

Governor Edward Arn correspondence, subject files

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June 25, 1952

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William F. Howard
1st Sergeant
34th Hospital Train
% Postmaster
New York, New York

Dear Sergeant Howard:

Thank you for your recent letter in which you inquire about the possibility of obtaining a Kansas State Flag for our fellow Kansans in your outfit.

I regret to inform you that this office has only two state flags which are sent out from time to time on a loan basis. However, I am referring your letter to the Adjutant General of the State of Kansas, and perhaps he can be of some assistance to you.

Hoping to be of service to you, I am

Sincerely,

GOVERNOR

EFA:cmr

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26 June 1952

Mr. L. M. Miller
c/o Wichita Club
Wichita, Kansas

Dear Doc:

Our friend Win was in the office the other day and suggested that since you had an arm of the Kansas Navy on the Atlantic coast, you should be named an Admiral so that with all the pomp and ceremony you could properly fly the Kansas flag and an Admiral's flag. I agree whole-heartedly and am enclosing herewith such a certificate of appointment.

Of course, as you know, Oliver Moorshead is the Commander-in-Chief of the Kansas Navy and his flagship is stationed on the Pacific coast. Since all of my service in World War II was in the Pacific, I might be a little bit prejudiced in favor of that body of water, but the main reason for making Oliver the Commander-in-Chief is that he was the first to come up with a sea-going vessel. Anyway, it's quite an accomplishment now that Kansas has a two-ocean Navy.

Sometime I wish you would send me a photograph of your vessel so that I can put it under the glass on my desk beside the SS Portola, based at San Diego, California.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

G O V E R N O R

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29 July 1952

Mr. F. C. Strathman
Baileyville, Kansas

Dear Mr. Strathman:

I have your recent letter concerning the possibility of your son obtaining further deferment from the draft, at least until some point system is set up to apply to agricultural employment. I am forwarding your letter to the Adjutant General for his consideration.

In the matter of establishing a point system for farm boys, a meeting has been scheduled for August 14 for discussion by selective service personnel and various farm groups, as pertains to a point system. It is to be hoped that a specific system will be worked out in this matter.

Very truly yours,

GOVERNOR

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cc: General Nickell

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June 16, 1952

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Mrs. Frank Cain
Wakeeney, Kansas

Dear Mrs. Cain:

Thank you for your recent letter in which you request information concerning the acquiring of a Kansas flag. I am informed that Crane and Company, Inc., 110 East Eighth, Topeka, and Thatcher Supply and Equipment Company, Inc., 424 Quincy Street, Topeka, has them available.

Happy to be of service to you, and with every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

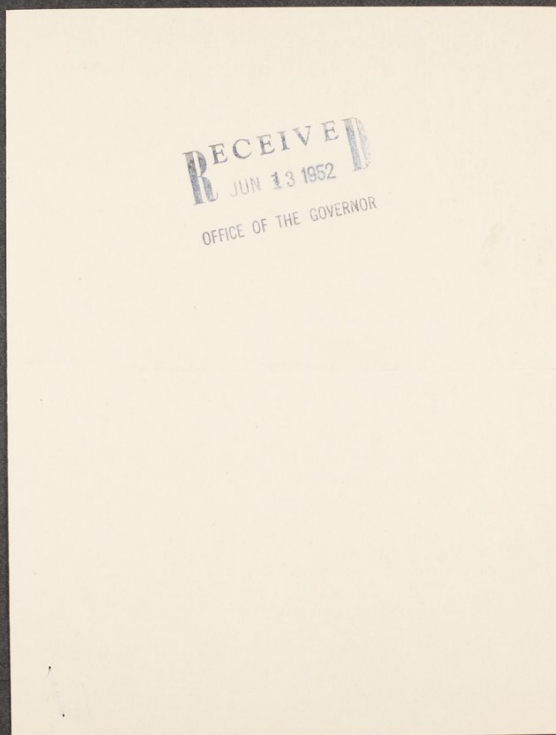
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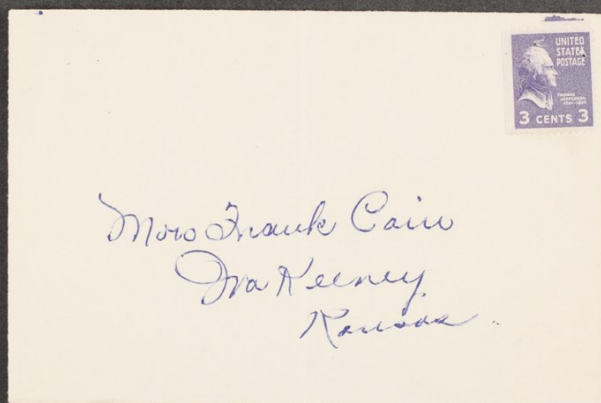
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W. A. Neerby Kansas
⑥ June 11, 1952
Dear Sir:
Could you please give
me information on our
Kansas flag.
If one can be purchased,
from whom and the price?
My club would like to
present one to our library
in memory of their deceased
members.
Thanking you
Mrs Frank Fair

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July 7, 1952

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Mrs. Dale M. Shinkle
Parkside Addition
Paola, Kansas

Dear Mrs. Shinkle:

Thank you for your recent letter requesting one of our State Flags. I regret to inform you that this office has only two state flags which are sent out from time to time on a loan basis.

For your information, I am forwarding you the names of several firms which make the flag; Crane and Company, Inc., 110 East Eighth, Topeka, and Thacher Supply and Equipment Co., Inc., 424 Quincy Street, Topeka, Kansas.

Hoping to be of service to you, I am

Sincerely yours,

ED CHAPMAN, JR.
Sec'y. to the Governor

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Paola, Kansas
July 3, 1952

Mr. Edward F. Arn
Governor of Kansas
Topeka, Kansas

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JUL 7 1952
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Dear Sir:

No doubt you receive many letters requesting strange things, but I feel this may be the strangest. You see, my husband is with the 25th F. A. Bn. in Korea and has asked me find him a Kansas flag. So far I have not been able to obtain one or even find out where I may get one. Could you please help me with my problem. I would certainly appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Dale M. Shinkle
Parkside Addition, Paola, Kans.

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March 20, 1953

Mr. James Melton
James Melton Enterprises, Inc.
60 East 54th Street
New York 22, N. Y.

Dear Jimmie:

I have refrained from replying to your recent letter concerning your request for a state flag and seal of the State of Kansas, in hopes that I might be able to comply. However, it does not appear at this time that it will be possible to do so prior to your proposed opening on March 27. Because of the many colors and intricate art work required in the making of an official state flag of Kansas, the cost is somewhat excessive and we have none available for such purposes at this time.

However, I had hoped the Legislature would enact legislation making flags available for such purposes by this time, and although the Secretary of State has been authorized by a new statute to acquire and make such flags available for such purposes, to date no funds have been appropriated for the purchase of the same. Please be assured, however, that as soon as this is possible I shall be most happy to comply with your request.

In the meantime, I want to wish you a most successful opening of your new picture.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

GOVERNOR

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James Mellon Enterprises, Inc.

60 EAST 54TH STREET • NEW YORK 22, N. Y.

March 6, 1953

The Honorable Edward F. Arn
Governor of the State of Kansas
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Governor Arn:

As you may possibly know, I am moving my Museum collection of antique autos, stage coaches, toys, trains, etc. to Florida. We have purchased property ten miles south of West Palm Beach on U.S. Route #1 in the town of Hypoluxo. The existing buildings which will house my displays are in the process of being remodeled and a large new wing is being added. Enclosed is an architect's drawing of the property which runs through from the Highway to the Inland Waterway. We plan to open a first-class tourist attraction there on March 27, 1953, and our architects wish us to fly the flags of the 48 states in a symmetrical pattern which will line our driveway from the Highway back to the Museum buildings. The architects would also like to mount the seal of each state below its flag, as we believe that tourists from the individual states will find pleasure in gathering and meeting friends and neighbors under their own state flag and seal.

It would mean a great deal to me to have the Governor of each of our states present us with a flag and seal, and so I am making this request of you in the hope that you will consider our plan a good one. We would like the flag to be as near $4\frac{1}{2}'$ by $6\frac{1}{2}'$ as possible, and the seal to be of a size suitable for mounting on a 12" plaque on the base or center of a flag pole. They should be sent to:

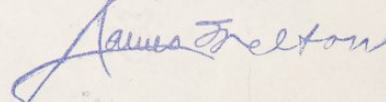
James Melton Autorama
West Palm Beach, Florida

I shall hope for a reply from you concerning my request at my New York office address:

Suite 1201
60 East 54th Street
New York 22, N.Y.

Thanking you for your consideration and with all good wishes,
I am

Most sincerely,



James Melton

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August 21, 1953

Mrs. Jesse M. Bader, Chairman
National Council of the Churches of Christ
156 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, N.Y.

Dear Mrs. Bader:

Thank you for your letter of August 14, 1953, to Governor Edward F. Arn, regarding the obtaining of a State flag for your National Assembly to be held October 5-8, 1953.

The recent Kansas Legislature authorized the Secretary of State to buy and sell at cost the Kansas State flag to anyone desiring to purchase same. They did not however, authorize or provide funds for the free distribution of the State flag; therefore, it is impossible for this office to make a gift of the State flag to your organization.

The Secretary of State has purchased the state flag in quantity lots and will sell these for the following prices:

Cotton material

2 ft. x 3 ft. = \$ 11.50
3 ft. x 5 ft. = \$ 19.00
4 ft. x 6 ft. = \$ 25.00

Rayon material

3 ft. x 5 ft. = \$ 30.00
4 ft. x 6 ft. = \$ 46.00

If you should desire purchasing a State flag, I would suggest that you contact the office of the Secretary of State, Statehouse, Topeka, Kansas.

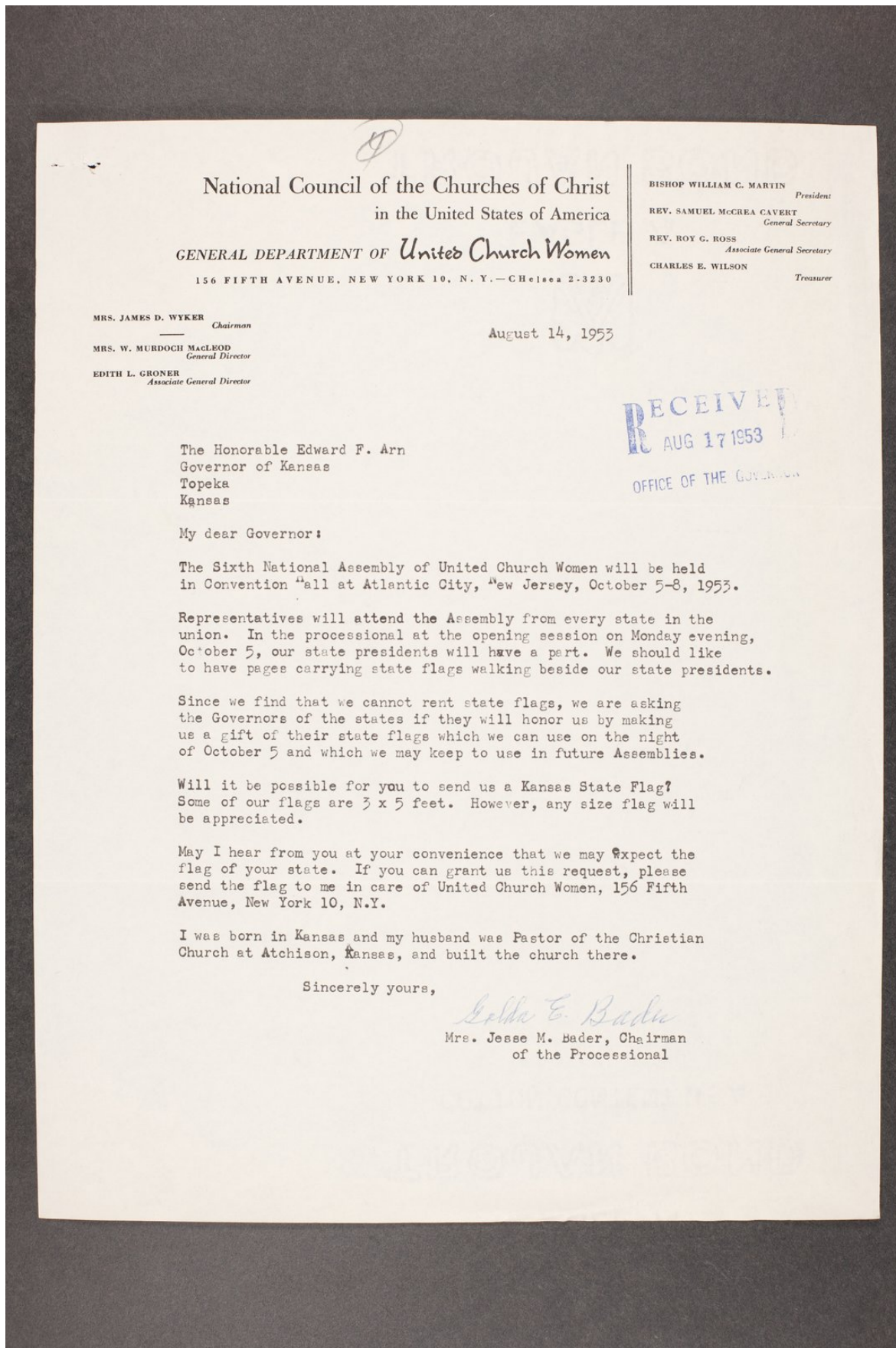
With every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

WALTER R. GAGE, JR.

WRG:cmr

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December 8, 1953

Mr. John Breidenstein
8467 Vorhees Lane
Rossmoynne, Ohio

Dear Mr. Breidenstein:

Thank you for your letter of November 27, 1953, to Governor Edward F. Arn, which has been referred to me for reply.

The Kansas State Legislature does not provide funds for the free distribution of the State Flag; however, in the last session of the State Legislature they provided for the Secretary of State to purchase the State Flag in quantity and sell same at cost to various organizations and individuals desiring to purchase the flag.

It is my understanding that these flags sell for the following prices:

<u>Cotton Material</u>		<u>Rayon Material</u>	
2 ft X 5 ft	\$11.50	3 ft X 5 ft	\$30.00
3 ft X 5 ft	\$19.00	4 ft. X 6 ft	\$46.00
4 ft X 6 ft	\$25.00		

Lustresheen Material

12 in X 18 in \$3.25

With every good wish, I remain

Sincerely,

Walter R. Gage, Jr.

WRG:PAC

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November 27, 1953

His Excellency
Governor Edward F. Arn
Topeka, Kansas

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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Dear Sir,

I am writing you on behalf
of my history teacher who has assigned
each one in my room a state in which
to get it's flag.

With these flags he hopes
to make a history room containing
the flags as well as other historical
data.

Enclosed you will find a
stamped self-addressed envelope which
I hope you will use for sending me
a reply on a Kansas State Flag.

Very truly yours,
John Breidenstein
John Breidenstein

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December 10, 1953

Pfc. William H. White
Co. C, 434th Engr. Const. Bn.
APO 973
c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

Dear Pfc. White:

Thank you for your letter of November 27, 1953 to Governor Edward F. Arn, which has been referred to me for reply.

The Kansas State Legislature does not provide funds for the free distribution of the State Flag; however, in the last session of the State Legislature they provided for the Secretary of State to purchase the State Flag in quantity and sell same at cost to various organizations and individuals desiring to purchase the flag.

It is my understanding that these flags sell for the following prices:

<u>Cotton Material</u>	<u>Rayon Material</u>	<u>Lustresheen Material</u>
2 ft X 5 ft \$11.50	3 ft X 5 ft \$30.00	12 in X 18 in \$3.25
3 ft X 5 ft \$19.00	4 ft X 6 ft \$46.00	
4 ft X 6 ft \$25.00		

I am happy to enclose a couple of post cards which bear the State Flag for your use. If this office or the office of the Secretary of State could be of any further assistance to you in obtaining a State Flag, do not hesitate to call upon us.

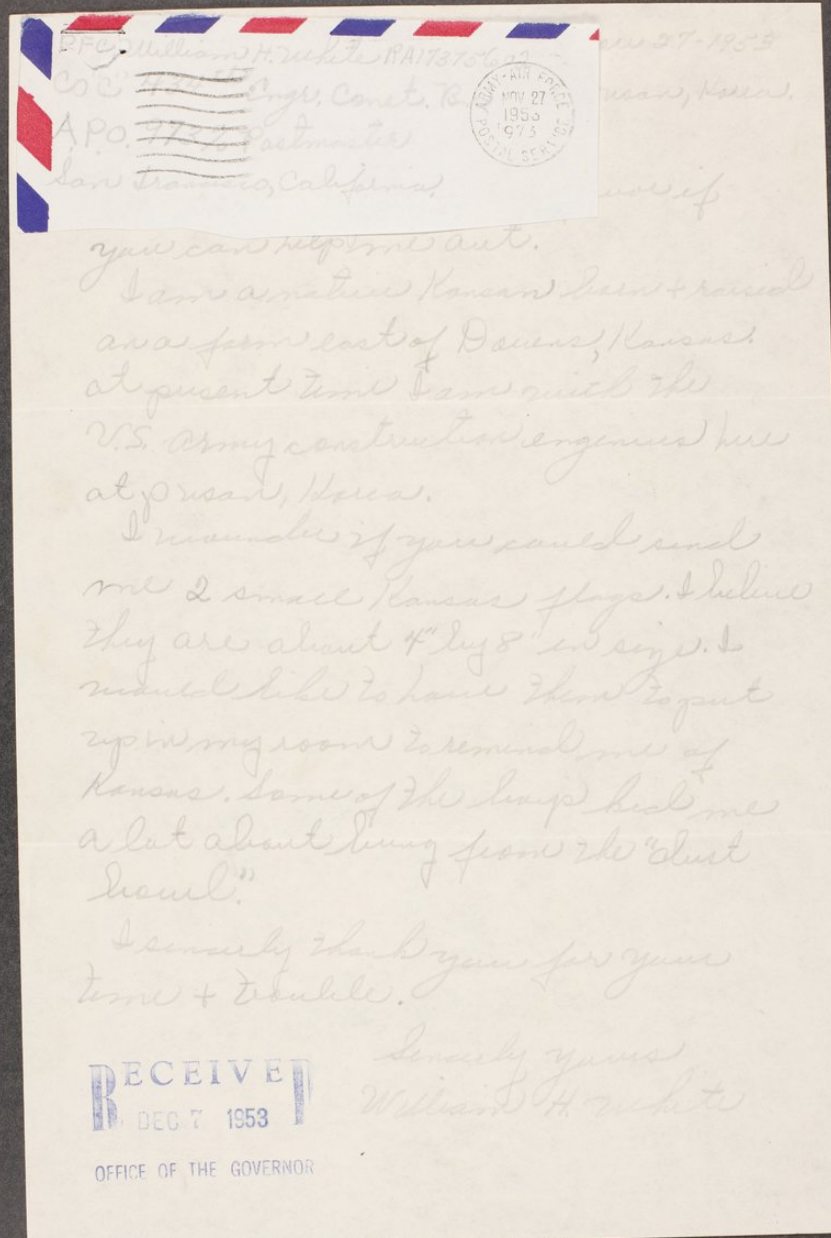
With every good wish, I remain

Sincerely,

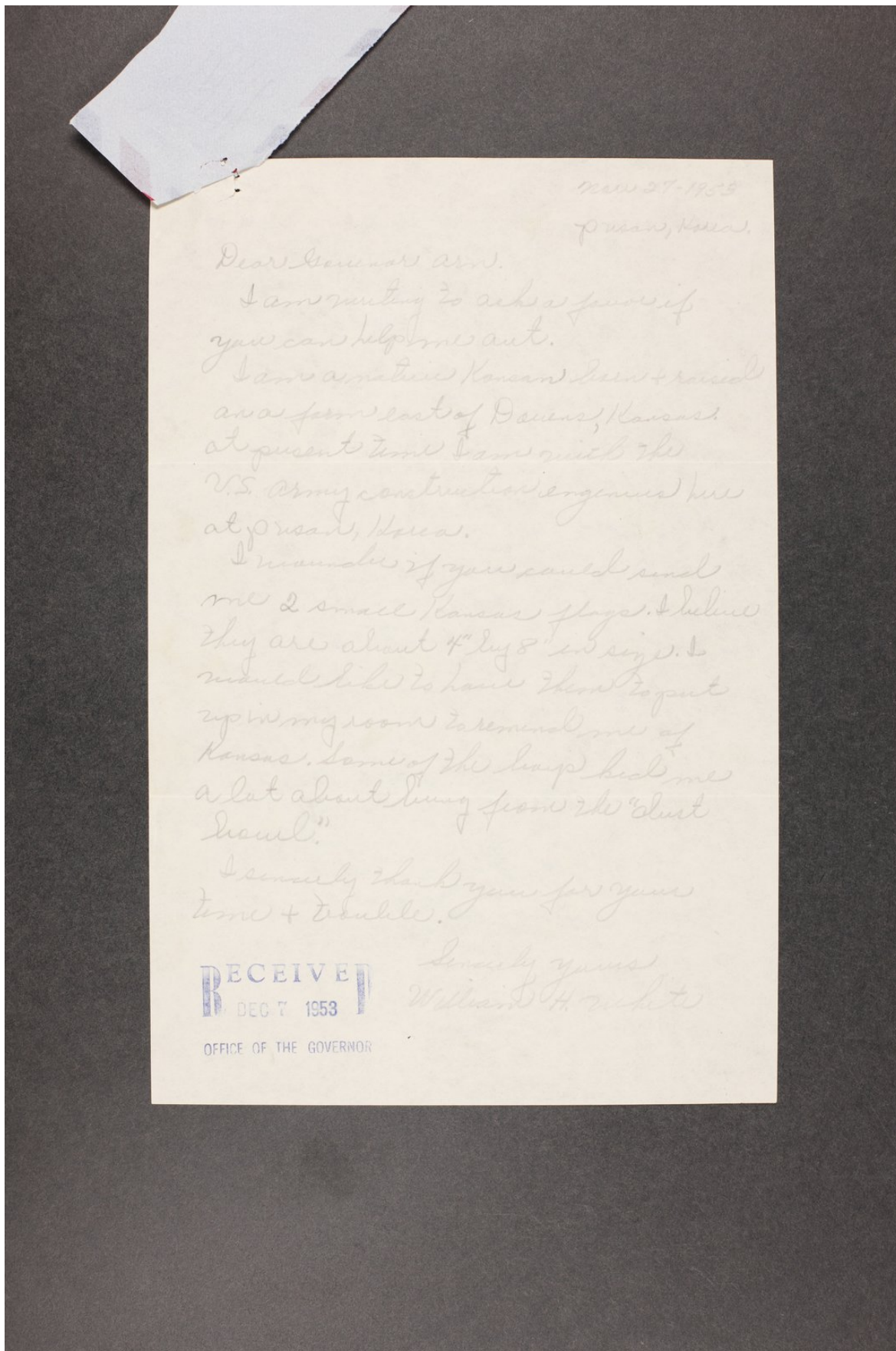
Walter R. Gage, Jr.

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December 21, 1953

Miss Camilla Tucker
R.R. 2
Grafton, West Virginia

Dear Miss Tucker:

Thank you for your card of recent date regarding a Kansas State Flag.

The Kansas State Legislature does not provide funds for the free distribution of the State Flag; however, in the last session of the State Legislature they provided for the Secretary of State to purchase the State Flag in quantity and sell same at cost to various organizations and individuals desiring to purchase the flag.

It is my understanding that these flags sell for the following prices:

<u>Cotton Material</u>	<u>Rayon Material</u>
2 ft. X 5 ft. \$11.50	3 ft. X 5 ft. \$30.00
3 ft. X 5 ft. \$19.00	4 ft. X 6 ft. \$46.00
4 ft. X 6 ft. \$25.00	

Lustresheen Material

12 in. X 18 in. \$3.25

We are enclosing a post card bearing a picture of the State Flag for your use.

With every good wish, I remain

Sincerely,

Walter R. Gage, Jr.

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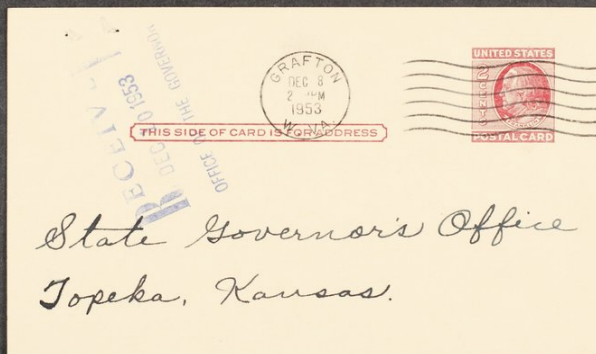
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My "Hobby" is Flags.
I have quite a few.
Would appreciate
a miniature one,
of cloth, from
your State,
To add to my
collection too.

Thanks,
|||||
Camilla Zucker
R#2 Grafton,
West Virginia.

member
"Meadland Hawks"
4-H Club of
Taylor County.

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*State
Flag*

January 13, 1954

Major Raymond E. Wantz
40th Replacement Company
40th Infantry Division
APO 6
c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

Dear Major Wantz:

Thank you for your letter of December 17, 1953, regarding obtaining a state flag for your display. The State Legislature has never made funds available for the free distribution of the state flag; however, in the last session of the legislature they did authorize the Secretary of State to purchase the state flag in quantity lots and sell same to interested individuals and or organizations at a cost price.

For your information I am enclosing the prices for the various sizes of the state flag. I am also enclosing a post card which bears the state flag. If you should desire to obtain one of these flags, I would suggest that you contact the Secretary of State for this purpose.

Cotton Material

2ft. X 5ft.	\$11.50
3ft. X 5ft.	\$19.00
4ft. X 6ft.	\$25.00

Rayon Material

3ft. X 5ft.	\$30.00
4ft. X 6ft.	\$46.00

Lustresheen Material

12 in. X 18 in.	\$3.25
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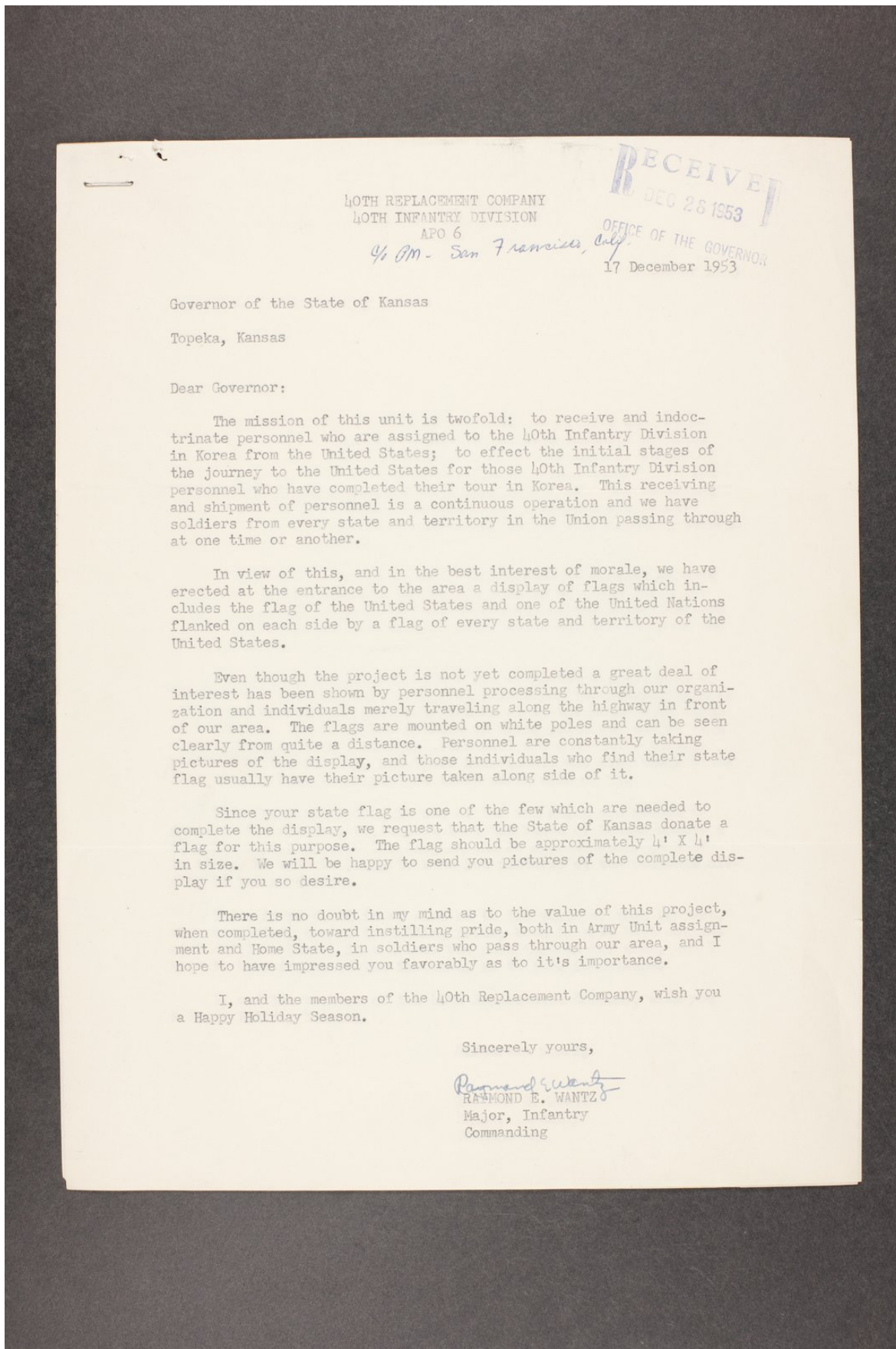
With every good wish, I remain

Sincerely,

Walter R. Gage, Jr.

WRG:PAC
Enc.

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40TH REPLACEMENT COMPANY
40TH INFANTRY DIVISION
APO 6

17 December 1953

Governor of the State of Kansas

Topeka, Kansas

Dear Governor:

The mission of this unit is twofold: to receive and indoctrinate personnel who are assigned to the 40th Infantry Division in Korea from the United States; to effect the initial stages of the journey to the United States for those 40th Infantry Division personnel who have completed their tour in Korea. This receiving and shipment of personnel is a continuous operation and we have soldiers from every state and territory in the Union passing through at one time or another.

In view of this, and in the best interest of morale, we have erected at the entrance to the area a display of flags which includes the flag of the United States and one of the United Nations flanked on each side by a flag of every state and territory of the United States.

Even though the project is not yet completed a great deal of interest has been shown by personnel processing through our organization and individuals merely traveling along the highway in front of our area. The flags are mounted on white poles and can be seen clearly from quite a distance. Personnel are constantly taking pictures of the display, and those individuals who find their state flag usually have their picture taken along side of it.

Since your state flag is one of the few which are needed to complete the display, we request that the State of Kansas donate a flag for this purpose. The flag should be approximately 4' X 4' in size. We will be happy to send you pictures of the complete display if you so desire.

There is no doubt in my mind as to the value of this project, when completed, toward instilling pride, both in Army Unit assignment and Home State, in soldiers who pass through our area, and I hope to have impressed you favorably as to its importance.

I, and the members of the 40th Replacement Company, wish you a Happy Holiday Season.

Sincerely yours,

RAYMOND E. WANTZ
Major, Infantry
Commanding

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January 15, 1954

Miss Helen Harrison
Secretary, TWIBKSI DOM
The Foreign Service of the United States of America
Belgrade, Yugoslavia

Dear Miss Harrison:

Thank you for your letter of December 28, 1953, in regard to securing a miniature state flag. The Kansas State Legislature has never provided funds for the free distribution of the state flag; however, in the last session of the State Legislature they provided for the Secretary of State to purchase the state flag in quantity and sell same at cost to various organizations and individuals desiring to purchase the flag. The prices of these flags are as follows:

<u>Cotton Material</u>		<u>Rayon Material</u>	
2 ft. X 5 ft.	\$11.50	3 ft. X 5 ft.	\$30.00
3 ft. X 5 ft.	\$19.00	4 ft. X 6 ft.	\$46.00
4 ft. X 6 ft.	\$25.00		

Lustresheen Material

12 in. X 18 in. \$3.25

I am happy to enclose herewith, a post card which bears a picture of the State Flag.

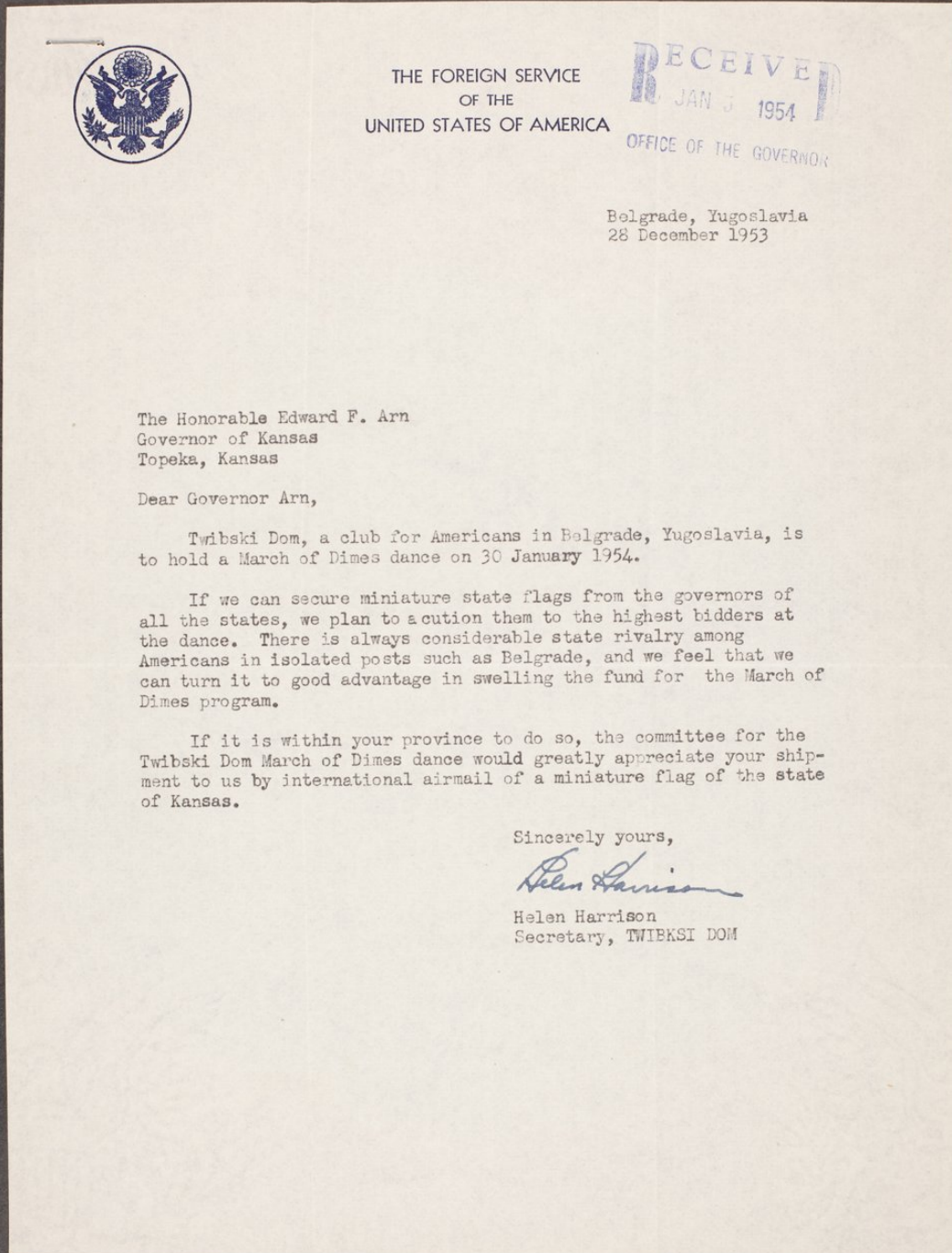
With every good wish, I remain

Sincerely,

Walter R. Gage, Jr.

WRG:PAC
Enc.

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January 16, 1954

Lt. Colonel Zebulon L. Strickland, Jr.
Commanding Officer
Headquarters, 552d AAA Gun Bn.
APO 46
c/o P.M.
New York, New York

Dear Colonel Strickland:

Thank you for your letter of December 22, 1953, to Governor Edward F. Arn, which has been referred to me for reply.

The Governor sincerely appreciates receiving your recent letter and asked that I personally express his sincere best wishes to all of you.

In answer to your inquiry regarding a State Flag, I would like to advise that the State Legislature has never made available funds for the free distribution of the State Flag; however, during the last session of the Legislature, they did authorize the Secretary of State to purchase the State Flag in quantity lots and sell same at a cost price only to organizations and individuals desiring same. These flags and their respective prices are as follows:

<u>Cotton Material</u>		<u>Lustresheen Material</u>	<u>Rayon Material</u>	
2ft X 5ft	\$11.50	12in X 18in	\$3.25	3ft X 5ft \$30.00
3ft X 5ft	\$19.00			4ft X 6ft \$46.00
4ft X 6ft	\$25.00			

If you are interested in purchasing one of these flags, we would be most happy to have you contact the office of the Secretary of State regarding your order. It is my understanding that the above prices includes any mailing cost which might be incurred.

I am enclosing for your use a post card which bears the State Flag.

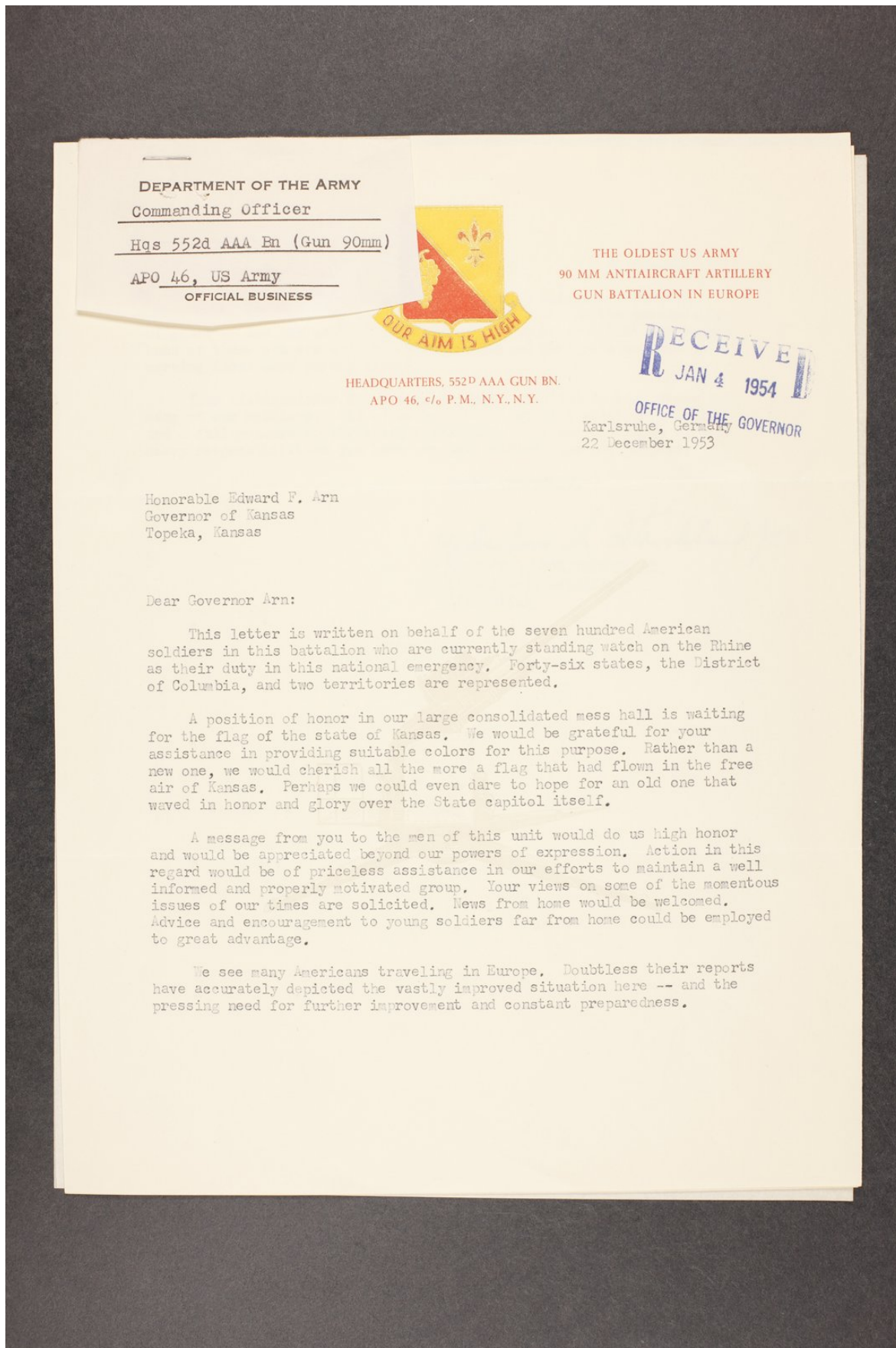
With every good wish, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Walter R. Gage, Jr.
Assistant Secretary to the Governor

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BATTLE HONORS WORLD WAR II
NORMANDY · NORTHERN FRANCE
RHINELAND · ARDENNES-ALSACE
CENTRAL EUROPE



HEADQUARTERS, 552^D AAA GUN BN.
APO 46, c/o P.M., N.Y., N.Y.

THE OLDEST US ARMY
90 MM ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY
GUN BATTALION IN EUROPE

RECEIVED
JAN 4 1954

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
Karlsruhe, Germany
22 December 1953

Honorable Edward F. Arn
Governor of Kansas
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Governor Arn:

This letter is written on behalf of the seven hundred American soldiers in this battalion who are currently standing watch on the Rhine as their duty in this national emergency. Forty-six states, the District of Columbia, and two territories are represented.

A position of honor in our large consolidated mess hall is waiting for the flag of the state of Kansas. We would be grateful for your assistance in providing suitable colors for this purpose. Rather than a new one, we would cherish all the more a flag that had flown in the free air of Kansas. Perhaps we could even dare to hope for an old one that waved in honor and glory over the State capitol itself.

A message from you to the men of this unit would do us high honor and would be appreciated beyond our powers of expression. Action in this regard would be of priceless assistance in our efforts to maintain a well informed and properly motivated group. Your views on some of the momentous issues of our times are solicited. News from home would be welcomed. Advice and encouragement to young soldiers far from home could be employed to great advantage.

We see many Americans traveling in Europe. Doubtless their reports have accurately depicted the vastly improved situation here -- and the pressing need for further improvement and constant preparedness.

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Honorable Edward F. Arn

22 December 1953

We wish that every American would see the diligent attention given by our forces, and those of our NATO allies, to the preservation of peace -- and the protection of freedom. We believe that our people know of these matters and that they understand the pride we have in serving these most worthy causes.

Your distinguished service as a public official is well known to many of our soldiers. All of us hope that you will enjoy good health and a full measure of enriching experiences. In the discharge of your heavy responsibilities you have our best wishes, and our prayers.

Yours sincerely,

Zebulon L. Strickland Jr.
ZEBULON L. STRICKLAND, JR.
Lt Colonel, Artillery
Commanding