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Letters from Boy "Over There"

Below we are publishing some letters from First Sgt. E. D. Love, who was formerly stationed at Camp Dodge, Iowa, to Mrs. Jas. Banister and Miss Bessie Ewing, who mothered him while here. These two ladies deserve great credit for what they have done for this young man, as will be evidenced by his letters to them. While many people had different reasons for entertaining many of the young men stationed at Camp Dodge, yet these two mothers took this young man into their home and made it a real home for him, and his letters show how much he appreciated their effort. They both have tried to "Do Their Bit" in giving this young man a clean, wholesome home in which he could spend the few hours that were not taken up at Camp Dodge.

Sat. A. M., 6:30 o'clock, May 30.
My Dearest Mothers:
Just a little "farewell" not to say good-bye again, and to add my very sincere regrets that I was unable to see you again, so much as I desired. We are off for the east, New York, I imagine, feeling fine and dandy. But at this moment I am experiencing the moments, hours and days that are to come no more. The time I must live away from those who have been so extremely kind and good to me, and in whom I found the truest friendship that the good God gives to hearts true, pure and brave. Words are inadequate, yes are indeed, too weak for me to send to you that which holds dear in my heart. They cannot express nor convey to you that which I would have you know. Say to Mr. Banister, how very much in future days I shall remember his goodness and the hospitality of his home. It has been my very good fortune to enjoy, and that deep down in my heart dwell only thoughts of gratitude and that to you all I am deeply indebted for that which I have so vastly enjoyed in the charmed circle of your household, amid endearing and affectionate friendship and charming personalities. I shall miss them, I am sure, and you all, all the more. But in my going I shall have an inspiration in remembering the friends that I am leaving, and even when days shall seem dark and dreary for me I will find consolation in reflection of friends, left behind, that are real friends. When trouble and temptation lurks near me and in my hour of dire distress and need, memories that are sometimes good and sweet will lend a helping hand and bring me back again to the three that made life in my camp of imprisonment seem worth living. A last good-bye and I promise I shall not forget to write whenever chance prevails itself. May the almighty God bless, direct and guide all with many kisses for my mothers.

Ever tenderly and unchangeably
Your only son,
1st Sgt. Eugene D. Love.
On Board "Special," en Route to N. Y.
Lehigh Valley R. R., 3:30 P. M.,
June 3rd, 1918.

My Dear Mothers:
We are still on our way. I sent you a card from Niagara Falls this a. m. All are well and enjoying trip immensely. We have crossed the St. Lawrence and are hitting a merry pace, presumably up the Hudson. The afternoon is indeed lovely and I have just woken from one of my celebrated naps that I occasionally steal. We arrived in Chicago Sunday a. m., about 6:30, but were soon off for Battle Creek, Mich., arriving at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, where we had our exercise for half an hour. Again boarded our train and were off through Canada for New York. At Port Huron, Mich., last night the Red Cross entertained very royally for us with cigarettes, candies, magazines and cookies, and there was a monstrous crowd at the station. The Canadian Red Cross did likewise, and in Niagara Falls we had a little parade and were

cheered very warmly. Millions have seemed to wave at us along the way and thousands have given us words of encouragement when our cars would stop for a moment, and as I am at this moment speeding over the country, I am made to wonder how when we are out in civil life the Pecks knock us on every hand? I can't believe they mean their words of good cheer nor their little wave of the hand or handkerchief. Niagara Falls is indeed a wonderful scene, with its gigantic peaks and beautifully sloped mountains. Its majestic loveliness is one grand sight to behold. We stood thousands of feet above and watched the water as it fell to the surface below to join the millions of other drops that had preceded it. Its grandeur and beauty is marvelous and the rainbow that forms at the bottom of the bed add to the fascination. We were permitted to go below and once down there we found snow and ice that must have been there for some time.

Well, we are due in Buffalo about 5 o'clock, and are due to have our exercise in Syracuse, arriving in New York in the morning after spending the night in Jersey City. I will probably spend the night with Lieut. Johnson in New York City, as he has a brother who is a captain in the 367th Infantry, the regiment we are now joining. Well, my dear mothers, I want you to know that I am not going to forget you all. How could I when you all have been nothing but goodness and kindness itself? And I have much to be proud of in remembering that I left those that were indeed mothers, the part you represented and did fulfill so nobly, graciously and cheerfully.

In days to come I hope to make you all understand how much your kindness meant to me. Be real good mothers and if you must adopt some one, I hope it will be some one that was more deserving of your love than the ones you chose in Sgt. Gruher and I.
I must say good-bye, and promise to write again soon. Love for you three, let me ever remain your son,
E. D. Love.

Write me at once here, Camp Upton, New York. Lovingly and many kisses.

MEETING OF NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AT DENVER, COLO.
The Eleventh Biennial Convention of the National Association of Colored Women will be held July 8-13, 1918, at Denver, Colorado.
This association was organized in Washington, D. C., July, 1896, by the consolidation of the National League and National Federation of Colored Women. Was affiliated with the National Council of Women of the United States in 1900; was incorporated in 1904.
One of the most important features of the convention will be the Frederick Douglass Memorial Night, July 10, at which time Mrs. S. Joe Brown, chairman of the Douglass Memorial Committee, will read the roll of honor and the mortgage on this home, which through the indefatigable efforts of Mrs. Brown and others of this association to pay off, will be burned.

Another interesting feature will be the War Activities Program Thursday afternoon, at which time it will be shown what the women of the National Association have done and are doing along the lines of "Women's Council of Defense," Red Cross work, Soldiers' relief and Recreation, Y. M. C. A. activities, and Food Conservation.
Help the National Association of Colored Women do their bit. If you can't afford to attend the National Convention, you can't afford to stay off its membership roll. Their aim is 1,000,000 members by 1920.

PROGRAM, WESTERN BAPTIST CONVENTION
In session with Calvary Baptist Church, Monmouth, Ill., Rev. C. Lindell, pastor, Monday, July 15th, to Friday, July 19th, 1918:
OFFICERS.
Rev. T. L. Griffith, D. D., President, Topeka, Kans.
Rev. S. Bates, Vice-President, Des Moines, Iowa.
Rev. E. A. Wilson, D. D., Secretary, Muskogee, Okla.
Rev. J. Goins, D. D., Cor. Sec., Kansas City, Mo.
Rev. Geo. MacNeale, D. D., Treas., Kansas City, Kans.
Rev. C. G. Fishback, D. D., Sec. of Foreign Missions, Cleveland, Ohio.
Rev. D. A. Holmes, D. D., Auditor, Kansas City, Kans.
Rev. T. J. Carr, D. D., Statistician, St. Paul, Minn.
Prof. C. W. Rodgers, Field Secretary, Des Moines, Iowa.
Officers Women's Auxiliary, The Woman's Missionary and Educational Convention:
Mrs. E. E. Hicks, President, Chicago, Ill.
Mrs. F. B. Watson, Vice-President, Kansas City, Kans.
Mrs. S. Hazel, Secretary, Galesburg, Ill.
Mrs. Ida B. Frazier, Cor. Sec., Wichita, Kans.
Mrs. S. Bates, Treas., Des Moines, Iowa.
Mrs. W. A. Brown, Field Secretary, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
Motto: "Leave No Stone Unturned."

MONDAY EVENING.

Joint Opening Session.
7:30—Praise service conducted by the two Corresponding Secretaries: Rev. J. Goins, D. D., Kansas City, Mo., and Mrs. Ida B. Frazier, Wichita, Kans.
8:00—Addresses of welcome—
On behalf of City, Hon. John H. Hanley, Mayor.
On behalf of A. M. E. Churches, Rev. James L. Wharton, Monmouth.
On behalf of St. James A. M. E. Church, Mrs. Emma Peoples, Monmouth.
On behalf of Mite Society, Mrs. D. Lash Mason, Monmouth.
On behalf of Baptist Women of the State, Mrs. E. Dean, Champlain, Ill.
On behalf of the District, Mrs. Rebecca Murrell, Springfield, Ill.
On behalf of Calvary Baptist Church, Miss Marie Webb.
On behalf of Mission Circle, Mrs. Flo Hall.
Response on behalf of Women's Convention, Miss Nellie Ellis, Topeka, Kans.
Response for Convention, Rev. Wilkerson, Omaha, Neb.
Collection. Enrollment. Adjournment.

TUESDAY MORNING.

Women's Missionary and Educational Convention.
8:00—Conference of Officers, Vice-Presidents, and Board members.
9:00—Devotional exercises, Mrs. S. Bates, Des Moines, Iowa; Mrs. H. Lewis, Chicago, Ill.
9:30—Bible Study, Mrs. J. C. Mapp, Chicago, Ill.
Report of Enrollment Committee.
10:30—Children's Hour, conducted by Mrs. Narcissus Davis, Monmouth, Ill.
Conventional Singing, led by Mrs. B. P. Robinson, Chicago, Ill.
11:30—Introductory Sermon, Rev. F. B. Woodard, Buxton, Iowa.
General Business.
Adjournment.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

Western Baptist Convention.
1:30—Devotional services conducted by Rev. J. T. Elias, Pittsburg, Kans., and Rev. F. C. Bolling, Buxton, Iowa.
2:00—Annual address of the President, Rev. T. L. Griffith, D. D., Topeka, Kans.
Report of Cor. Sec. and Treas., Rev. J. Goins, D. D., Kansas City, Mo., Rev. G. MacNeale, D. D., Kansas City, Kans.
Report of Field Secretary, Prof. C. W. Rodgers, Des Moines, Iowa.
3:00—Election of Officers.
3:15—Address, Rev. J. T. Castor, M. D., D. D., St. Louis, Mo.
3:45—Address, Dr. T. J. Carr, St. Paul, Minn.
4:15—Sermon, Rev. E. L. Scruggs, D. D., Jacksonville, Ill.
Appointment of Committees.
Adjournment.

TUESDAY EVENING.

Women's Missionary and Educational Convention.
7:30—Song Service, Mrs. W. A. Brown, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Miss Nellie M. Ray, Lexington, Mo.
8:00—Annual Address of President, Mrs. E. E. Hicks, Chicago, Ill.
Music, Ladies' Quartette, Galesburg, Ill.
8:30—Sermon, Rev. D. A. Holmes, D. D., Kansas City, Kans.
Offering. Adjournment.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

9:00—Devotional Services, Mrs. F. D. Michael, Kansas City, Mo.; Mrs. E. Hawkins, Chicago, Ill.
9:30—Report of Executive Board and Treasurer: Mrs. Ida B. Frazier, Wichita, Kans.; Mrs. S. Bates, Des Moines, Iowa.
Reports of State Vice-Presidents—
Mrs. R. A. Broyles, Missouri.
Mrs. S. B. House, Illinois.
Mrs. Selma C. Brown, Iowa.
Miss Nellie Ellis, Kansas.
Report of Field Secretary, Mrs. W. A. Brown, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
10:30—Young People's Hour, conducted by Mrs. Elizabeth Smith, Quincy, Ill.
11:00—Conventional Singing.
Address, Miss Jeanie Sumtunzie, Milledrift, South Africa.
Offering. Adjournment.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Western Baptist Convention.
1:30—Devotional Service. Inspirational Address, Rev. I. A. Thomas, A. M., Evanston, Ill.
2:00—General Business.
2:30—Address, Rev. J. H. Van Leu, Wichita, Kans.
3:15—Address, "The Negro and the World War," Rev. B. N. Murrell, St. Paul, Minn.
4:00—Sermon, Rev. G. W. Robinson, D. D., Des Moines, Iowa.
Announcements. Adjournment.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

Women's Missionary and Educational Convention.
7:30—Song Service, Mrs. S. B. House, Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. M. E. Jeffries, Des Moines, Iowa.
8:00—Paper, "Christian Education Through Service," Miss Mattie Bradshaw, Topeka, Kans.
Solo, Mrs. W. A. Brown.
Educational Sermon, Rev. S. E. J. Watson, D. D., Topeka, Kans.
Offering. Adjournment.

THURSDAY MORNING.

9:00—Devotional Services, Mrs. C. C. Cullers, Evanston, Ill.; Mrs. G. W. Stanton, Des Moines, Iowa.
9:30—Bible Study.
10:30—Woman's Hour—
Paper, Miss Nannie Walker, Lexington, Mo.
Solo, Mrs. B. P. Robinson, Chicago,

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Western Baptist Convention.
1:30—Devotional Service: Inspirational Address, Rev. M. J. Burton, Topeka, Kans.
2:00—General Business.
2:30—Address, "Western College," Prof. I. E. Page, Macon, Mo.
3:15—Address, "Soldiers of the Civil War and of the World War," Rev. J. F. Thomas, D. D., Chicago, Ill.
4:00—Sermon, Rev. S. A. Moseley, D. D., St. Louis, Mo.
Announcements. Adjournment.

THURSDAY EVENING.

7:30—Devotional Service: Inspirational Address, Rev. S. Bates, Des Moines, Iowa.
8:00—Sermon, Rev. L. K. Williams, D. D., Chicago, Ill.
Foreign Mission Address, Rev. C. G. Fishback, D. D., Cleveland, Ohio.
Foreign Mission Rally. Adjournment.
FRIDAY MORNING.
Women's Missionary and Educational Convention.
9:00—Devotional exercises, Mrs. M. V. Robinson, Bedford, Iowa; Mrs. R. A. Broyles, Hannibal, Mo.
9:30—Memorial Service in honor of the late ex-president, Mrs. F. B. Grant-Myers, conducted by Mrs. F. B. Watson, Kansas City, Kans.
10:00—Reports of Committees. Banner Contest.
11:00—Financial Rally. Announcements. Adjournment.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

Western Baptist Convention.
1:30—Devotional services: Inspirational Address, Rev. F. K. Nicholson, Davenport, Iowa.
2:00—General Business.
2:30—Address, "Responsibility of Colored Baptists to the Boys in the Army Campments," Prof. W. R. Carter, Topeka, Kans.
3:15—Service of Prayer for our boys in the army, conducted by Rev. W. M. B. Scott, A. B., B. Th., Galesburg, Ill.
4:00—Sermon, Rev. W. A. Bowen, D. D., Kansas City, Kans.
Announcements. Adjournment.

FRIDAY EVENING.

7:30—Devotional Service: Inspirational Address, Rev. G. MacNeale, D. D., Kansas City, Kans.
8:00—Address, Rev. Parker, St. Louis, Mo.
8:30—Closing Sermon, Dr. W. F. Botts, Omaha, Neb.
Closing of the Convention.

EDITOR'S OBSERVATIONS.

(By John L. Thompson.)
Again during (a part at least) of 1918, the editor will chronicle his observations as he sees things upon his travels, which perchance will not be very long. Whenever we start out upon a collecting trip there are so many things of vital interest to me that I feel that it is my duty to tell the public. Then again there are so many changes within a year in each town that those things are of interest to all the readers. Therefore we left Des Moines, the metropolis of Iowa, the temporary home of more than 40,000 young men draftees, both colored and white, from Iowa and other states, which has caused us to be proud of Des Moines.

The first stop was three hours at Ames, Iowa, where is located the Iowa State College, the largest and finest agricultural college in the world, with the possible exception of Tuskegee Institute. There were several colored students attending here this school year. The colored families of Ames, though few in number, are all doing well and all owning or buying their homes. Mr. G. W. Madison, formerly of Texas, a graduate of Ames College, went into the plumbing business for himself after finishing the course about two years ago in this northern white city, and today he has one of the finest plumbing shops and one of the largest businesses of any other shop in town. He is a credit to any race. He is the only colored plumber in business in Iowa. Through in his trade, liked by the business men of the town. He recently married a young lady from the south and owns a beautiful modern home.

Mr. M. D. Lowrie, a tailor, formerly from St. Joseph, Mo., has located here and runs a tailoring shop and panorama out in the college, doing a good business. He too has bought a nice modern home, where he and wife are enjoying life. Our good friend, Al Gaiter, who was the first colored family to move here about ten years ago, owns a nice home. We enjoyed dinner at this home. He has enlarged it to eight rooms. His brother George took inspiration from Al and he and his family moved up here about two years ago and has bought him a home, doing nicely.
We next rolled into Marshalltown, the county seat of Marshall county. Here we have the Soldiers' Home, located on a beautiful sight just one mile northwest of the city. Both races enjoy this great and sacred home that

Sell Your Flour and Buy a Liberty Bond, or Help the Red Cross

Food Administrator Deems has announced that the government will buy all of the excess flour in the hands of the people of Iowa and ship it to our soldiers in the trenches and our allies.
During the next three months the state will require 22,000 barrels of flour. All above that must be collected and sent to Europe. Attention is called to the law which provides that hoarders may be punished by a \$5,000 fine or two years in jail or both.
Consumers will return their excess flour to the dealers from whom they bought at a price to be agreed upon between them.
D. G. Thompson, chief of the flour division of the Deems organization, will survey the state and locate the stocks of flour. He also will discover those who have orders booked for flour. He will supply the latter from the former stocks when possible, and this will release the bookings to be shipped at once and directly to our soldiers in the trenches and to our allies, this state being given full credit therefor. If there is an excess still on hand it will be reshipped for export. The proposition will be financed in Iowa.
It is estimated that at least 500,000 sacks or quarter barrels will be sent in this way out of Iowa to the soldiers.
Only original, unbroken packages can be used. None under 24 pounds in size can be accepted.
Administrator Deems, Governor Harding, the Council of Defense, the Women's Committee, and all other patriotic organizations, have united in this appeal to Iowa people.

Deems Makes Appeal.

Administrator Deems, in his appeal to the people, says:
"To meet a desperate food situation among our allies and which affects our own soldiers over there the nation calls upon Iowa people to sell to it every surplus sack of flour held by them."
"Starvation imperils our allies abroad. To save them we are asked to release the flour we have stored."
"We can eat corn and potatoes and other substitutes for wheat flour until the next harvest, but we cannot ship them. If we could they could not be used because baking is not done in homes in Europe but in bakeries. Durable loaves are essential in the trenches and in the homes and wheat, alone, can be used to make the durable bread."

Nearly 45,000 Iowa boys are fighting over there.

They are giving their very lives. We are asked only to sell our flour to back them up. Iowa's loyalty has been tested before and not in vain. I have told Mr. Hoover that Iowa is no slacker, and that she will respond to this test and this call instantly and to the very limit.
"To that end the loyal co-operation of every civic organization in the state is solicited. Commercial clubs, fraternal societies, the churches, the councils of defense, women's clubs—all can, if they will, contribute to the success of the campaign and are urged to enlist at once in this vitally important drive in the food-saving program."
"Sell your flour and buy a Liberty Bond or help the Red Cross is a slogan to which every loyal Iowan will subscribe."

Hoover Makes Appeal.

Administrator Deems is in receipt of the following telegram from Herbert Hoover:
"Only such flour will be purchased as is voluntarily tendered. We do not wish to requisition, for the present."
"We have need in this crucial period, from now until harvest, of every grain of wheat that we can ship to the allies."
"We are sending as much corn and other cereals as the allies can use in their bread. Their people do not know how to bake at home but rely on bakers for their bread. The bread of all of the allies is war bread made of gray wheat flour with which is mixed one-third flour of other cereals, chiefly corn. More than this mixture is impossible to make and still preserve the keeping and palatable qualities of the bread."
"The civilian population of the allies are carrying a tremendous load of labor and suffering and we must not add to their burden by denying them their needs. Rather we must gladly assume what share of this burden we can carry by modifying our dietary habits to the extent necessary to meet our obligations."
"We ask for no modification that will be in the slightest degree injurious to health. All our expert advisers, including an imposing list of the foremost physiologists of the country, assure us that giving up the use of wheat need in no wise lessen the nutritional value of our diet. We are able by our habits and by abundance of local supply to use other cereals, as quick bread, breakfast foods, etc., and thus leave heat until the next harvest for our wheat until the next harvest for our allies not accustomed or knowing how to use cereals in this way."

It is dear to the boys of the sixties.

The colored population is increasing very rapidly. Several hundred laborers have come from the Southland within the past year and they are being employed in factories, railroad machine shops and the other factories. Many have brought their families. There are two churches, a Methodist and Baptist. Each of the present pastor's name is Rev. Smith, so you can't go wrong by saving Rev. Smith. Both churches are doing well now. There are two secret societies here, the Masons and Knights of Tabor, each prospering. Mr. M. J. Jackson, a pioneer citizen here, recently died and he is greatly missed in this community. Mr. Edward Roberson, the magnetic doctor, who has a nice Turkish bath parlor, the only one in the town, has a large trade. His able wife assists him. They dined ye editor at at 6 o'clock dinner. He is the Chief Grand Mentor for the International Order of Twelve. I. L. Brown, Geo. L. Sutor, Galloway Johnson, Cal Wheeler and H. Flippins are the pioneer lodge men of this city owning their own homes. Mr. Sutor is still working at the City Water Co. His only two boys have both gone to war in different branches of the service. Mr. C. P. and C. C. Gilmore are working at the same place. They own nice homes. The Wolder brothers, H. L. and A. C., are also working at a drug store and a dry goods store. Mr. N. A. Ragland is building a nice new house on his lot and will soon move into it at 301 N. 10th Ave.

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