



STAFFORD KING  
AUDITOR

## State Auditor of Minnesota

THE STATE CAPITOL

St. Paul

JOHN L. MEADER  
CHIEF DEPUTY AUDITOR

March 30th, 1942.

Honorable Mike Holm,  
Secretary of State,  
State of Minnesota,  
State Capitol.

Dear Sir:

When a man leaves a civil position of trust and responsibility to serve in the armed forces of his country at war, a sincere respect for the opinions of his fellows would dictate the filing of a declaration setting forth the reasons which impel such transition.

I, therefore, file such declaration herewith with the Secretary of State of Minnesota.

The federal government, in the present emergency desiring to secure the services of officers of World War I, offered me a captaincy in the army of the United States. I have accepted that commission, and have been ordered to active duty.

Frankly, I am proud to accept this call and to serve with the thousands of other Minnesotans who like my own son are already under arms.

The immediate result is that I leave the office of State Auditor under statutory leave of absence without pay for the remainder of my elected term. This I can do in conscience. Most of the difficulties which resulted from the Reorganization Act of 1939 have been overcome. The structure of the new accounting system for the state has been firmly founded and the necessary new procedures effected - only polishing and perfecting are needed. This work will continue under the able direction of my deputy, John Meader.

In the meantime, I will not lose my residence in Minnesota nor my political rights here; I will file for nomination and re-election this fall, hopeful that when peace comes again as come it surely will, I may be privileged to carry on where I now leave off.

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The reasoning by which I have arrived at this decision is predicated upon the basic premise that everything which I have enjoyed in opportunity to progress, in equality amongst my fellows, in my freedom to live and move and have my being, including my right to share in the activities of my state government, is the direct result of the protection and direction of the American Constitution and the democracy which it has established, and for over a century and a half, maintained.

The very life of that democracy which has given me everything I have is hanging in the balance in this war.

I have great pride in the confidence which the people of Minnesota and the Government of the United States have placed in me; I have abiding faith in our ability to win.

I believe that the man who today puts any other thing above his liberty may lose them both.

Respectfully yours,

Stafford King,  
State Auditor.

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STATE OF MINNESOTA

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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1:15 P.M.

*Arthur J. Soler*  
Secretary of State.



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October 4, 1944

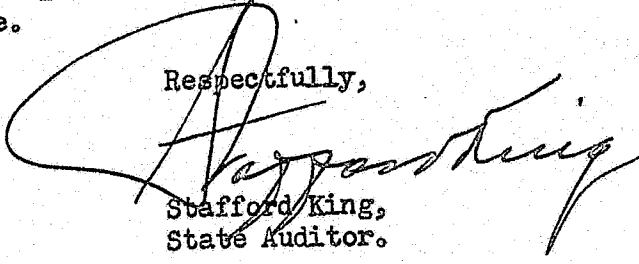
Honorable Mike Holm,  
Secretary of State,  
State of Minnesota,  
Building.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 120, Session Laws of 1941, I am submitting herewith a Certificate of Compliance therewith and attaching a copy of Special Order No. 200, paragraph 4, from the headquarters of the Sixth Service Command, Ft. Sheridan, Illinois, relieving me from active duty with the armed forces.

I am resuming the office of State Auditor as of this date.

Respectfully,

  
Stafford King,  
State Auditor.

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enc.

R E S T R I C T E D

ARMY SERVICE FORCES  
Headquarters, Personnel Center  
Sixth Service Command  
Fort Sheridan, Illinois

R E S T R I C T E D

21 August 1944

SPECIAL ORDER )

NUMBER 200 )

E X T R A C T

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4. DP MAJOR STAFFORD KING, O-901359, AC, is held fr atchd unasgd Separation Center, 1632nd S.U., Ft. Sheridan, Illinois, and is granted one (1) month and twenty nine (29) days terminal lv eff o/a 21 August 1944, plus one (1) day travel time, and at proper time WP his home, St. Paul, Minn., to arrive thereat not later than 21 October 1944, on which date he is held fr AD and will revert to inactive status. MAJOR KING is entitled to W.D. A.G.O. Forms 280 and 53 and will be advised of his rights under the provisions of par. 55, AR 140-5, 17 June 1943 as amended, if applicable, (Attention AR 600-750, C7). The temp apmt in the AUS of this officer will continue in force during the period of the present emergency and for six (6) months thereafter unless sooner terminated by DP. Relief fr AD is not by reason of physical disability. WDL-AGPO-S-201 King, Stafford (25 May 1944) 27 July 1944. PCS TPA TDW FSA 501-31 P 431-01, 02, 03, 07, 08 A 212/50425.

5. DP 1ST LT. CHARLES D. GIPSON, O-1536601, QMC, is held fr atchd unasgd Separation Center, 1632nd S.U., Ft. Sheridan, Illinois, and is granted one (1) day travel time, and at proper time WP his home, Trenton, Missouri, to arrive thereat not later than 22 August 1944, on which date he is held fr AD and will revert to inactive status. 1ST LT. GIPSON is entitled to W.D. A.G.O. Forms 280 and 53 and will be advised of his rights under the provisions of par. 55, AR 140-5, 17 June 1943, as amended, if applicable, (Attention AR 600-750, C7). The temp apmt in the AUS of this officer will continue in force during the period of the present emergency and for six (6) months thereafter unless sooner terminated by DP. Relief fr AD is not by reason of physical disability. WDL-AGPO-S-201 Gipson, Charles D. (27 July 1944) 12 August 1944. PCS TPA TDW FSA 501-31 P 431-01, 02, 03, 07, 08 A 212/50425.

6. So much of par. 62, S.O.#199, this Hq., dated 19 August 1944 c.s.

as reads:

"and WP his home, Minneapolis, Minn."

is amended to read:

"and WP his home, Plymouth, Mich."

in the relief fr AD of 2ND LT. JESSE H. SMITH, O-1312809, Inf.

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By order of Colonel RHETT:

WILLIAM L. HALL  
Captain, Infantry  
Assistant Adjutant

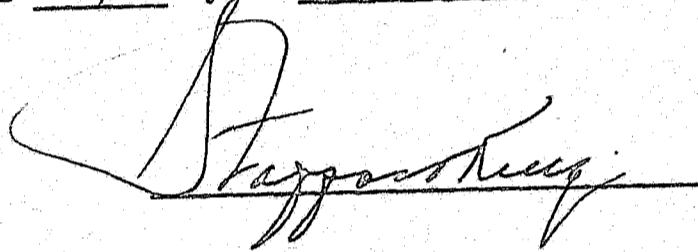
OFFICIAL:

*William L. Hall*  
WILLIAM L. HALL  
Captain, Infantry  
Assistant Adjutant

CERTIFICATE

Pursuant to Laws 1941, Chapter 120, Section 2, Subdivision 3, I, STAFFORD KING, State Auditor of Minnesota, do hereby certify that I <sup>now</sup> complied with the conditions for reinstatement prescribed by said Chapter 120.

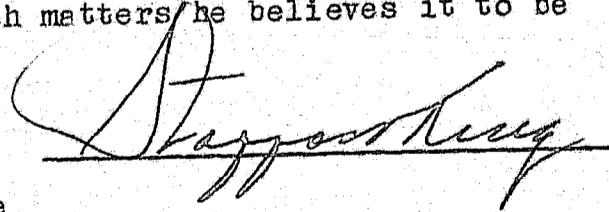
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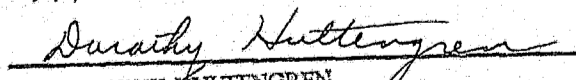
State of Minnesota )  
County of Ramsey ) ( SS.

Stafford King, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

That he is the person named in and who executed the foregoing certificate; that he has read said certificate and knows the contents thereof; that the same is true of his own knowledge except as to matters therein stated upon information and belief, and as to such matters he believes it to be true.



Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4 day of October, 1944.

  
DOROTHY HULTENGREN,  
Notary Public, Ramsey County, Minn.  
My Commission Expires Sept. 30, 1947.

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