

HEADQUARTERS FIRST BRIGADE KENTUCKY NATIONAL GUARD
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LETTER OF INSTRUCTION:
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1. A situation has arisen and exists at or near the city of Providence in Webster County, Kentucky growing out of labor agitation or disturbances, which endangers the public peace, and the safety of persons and property to such an extent that the Governor of Kentucky, and the State, County and Municipal officers and authorities are unable to control it and preserve the peace and the safety of life and property of persons in the locality mentioned and it is deemed necessary on the request of the Governor to send United States troops to restore order, and protect life and property.

2. Captain Ellerbe W. Carter, commanding Co. C, 1st Reg. Ky. Inf. N. G., is detailed to command in the disturbed region with Headquarters at or near Providence, Kentucky, reporting only to these Headquarters and will proceed immediately by railroad to Providence, Kentucky, with the entire commissioned and enlisted personnel of his command. The Supply Officer, 1st Reg. Ky. Inf. N. G., will provide the necessary transportation, using special train, if necessary. The travel required is necessary in the military service.

3. Captain Carter will establish camp at or near Providence, Kentucky for his command with such outlying guard posts in Webster County as may be necessary to control the situation. He will establish guards over such property as he may believe is threatened or endangered, and change and remove same at discretion. Guards shall be of such strength as may be necessary to protect such endangered or threatened property, and the same will be defended from any attack or injury. Persons threatened or endangered in their lives or persons will be given such protection as the Commanding Officer shall deem necessary, to insure them against injury, in the proper and lawful pursuit of their business. If the force at his command should not be sufficient for any of these purposes, that fact will be anticipated, if possible, and promptly reported to the end that he may be speedily reinforced. The Commanding Officer will maintain a strict neutrality between any contending parties, and take no sides in any contention, nor express any opinion of the merits of any local controversy, nor allow any of his command to do so. His action will be such as may be necessary to promptly, vigorously and firmly preserve the peace and protect life, limb and property. He will see that exemplary discipline is preserved in his command, and that no unnecessary communication or familiarity with the civilian population or parties to the disputes in progress is had or indulged in by the men of his command. Guard duty will be rigidly performed.