

April 14, 1916.

Brig.-Gen. Roger D. Williams,
Kentucky National Guard,
Lexington, Ky.
(Through The Adjutant General
of Kentucky.)

Dear Sir:

In reply to your undated letter received in this office on the 13th inst., wherein you request to be informed whether rifles and ammunition can be supplied by the War Department to a company of citizen soldiery to be organized by the business men of Lexington, I am directed by the Secretary of War to inform you that there is no authority of law whereby any military stores or supplies can be issued for the purpose indicated.

Should the proposed organization become a part of the Organized Militia of Kentucky, and after the usual inspection to determine its suitability, etc., be accepted by the War Department as a part of the Organized Militia of Kentucky, it could then be armed, uniformed and equipped by the State military authorities from stores on hand which have been furnished the State from Federal appropriations.

It may be well to state in this connection that the Government is supplying arms and ammunition to regularly organized rifle clubs affiliated with the National Rifle Association of America. A copy of a pamphlet containing all information in regard to such clubs is inclosed for your information.

Very respectfully,

C. W. McIver,

Colonel, Infantry,
Acting Chief, Division of Militia Affairs.

1 Inclosure.

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Forwarded.


The Adjutant General, Ky.