



[Ruth Cutler and family papers.](#)

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4, Place de la Concorde
PARIS



Mr. Edward H. Cutler,
St. Paul, Minns.

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PARIS, FRANCE,
2 Place de Rivoli,
March 7, 1919.

Mr. Edward H. Cutler,
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Mr. Cutler:

I received some days ago, after considerable delay, your letter dated January 31st, and have been very much distressed to learn that messages and letters which went forward to you immediately after Ruth's death, did not reach you promptly. All of the facts and several personal messages were in the possession of Miss Virginia Rice, who left here almost immediately after the funeral, and Miss Pruden also wrote you fully at the time. Mrs. Olds and I, unfortunately were both of us taken ill with the grippe immediately after the funeral and were in the hospital for a couple of weeks, after which we went south to recover.

The difficulties in dealing with the remains of persons who die in France are very great indeed. We have held Ruth in the vault of the American Church in Paris and are only now succeeding we hope in getting permission for cremation in accordance with your wishes. I hope to be able to advise you by cable before this letter reaches you that permission has been granted and all arrangements completed.

It is quite impossible to express adequately to you the sorrow we have experienced over Ruth's death. I want you to know particularly that she was among friends to the last and ^{that} she received every possible attention that friends and skilled medical service could furnish. There was no delay whatever in placing her under proper treatment. I think that unquestionably she contracted a virulent form of the disease which was prevalent in England at the time she came through that country.

Very sincerely yours,

Philip J. Olds

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Genl. Hqs.

4, PLACE DE LA CONCORDE

March 14 PARIS,

My dear Mr. Cutler

I feel very grateful to know
that my letter of last December
had done a little bit toward
easing your mind and should now
like to express my thanks for
your kind acknowledgment.

I have no doubt that you were
sent full information at the time,
but the cables were so crowded
with Peace Conference business
that it does not surprise me
if the message never got through.

The work here seems to have
no end and I cannot make any
plans for getting away. Mr. Olds

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PARIS.

has been made common to Europe,
with all the responsibility that such
a position means and as he has
put a lot of the work on me I
see nothing to do but stay as long
as needed. As the news of the
conditions in the Eastern part of
Europe begins to sift through
we are daily more impressed with
the necessity of building up a
wall from the Baltic to Constantinople
to stem the flood of disease and
Bolshevism that is sure to run
over the world unless stopped.
Fortunately there are good stocks
of medical supplies and clothing

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on hand and these seem the
first necessities. Transportation is
very bad, but we are making a
good start and have well organized
units in the Balkans, Greece, Poland
and the north country. The reports
we receive of starvation and disease
are appalling, but these things must
be expected as the aftermath of
war. I hope that you have overcome
the shock of your sad news -
I have not heard whether you have yet
made any arrangements about the
final disposition of the casket, but

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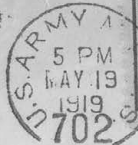
PARIS,

You may feel certain that either
Mr. Oeds or I shall be at your
service in attending to any details.

With kindest regards and good
wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours

F. W. B. Abbott



Mr. Howard



P. Sargent
St. Albans St.
St. Paul
Minnesota
U. S. A.

letter from Robt. Oads
Red Cross - Paris.

re: Ruth Cutler's death. ^{Doc} 1918

Paris May 14 - 1919.

My dear Mary.

In a letter which I received from Louise Savage some weeks ago she told me you still had had my little word about your sister Ruth's condition before her death and none since. I am so very contrite about not having written you but all the while Ruth was ill and afterward her friend Miss Pruden was in constant attendance and assured me that she had written

you fully several times and I
had a talk with Miss Rice just
before she left who was to go
immediately upon her return to
see your father and your sister.
I only saw your sister Ruth once -
the second day after her arrival
in Paris when she came into
the Bureau of Personnel to
register. She was then in the best
of spirits although she had a
bad cough which troubled her
a lot and which she said
was a remnant of a cold con-
tracted during her stay in

England. She and her friends were keenly interested in their assignment to one of the outlying cautions and when she left my room it was with the promise that she would come back when we would arrange for her to have either lunch or dinner with us at our apartment. That was on a Wednesday - I think - however it was less than a week from that time when her friend Miss Pruden came to our apartment on Sunday morning at nine o'clock to ask me if I knew whether there was a homeopathic physician in Paris - Not knowing any I referred her to Dr. Ferrand of the Rockefeller Institute to whom Miss Pruden had a letter. I also said if she needed my help at the Hospital to telephone in to me and I would go right out. I also gave her some money asking her to take some flowers out to Ruth and to let her know I was ready to come out if she wished me to. Miss P. went directly from here to Dr. Ferrand's - and he not only recommended the best doctor in the Rockefeller group but went out with Dr. Wyatt and Miss Pruden himself.

I think it was not until the next day that the diagnosis determined it was double pneumonia and that, because of your sister's anemic condition she had no chance of recovery. The Kassar girls kept me informed each day as to how your sister was getting along but as no one was allowed to see her I did not go out to the Hospital. It was a terrible shock to us all to hear her illness prove fatal for we all hoped that in some way her life might be spared. It all happened

so suddenly and developed so
swiftly that for a long time it
did not seem true that your
sister had really died in service.
She was in the best hospital and
had every care that she could
have had at home and had
two of the very best New York physicians
in attendance all the while - so
you can be most assured that
every thing was done to save her
life that was humanly possible.
Just at that time we were having
the same epidemic of pneumonia
that you were having at home and
many of our workers gave up their

lives in the same way - We have a Memorial Tablet
in the entrance lounge of our Headquarters building
which bears the list of those who died serving France.
Your sister is amongst them - the full name and
the date when she died. We are so disturbed
about the delay in carrying out your wishes further
but the matter had to be referred to the Army
and while our committee writes to them repeatedly
the decision, which was passed from Col. Pierce
of the Army to General Pershing is still pending.
There are five others who died in our service

who are in the same vault where your sister's
body lies in the American Church - all awaiting
the same ruling which unfortunately must be
made by the Army and which is still unsettled.
Just as soon as the Army allows the A.R.C. to
proceed along your wishes they will take immediate
steps. It must have been almost unbearably
hard for you to have to suffer all the unnecessary
anxiety caused by the great distance - but if you
knew the confusion in Army matters, then and still

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existing you would understand
better the cause for all delays.
The Passes Unit with which your
sister was united is still carrying
on at Verdun - Some of them
I think as a sacred memorial
to your sister's memory and be-
cause she was so unselfishly
and keenly interested in just
that kind of work - the relief
work which she had done so
sympathetically and so splendidly.
I know they all feel that they
are fulfilling not only their

Obligations but your sister's interests
too in going on so splendidly
in the work they planned to do.
I hope soon to go to Verdun to
see them & to see with my own
eyes the fine results they are
able to bring about in their
untiring devotion and steadfast
presence.

We are still busy here in
Paris with our Red Cross Work
Now the stress is coming upon the
work of having the great numbers
of Prisoners return to the
States. Paris is well populated

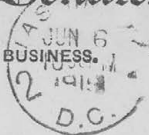
by about one million of people and the problems
of housing and feeding are almost overwhelming.
Paris itself was never lovelier than just now - the
great numbers of beautiful chestnut trees lining
the broad boulevards and the always lovely Seine
are now in full bloom - and it is like some
great flower show. We are still in the midst
of excitement - which is however of a more
peaceful kind. The hateful bombarding is
over and now seems like some horrid, haunting
dream.

The wranglings of the Peace Commission
are disturbing but in another way. The people are
becoming most impatient and the labor problems
are assuming bolshevik proportions. The feeling
is if anything might happen at any moment. This is
our hour-time yet and now it is over and I must
get on with the mad race - There is always twice
as much to do as there is time to do it in till you give
my best love and sympathy to your sister Amelia and
please forgive me for not leaving a letter to you
before this -
Yours affectionately, yours
5 Ave Emile Deschanel. Wm D. Olds

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United States Senate,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

JUNE 5th
1919

Edward H. Cutler, Esq.
Noyes Bros. & Cutler, Inc.
St. Paul, MINN.

Dear Mr. Cutler:

I have your letter of May 31st, expressing the disappointment you have experienced in connection with the return of your daughter's ashes.

I shall be very glad, indeed, to take the matter up jointly with Senator Nelson, and we will endeavor to influence the War Department to take favorable action in the premises.

I shall, of course, advise you as soon as I learn of their decision.

With kindest regards, I am,

Very truly yours,

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JUNE 10th
1919

Edward H. Cutler, Esq.
Noyes Bros. & Cutler, Inc.
St. Paul, MINN.

Dear Mr. Cutler:

Supplementing my letter of June 5th, I am enclosing herewith a letter from the Adjutant General, which indicates that the matter in question has been referred to General Pershing for disposition.

I earnestly hope that his action may be favorable, and shall be glad to immediately advise you upon learning of his decision.

Very truly yours,

Frank B Kellogg

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WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY 293.8 (Misc. Div.)
REFER TO JCA/HFP

June 9, 1919.

Honorable Frank B. Kellogg,
United States Senate.

My dear Senator:

I am in receipt of your letter of June 5, 1919, inclosing a letter from Mr. Edward H. Cutler, Vice President of Noyes Bros. & Cutler, Inc., St. Paul, Minn., in which he expresses a desire to have the remains of his daughter, who died in Red Cross service in France, cremated and returned to this country for burial.

In reply thereto I desire to inform you that your letter and its inclosure have this date been referred to the Commanding General, American Expeditionary Forces, for such action as can be taken. Upon receipt of information as to the action taken, I shall be pleased to advise you.

Yours very respectfully,

P. G. Harris,

The Adjutant General.