

February 4, 1918

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The Provost Marshal General,

Washington, D. C.

My dear General Crowder:

I have to advise you that letters, with the facsimile signatures of the President and yourself, have received my signature and have been forwarded to the members of local and divisional boards, expressing appreciation of their services in the administration of the Selective Service Law, in accordance with instructions contained in your letter of December 15, 1917.

Very truly yours,

Governor

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Commander H. G. Kuenzli,  
Chief of Staff, U. S. Navy Yard,  
Bremerton, Washington,

Sir:

May I ask you to forward to this office one-half dozen  
blank forms of application for examination for commission or  
warrant in the United States Naval Reserve force?

Yours very truly,

Governor

February 4, 1918

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Mr. J. M. Hanna,

Atlin, B. C.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 3, in which you state that you are an American citizen and are anxious to enlist in the United States Aviation Service, and ask for such information as I may be able to furnish you with respect thereto.

In reply I have to advise you that I believe you should write the Secretary of War, Washington, D. C., offering your services in that capacity and the Secretary of War can refer your application to the proper authority.

Yours very truly,

Governor

Juneau, February 7, 1918. O B and mail from Hulato.

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Albrecht,

Iditarod.

Reference your message sixth following appointments to membership on council  
defense for Iditarod and Flat supersede those previously made Geo. W. Albrecht,  
C. R. Peck, Chas. E. Taylor, Theo. Holsten, J. J. Murdock, J. Wilson Reed and  
C. P. Wood.

STRONG, Governor.

  
Secretary to the Governor.

Juneau, Feb. 11, 1918. O. B.

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Council Defense,

FAIRBANKS.

Your telegram seventh referred Provost Marshal General for decision. Will advise his reply.

STRONG, Governor.

  
Secretary to Governor.

February 11, 1918.

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Hon. J. B. Marshall,  
Secretary, Territorial Council of Defense,  
Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Judge:

Herewith is a list of members of the Iditarod and Flat branch of the Territorial Council of Defense, named by the Governor on the 7th instant to take the place of the members whose names appear in the printed circular letter of November 25, 1917, copy of which is enclosed for convenient reference. The change in the personnel of the Iditarod-Flat branch was made upon telegraphic suggestion of Mr. Geo. W. Albrecht.

IDITAROD-FLAT BRANCH,  
Territorial Council of Defense.

Geo. W. Albrecht  
C. H. Peck  
Chas. E. Taylor  
Thos. McMahon  
J. J. Murdock  
J. Wilson Hood  
C. P. Wood

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Juneau, February 13, 1918. O B.

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Daly, Secretary Council Defense,

NOME.

Your telegram eleventh. Please advise E. E. Adams, John Hanner and Frank Kiscala that they have been appointed members Nome branch Territorial Council Defense.

STRONG, Governor.

~~SECRETARY TO GOVERNOR.~~

Juneau, Feb. 14, 1918. O. B.

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Frank B. Hall,

FAIRBANKS.

Fairbanks home guard will be allowed seventy five dollars per month account rent of hall for drilling purposes until further notice. Many other demands upon appropriation from various Alaska towns, necessitating economy.

STRONG, Governor.

  
Secretary to Governor.

Juneau, Feb. 19, 1918 O. B.

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A. Christensen,

Anchorage

You are authorized take temporary charge supplies issued by Ordnance  
Department for use Anchorage Home Guard and Loyal League.

STRONG, Governor

Secretary

Juneau, Feb. 21, 1918. ~~Mr. Pedersen~~ O. B.

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L. H. Pedersen,

Skagway.

Shall be glad to endorse your application for chaplaincy.

STRONG, Governor.

Secretary to the Governor.

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Juneau, Alaska, February 21, 1918. OB. JTH.

Munley, District Attorney,  
Valdez.

Reference your telegram twentieth instant period. In view of Selective Service Regulations comma, section one hundred one and note one Changes Number two comma, notice signed William E Britt appeared local paper January twenty-second not deemed open to charge of violation of espionage act period. However letters written and notices published elsewhere may be more radical period. Please immediately furnish this office copies of any notices which may have been printed there comma, and copies of any letters which have been brought to your attention comma, and advise as to names and addresses of persons furnishing information period. Upon receipt this data rigid investigation will be made period.

STRONG, Governor.

Captain, Inf., USR.,  
Executive Officer.

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Junesu, Feb. 26, 1918. Nite Letter Collect.

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Dr. O. J. Keating,

Seward.

Recommendation your appointment gone forward to Surgeon General and you will  
no doubt be advised as to result in due course.

STRONG.

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Juneau, February 26, 1918. Nite Govt. Paid CASH.

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Adjutant General,

WASHINGTON.

I understand that Reverend L. H. Pedersen of Skagway, Alaska has filed application for appointment as army chaplain and wish to state that he is eminently qualified for such position in every way.

STRONG, Governor.

  
Secretary to the Governor.

February 29, 1918

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The Surgeon General,  
United States Army,  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I am requested by Mr. O. J. Keating, D. D. S., of Seward, Alaska, to offer his services to the Government as a dentist in the Dental Corps, with the rank of at least a lieutenant.

I am not advised as to the proper method of procedure in matters of this kind, and I have to respectfully request that should the application of Mr. Keating be considered favorably, your department communicate directly with him at Seward, Alaska.

In behalf of Doctor Keating, I may say that he is a man of high standing as a dentist, and his character and reputation are all that could be desired. Doctor Keating is now a member of the Alaska Dental Board, where he has given the greatest satisfaction.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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February 28, 1918

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The Adjutant General,  
United States Army,  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I am advised by Mr. W. T. Tolch, of Thane, Alaska, that he is desirous of offering his services to his country in this time of stress and trouble; and I want to say for Mr. Tolch, that I have known him for a number of years past as an earnest, sincere and patriotic American citizen, although of German birth and education. Mr. Tolch advises me that he has resided in the United States for 17 years, and, from a somewhat close acquaintance with him, I have no hesitation in saying that his professions of patriotism and loyalty to his adopted country are sincerely genuine and not assumed in any particular. I, therefore, have no hesitation in recommending Mr. Tolch for such service as may be assigned to him, should he succeed in his desire. He is a man of education and of splendid ability and would, in my opinion, render faithful service in any position to which he might be assigned.

Respectfully,

Governor

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March 1, 1910

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Dr. W. P. Kirby,  
General Delivery,  
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of information from the Surgeon-General,  
United States Army, Washington, that will be of interest to  
you. Will you please call at the Governor's office at your  
earliest convenience?

Yours very truly,

Governor

March 2, 1918

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Mr. W. C. Sheridan,

Sitka, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a letter received recently from the Adjutant General, relative to your application to serve in the infantry branch of the army, which is self-explanatory.

Yours very truly,

Governor

March 2, 1918

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Rev. L. H. Pederson,  
Skagway, Alaska

My dear Mr. Pederson:

Permit me to express the hope that your application for appointment as army chaplain will be granted. I am sure that no better appointment to the army could be made, as you are, in every way, fitted to render splendid service to your country. On receipt of your telegram, I wired the Adjutant General, a copy of which telegram has been already forwarded to you. This telegram was in the nature of official business, for which there is no charge.

With very best wishes, I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor

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March 4, 1918

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Mr. Grant Reed,

McCarthy, Alaska

Dear Sir:

You are hereby advised that you have been appointed a member of the Alaska Council of Defense for the McCarthy precinct. I trust that you will find your way clear to accept this appointment, as I am satisfied that your service would be valuable to the Council as a whole during these strenuous times.

Yours very truly,

Governor

March 6, 1918

99-29

Mr. Thomas G. White,  
Katalla, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of February 14, in which you advise that you would be pleased to serve as a member of the Katalla Council of Defense.

In reply I have to advise that you are herewith appointed a member of the Territorial Council of Defense for Katalla, and this will be your authority for serving on that Council.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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March 6, 1918

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Mr. J. L. Waller,  
Secretary, Council of Defense,  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Mr. Walker:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 11, which I have read with much interest, and I want to say right at the start that I share your opinion upon the matters which you discuss therein. I entirely agree with you that Mr. Sulzer's bill to extend the Farm Loan Act to Alaska will be of small use to any farmer of the Territory, for the good and sufficient reason that very few as yet have secured title to their entry, and have no security to offer.

I note, with regret, that the ranchers in your section are unable to dispose of their potatoes. This is discouraging, indeed, and does not tend to promote agricultural development. I believe that the Government could well afford to establish stock farms in the Matanuska and Tanana valleys, and I believe that this can be brought about in the course of time, if the people will present their case clearly to the Government and to the Congress.

I note what you say with reference to Swedes and Germans, and regret that such a condition exists at Anchorage, but it exists all over the United States, and we have the disloyal

among us. Fortunately, however, I think that the record of Alaska up to this time, in this war, is exceedingly good. Here in Juneau, while, no doubt, there are people of pre-German sympathies, they are exceedingly careful not to express them, so far as I have been able to learn, and I have endeavored to keep a close watch upon the actions of any who might be suspected.

In this connection, it is impossible for me to appropriate any stated sum from the fund at the disposal of the Governor, although it can be used for purposes connected with the work of the Council. Payments, however, must be made by vouchers issued by the local Council and approved by this office. The fund is not large, however, and there are many demands upon it. Please advise this office as to what amount could be advantageously used under the direction of your Council.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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March 6, 1918

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Miss Hanita Friedenthal,  
The American Red Cross,  
Northwestern Division,  
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Madam:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 26th ultimo, in which you state that the Bureau of Civilian Relief of the Northwestern Division of the American Red Cross is interested in making a study of child welfare within the Territory of its jurisdiction; and you ask to be supplied with laws and all material that we may have that touch on the child problem in Alaska.

In reply I have to state that the laws relating to child welfare in this Territory are exceedingly limited, and such as we have are directed to the care of delinquent children. There has been no program inaugurated, so far as I am advised, for the studying of the child problem in Alaska. It goes without saying that this is a matter which is of interest to the people of this Territory.

Very truly yours,

Governor

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March 12, 1918

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Mr. F. E. Ryus, Secretary,  
Territorial Council of Defense,  
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 5, in which you state that the Ketchikan Home Guard, recently organized, is composed of fifty men, not including the three officers, that the interest displayed is good and that the attendance is splendid. I trust that this interest may be sustained.

In accordance with your request, I have this day made a requisition for equipment for fifty men, as provided for under the act of June 14, 1917. The Chief of Ordnance has been directed to forward the equipment to the Ketchikan Home Guard, in care of the Governor of Alaska, Ketchikan. You are advised that no doubt several weeks will elapse before this equipment will be received, owing to the congestion in the War Department.

It is also noted that you have arranged for the use of the Moose Hall one night each week, for a monthly rental of \$12 and \$1 per hour for extra drilling on other occasions. Payment of this rental will be made from the Territorial fund upon the presentation of properly attested vouchers.

Yours very truly,

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Governor

March 12, 1918

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Mr. F. E. Ryus, Secretary,  
Territorial Council of Defense,  
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of March 7, in which you state that Captain M. S. Dobbs of Ketchikan, commander of the Home Guard, had requested you to communicate with me for the purpose of securing, if possible, three copies of "Manual of Military Training," by Major James A. Moss.

In reply I have to advise you that I am communicating with the Adjutant General, U. S. A., Washington, as to the proper drill manuals and how they may be acquired, of the result of which you will be advised in due course.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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March 12, 1918

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The Adjutant General, U. S. A.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Due to the organization of home guards at various towns in Alaska, under the provisions of the act approved June 14, 1917, this office is in receipt of numerous inquiries as to where and how copies of recognized drill manuals may be procured. Among those inquired for is the Manual of Military Training, by Major James A. Moss. May I ask to be advised as to how these manuals may be procured and at what cost, so that the commanders of the different home guards may be advised?

Yours very truly,

Governor

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March 14, 1918

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The Chief of Ordnance  
War Department,  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I hereby make application for arms and equipment for the Sitka Home Guard, Sitka, Alaska, organized under the act of June 14, 1917, for the protection of public property at Sitka, such property consisting of government and Territorial buildings, a wireless station, etc.

The total number of guards is 80 and the number that can be actually employed on guard duty at any one time is estimated at fifty. J. B. McNulty is the commanding officer, and I am advised that this body is receiving regular military instruction from a competent person.

I, therefore, request that fifty rifles, 800 rounds of ammunition, 50 cartridge belts, 50 haversacks and fifty canteens be issued for the purposes of the Sitka Home Guard. This equipment should be consigned to the Sitka Home Guards, in care of the Governor of Alaska, Sitka, Alaska.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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March 12, 1918

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The Chief of Ordnance,  
War Department,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Under the provisions of the act of Congress approved June 14, 1917, entitled, "An Act to authorize the issue to States and Territories and the District of Columbia, of rifles and other property for the equipment of organizations of home guards," I have to request that there be issued to the organization known as the Ketchikan Home Guard, Ketchikan, Alaska, which has an enrollment of 53 men, a supply of rifles and ammunition, cartridge belts, haversacks and canteens, as follows:

50 rifles  
150 rounds of ammunition  
50 cartridge belts  
50 canteens  
50 haversacks

or in such other amounts as available supplies will permit.

This organization is receiving regular military instruction and its commanding officer is M. S. Debbe.

The equipment should be addressed to the Ketchikan Home Guard, in care of the Governor of Alaska, Ketchikan, Alaska.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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March 12, 1918

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I have known the bearer of this letter, Mr. T. T. Walkinshaw, for a number of years and it affords me great pleasure to testify to his loyalty, patriotism and ability.

Mr. Walkinshaw is desirous of serving his country in some capacity at this time, believing that he can render excellent service, though not eligible for enlistment under the Selective Service Law. Mr. Walkinshaw has had a large experience in building and engineering, and I feel confident that if his services can be utilized in either or both of these lines, he will render an excellent account of himself in any position in which he may be placed and which he may be competent to fill.

I am writing this letter because I believe that men of Mr. Walkinshaw's large experience and ability are especially required at this time in the service of their country.

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March 12, 1918

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Mr. T. T. Walkinshaw,  
1521 West 45th street,  
Los Angeles, Cal.

My dear Mr. Walkinshaw:

I have your letter of February 3, which reached me but recently, owing to our uncertain mail facilities, which seem to be very poor this winter, much poorer than usual for this season. In reply to your request, I am enclosing a letter addressed "To Whom it May Concern," which I trust may be of some service to you.

I hope that your ambition to serve your country will be realized, and with very best wishes, I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor

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March 12, 1918

99-31

The Quartermaster General,  
United States Quartermaster Corps,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith the application of Robert H. Romig, of Seward, Alaska, for a position in the Quartermaster Corps, U. S. A., together with other communications relative thereto.

It will be noted that Mr. Romig is not subject to the operation of the Selective Service Law, having attained his majority during January of this year; but inasmuch as he is anxious to be of service to his country in this time of stress and storm, it gives me great pleasure to recommend the favorable consideration of his application. Mr. Romig was born and raised in Alaska. He is a young man of splendid ability and of the strictest integrity, and I am sure that he would render faithful service in any position to which he might be assigned.

Yours very truly,

Governor

Encs.

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Juneau, March 12, 1918 O. B.

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F. B. Hall, President,  
Fairbanks Home Guard,  
Fairbanks

Please wire to this office the name of commanding officer your home guard, total number of guards, number actually employed for guard duty and actual number that may be employed for guard duty any one time; whether they are receiving regular military instruction and how often. This information necessary before arms and ammunition can be supplied.

STRONG, Governor

Secretary

March 12, 1918

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Major C. B. Sapp,  
Captain, Anchorage Loyal League,  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith a questionnaire which you are required to answer and forward direct to the Supply Division of the Ordnance Department, Washington, D. C.

This questionnaire is for the attention of the commanding officers of those organizations having the character of state police or constabulary and such other organizations as may be organized under the direction of the governors of the several states and Territories, or other troops or militias.

It is respectfully requested that this matter be given your prompt attention.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Capt. J. J. Ryan.  
Seward Military Unit,  
Seward, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith a questionnaire which you are required to answer and forward direct to the Supply Division of the Ordnance Department, Washington, D. C.

This questionnaire is for the attention of the commanding officers of those organizations having the character of state police or constabulary and such other organizations as may be organized under the direction of the governors of the several states and territories, or other state troops or militias.

It is respectfully requested that this matter be given your prompt attention.

Yours very truly,

Governor

March 12, 1918

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Captain Thomas Dwyer,  
Anchorage Home Guards,  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith a questionnaire which you are required to answer and forward direct to the Supply Division of the Ordnance Department, Washington, D. C.

This questionnaire is for the attention of the commanding officers of those organizations having the character of state police or constabulary and such other organizations as may be organized under the direction of the several states and territories and the District of Columbia, or other state troops or militias.

It is respectfully requested that this matter be given your prompt attention.

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

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March 12, 1918

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Alaska Council of Defense,

Sitka, Alaska

Gentlemen:

With reference to your telegram of February 19, stating that you had perfected an organization of 80 men in your town and requesting at least fifty rifles, I have to advise you that before a requisition can go forward to the Ordnance Department for the necessary equipment, this office must have the following information: Date company organized; original strength, present strength, average age of members, names of company officers, residence, occupation and previous military training. To this should be added a brief description of the character of duties to be performed by your home guard, such as guarding government property, etc.

Upon receipt of this information, a requisition for the equipment necessary will be forwarded, under the act of Congress authorizing the organization and equipment of home guards.

Yours very truly,

Governor

March 13, 1918.

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Mr. F. A. J. Gillman,

Secretary Douglas Branch of  
Territorial Council of Defense,

Douglas, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th instant, enclosing bills covering expenses incurred by the Douglas branch of the Territorial Council of Defense.

The Governor directs me to inquire as to certain of these bills, which do not contain all the information desired in passing upon them.

The bill of H. E. Murray, covering 4 days' service as "census taker", amount \$20, does not show for what purpose the census was taken. It is requested that you kindly advise at whose request the census was taken, for what purpose, and to whom the information secured was delivered for use.

The same information is desired as to the bill of Wm. Stubbins, amount \$13.

As to the bill of L. S. Ferris, for one day's work taking U. S. Food Conservation Census, amount \$5, please advise if this was done at the request of the Territorial Food Administration Office, in charge of Hon. R. A. Gunnison.

The bill of the Douglas Island News covers 1500 census blanks, at \$9.00. Kindly submit a sample of the blank or blanks, and advise for what purpose they were used; that is, as to why the census was taken.

As to the bill of David J. Kinzie, amount \$2.00, please advise what is the nature of the data compiled by Mr. Kinzie, and for whom intended.

You will readily understand that before vouchers can be prepared to cover bills submitted to this office, there must be at hand such information as will serve to protect the office from criticism. If personal funds were to be used for such items, the detail would not be so important, but when they are to be paid from public funds, of course the record should be clear. Please understand that this is said, not in criticism of the form of the bills as submitted, but merely to explain why further data is asked for. We follow the same rule as to all bills, whatever their nature and no matter from whom they come.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

March 13, 1918

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Captain J. J. Ryan,  
Seward Military Unit,  
Seward, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The matter of procuring drill manuals for the use of the Alaska home guards has been referred to the Adjutant General, Washington, D. C., and as soon as a reply is received from him, you will be advised in the matter.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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March 13, 1918

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Mr. F. Spengler,

Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I have your letter with reference to the formation of a National Guard in Alaska, stating that you had been contemplating the advisability of forming an engineer unit or petitioning the Secretary of War, through this office, to accept the services of an Alaska battalion of engineers.

In reply to your first query, I have to say that no steps have as yet been taken to complete the organization of a National Guard for the Territory. This was deemed advisable, pending the operation of the draft, as it was thought that many young men who would join the Guard, would almost immediately be drawn therefrom for active service in the National Army. Inasmuch as I expect to retire from office very soon, it is probable that my successor will perfect the organization of such a body in due course.

With reference to your second question about the formation of an Alaskan battalion of engineers, has not Colonel Neare this matter in hand? You no doubt have received full advice as to this, however.

Yours very truly,

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Governor

March 13, 1918

Dr. O. J. Keating,  
Seward, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of February 4, in which you state that through the Preparedness League of American Dentists, you have received an appointment to act as their director in Alaska, and you ask to be furnished with a list showing the location of the various draft boards in this Territory, also the number of men to appear before them.

In reply I have to advise you that I am enclosing a list of the various boards and other officials connected with the operation of the Selective Service Law in this Territory. Figures as to the number of men who will be asked to appear before the boards for examination, are not yet available.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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March 14, 1918

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The Adjutant General, U. S. A.,  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I am requested by Mr. George W. Albrecht, of Iditarod, Alaska, to offer his services to you in any way in which they may be best utilized in the present war. Mr. Albrecht advises me that he has passed the physical examination and can stand the test of the march as under 45.

I understand that he served during the Spanish-American War and that the War Department has his record. I have known Mr. Albrecht for a number of years and can vouch for his patriotism, loyalty and integrity.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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March 14, 1918

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The Secretary of the Interior,  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

For your information and for such action as you may see fit to take in the premises, I quote herewith the following resolution adopted by the Nome section of the Alaska Council of Defense:

"Whereas the rails on the Solomon River railroad are now being taken up for shipment to States at opening of navigation; and

"Whereas the removal of rails of the Nome-Kougarek Railroad is contemplated; and

"Whereas the tearing up of such railroads will be a great detriment to shipment of supplies and ore and mineral development

"Now, Therefore, Nome Council of National Defense request your influence with national government to prevent same."

Yours very truly,

Governor

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March 14, 1918

99-27.

Hon. Henry T. Ray,  
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Mr. Ray:

With further reference to your contribution to the Reeky Mountain Club-Hoover Fund for relief in Belgium, I am in receipt of a telegram from the Club as follows:

"Yours fourth received. Our acknowledgment September seventh, Mayor Fairbanks, evidently went astray wrote you the same day acknowledging contribution citizens iditarod drafts held pending return Colonel Thompson from Russia. Your endorsement should be sufficient guarantee mayor of Fairbanks as to genuineness our fund."

With best wishes, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor

March 15, 1918

99-29

Mr. Charles E. Taylor,  
Iditarod, Alaska

My dear Judge:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your several communications which reached me recently and which I have read with interest. I am glad to know that old Iditarod seems still to be on the map and prospering. I trust that your Council of Defense is doing good work, and I know that, under the direction of such men as yourself and other members of the Council, any emergency will be met in the proper manner.

I also note what you say with reference to the case of Ivan J. Andriannoff, which is satisfactory in all respects. I realize the slowness of mail and other means of communication, and this may account for some of the strange delays which seem to be inevitable.

As you know, I shall soon be relieved from the cares of the office---a condition that I do not view with distaste by any manner of means, and I shall welcome the time when I can lay down all official duties, taking with me perhaps few friends, but the consciousness that I have tried to give a fair and im-

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partial administration to all the people of this Territory.

With very best wishes; I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor

March 15, 1918

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Mr. George W. Albrecht,

Iditarod, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Some time since I forwarded your application for service to the Adjutant General, Washington, D. C., together with an endorsement of your application. Of course, I do not know what action will be taken thereon and, furthermore, if one may judge from past experience, considerable time may elapse before any reply is received thereto.

Yours very truly,

Governor

March 15, 1918

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Mr. Edward Harding,  
Chairman Executive Board,  
National Committee of Patriotic Societies,  
929 Southern Building,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have to thank you for your letter of March 1 and a copy  
of your article, "The Battle in this Country," which I have read  
with great interest, and which I am sure will be of incalculable  
benefit to the cause and the principles for which this country  
is now fighting.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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March 15, 1918

Mr. W. J. Beason, President,  
Alaska Labor Union,  
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of copy of resolutions adopted at a regular meeting of the Alaska Labor Union on the fifth inst., in which your Union tenders to the Governor of the Territory the services of members, individually and collectively, for a home guard organization, to be officered by men selected and appointed by the Governor.

In reply I have to thank you for the confidence expressed in myself, as well as the patriotic offer of the services of the members. It is needless, perhaps, for me to point out that at this time our country demands the fullest service from each and every individual if those immutable principles upon which this nation was founded and which have been found so beneficial to human rights and human liberty, are to be preserved in the future. The gravity of the present situation cannot be overestimated; and I believe that the union labor of Alaska, through all its acts since the outbreak of this war, has demonstrated its loyalty and fidelity to the Government. This is a time for united action, and there should be evident at all times an unflinching purpose

to serve the country at any sacrifice until that time, which it is to be hoped is not far distant, when democratic institutions and the rule of the people shall be vouchsafed to all civilized nations.

With best wishes for the success of your efforts in labor's cause and in behalf of the nation in this time of stress and storm, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor

March 15, 1918

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The Quartermaster General, U. S. A.,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I am transmitting herewith the application for appointment to the Quartermaster Corps, of Arvid G. Anderson, Seward, Alaska.

In support of this application, I have to say that Mr. Anderson has been highly recommended to me, and I believe that he would render excellent service to his country, provided that it is the policy of the Department to consider such applications at this time.

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

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March 16, 1918

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Mrs. F. S. Ryus, President,  
The Ladies' Friendly Society,  
Nenana, Alaska

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 4, in which you state that it is your understanding that this office is distributing both vegetable and flower seeds.

In reply I regret to state that you have been misinformed, as this office, at no time in its history, has had no vegetable or flower seeds for distribution, free or otherwise. It has been the custom for many years for members of Congress, who received vegetable and flower seeds from the Department of Agriculture, to distribute them among their constituents, and this perhaps led to the belief that such distribution was made through the Governor's office. It is possible that a supply of these could be secured through Mr. Sulzer.

Yours very truly,

Governor

March 19, 1918

Mr. W. P. Morton, National Secretary,  
Illustrious Order of American Patriots,  
New Bedford, Mass.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 5,  
with enclosures, in which you advise me that I, as Governor  
of Alaska, had been elected to honorary membership in your order.  
In reply I have to say that it gives me great pleasure to accept  
this honor, and with best wishes for your success, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

March 19, 1918

Mr. Charles C. Naughton,  
United States Commissioner,  
Katalla, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 12,  
with reference to certain matters connected with the Territorial  
branch of the Council of Defense, and its contents have been  
carefully noted.

The following additions have been made to the Council of  
Defense for Katalla: Charles C. Naughton, T. G. White, W. A.  
Eberly and Ben Durkee.

With best wishes for your success, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

March 19, 1918

99-31

Mr. J. Lindley Green,  
Seward, Alaska

My dear Judge:

With reference to the case of Doctor G. J. Keating, of which you wrote, I have to advise you that Doctor Keating's application went forward to the Department some time ago, but I have not been advised of any action in connection therewith. As you know, because of the great congestion of work in the various departments, it takes some time for one to receive a reply to a communication. I have no doubt, however, that Doctor Keating will be advised in due course.

With best wishes, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor

March 19, 1918

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Mr. Harry F. Morton,  
Chairman, Committee on Organization,  
Douglas, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of March 11, and in reply to your specific questions, I desire to state--

(1) There is but one copy of the act of Congress, authorizing the organization of home guards in this office, and I am, therefore, unable to furnish you with a copy.

(2) The Government does not undertake to furnish instructors for home guards, although it is possible that an instructor might be supplied from Fort William H. Seward upon payment of the cost of transportation and sustenance.

(3) Rifles, ammunition, canteens, haversacks and cartridge belts may be procured, the amount of equipment to be issued in every case being determined by giving due consideration to the needs of the service. No provision is made for the supplying of uniforms. Your application for arms and equipment must be made through the Governor of the Territory and submitted to the Chief of Ordnance, Washington, D. C.

The service to be performed by the home guards will be the protection of the property of the United States, or the protection of supplies in the course of manufacture for the United States,

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er the protection of transportation lines where necessary, including rights of way of railroads, bridges, etc. They must receive regular military instruction, and such portion as may be necessary shall be available at all times for duty.

(4) The law does not specify the strength of a company of home guards.

(5) Neither does the law specify any age limit, but it is to be assumed that those joining the home guards are in good physical condition.

Yours very truly,

Governor

March 21, 1918

99-31

The Director-General,  
United States Railroads,  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I am advised by Mr. R. W. Bruce, of Juneau, Alaska, that he is desirous of enlisting in the paymaster's department of the Quartermaster Corps, National Army; and it affords me pleasure to state that he is a young man of excellent ability and of the strictest integrity. Mr. Bruce has been employed in a local banking institution for the past two years, where, I understand, he has given every satisfaction.

I may be permitted to express the opinion that when the young men of our country come forward and voluntarily offer their services to their country in this time of stress, they should be given every encouragement, and I, therefore, unhesitatingly recommend Mr. Bruce, who I am sure would discharge every duty with which he might be entrusted, with energy, courage and fidelity.

Yours very truly,

March 31, 1918

99-29

Mr. Ben Durkee,

Katalla, Alaska

Dear Sir:

You are hereby appointed a member of the Alaska Council of Defense for Katalla.

Attached is a copy of a circular issued to those who were originally appointed to the Alaska Council of Defense. With a few additions and changes the list appearing on the last page of the circular is complete.

Yours very truly,

Governor

March 21, 1918

99-29

Mr. W. A. Eberly,

Katalla, Alaska

Dear Sir:

You are hereby appointed a member of the Alaska Council of Defense for Katalla.

Attached is a copy of a circular issued to those who were originally appointed to the Alaska Council of Defense. With a few additions and changes the list appearing on the last page of the circular is complete.

Yours very truly,

Governor

March 21, 1918

99-29

Mr. T. G. White,

Katalla, Alaska

Dear Sir:

You are hereby appointed a member of the Alaska Council of Defense for Katalla.

Attached is a copy of a circular issued to those who were originally appointed to the Alaska Council of Defense. With a few additions and changes the list appearing on the last page of the circular is complete.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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March 21, 1918

99-29

Mr. Charles C. Naughton,

Katalla, Alaska

Dear Sir:

You are hereby appointed a member of the Alaska Council of Defense for Katalla.

Attached is a copy of a circular issued to those who were originally appointed to the Alaska Council of Defense. With a few additions and changes the list appearing on the last page of the circular is complete.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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March 21, 1918

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Mr. C. A. Ryan, Secretary-Treasurer,  
World Peace Association,  
Northfield, Minn.

Dear Sir:

I have received your design of a flag emblem adopted by the World Peace Association as a means of helping to create world sentiment in favor of the establishment of world government.

I have to thank you for the emblem and wish you every success in your laudable enterprise.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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March 21, 1918

99-27

Mrs. Daisy Allen Story, President,  
National Emergency Relief Society,  
322 West 106th street,  
New York City

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 4,  
with reference to the work of the National Emergency Relief  
Society, in which you ask if I will serve on your advisory  
board.

In reply I have to thank you for the honor you would do  
me, but as I shall retire from office in a short time, I  
deem it inadvisable at this time to permit my name to be so  
used.

Assuring you of my great personal interest in your work,  
I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

March 21, 1918

Mr. J. B. Marshall,  
Secretary, Alaska Council of Defense,  
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith a letter from Mr. George Creel,  
Chairman of the Committee on Public Information, which is self-  
explanatory, for such action as the Alaska Council may see fit  
to take in the premises.

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

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March 21, 1918

99-29

Mr. H. V. Hoben,  
Seward, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter with reference to the members of the Territorial Council of Defense for Seward, I may say that I have read it carefully and, while I regret your indisposition to act as a member of the Seward body, of course your desire in the matter takes precedence. I appreciate fully that your position is not actuated by any lack of patriotic feeling, but that you feel it will be impossible for you to do the work you would like to while your local council is made up of such men as at present. Of course, you will readily understand that, in appointing members of the council, the appointments were made as carefully as possible. Manifestly it is impossible for me to know their political or other sentiments, but I endeavored to select those men who had been prominent in the affairs of their respective communities, and who therefore would naturally be supposed to possess the confidence of the majority of the people.

I wish to correct you in one particular only, namely, with respect to Mr. L. V. Ray, as chairman of the local council. This

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appointment was not made by me; as I understand it, he was elected by the members of the Seward Council. In no case have I appointed a chairman of a local council in any of the Alaska towns or communities.

I may express my regret over the conditions which you picture in your town, but I trust that the loyalty and patriotism of the citizenship at large will tend to overcome them.

Yours very truly

Governor

March 23, 1918

99-29

Honorable Julius Thompson,

Anchorage, Alaska

My dear Judge:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 25, in which you tender your resignation as a member of the Anchorage Council of Defense, and, in accordance with your suggestion, I have today appointed your son, Arthur G., as a member of the Council in your place.

I regret that owing to your health, you have found it advisable to resign, as I know that the benefit of your wise counsels would be appreciated at all times by your fellow-members, and especially so in this time of trouble, by which the nation at large is confronted.

Trusting that your health will improve with the coming of spring, I am

Sincerely yours,

Governor

March 23, 1918

99-29

Mr. J. L. Waller, Secretary,  
Local Council of Defense,  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 26, in which you state that your local branch of the Alaska Council of Defense has instructed you to call my attention to the vacancy caused by the resignation of Colonel F. Mears, and to suggest that the vacancy be filled.

In reply I have to advise you that I shall ask the Anchorage Council of Defense to suggest a member to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Colonel Mears.

I have also to advise that Mr. Arthur G. Thompson has been appointed a member of the Anchorage Council of Defense, vice Julius Thompson, resigned, on account of physical disability.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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March 23, 1918

99-29

Mr. Arthur G. Thompson,

Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

You are hereby notified that you have been appointed a member of the Anchorage branch of the Territorial Council of Defense, vice Julius Thompson, resigned. I trust that you will accept this appointment.

Yours very truly,

Governor

March 23, 1918

99-29

Hon. R. A. Gunnison,  
Food Administrator for Alaska,  
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith voucher of the Nenana branch of the Alaska Council of Defense, in favor of R. G. Southworth, for printing, which is self-explanatory.

I may add that the voucher shows that this expenditure was made for the use of the Food Administrator who was named by you and not for the use of the Council of Defense. Manifestly the Territory has no fund from which this voucher could be legally paid.

Yours very truly,

Governor

March 23, 1918

99-29

Mr. Howard P. Curtis,  
Treasurer Nenana Branch,  
Alaska Council of Defense,  
Nenana, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 19, together with vouchers for the expenses incurred by your council, amounting to \$51.50.

In reply I have to advise you that an examination of the forms accompanying the voucher shows that they are all for the use of the Food Administrator, Hon. R. A. Gunnison, Food Administrator for Alaska, and not for the use of the Council of Defense. This account should therefore be referred to Judge Gunnison, who I doubt not will see that the same is paid. You will readily understand that the Federal Food Administration is the work of the United States Government, and it has no connection with the Territory, whatsoever.

I have to advise you that there is a Territorial fund authorized by the Session Laws of Alaska, 1917, chapter 2, entitled, "An Act making provision for the defense of the Territory, and declaring an emergency to exist," and from this fund any necessary

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expenses incurred by your council, covered by this act, will be paid upon the presentation of properly certified vouchers to this office. This fund is to be expended under the direction of the Governor for the defense of the Territory and for military and other purposes connected therewith.

I shall, therefore, take the liberty of forwarding your voucher to Judge Gunnison for payment in order to save time and the delay which would be caused by returning the voucher to you.

Yours very truly,

Governor

March 23, 1918

99-29

Hon. R. A. Gunnison,  
Food Administrator for Alaska,  
Juneau

My dear Judge Gunnison:

I am enclosing herewith a letter from Mr. A. E. Light, a special employe for the suppression of the liquor traffic in the Fourth judicial division, with reference to the wastage of articles in the garbage pile at Fort Gibben and other premises in the Yukon River towns. The letter is forwarded to you at the request of Mr. Light, for such action as you may deem fit to take thereon.

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

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March 23, 1918

99-29

Mr. A. E. Light,

Ruby, Alaska

My dear Mr. Light:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 14, with specific reference to the garbage pile at Fort Gibbon which you say contains articles that might be utilized instead of being burned and destroyed as is the present custom.

In accordance with your request, I shall forward your letter to Hon. R. A. Gunnison, Food Administrator for Alaska, for such action as he may see fit to take thereon.

Yours very truly,

Governor

March 25, 1918

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The bearer of this letter, Mr. C. R. Neilon, has been a resident of this district for the past year and a half, during which time he has occupied a position of trust with the Alaska-Gastineau Mining Company at Thane, Alaska. Mr. Neilon recently attained his majority and is, therefore, not a registrant under the Selective Service law, but he is desirous of entering the service of his country and is about to leave Alaska for the purpose of enlisting, preferably in the United States Aviation Corps. He is of excellent physique, well educated, intelligent and practical, and I believe he is eminently fitted for the work above mentioned, and that if called to the service, he will give the best that is in him to the faithful discharge of all duties with which he may be entrusted.

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Juneau, March 26, 1918 O. B.

157-2

Frank B. Hall,

Fairbanks

As your home guard has been regularly organized and is receiving regular military instruction, you are authorized to perform services designated in act June fourteen, nineteen seventeen, namely, quote protection of property of United States, protection of supplies in course of manufacture for United States, or protection of transportation lines where necessary, including rights of way of railroads, bridges, etc., end quote. Such home guards have character state police or constabulary. Property to be issued for use home guard will consist of suitable rifles, ammunition, cartridge belts, haversacks and canteens. Requisition for these sent to Chief of Ordnance, Washington.

STRONG, Governor

Secretary

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March 26, 1918

99-29

Mr. F. A. J. Callwas, Secretary,  
Douglas Council of Defense,  
Douglas, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto are vouchers which have been prepared in this office to cover the bills sent to us with your letter of yesterday. The signatures of the various payees should appear on the vouchers next to the words "Sign here," and the vouchers should then be returned to this office for transmittal to, and issuance of warrant by, the Secretary of Alaska.

The voucher in favor of R. P. Nelson has been retained here and signature thereto will be obtained by this office.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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March 26, 1918

157-2

The Chief of Ordnance,  
War Department,  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of the act approved June 4, 1917, entitled "An Act to authorize the issue to states and territories and the District of Columbia of rifles and other property for the equipment and organization of home guards," I hereby make application for arms and equipment for the Fairbanks Home Guard of Fairbanks, Alaska, which has been duly organized under the provisions of the aforesaid law, for the protection of the property of the United States in that town and district, and has an enrollment of 168 men. This Guard is receiving regular military instruction and the entire guard, I am advised, will be available at all times for duty. I have, therefore, to request that at least 150 rifles, 15,000 rounds of ammunition, 150 cartridge belts, 150 haversacks and 150 canteens be issued for the use of the Fairbanks Home Guard.

This equipment should be consigned to Frank B. Hall, in care of the Governor of Alaska, for the Fairbanks Home Guard, Fairbanks.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Juneau, March 27, 1918 O. B.

99-31

Robert H. Romig,

Seward

Your application for enlistment quartermaster corps is now in hands of Quartermaster General. Sufficient time has not elapsed to receive reply. Suggest you not resign your position at Seward until Quartermaster General is heard from. How long this will be can not say as delays in matters this kind are to be expected.

STRONG, Governor

Secretary

March 27, 1918

99-31

Mr. Robert H. Romig,

Seward, Alaska

My dear Mr. Romig:

Your letter of March 20 was received today, and in reply to the matter of your application, I have to say that the receipt of your former letter was delayed a considerable length of time for some reason or other, of which I have no knowledge. It was promptly forwarded and is now in the hands of the Quartermaster General at Washington, no doubt, as I telegraphed you today, a confirmation copy of which telegram is herewith enclosed.

It is noted that you have resigned your position with the Bank of Seward to take effect April 1. In my telegram I advised you not to resign your position until you are sure of acceptance for the Quartermaster Corps, which, in my opinion, is by no means certain. In any event, I have found from experience that delays in applications of this kind are to be expected, and the result must be awaited patiently. I trust, however, that your application will be favorably acted upon promptly. In one case, however, here in Juneau, a local man who applied for enlistment in the Quartermaster Corps, waited fully six months before being accepted. I do not think, however, that you will have to wait that long

as it will either be favorably or unfavorably acted upon probably  
within a reasonable length of time.

With best wishes in every way, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

March 28, 1918

99-29

Mr. J. B. Marshall,  
Secretary Executive Committee,  
Alaska Council of Defense,  
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith, for your information, certain communications received from the Council of National Defense, Washington, for such action as the Council may deem fit to take in the premises.

Yours very truly,

Governor

Juneau, March 29, 1918. O. B.

157-8

H. G. Steel, Secretary Council Defense,

CORDOVA.

Rifles, ammunition and other equipment for home guards issued by chief ordnance Washington upon request of governor. Services to be performed by home guards are protecting US property, protection transportation lines where necessary, including rights of way and bridges and so forth. Guard must receive regular military instruction and such portion as may be necessary shall be available at all times for duty. Wire number of men enrolled and name of commanding officer and requisition for equipment will be forwarded to Washington.

STRONG, Governor.

Secretary to Governor.

March 29, 1918 O. B.

Curtis,

Nenana

Appropriation only available for expenses regularly organized body  
of home guards. Cannot use funds for expenses incident to drilling  
of registrants.

STRONG, Governor

Secretary

April 1, 1918

99-31

The Adjutant General,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I am advised that Mr. Leroy J. Johnson, of Juneau, Alaska, is desirous of securing a commission in the officers' reserve corps, and I have pleasure in recommending him for the service. Mr. Johnson has served more than seven years in the 108th Coast Artillery, Puget Sound district, having enlisted February 19, 1909 and receiving an honorable discharge June 13, 1916, and having attained a sergeancy prior to his discharge.

Mr. Johnson has been a resident of Juneau for the past two years. He has an excellent reputation in every way, and I believe he would render faithful service in any position to which he might be assigned.

Respectfully,

Governor

April 2, 1918

157-8

Mr. Harry G. Steele, Secretary,  
Cordova Council of Defense,  
Cordova, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I beg to advise you that a requisition for supplies has been forwarded to the Chief of Ordnance, as provided by the act of June 14, 1917, for the Cordova Home Guard.

When this equipment is issued, it will be consigned to George C. Haslet, in care of the Governor of Alaska, Cordova, and will be receipted for by him.

Yours very truly,

Governor

April 2, 1918

157-9

Mr. John B. Marshall, Secretary,  
Alaska Territorial Council of Defense,  
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 28, in which you give certain information in regard to the Juneau Home Guard and ask to be furnished with equipment for 125 men, three officers and 19 noncommissioned officers.

Paragraphs 2 and 3 of the regulations issued under the act of June 14, 1917, governing the issue of rifles and ammunition to home guards, read as follows:

"The services to be performed will be the protection of the property of the United States or the protection of supplies in the course of manufacture for the United States, or the protection of transportation lines where necessary, including rights of way of railroads, bridges, etc. These Guards must be subject to the command of the governors of the several States or Territories or to the Commissioners of the District of Columbia; they must receive regular military instruction and such portion as may be necessary shall be available at all times for duty.

"The property to be issued will consist of suitable rifles, ammunition, cartridge belts, haversacks and canteens. The amount of equipment to be issued in every case shall be determined by giving due consideration to the needs of the service."

It will be noted that equipment for officers is not issued.

However, a requisition for the issuance of 100 rifles, 10,000 rounds of ammunition, 100 cartridge belts, 100 haversacks and

100 canteens will be forwarded at once to the Chief of Ordnance,  
War Department, Washington, D. C., as provided by the act. It  
is believed that this amount of equipment will suffice, as,  
"the amount of equipment to be issued in every case shall be  
determined by giving due consideration to the needs of the service."

Yours very truly

Governor

April 2, 1918

157-8

The Chief of Ordnance,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I am advised that the Cordova Home Guard, Cordova, Alaska, has been regularly organized under the authority of the act of Congress approved June 14, 1917, entitled "An Act to authorize the issue to states and territories and the District of Columbia of rifles and other property for the equipment and organization of home guards." George C. Hazlet has been elected commanding officer. The services to be performed by the Cordova Home Guard will be the protection of the property of the United States, transportation lines, rights of way of railroads, bridges, etc. I am further advised that the Guard is receiving regular military instruction and that such portion as may be necessary will be available at all times for duty.

I have, therefore, to request that 100 rifles, 10,000 rounds of ammunition, 100 cartridge belts, 100 haversacks and 100 canteens be issued for the use of the Cordova Home Guard. This equipment should be addressed to the Cordova Home Guard, Geo. C. Hazlet, Commanding Officer, in care of the Governor of Alaska, Cordova.

Respectfully,

Governor

April 2, 1918

157-9

The Chief of Ordnance,  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to advise you that the Juneau, Alaska, Home Guard, has been regularly organized, the names of 125 men being shown on the muster roll, and is under the command of A. B. Cole, of Juneau. The Guard is receiving regular military instruction, and in case of necessity, I am advised by the commanding officer that 100 men will be available at all times for duty. In accordance with the act of Congress approved June 14, 1917, the Juneau Home Guard will be engaged in the protection of United States property in and contiguous to Juneau.

I, therefore, request that there be issued, for the use of this Guard, 100 rifles, 10,000 rounds of ammunition, 100 cartridge belts, 100 haversacks and 100 canteens. This equipment should be addressed to A. B. Cole, in care of the Governor of Alaska, Juneau, Alaska.

Respectfully,

Governor

April 2, 1918

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Capt. J. J. Ryan,  
Seward Military Unit,  
Seward, Alaska

Dear Captain Ryan:

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 23, in which you ask that, in addition to the regular drill manuals which you requested, such instructions and circulars as are issued by the War Department, be furnished to your unit.

With reference to your request for gun slings and ammunition belts, additional ammunition and blank cartridges for use in loading practice, I have to advise you that the property issued by the Chief of Ordnance consists of suitable rifles, ammunition, cartridge belts, haversacks and canteens, no gun slings or ammunition belts being issued. If you will forward this office an estimate of the additional ammunition and blank cartridges which you need, a requisition will go forward to the Chief of Ordnance for such equipment.

Yours very truly,

Governor

April 2, 1918

99-29

Mr. J. B. O'Neill,  
McCarthy, Alaska

Dear Sir:

You are hereby appointed a member of the Alaska Territorial Council of Defense for McCarthy precinct. You are advised to confer with the other resident members of the Council for your district. It is not necessary for you to take an oath of office. The services you may render will be gratuitous and in the immediate interest of your district and of the Territory at large.

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

April 3, 1918

9929

Mr. H. P. Crowther, C. E.,

Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

You are hereby advised that you have been appointed a member of the Alaska Territorial Council of Defense for Juneau, vice B. L. Thane who, I am advised, has left the Territory. It is hoped that you will be able to accept this appointment.

The services rendered will be purely voluntary and no oath of office is required.

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

April 3, 1918

99-29

Mr. N. T. Tripp,

Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

You are hereby appointed a member of the Alaska Council of Defense for Juneau, vice Howard Ewing, who has left the Territory. It is hoped that you will be able to accept this appointment.

Your services will be purely voluntary and no oath of office is required.

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

April 3, 1918

99-29

Dr. William Pallister,

Juneau, Alaska

My dear Doctor:

You are hereby advised that you have been appointed a member of the Alaska Council of Defense for Juneau, vice James H. King, who, I am advised, has left the Territory. It is hoped that you will be able to accept this appointment.

The services rendered will be purely voluntary and no oath of office is required.

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

April 3, 1918

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Mr. John A. Herbert,

Seldovia, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Upon the recommendation of Mr. John Rustgard, attorney-at-law, Juneau, you are hereby appointed a member of the Alaska Council of Defense for Seldovia. It is hoped that you will be able to accept this appointment and render such service to the Territory as you may be able to at this time, when the energies of all our people should be directed along such lines as will help the nation in the present great war in which it is now engaged for freedom and humanity.

The services rendered will be purely voluntary and no oath of office is required.

Yours very truly,

Governor

April 3, 1918

99-89

Mrs. Juanita Andersen,  
Seldevia, Alaska

Dear Madam:

Upon the recommendation of Mr. John Rustgard, attorney-at-law, Juneau, you are hereby appointed a member of the Alaska Council of Defense for Seldevia. It is hoped that you will be able to accept this appointment and render such service to the Territory as you may be able to at this time, when the energies of all our people should be directed along such lines as will help the nation in the present great war in which it is now engaged for freedom and humanity.

The services rendered will be purely voluntary and no oath of office is required.

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

April 9, 1918

157-5

Mr. F. F. Walsley,  
Agent, Union Pacific System,  
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of March 15, 1918 (MS-7-D-2025), addressed to the Governor, in care of the Alaskan Engineering Commission at Seward, has been referred to this office for attention.

Enclosed herewith you will find a warrant for the sum of \$4.29 endorsed to your order, to cover your charges on shipment of arms and munitions from Army Point, California, to Seattle, mentioned in your letter.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

April 9, 1918

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Ref. F. L. Forbes, D. D.,

Juneau, Alaska

Dear Doctor Forbes:

I have just received your letter of March 9, written at McGrath, in which you express your desire to enter the service of our country as chaplain in the United States Army; and you request that I place your name before the proper authorities.

In reply I have to state that you should make a personal application, stating your qualifications, etc., direct to the Secretary of War, Washington, D. C. I would gladly endorse your application, but inasmuch as I shall retire from office within a few days, it would be fruitless.

Trusting that your desire will be fully gratified, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor

April 9, 1918

99-29

Mr. Charles J. Keen,  
United States Commissioner,  
St. Michael, Alaska

My dear Judge:

I have just received your letter of February 13 and have noted its contents, but inasmuch as I shall retire from office within a few days, I would suggest that you take up the matters therein referred to with my successor, who I have no doubt will be able to render your community some assistance along the lines indicated in your favor.

I wish to thank you and all the good people of St. Michael and vicinity for their loyal support of me during my incumbency of this office, and to say that I shall never forget their disinterested kindness as expressed in many different ways at many different times. For yourself I wish the very best that the world may give and, with very best wishes for your success in the future, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor

April 10, 1918

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Mr. C. A. Kirkwood,  
1562 Milwaukee Ave.,  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 3, in which you ask for such information as I may be able to give in regard to a sulphur mine on Akun Island in the Aleutian group; you also state that the Alaska Sulphur Company claims to own 400 acres of sulphur land there, discovered by one Paul Buckley of Unalaska, together with three United States commissioners.

In reply I have to advise you that this office has no information concerning the sulphur proposition to which you refer. Paul Buckley is the deputy United States marshal at Unalaska, where I understand he has been located for a number of years. It is a well known fact that there are sulphur deposits on certain islands in the Aleutian group, notably near Mount Makushin on Unalaska Island. As I have stated, I have no definite information concerning the Buckley sulphur mine, but if I might offer a suggestion, it would be that one should never invest money in mining propositions of any kind before making a personal investigation or having an investigation made by some competent authority.

Yours very truly,

Governor

April 10, 1918

99-31

Mr. Robert H. Romig,  
Seward, Alaska

Dear Sir:

With reference to your application for appointment to the Quartermaster's Corps and for your information, I quote the following excerpt from a letter received from the Acting Quartermaster General, under date of March 29:

"Permanent civilian positions in this Corps are filled by selections from lists of eligibles furnished by the Civil Service Commission. If Mr. Anderson wishes to establish his eligibility for appointment, it is suggested that he make application to the Secretary, Eleventh Civil Service District, Seattle, Wash., or to the Civil Service Commission, this city, for examination. In this connection, his attention is invited to the enclosed circular of information, relative to positions in the Quartermaster's Corps."

The above is from a letter received with reference to the application of Mr. Arvid G. Anderson, of Seward, for appointment as clerk in the Quartermaster's Corps.

Inasmuch as only one circular of information has been received, it has been transmitted to Mr. Anderson who, no doubt, will be glad to show it to you.

Yours very truly,

Governor

April 10, 1918

99-31

Mr. Arvid G. Anderson,

Seward, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Under date of March 29 the Acting Quartermaster General, Washington, D. C., has written me with reference to your application for appointment as clerk in the Quartermaster Corps, as follows:

"Permanent civilian positions in this corps are filled by selections from lists of eligibles furnished by the Civil Service Commission. If Mr. Anderson wishes to establish his eligibility for appointment, it is suggested that he make application to the Secretary, Eleventh Civil Service District, Seattle, Wash, or to the Civil Service Commission of this city, for examination. In this connection, his attention is invited to the enclosed circular of information, relative to positions in the Quartermaster Corps."

The circular of information mentioned is enclosed herewith.

Yours very truly,

Governor

April 12, 1918.

157-9

A. B. Cole, Commanding Officer,  
Juneau Home Guards,  
Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Sir:

Herewith voucher filled out to cover rent of the A. B. hall for the month ended April 10, 1918, amount \$75.00, in accordance with verbal arrangements heretofore made. Kindly have the voucher signed by an authorized officer of the Arctic Brotherhood Camp, and certify the same as Commanding Officer, after which kindly deliver the voucher to this office and it will be placed in way of payment.

Future vouchers for rent should be made out in the same form as the one enclosed, and blank forms are sent herewith for use.

Faithfully yours,

Encls.

Governor.

April 12, 1918

99-31

Mr. Robert H. Romig,

Seward, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a letter from the Acting Quartermaster General, Washington, D. C., with reference to your application for a position in the Quartermaster Corps, as follows:

"As civilian positions in this Corps are filled by selection from lists of eligibles furnished by the Civil Service Commission, it is impracticable to utilize Mr. Romig's services at this time. However, if he desires to establish eligibility for appointment, it is suggested that he communicate with the secretary, Eleventh Civil Service District, Seattle, Wash., who will furnish him with the necessary information and application blanks. There is enclosed herewith circular of information relative to positions in the Quartermaster Corps."

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

April 12, 1918

157-10

Mr. Robert Begg,

Eagle, Alaska

Dear Mr. Begg:

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 24, in which you state that your local Council of Defense has formed a home guard of 31 members and ask to be supplied with such information as this office might have.

In reply I have to advise you that I am very glad to know that you have formed a home guard and that your Council of Defense is taking a lively interest in matters appertaining to your district and the Territory at large. I may say that I have no special instructions to give at this time, inasmuch as I expect to retire from office within a few days.

With very best wishes, I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor

April 12, 1918

99-29

Mr. H. O Banta.

Haines, Alaska

Dear Sir:

On the recommendation of Judge W. D. Stout, of your city, you are hereby appointed a member of the Alaska Council of Defense for Haines, vice R. J. Shepard, who has enlisted in the Engineer Corps of the United States Army.

Trusting that you will accept this appointment in the interests of your community and the Territory at large, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

Copy to

Mr. J. B. Marshall,  
Secretary Executive Committee,  
Alaska Council of Defense,  
Juneau, Alaska

April 12, 1918

99-29

Mr. W. B. Stout,

Raines, Alaska

My dear Judge:

I have your letter of the eighth instant, in which you state that R. J. Shepard, a member of your local council of defense, has enlisted in the Engineer Corps of the United States Army and is leaving for the States; and you recommend that the vacancy caused in the Council be filled by the appointment of Mr. H. O. Banta.

I have to thank you for this information and I shall be pleased to appoint Mr. Banta to the vacant position.

I trust that you are enjoying good health and with very best wishes, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor

April 12, 1918

157-5

Captain J. J. Ryan,  
Seward Military Unit,  
Seward, Alaska

Dear Sir:

With further reference to your inquiry as to manuals of military training, notably one by Major James A. Moss, I have to advise you that I have this day received the following letter from the Adjutant General, Washington, from which the following excerpts are made.

"1. The Manual of Military Training by Moss is a private publication and it is not available for distribution by the War Department. It is sold by the Book Department, Army Service Schools, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

"2. Ten copies each of the Infantry Drill Regulations and the Manual for Noncommissioned officers and Privates of Infantry used in the United States Army have been mailed under separate cover. Additional copies of these publications can be purchased from the Superintendent of Documents, Washington, D. C., at the prices given in the enclosed list."

Yours very truly,

Governor

Copy to

Mr. Thomas Dwyer, Anchorage  
Capt. A. B. Cole, Juneau  
Capt. M. S. Dobbs, Ketchikan  
Capt. T. J. McNulty, Sitka  
Capt. F. B. Hall, Fairbanks  
Capt. Geo. C. Haselet, Cordova  
Skagway Home Guards

April 15, 1918

99-27

Mr. E. M. Behrens, Treasurer,  
Juneau Chapter, American Red Cross,  
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a check for \$85 from Sam Magids, of  
Kiana, Alaska, which he advises me is to be devoted to Red Cross  
purposes, and inasmuch as it is an Alaskan contribution, I am  
forwarding it to you with Mr. Magid's letter, which is self-  
explanatory.

You will note that Mr. Magids furnishes a list of names of  
children at Kiana for enrollment as members of the American Red  
Cross.

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

April 15, 1918

99-27

Mr. Sam Magids,

Kiana, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 27, 1918, together with a check for \$85, which you desire to devote to Red Cross purposes.

In reply I beg to advise you that I have this day transmitted the check to Mr. E. M. Behrends, a banker of Juneau, treasurer of the Juneau Chapter of the American Red Cross, together with your letter which contained the names of the children whom you wishes to have enrolled as members.

I have to thank you for this splendid donation. It speaks well for the spirit of patriotism of the people of your community. The American Red Cross is doing a splendid work and is worthy of every encouragement. I have no doubt that Mr. Behrends will communicate with you, and he has assured me that he will take the steps necessary to see that the children named in your favor are enrolled as members.

With best wishes, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor

Juneau, April 15, 1918

O. B.

99-29

Heilig,

Chairman Council of Defense,  
Fairbanks

Just received letter from Secretary Cathcart with bill of Alaska  
Citizen covering printing. Request be advised for what purpose  
weekly report and pledge cards and summary forms were obtained  
and by whom to be used.

STRONG, Governor

Secretary

April 18, 1918

99-29

Mr. Wallace Cathcart, Secretary,  
Council of Defense,  
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find voucher in favor of the Alaska Citizen for the sum of \$60, covering bill submitted with your letter of the 22d ultimo. Please have the voucher signed by an authorized representative of the Alaska Citizen, after which it should be returned to this office for approval. The approved voucher will be turned over to the Secretary of the Territory, who will issue a warrant in payment.

We are sending herewith a small supply of blank voucher forms for future use. Each voucher should be made up in duplicate, with proper detail in connection with the items covered. The voucher should be signed by the payee, and the approval of the Council of Defense should be endorsed across the face of the voucher by the chairman of the Secretary. The certificate form at the bottom of the voucher, following the place for the signature of the payee, should be left blank, as it is intended for use when the voucher is completed in this office for the Governor's approval.

Respectfully yours,

Encs.

Secretary to the Governor

April 20, 1918

99-31

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The bearer of this letter, Mr. Chester Clark, has been a resident of this district for the past three years, during which time he has occupied a position of trust with the Alaska-Gastineau Mining Company at Thane, Alaska.

Mr. Clark has not attained his majority and is, therefore, not a registrant under the Selective Service Law, inasmuch as he will not have reached the age of 21 years until May 10, 1918. He is leaving Alaska temporarily for the purpose of visiting his relatives in Tacoma, Washington, and this letter is given Mr. Clark for the purpose of identification and to certify that he is in no wise a slacker.

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April 20, 1918

157-2

Mr. Frank E. Hall, Commander,  
Fairbanks Home Guard,  
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am this day in receipt of a letter from the Acting Chief of Ordnance, Washington, D. C., stating that orders were given on April 9 to ship to the Governor of Alaska, in your care at Fairbanks 25 rifles, caliber .45, and 375 rounds of ammunition.

This office forwarded a requisition to the Chief of Ordnance for 150 rifles and 15,000 rounds of ammunition, together with other equipment provided by law. The failure to ship the supplies ordered is explained by the Chief of Ordnance as follows:

"No other equipment is available and it is regretted that the Department cannot supply the number of rifles desired by you, but I beg to assure you that when further supplies are available, full consideration will be given to the needs of Alaska, based in part on the replies to the Home Guard questionnaire issued in February."

a copy of which is being transmitted herewith.

Yours very truly,

Governor

April 20, 1918

157-7

Mr. J. B. McMulty, Commander,  
Sitka Home Guard,  
Sitka, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I have this day received advices under date of the second instant, from the Acting Chief of Ordnance, Washington, D. C., that orders had been given to ship to you, as commanding officer of the Sitka Home Guard, 25 rifles, caliber .45, and 375 rounds of ammunition.

This office made a requisition for fifty rifles and 800 rounds of ammunition, and failure to ship the quantity asked for is explained by the Acting Chief of Ordnance as follows:

"No other equipment is available and it is regretted that the Department cannot supply the number of rifles desired by you, but I beg to assure you that when further supplies are available, full consideration will be given to the needs of Alaska, based in part on the replies to the Home Guard questionnaire."

a copy of which is being transmitted herewith.

Yours very truly,

Governor

April 20, 1918

157-4

Captain M. S. Debbs,  
Ketchikan Home Guard,  
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I have this day received a letter from the Acting Chief of Ordnance, Washington, D. C., under date of the second instant, advising me that there have been shipped to you, as commanding officer of the Ketchikan Home Guard, 25 rifles, caliber .45, and 375 rounds of ammunition for the use of your home guard.

You are advised that this office made a requisition for 50 rifles and 1500 rounds of ammunition, and failure to ship this amount of equipment is explained by the Acting Chief of Ordnance as follows:

"No other equipment is available and it is regretted that the Department cannot supply the number of rifles desired by you, but I beg to assure you that when further supplies are available, full consideration will be given to the needs of Alaska, based in part on the replies to the Home Guard questionnaire issued in February."

a copy of which is being transmitted herewith.

Yours very truly,

Governor

April 20, 1918

Mr. George W. Snow,  
Hdq. Co. D, 4th Division,  
20th Engineers, M. A., A. E. F.,  
via New York City

Dear Sir:

I am just in receipt of your favor of March 18, with reference to legislation that has been passed governing the awarding of service stripes, badges for merit, wounds, etc., to the American Expeditionary Forces. It is noted that these insignia shall be awarded to troops in the zone of advance only, and you point out the injustice that you feel will be done to the troops in the lines of communication and service of the rear by limiting the awarding of service stripes, etc., to those troops who see services in the zone of advance only.

In reply I have to say that I fully agree with your criticism and I earnestly believe that the men now in the overseas service should not be discriminated against in any way, as they evidently will be under the legislation recently enacted. I assure you of my entire sympathy with the position that you take in behalf of yourself and all others engaged in the service of their country outside of the zone of advance. Truly those men who, as you say, are not fortunate enough to be in the line of advance, are fairly

entitled to any reward that a grateful country should see fit to bestow upon them.

I shall retire from office within a few days and shall refer your letter to my successor, Governor Riggs, who I am sure will do everything within his power to assist you along the lines advocated in your letter. For myself personally, I wish you and all your comrades, no matter from what state or territory they may hail, success in the work in which you and they are engaged in the cause of freedom and humanity. Of course, the men from Alaska are especially dear to Alaskans. We think of you all daily and I assure you that the heart of every true Alaskan goes out to you. In the meantime I wish you Godspeed and earnestly hope that you will return triumphantly to your own country after your work overseas has been accomplished. That you will do it will go without saying, and in the years to come you will be cheered by the consciousness that you gave your all in your country's service; that is to say, you have offered your lives in that service, and men can do no more for their country.

With assurances of my great personal esteem to yourself and all others of your command, especially the Alaskans, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Governor

April 23, 1918.

99-26

Dr. Frank W. Lamb.

Akiak, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 31, in which you state that on noticing through the newspapers a call for funds for the Red Cross, you sent to this office, through Mr. Lopp, of the United States Bureau of Education, your monthly salary of \$166.67.. I have not yet received this contribution from Mr. Lopp, but will do so, without doubt, in due course. Your generosity in this great cause is most marked, and I know that you feel that this is a case where it is "more blessed to give than to receive."

Thanking you for your most generous donation, I am

Sincerely yours,

Governor

April 22, 1918

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The Acting Chief of Ordnance,  
War Department,  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April sixth, inviting the attention of this office to the fact that the Department is not in receipt of a reply to its letter of March 1, 1918, addressed to the commanding officer of the home guards of this Territory, relative to a questionnaire concerning home guards.

In reply I have to advise that this office is not yet in possession of sufficient information relative to the home guards of this Territory to supply answers to all of the questions listed. Transportation facilities are so inadequate and the distances so great that it may be some time before this information is received. However, upon its receipt, the questionnaire will be filled out and mailed to you.

Yours very truly,

Governor

**TERRITORY OF ALASKA**

**GOVERNOR'S OFFICE**

**JUNEAU**

**April 23, 1918**

**157-**

**Dear Sir:**

**Please supply answers to the following questions in the blank spaces provided therefor:**

**1. What is the present strength of your organization, including officers?**

**Ans. \_\_\_\_\_**

**2. To what use have the guards been put, to date?**

**Ans. \_\_\_\_\_**

**A prompt reply will be appreciated.**

**Yours very truly,**

**J. F. A. STRONG,**

**Governor**

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