

Kansas Adjutant General U.S. War Department correspondence

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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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August 30, 1904.

The Military Secretary,
United States Army,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Will you kindly send this office the following information:

The names of the graduates of the Military Academy, West Point, accredited from the state of Kansas, now living. Date of graduation. If in service, present rank. Arm of service.

Character of service during their connection with the army.

Promotions for meritorious conduct.

Any acts of heroism, or special mention, or any special mention that your records may give.

The names of officers in the Army commissioned from private life, the volunteer forces, or from the enlisted men accredited from Kansas. Reasons of commission or promotion, their present rank and term of service, and their general character and service since their commission.

This office desires to retain a roster and record of these officers if possible, in order to at all times keep track of the officers in the Army accredited to the state.

Very respectfully,

J. H. ...
Adjutant General.

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August 3, 1904.

Respectfully forwarded to the
Commissary General, U.S. Army, as re-
quested, with the statement that
this office has now done about all
we can in this matter. If this is
not correct, I am at a loss to know
how to proceed, as this issue was
made without any knowledge as to the
amount, kind or quality, or whether
received or not, personally at
this office.

W. H. Kelley

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Rock Island Arsenal

Governor *Rock Island, Ill.*

Aug. 10, 1904.

Adjutant General of Kansas,
Topeka, Kas.

Sir:-

Adjutant General's Office, Manassas.	
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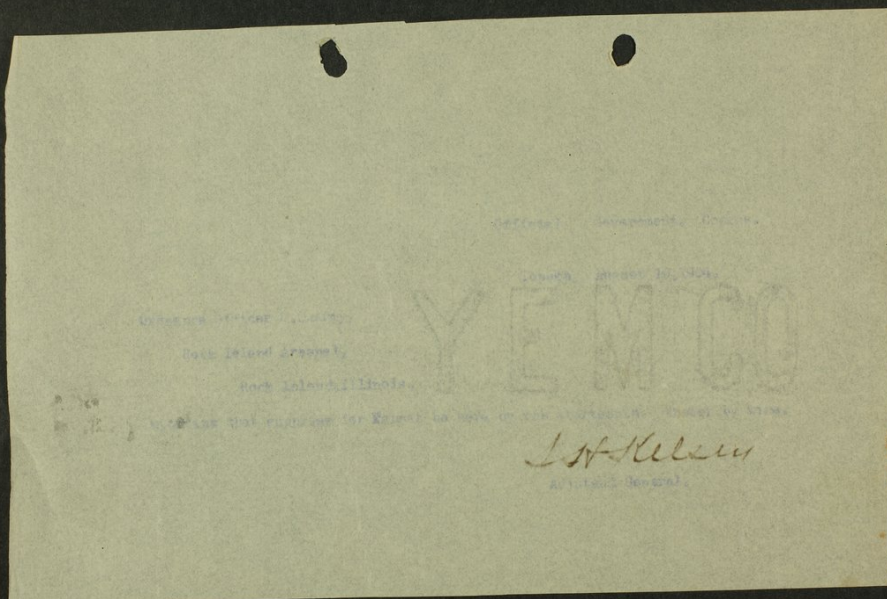
I am in receipt of your telegram of this date stating that it is important supplies for the State of Kansas be at Topeka by the 13th instant.

The delay in making this issue upon order for supplies 7191-M, which reached this Arsenal Saturday, July 30, has been occasioned by the fact that information had to be obtained as to what arm of the service the saddle cloth numbers requested were desired for and certain other points upon the order for supplies which ^{did not} sufficiently differentiate between similar articles of the kind specified to enable me to determine what should be issued. As soon as instructions were received from the Chief of Ordnance sufficiently definite to enable the work to be made up, it was at once taken in hand and the shipment will be ready to leave tomorrow. As it would be impossible for the stores to reach you by freight I am sending them by express, but the shipment will have to be at the expense of the State as there are no funds available at this Arsenal for that purpose.

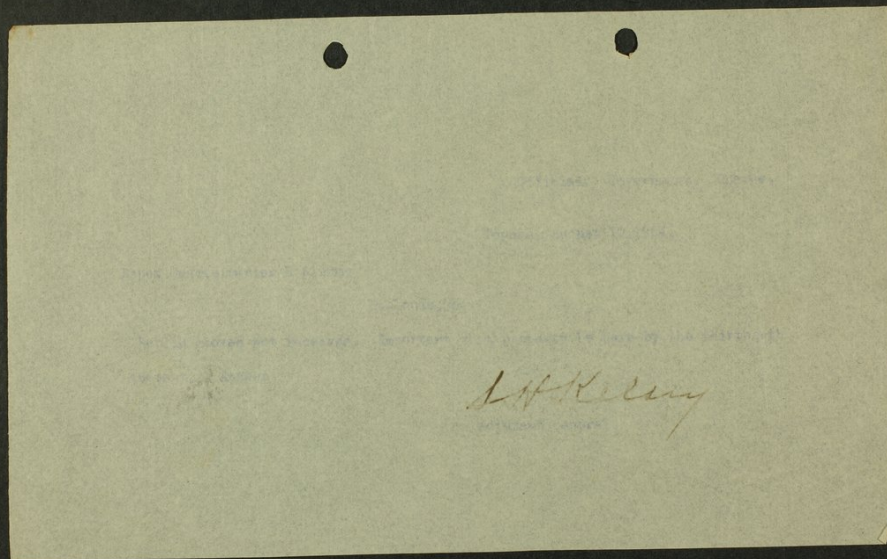
Respectfully,

P. E. Dineen
Lt. Col. Ord. Dept. U.S.A.,
Commanding.

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ROBERT C. CLOWRY, President and General Manager.

RECEIVED at 621 Kansas Avenue, Topeka, Kans.
EITHER TELEPHONE No. 51.

162-KS. TM. K. 21-paid. Govt.

St-Louis, Mo., Aug 10th

Adjutant General,
State Kansas, Topeka, Kas

Berlin gloves were shipped twenty eighth ultimo my bill lading
two seventy four.

Cruse, Quartermaster.

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RECEIVED & FILED
AUG 11 1904
S. H. Kelley
Adjutant General.



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Subject .

San Antonio Arsenal
San Antonio, Texas

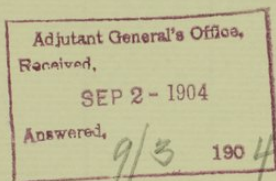
August 30th. 1904

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

Sir:-

I have the honor to inclose receipts in duplicate for stores issued to the State of Kansas April 20.1904, for which the original receipts have never been received at this office.

Please have the Governor sign these receipts and return them to me at your earliest convenience.



Respectfully

J. K. Kinnear
Col. Ord. Dept. U.S.A.

Commanding.

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August 31, 1904.

Captain C. C. Bailey,
Quartermaster U.S. Army,
Jeffersonville, Ind.

Sir:-

I herewith enclose receipts in duplicate, Req. 1783, K, 860: 2 Field Ranges,
executed by the Governor of Kansas.

Also bill of Lading No. 298, B. & O. S. W. R. R., executed and mailed to Disbursing
Quartermaster, U.S. Army, Denver, Colorado, as directed in said bill.

Very respectfully,

L. H. Kelsey
Adjutant General.

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August 31, 1904.

Major Thomas Cruise,
Quartermaster U.S. Army,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:-

I herewith enclose you receipts, in duplicate, No. 98, 3: 18 pairs Berlin
gloves, executed by the Governor of Kansas.

Also bill of lading No. 274, Missouri Pacific Railroad, covering the same.

Very respectfully,

L.H. Kelsey
Adjutant General.

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Quartermaster's Department, U.S. Army,
Clothing Depot.

St. Louis, Mo., *Aug. 30 1904*

The Governor,

State of *Kansas*

Topeka, Kansas

Sir:-

I have the honor to request accomplished receipts for
Quartermaster Supplies shipped you *July 27 1904*

These receipts are necessary in order to complete my return
forQuarter, F.Y. 190 .

Very Respectfully

Thomas Cruse,

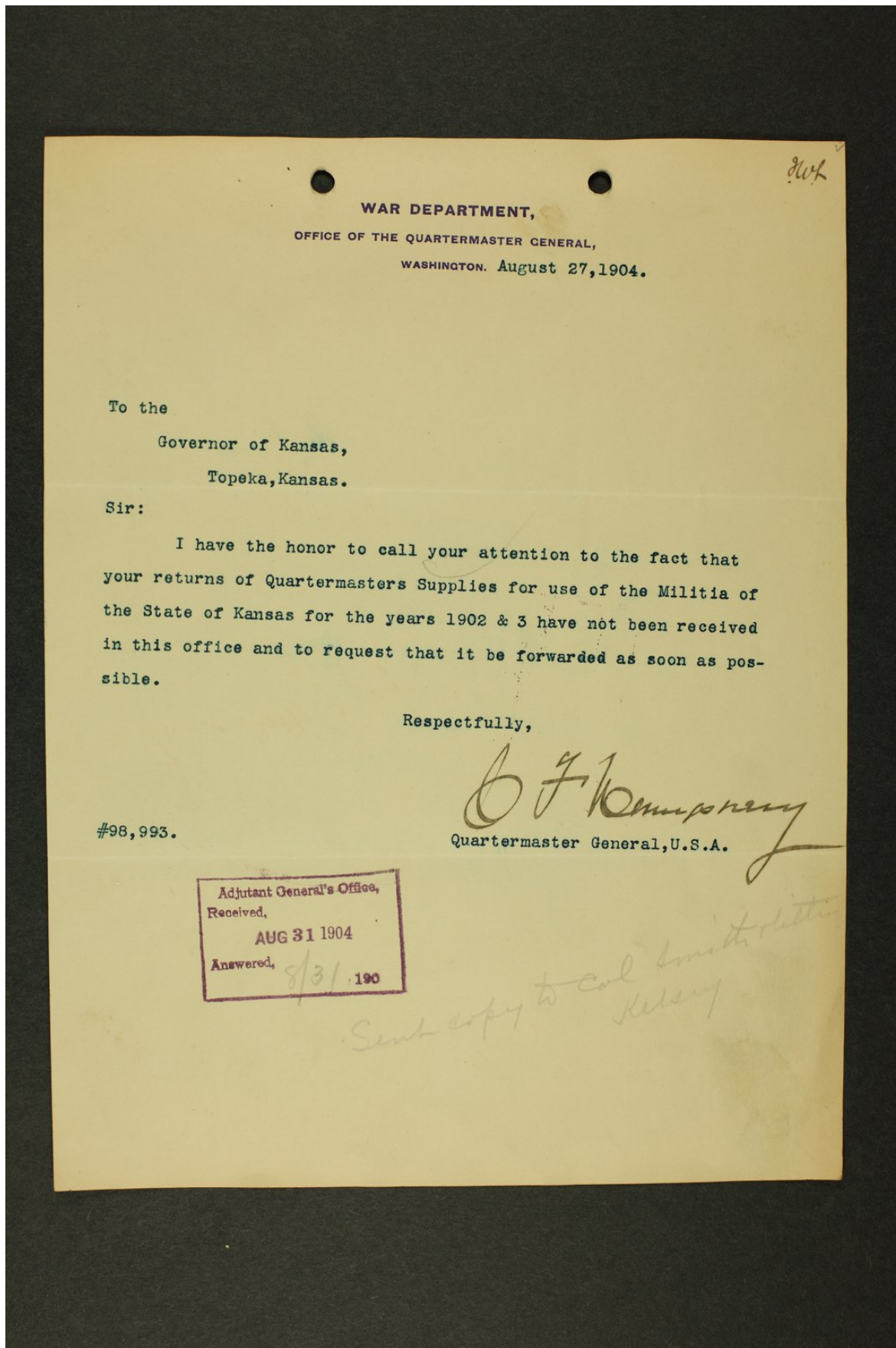
Major & Quartermaster U.S. Army.

You # 98...K...1st Q. 1905.

Adjutant General's Office,
Received,
AUG 31 1904
Answered,
<i>8/31</i> 1904



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WAR DEPARTMENT,

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL,

WASHINGTON. August 27, 1904.

To the

Governor of Kansas,

Topeka, Kansas.

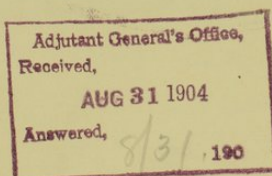
Sir:

I have the honor to call your attention to the fact that your returns of Quartermasters Supplies for use of the Militia of the State of Kansas for the years 1902 & 3 have not been received in this office and to request that it be forwarded as soon as possible.

Respectfully,

O. F. Kempner
Quartermaster General, U.S.A.

#98,993.



Sent copy to Col Smith & Kellogg

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ROBERT C. CLOWRY, President and General Manager.

RECEIVED at 621 Kansas Avenue, Topeka, Kans.
72-KS. JW. K. EITHER TELEPHONE No. 51.
31-paid. Govt.

Fort-Riley, Kas, Aug 11th, 04

The Adjutant Genl State Of Kansas.,
Topeka, Kas

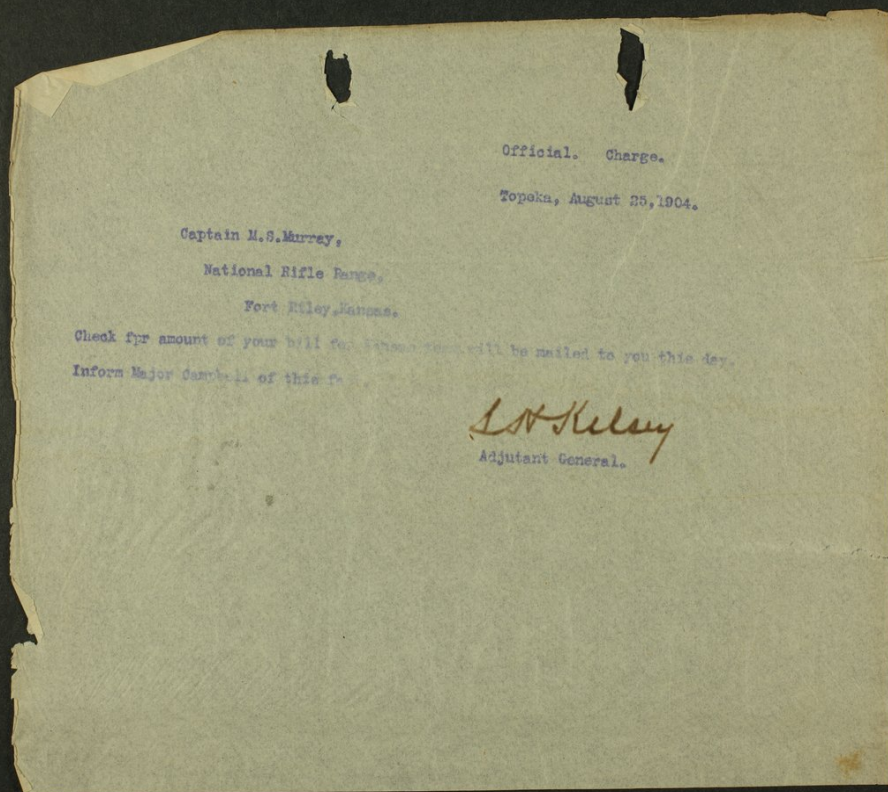
When will be best time to report to Governor for
conference concerning camp at Topeka.

Geo W. Gatchell, Capt. U. S.
Artillery. Corps.

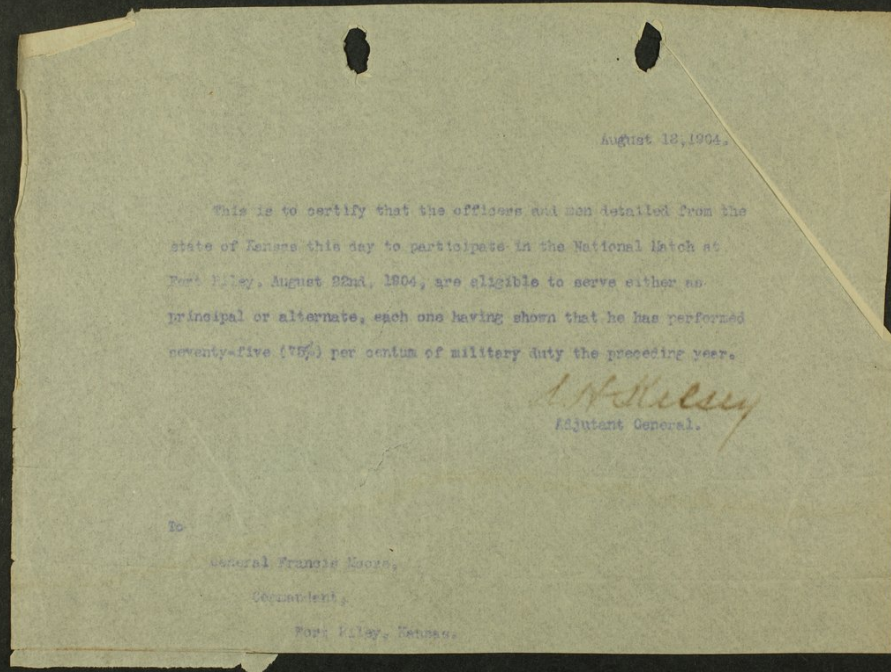
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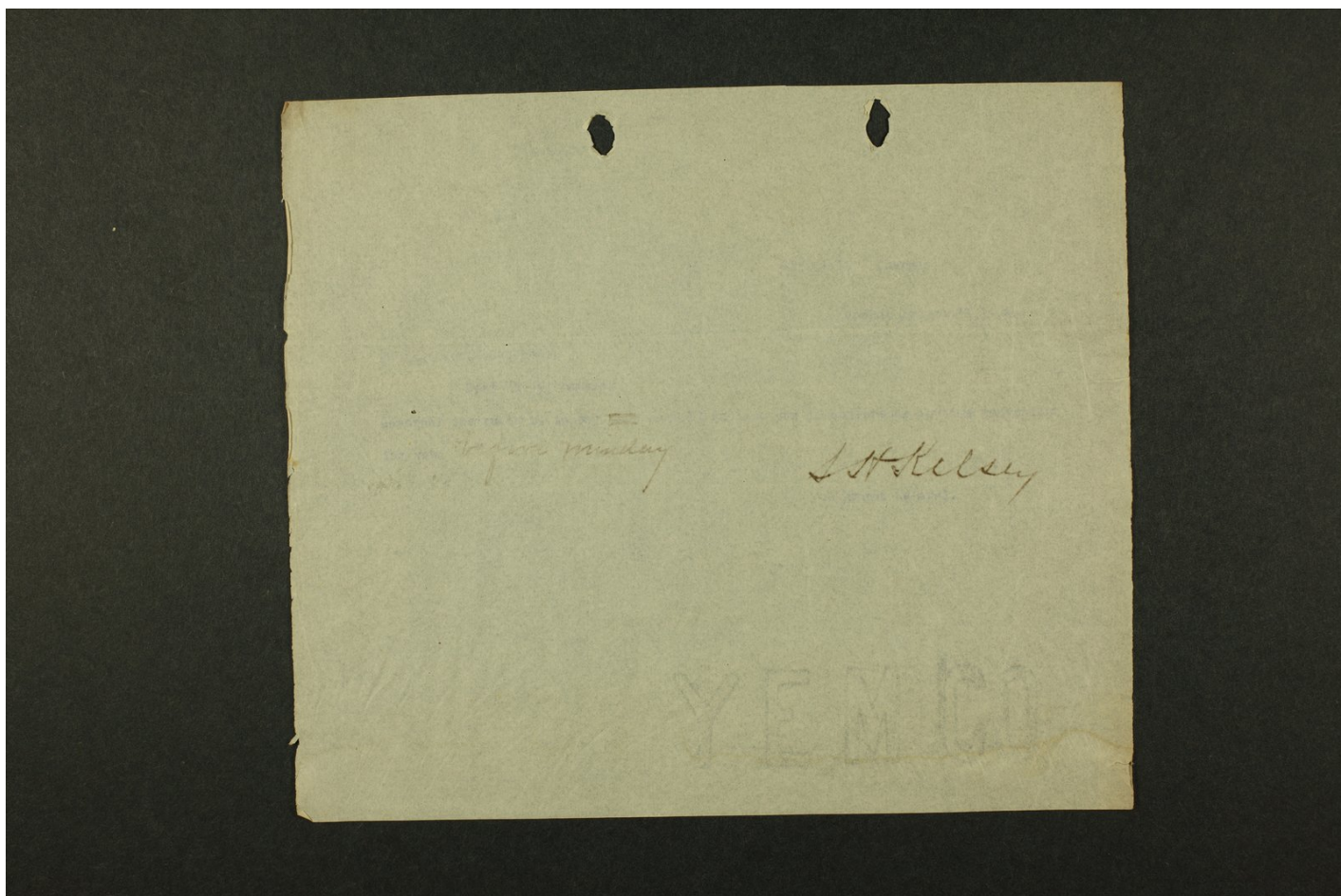
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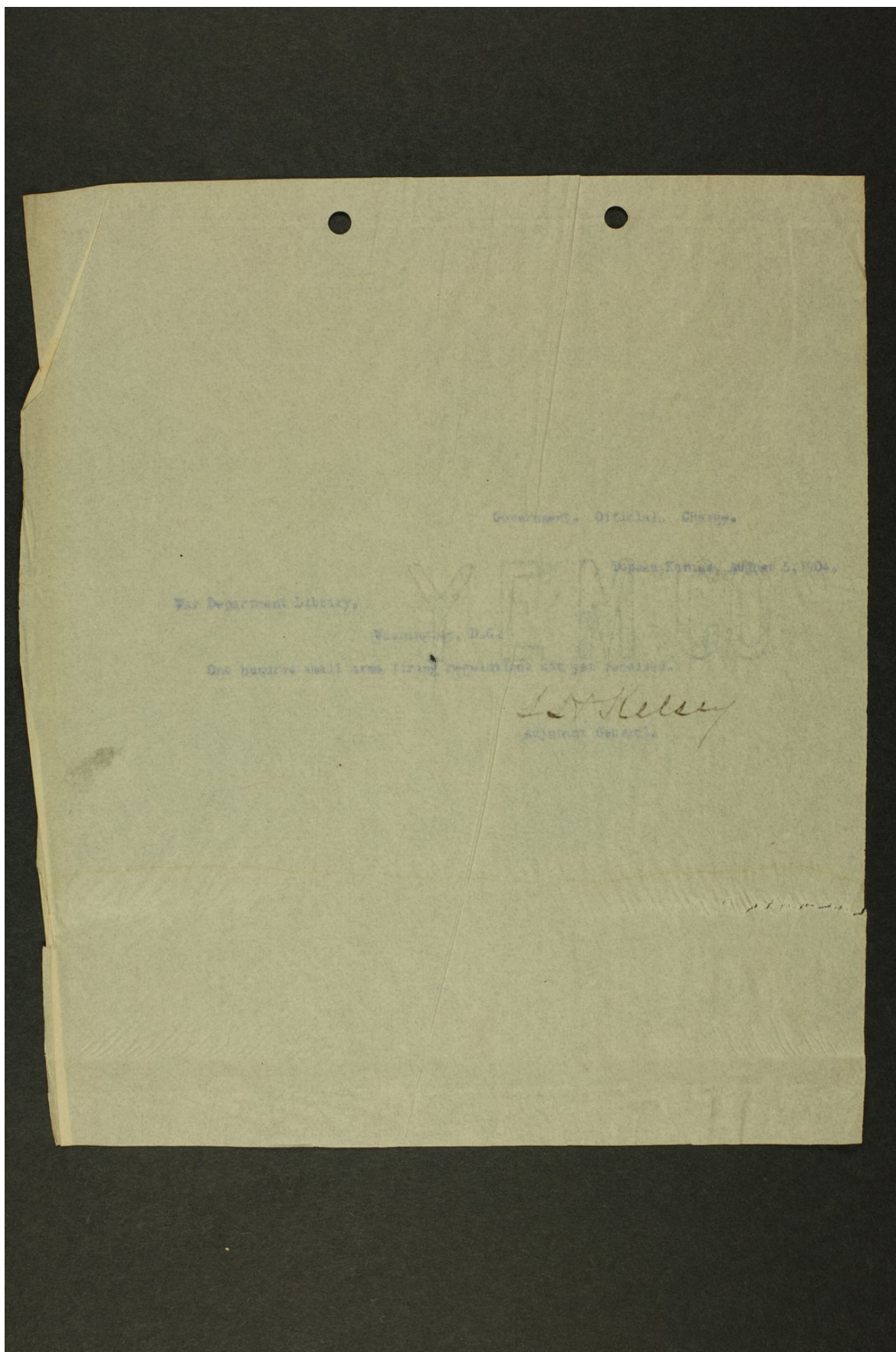
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PRESIDENT

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Aug. 13, 1904.

Adjutant General,
Kansas National Guard,
Vinewood Park,
near Topeka, Kans.

Dear Sir;

I am mailing you this day **6** sample copies of the Journal of the U.S. Infantry Association for distribution among the regiments now in camp at Vinewood Park. I am informed that the encampment is from Aug. 15th to the 24th.

We would like to get the officers of the Kansas Nat. Guard interested in our Association. We are receiving members now from various other militia organizations throughout the country, from the Marine Corps, Cavalry and Artillery.

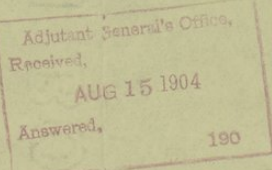
The Journal will be published Quarterly. The next number will be largely a maneuver issue, containing timely articles about the field exercises in Cal., Columbia, Ohio and Manassas.

If there is any further information I can give you at any time please command me.

Very respectfully,

B. Bates
Capt. U.S. Army, Ret.,

In charge of office.



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TELEGRAM

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Received at 517 Kansas Ave., Topeka, Kan. Both Telephones, No. 417.

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Washington D.C. Aug 8-1904

The Adj Genl , State of Kansas,
Topeka, Kansas .

Referring previous correspondence Major George R. Cecil thirtieth
infantry Captain George W. Gatchell, artillery Corps detailed to
attend encampment Kansas militia August fifteenth to twenty fourth

Hills, Asst Adj Gen.
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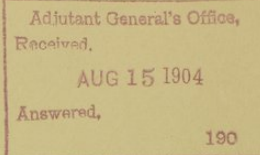
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WAR DEPARTMENT,
THE MILITARY SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
WASHINGTON.

August 11, 1904.

The Adjutant General,
State of Kansas,
Topeka.



Sir:

The Secretary of War is desirous of obtaining information as to the facilities for target practice in the several States and Territories, and concerning the encouragement that has been given to such practice during the year. To that end, it is requested that the following questions be answered as fully and explicitly as possible, and that the information be furnished this office at the earliest date practicable:

Target Ranges:-

1. Number in State.
2. Ownership.
3. Length of ranges.
4. Number of firing points at each range.
5. Distances from armory.
6. Means of transportation.
7. Amount appropriated by State for ranges, 1904.
8. Amount expended for ranges, 1904.
9. Number of ranges constructed during 1904.
10. Has every organization in the State facilities for target practice?

In this connection, the Department also desires to know



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whether Special Course "C", Firing Regulations for Small Arms, 1904, has been adopted by your State, and, if not, a copy of your State regulations governing small arms firing is requested.

Very respectfully,

E. R. Miles

Assistant Adjutant General.

*Sent copy to Major Campbell & Capt Hildner,
Apr 1904*



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

August 30, 1904.

The Military Secretary,
United States Army,
Washington, D.C.

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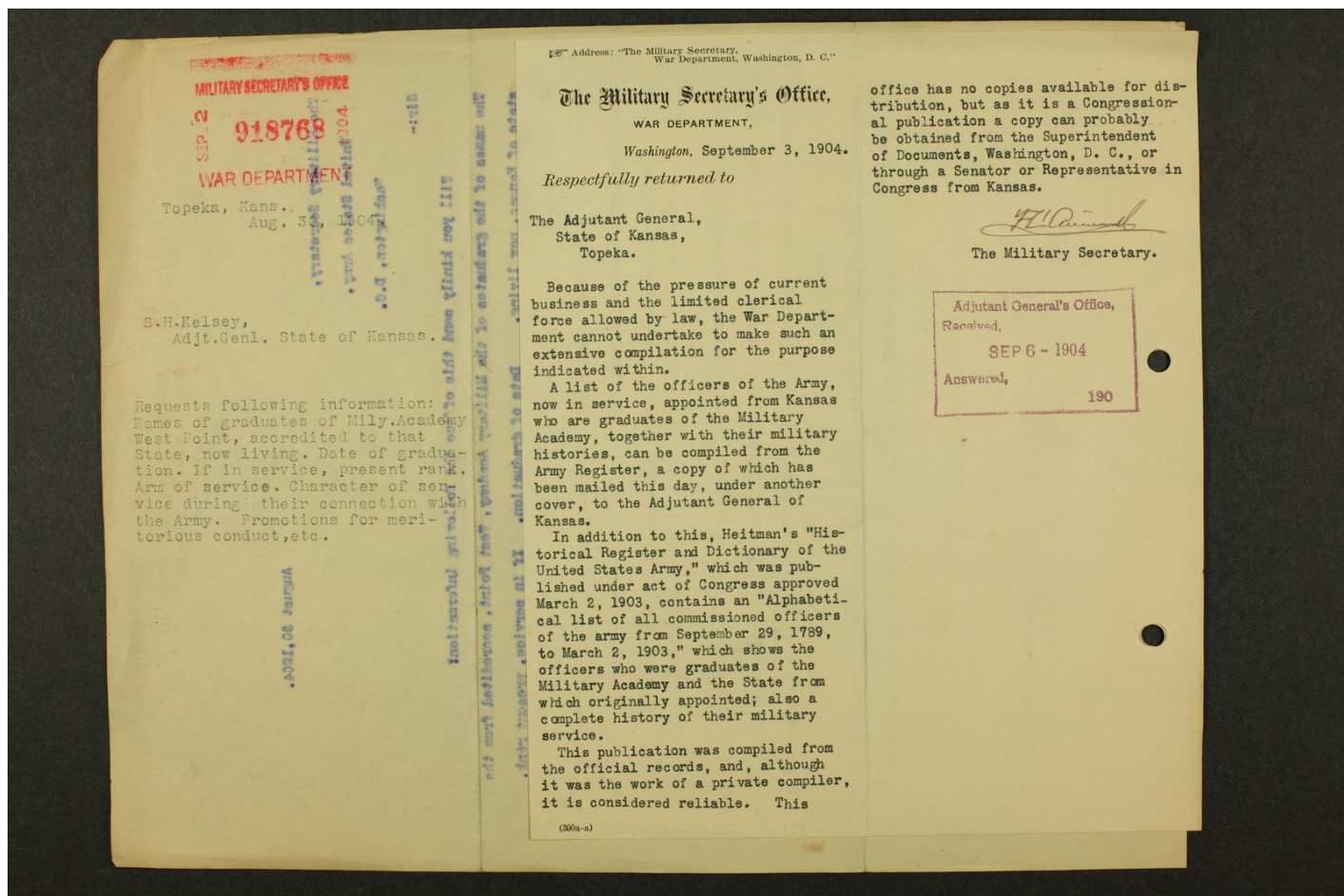
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Very respectfully,

L. H. Kelsey
Adjutant General.



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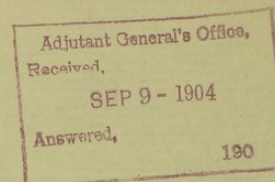
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M. I. D.
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WAR DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF,
WASHINGTON.

September 6, 1904.

To the Adjutant General,
State of Kansas.
Topeka, Kansas.



Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith memorandum bill of \$191.33, dated September 1, 1904, for publications therein itemized, furnished you upon requisition of the Governor of Kansas, under date of July 7, 1904; and to inform you that the cost of same has been charged to the allotment to the State of Kansas, under Section 1661 R. S., as amended.

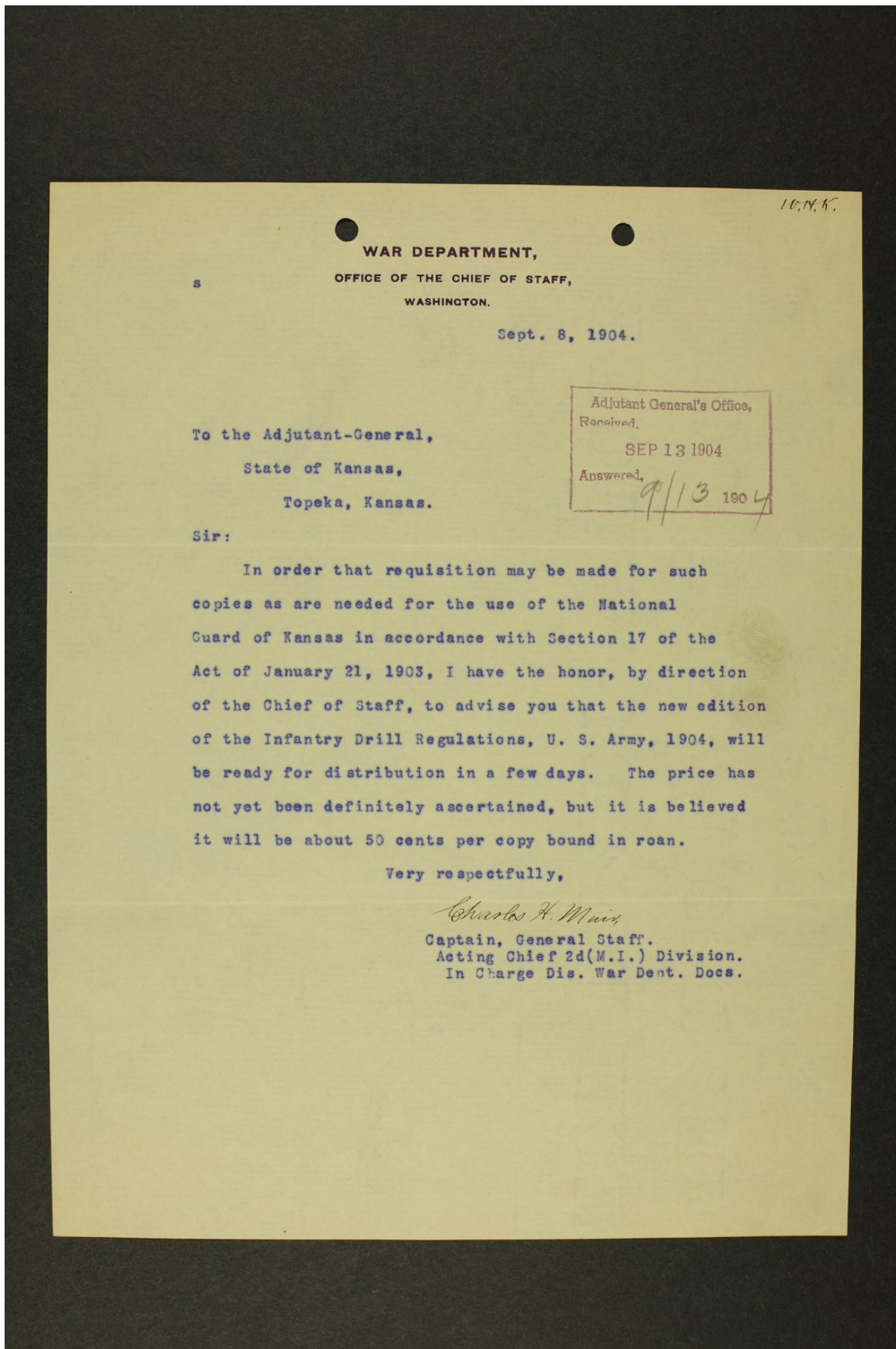
Very respectfully,

W. D. Bruce
Major, General Staff,
Chief Second (Mil. Inf.) Division,
In Charge Distribution War Dept. Documents.

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WAR DEPARTMENT,
THE MILITARY SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

WASHINGTON,

September 29, 1904.

The Adjutant General,
State of Kansas,
Topeka.

Adjutant General's Office,
Received.

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Answered,

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Sir:-

I have the honor to inform you that there have this day been sent you, under separate cover, three copies of Form No.15, Militia, "Report of Small Arms Firing of the Troops in the State of -----, for the year, 190--," on which you are requested to furnish a report of small arms firing of the troops of your State for the year '1904, so as to reach this office not later than November 20th next.

Owing to the various constructions that have been placed on the column headings of the before mentioned blank form, as shown by the several reports rendered this office for the year 1903, your attention is respectfully invited to the following instructions for its preparation:

(1) The first column "Average strength, present and absent, commissioned and enlisted, for the entire period of firing", obviously means the average strength of each organization for the target season, whether required to fire or not.

(2) The second column "Total number classified", should contain the number required to fire, and be the sum of the columns of "expert riflemen," "sharpshooters," "marksmen," first,



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second, third, and fourth class men.

(3) The third column "Per cent of average strength classified" should read "Per cent of average strength qualified", and is intended to show the proportion of the organized strength that has completed Special Course C, and should contain all except fourth class men. This column is the quotient of the twelfth column divided by the first.

(4) The twelfth column "Total firing, rifle and carbine" is the sum of the classes, eliminating the fourth class men.

(5) The figure of merit is obtained by the method laid down in the Small Arms Firing Regulations, 1904, as given in paragraphs 192 and 254 thereof, which method is as follows: All figures of merit will be computed by multiplying the number of expert riflemen by 200; of sharpshooters by 150; of marksmen by 100; of first class men by 75; of second class men by 50; of third class men by 10; of fourth class men by 0; and by dividing the sum of the products thus obtained by the total number of officers and enlisted men in the above seven classes.

Very respectfully,

Assistant Adjutant General.

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

September 6, 1904.

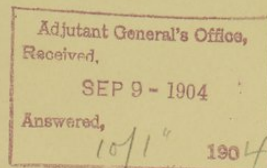
The Adjutant General,
State of Kansas,
Topeka.

Sir:-

I have again the honor to invite your attention to the several requests emanating from this office, dated, respectively, January 11th, April 6th and June 30th, 1904, that the "Report of Drills, Target Practice, and Field Instruction of the Organized Militia of the State of Kansas," be forwarded to this office at the earliest practicable date.

Unless the report in question, of the receipt of which no record exists, is forwarded to this office within the next few days, it will be necessary to omit from the Annual Report of the Secretary of War, which is now in course of preparation, these essential data in so far as the State of Kansas is concerned, and to explain such omission by a note to the effect that said report had not been received.

Very respectfully,



E. R. Mills
Assistant Adjutant General.

Season does not end until Nov 1

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WAR DEPARTMENT, 927728
THE MILITARY SECRETARY'S OFFICE.
WASHINGTON. September 29, 1904.

The Adjutant General,
State of Kansas,
Topeka.

Adjutant General's Office,
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Answered, 130

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Very respectfully,
E. R. Hills.
Assistant Adjutant General.

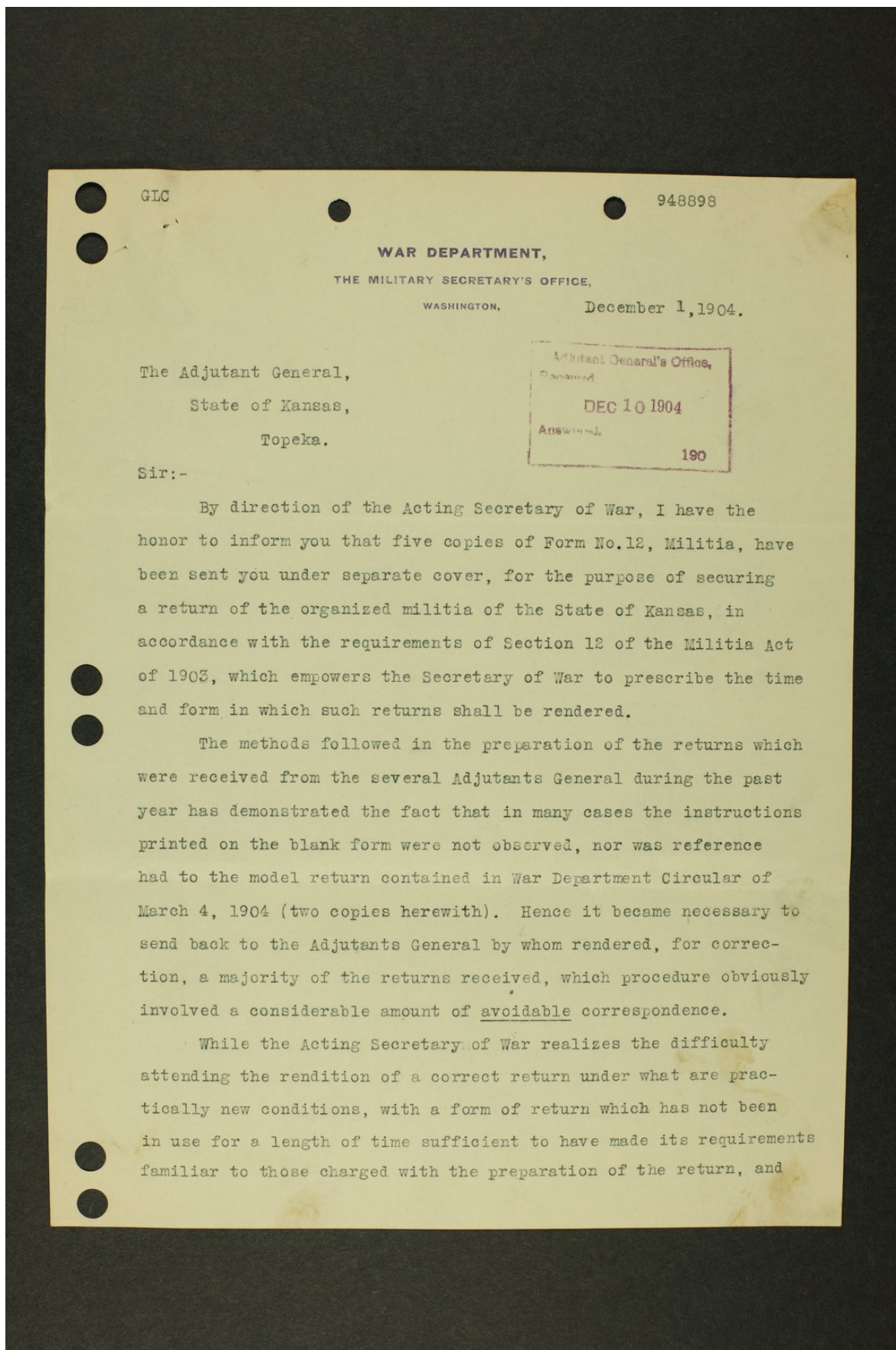
Official copy respectfully furnished by direction of the Chief of Staff, to Brigadier General Henry B. Freeman, U. S. Army, on duty with the organized militia of Kansas, Topeka, for his information, and with request that he will use his best efforts to insure the correct and prompt rendition of the return called for in the above letter.

E. R. Hills.
Assistant Adjutant General.

War Department, M. S. O.,
October 26, 1904.



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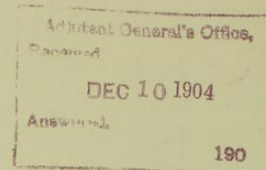
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WAR DEPARTMENT,
THE MILITARY SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
WASHINGTON,

December 1, 1904.

The Adjutant General,
State of Kansas,
Topeka.



Sir:-

By direction of the Acting Secretary of War, I have the honor to inform you that five copies of Form No. 12, Militia, have been sent you under separate cover, for the purpose of securing a return of the organized militia of the State of Kansas, in accordance with the requirements of Section 12 of the Militia Act of 1903, which empowers the Secretary of War to prescribe the time and form in which such returns shall be rendered.

The methods followed in the preparation of the returns which were received from the several Adjutants General during the past year has demonstrated the fact that in many cases the instructions printed on the blank form were not observed, nor was reference had to the model return contained in War Department Circular of March 4, 1904 (two copies herewith). Hence it became necessary to send back to the Adjutants General by whom rendered, for correction, a majority of the returns received, which procedure obviously involved a considerable amount of avoidable correspondence.

While the Acting Secretary of War realizes the difficulty attending the rendition of a correct return under what are practically new conditions, with a form of return which has not been in use for a length of time sufficient to have made its requirements familiar to those charged with the preparation of the return, and