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Gifts and bequests for the furtherance of the Society's work will be gratefully received. Such remembrances, in various forms, are appropriate permanent memorials to the interests of an individual or a group. A representative of the Society will be glad to consult with anyone wishing to make a gift or to establish a bequest or endowment. Address the Executive Director, KANSAS STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, 120 W. Tenth St., Topeka, Kan. 66612.

THE COVER

Dragoons operating from Fort Scott in the 1840's are depicted in this painting by Capt. Darrell L. Combs, U.S.M.C., Springfield, Mo. The First United States dragoons (forerunners of the cavalry) was authorized by Congress in 1833, and from 1842 to 1846 the regiment established, built, and garrisoned Fort Scott. Letters by dragoon Capt. Thomas Swords and his wife Charlotte, written from Fort Scott in the 1840's and edited by Harry C. Myers, begin on page 184.