I have the honor to state that if you will furnish the information requested in my letter of the 7th instant relating to the 1904 encampment, I shall be greatly obliged to you for your courtesy in the matter.

Very respectfully,

*Wm. D. Beach*  
Wm. D. Beach,  
Major, General Staff,  
Chief 2nd (Mil. Inf.) Division.

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*J. W. F. Hughes*  
Adjutant General.

*Answered Nov 3-1905*



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Subject:

R.A.F.

WAR DEPARTMENT,  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF ORDNANCE, M--M1.  
WASHINGTON.

November 18, 1905.

The Governor,  
State of Kansas,  
Topeka, Kans.

Sir:

1 In connection with my letter to you of this date and for the reason therein given, I have the honor to inform you that the following errors have been found in your returns pertaining to the Militia of the State of Kansas, for the years ended December 31, 1903 and December 31, 1904, both being consolidated into one return, viz:

117 revolver cartridge boxes, caliber .38, are reported on hand, instead of 117 revolver cartridge belts, caliber .38.

The following foot note has been omitted on page 6: "44 Springfield rifles, caliber .45, are without bayonets."

The following named stores have not been taken credit for:

- 5 Tin cups, mentioned in Voucher 1, to Abstract 4,
- 1 Curb bit, mentioned in voucher 2, to Abstract 4,
- 5 Meat cans, mentioned in voucher 23, to Abstract 4,
- 1 Bayonet scabbard, mentioned in voucher 33, to Abstract 4
- 1 Canteen, mentioned in voucher 43, to abstract 4,
- 5 N. C. O. swords and 1 scabbard for N.C.O. sword, mentioned in voucher 40, to abstract 4.

Credit is taken for the cartridge belt, cal. .30 mentioned in voucher 32 to abstract 4, as 1 officer's saber belt with buckle.

The 13 pairs blanket bag coat straps, mentioned in voucher 26 to abstract 4, are dropped as 13 pairs blanket bag shoulder straps.



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Gov. Kansas-----No.2.

2 canteen straps are mentioned in voucher 12 to abstract 4, and 1 is mentioned in voucher 35 to abstract 4; -- 4 have been taken credit for, an excess of 1.

The 4 forks dropped as per voucher 25 to abstract 4 are not mentioned in that voucher.

A receipt is required as a voucher for dropping 46 haversacks, which haversacks are reported as "Returned to Ordnance Department."

An abstract of sales is required as a voucher for dropping the following named stores, which were recommended to be sold, viz:

- 244 Blanket bags
- 227 Haversacks,
- 167 Canteens,
- 8 Sets artillery harness, incomplete, and miscellaneous parts of harness.

2. When corrected as indicated above, including the correction of errors in addition of items on abstract 4, the return will show as remaining on hand to be accounted for:

Page 6.

- 44 Springfield rifles without bayonets
- 15 N.C.O.swords, instead of 20,
- 4 Scabbards for N.C.O.swords.

Page 7.

- 130 Officers saber belts, russet with buckle, instead of 129.
- 1401 Bayonet scabbards, cal. .30, instead of 1402,
- 1083 Web belts, caliber .30, instead of 1084

Page 9.

- 755 Blanket bag shoulder straps, pairs, instead of 752
- 898 Blanket bag coat straps, pairs, instead of 911,



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Gov. Kans. -----No. 3.

545 Canteens, instead of 546  
1013 Canteen straps, instead of 1012  
1811 Meat cans, instead of 1816,  
2114 Tin cups, instead of 2118,  
2035 Forks, instead of 2022,

Page 10.

117 Revolver cartridge belts, caliber .38,  
instead of 117 revolver cartridge boxes.

Page 8:

1 Curb bridle, without bit.

3. Early correction or explanation of the foregoing is requested to facilitate settlement of these returns.

Respectfully,

Brig. Gen., Chief of Ordnance,  
U. S. Army.

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Subject:

WAR DEPARTMENT,

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF ORDNANCE,  
WASHINGTON.

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February 4, 1905.

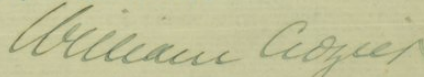
The Governor of the  
State of Kansas,  
Topeka, Kansas.

Sir:

1. I have the honor to inform you that the promised return accounting for property in the hands of the State Militia during the year ended December 31, 1903, has not been received at this office and to request its early transmission. Also the return for the year ended December 31, 1904, as soon as practicable.

2. Both returns are required for examination and settlement in this office conformably to existing law and regulations.

Very respectfully,



Brigadier General,  
Chief of Ordnance, U.S.A.

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STATE OF KANSAS,  
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
TOPEKA.

February 10, 1905.

Governor E. W. Hoch,

S I R :-

As regards the property report to the Government referred to by the War Department in General Crozier's letter of the 4th, I beg to say that I have repeatedly called the attention of Colonel Smith, the Quartermaster General of this state to this delinquency, and urged his prompt action in the matter. This report is required of him not only by the Government rules but by the express demands of our state law defining his duties. He has promised for several months that this would be done, but up to the present time this office has not received it.

The general report from the Adjutant General's office for 1904, awaits the full reports from various commands of the Guard to take it up to December 31st, which is now about complete. But the property report must come from the Quartermaster General who is responsible on his bond for such.

Very respectfully,

*L. H. Kelsey*  
Adjutant General.

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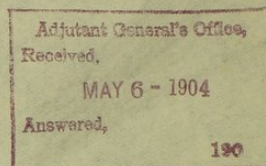
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WAR DEPARTMENT,  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF ORDNANCE,  
WASHINGTON.

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May 3, 1904.

The Governor,  
State of Kansas,  
Topeka, Kansas.



Sir:

1. I have the honor to request that the ordnance property return pertaining to the militia of the State of Kansas for the year 1903 be forwarded to this office at an early date.

2. Letters dated February 20th and March 28, 1904, were addressed to the Adjutant General of the State, urging him to prepare this return, have the same signed by yourself and forwarded, in view of the fact that it has long been overdue.

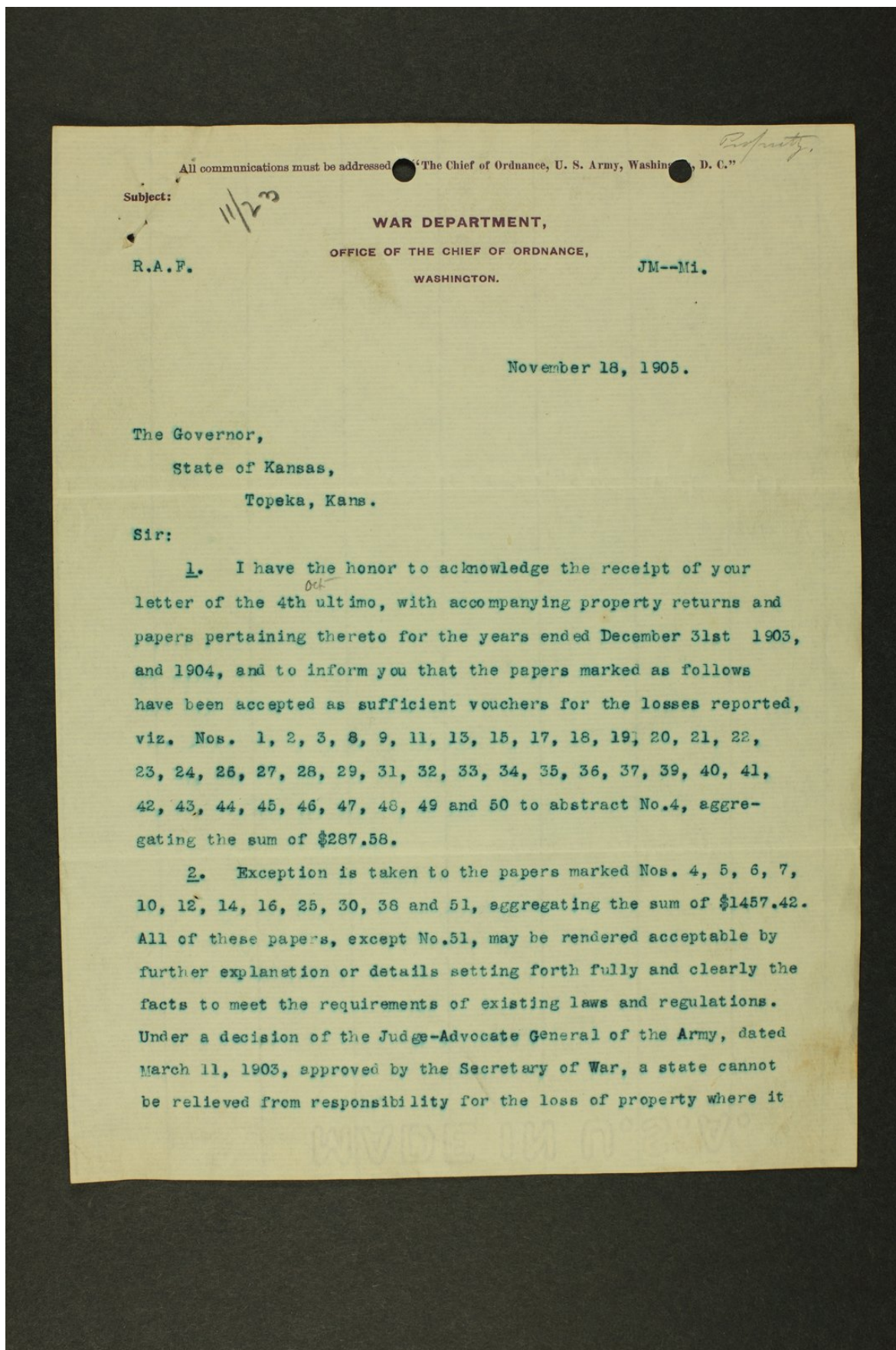
3. Under the law and regulations, this return should have been rendered by January 20th, and you are now advised that if the same be not received within twenty days from the date hereof, it will be necessary for this office to report the fact to the Honorable the Secretary of War for such action as he may deem necessary to take in the premises.

Very respectfully,

Brigadier General,  
Chief of Ordnance, U.S.A.



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Gov. Kans. No. 2.

is not shown by evidence that the loss was due to "unavoidable causes." Therefore, any further evidence or explanation that can be furnished relative to the defective vouchers Nos. 4 , 5, 6, 7, 10, 12, 14, 16, 25, 30 and 38, should be forwarded as soon as possible.

3 These vouchers relate to losses aggregating the sum of \$90.81, exclusive of voucher No. 51, which shows losses amounting to \$1,366.61, making a total of \$1,457.42. This latter paper ( No. 51) cannot be accepted as a voucher for the reason stated ---- that it does not show that the losses were due to unavoidable causes, but admits that they are attributable to the "loose and unsatisfactory method of bookkeeping and accounting that prevailed under the preceding administration." Upon this statement the Department cannot do otherwise than hold the State for the losses under the law and decisions rendered thereupon.

4. In this connection you are informed that other errors have been found in your returns which will form the subject of a separate communication, as they are mostly, if not altogether, of a kind that can be corrected or explained without delay.

Very respectfully,

*William Crozier*

Brig. Gen., Chief of Ordnance.  
U. S. Army.

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STATE OF KANSAS.  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
TOPEKA.

J. W. F. HUGHES,  
ADJUTANT GENERAL.

W. W. DENISON,  
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.

November 4, 1905.

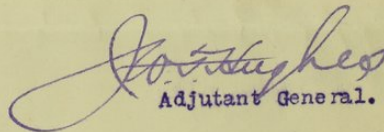
Quartermaster General, U.S.A.,  
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

In the year 1882 a bound book entitled "Uniform of the Army of the United States" with colored lithographs was issued. I would like to ask if any subsequent colored lithographs in bound volume have been issued since that date as I am desirous of getting one of the present uniform.

Will you please inform me where they can be obtained if issued.

Very respectfully,

  
Adjutant General.

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Office Qr. Mr. Gen'l.  
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WAR DEPARTMENT

Topeka, Kans.  
Nov. 4, 1905.

Adj't. General,

Asks if any colored lithographs of uniforms have been issued since 1882.

No. 150.

1st Indorsement.

War Department,  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL,  
WASHINGTON.

Nov. 9, 1905.

Respectfully returned to the Adjutant General, State of Kansas, Topeka, Kansas, with information that no book illustrating the uniform of the Army has been published since the date specified within. The Department is at present engaged in the work of publishing a book illustrating the present uniform of the Army, but it cannot be definitely stated when it will be completed.

*Geo. E. Pond*  
Assistant Qr. Mr. General, U.S.A.,  
Acting Quartermaster General.  
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WAR DEPARTMENT,  
THE MILITARY SECRETARY'S OFFICE,  
WASHINGTON.

November 22, 1905.

The Adjutant General,  
State of Kansas,  
Topeka.

Sir:-

The Assistant Secretary of War directs me to inform you that there have been mailed to you, under separate cover, three copies of Form No. 10, Militia, for your use in preparing the report of drills, target practice, and field instruction, of the organized militia of Kansas during the calendar year ending December 31, 1905, and to request that the report required under the provisions of Section 18 of the Militia Act of January 21, 1903, be rendered promptly at the close of the year.

As the reports submitted on Form No. 10 are usually prepared, sufficient information is not afforded to enable the War Department to determine whether all organizations have performed the duties prescribed in Section 18, and it is desired that under the heading "Number of Practice Marches" the number of days be given, and, if these are not consecutive, that a note to that effect be appended in the column of remarks (see first note on form). Also, under the headings "Average Strength Present," the average per cent should be stated, that it may be shown whether two-thirds of each organization



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participated in practice marches, camp of instruction, rendezvous  
target practice, and rendezvous drill.

Very respectfully,

*W. T. Hall*  
Military Secretary.

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HEADQUARTERS  
**Northern Division.**

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Chicago, Illinois, 20 December, 1903.

Adjutant General,  
State of Kansas,  
Topeka, Kansas.

Sir:

With a view to carrying out the provisions of General Orders No. 71, War Department, December 29, 1903, requiring Division Commanders to designate officers to inspect all of the organized militia within the limits of their respective divisions, I am directed by the Major General Commanding the Northern Division to request your assistance and co-operation with regard to the inspection of the organized militia of your state.

It is desired that the inspection be made with the least expenditure of time and money consistent with thoroughness, and be conducted so as to interfere as little as possible with the usual avocations of the officers and men of the organized militia. For the purposes of the inspection it will not be possible, however, for the officer detailed from these headquarters to accept data obtained by a state inspector. The inspection by the former must be complete in itself.

The above mentioned War Department General Orders No. 71 require that the inspections be completed by May 1st; reports to be rendered not later than June 1st. It is expected that they will commence as soon as possible after January 1st, 1907. You are, therefore, requested to inform this office, at your earliest convenience, as follows:

Date on which it is desired that the inspection in your state begin;

Number of officers considered necessary to make the inspection. Unless otherwise advised the same number as last year will be detailed, if practicable;

An itinerary for each inspecting officer, which will show the date of inspection for each organization, including National Guard, Division and Brigade Headquarters.

The number of inspecting officers and the arrangement of their itineraries will depend upon the number of cities and towns in which the militia organizations are located, the object being to perform the work of inspection as expeditiously as practicable with due consideration for thoroughness and economy of transportation expenses.

It is also requested that all organization commanders be instructed from your office to have the returns pertaining to their commands ready to be submitted to the inspector upon his arrival at the rendezvous.

For other details of the inspection, and also as to its general scope, your attention is invited to General Orders No. 71, War Department, December 29, 1903, of which, without doubt, you have a copy.

Very respectfully,

*W. H. Wilson*  
Captain 3d Infantry, A. D. C.,  
Acting Military Secretary.



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Subject: F/M

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WAR DEPARTMENT,  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF ORDNANCE,  
WASHINGTON.

December 4, 1905.

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The Adjutant General,  
State of Kansas,  
Topeka, Kansas.

Sir:

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 23rd ultimo, (O.O. 25420-127) and to inform you that in view of the additional explanations submitted, all of the papers mentioned in the letter to you of the 18th instant from this office, have been accepted as vouchers, except nos. 10 and 51; the former of which may be rendered acceptable if further details can be furnished as to how the shipment was made and whether proper care was exercised while the stores were in transportation.

2. In regard to paper No. 51, it cannot be accepted as a voucher, for the reason that it is insufficient as such under the most liberal application that can be made to the case in view of existing laws and regulations governing the accountability of property in the possession of the organized militia.

3. On March 11, 1903, the Judge Advocate General of the Army decided that the Secretary of War had not the power to relieve a State from responsibility for the loss of property unless the evidence presented showed that the loss was due to unavoidable causes; in other words, the evidence must show that



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the State did all that was reasonable and proper to safeguard and protect the property against loss or damage. The paper referred to (No. 51) does not meet these requirements and hence its insufficiency as a voucher. Nor can the amount of loss covered by this paper \$1,366.61, be deducted from the allotment for Arming and Equipping the Militia of the State of Kansas, as suggested in your letter, as will appear from the following remarks in a similar case submitted by the State of Massachusetts: (letter to Governor of State of Massachusetts (O.O. 26960-316):

"1. Referring to the endorsement of Brig.Gen. William Stopford, Adjutant and Quartermaster General, State of Massachusetts, on O.O. 26960-287-enclosure 1, dated October 17th 1905, in which he recommends that the sum of \$46.20 the value of certain property not satisfactorily accounted for, be charged against the allotment of the State of Massachusetts, I have the honor to inform you that this recommendation cannot be approved. Under date of Dec. 16, 1904, a similar case was submitted to the Honorable the Secretary of War with the following endorsement, viz:

"1. Respectfully forwarded to the Honorable the Secretary of War, together with a copy of the proceedings of the Board of Survey, the letter of this Department of July 2, 1904, and the circular letter of November 29, 1904, all referred to within.

2. The question arises as to the manner of reimbursement of the United States for the value of the stores lost or destroyed while in the possession of a State, when the circumstances are not such as to indicate the propriety of relief of the State from accountability.

3. The method suggested within of charging the value of the stores against the quota of the State under Section 1661 of the Revised Statutes, does not seem to operate to reimburse the United States. This quota is not a fund belonging to the State, but is an amount fixing the extent to which the United States is willing to arm the Militia of the State, for its own purposes; any sum deducted from this amount would simply, by so much, interfere with the intent of the law.

4. This Department knows no way by which the State can be relieved of its accountability except that of reimbursement of the United States by the State."

and was returned to this office under date of December 16, 1904, with these remarks:



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"Respectfully returned to the Chief of Ordnance, whose views are fully endorsed. The Governor should accordingly be advised that these charges against the militia appropriation under section 1661 R.S. can not be made, and the State must be held accountable for the value of said stores."

2. It will be seen from the foregoing that there is no authority or warrant for the course suggested by General Stopford."

Respectfully,

Brig. Gen. Chief of Ordnance.