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ST. PAUL, MINN..

January 5, 1926.

Mr. M. M. Cochran,
Mr. Carl T. Schuneman,
c/o Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel and Community Center Asso., Inc.,
St. Paul Association,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sirs:

Referring to your letter of December 30, 1925, addressed to Mr. Louis W. Hill, regarding campaign for fund to provide a chapel and community center at Fort Snelling:

By direction of Mr. Hill, I enclose herewith check for \$300.00 to the order of Mr. S. M. Shepard, Treasurer, as his contribution toward this fund.

Kindly sign and return the enclosed form of receipt, and oblige.

Yours very truly,

H. W. Kask

26 Broadway
New York

April 15, 1925

Rev. Frank C. Rideout, Chaplain, U.S.A.
Fort Snelling, Minnesota

My dear Sir:-

Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., duly
received your communication of March 9th with reference
to the need of a building for religious purposes at
Fort Snelling.

The statements made in your letter have
been given careful consideration by Mr. Rockefeller's
advisors. They regret that it would not seem advisable
for him to take a financial interest in providing this
building. It is always difficult for him to consider a
local situation of this kind, worthy as this one doubt-
less is.

Mr. Rockefeller regrets his inability to
assist you.

Very truly,

W. J. Richardson

G. SOMMERS & Co.
ST. PAUL

Jan. 7, 1926.

Mr. Carl L. Anderson,
c/o Saint Paul Association,
Saint Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Mr. Anderson:

Together with Mr. Arthur Savage, I
to-day called on all the cards assigned to me.

by others -
C. H. Bigelow and Farwell, Ozmun, Kirk
were solicited. The same is true of the North-
western Trust Company. Mr. C. P. Brown for him-
self and the First National Bank took the matter
under consideration (which is the equivalent of
a refusal).

I suggest that a group of officers from
Fort Snelling call upon Mr. Brown and convince
him of the need of a Chapel and Community Center.
His point of view is that the thing is not needed.

Herewith is the pledge card for G.
Sommers & Company.

Yours very truly,

Chas. L. Sommers

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HEADQUARTERS, FORT SNELLING, MINNESOTA

Office of the Chaplain

March
Thirtieth
1925

Mr. Frank B. Steele,
183 St. James Place,
Buffalo, New York.

My dear Mr. Steele:-

For the people of this nation to allow such a condition to exist as obtains at Fort Snelling where we have a permanent population of approximately 2,000 persons in the service of their country, three quarters of whom are young men under 20 years of age, and with an additional population of approximately 3,000 other young men who attend Summer Training Camps here.....is not quite compatible with our American ideals, traditions and beliefs. Nor is it conducive to the development of the highest citizenship.

In accordance with the request of Mr. Charles P. Schouten, President, Minneapolis Chapter Sons of the American Revolution, I am sending you some of the literature on the proposed Chapel at Fort Snelling. In case you would like to have me prepare a definite article on the subject I will gladly do so, if you will tell me the approximate length such article should be. In the meantime I am sending the manuscript of an article prepared some weeks ago, which has not been published as yet.

This should be taken up as an national issue by the S.A.R., for there are many Army stations without Chapels. Fort Snelling is perhaps the most outstanding example. Request that you return to me the manuscript of the article mentioned above, unless perchance you think it advisable to publish it. And this is very doubtful inasmuch as the article is long. May I call your attention especially to the leaflet "Seven Reasons Why the Citizens of Minnesota Should Assist in Placing a Chapel at Fort Snelling", and more especially to paragraph 4, "The Good Example Reason".

Yours very cordially,

Frank C. Rideout
Chaplain, U.S.A.

April 19, 1925

Mr. Walter H. Wheeler,
1110 Metropolitan Life Bldg.,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

My dear Compatriot:-

I want to take this opportunity of writing to thank you for your interest in our Chapel project, and to tell you that I think no other single incident has had so much influence as the interest of the Minnesota Sons of the American Revolution. The letter from Secretary Kellog has given such a boost that the proposition seems well assured now.

I am a little uncertain as to whether I can arrange to be at the meeting Monday evening, and I did want to reach you before that time that you may convey to the members my grateful appreciation of their fine co-operation in this matter. I suppose you are aware of the fact that Secretary Kellog's letter is being widely distributed throughout the city.

Yours very sincerely,

Chaplain, U.S. Army.

The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

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Captain Frank C. Rideout
Chaplain U S A
Ft Snelling, Minn

Dear Captain Rideout,

I thank you for your letter of the 25th with the abridged story relative to the matter in which you are so interested, the securing of proper chapels for the use of the U S Army. This shorter form is much more suitable for our needs and I think I can promise to give it practically full space in The Minute Man, although as our next issue is the one which will contain the Proceedings of our forthcoming Congress to be held at Swampscott this month, other matters must give way to this to a large extent.

I shall be glad to bring your appeal to the attention of individual members of our organization, the Executive Committee etc., as I feel it is one which should be given attention and publicity.

Very cordially yours

Frank B. Steele
Frank B. Steele, Secretary General

P.S. I am returning herewith the first manuscript you sent me, as I understood you wished to have it.

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June 29th, 1928.

Capt. Frank C. Rideout,
Chaplain's Headquarters,
Fort Snelling, Minn.

Dear Compatriot Rideout:

A few days ago Compatriot Rev. S. W. Dickinson of 616 Williams Street, East Orange, New Jersey wrote to me asking if there was a pamphlet or any descriptive matter relative to the Memorial Chapel at Fort Snelling, and if so, would I kindly send him a copy.

Compatriot Dickinson was for a few years pastor of a church in St. Paul and is of course greatly interested in the S. A. R. pulpit. Would it be asking too much if you would give this matter your attention and write him a nice little note in connection therewith.

Thanking you in advance and with kind personal regards, I am,

Yours very truly,

E. St. Claire Snyder

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E.A.

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LAW OFFICES OF
Selover, Schultz & Mansfield
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MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

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May 14, 1926.

Mr. S. M. Bryan,
629 Second Avenue South,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

I have examined the proposed contract between the Fort Snelling Building Committee and Hewitt and Brown, Architects.

I am not clear as to what point they want advice on. The contract contemplates that the architects will receive 6% of the contract price for their services, payment to be made as follows: 1% upon furnishing preliminary drawings, specifications, estimates, etc; $2\frac{1}{2}\%$ upon furnishing complete working drawings and specifications, together with forms for contracts, bonds, etc., this amount to be paid after acceptable bids have been accepted and contracts made; $1\frac{1}{2}\%$ payable monthly based upon the value of the work performed during the previous month; 1% upon the completion and acceptance by the Committee of all of the work and upon the issuance of a final certificate. The Architects agree that the contract in so far as they are concerned may be terminated at any time upon payment to them for work that they have performed prior to such termination. That is, if the Committee desired to dispense with the services of the architects at any time during the progress of the building, they could do so by paying the architects for the services that had been performed by them prior to that time.

I trust that this answers the inquiry, or if there is any further point that you would like information on, I would be very glad to advise you.

Yours truly,

JAM*KS
Enc.

SELOVER, SCHULTZ AND MANSFIELD,

By Mansfield

WALTER H. WHEELER, E. M.
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Minneapolis, Minn.
May 20, 1926

Col. W. E. Welch, Pres.
Fort Snelling Chapel & Community Center Assoc., Inc.
Fort Snelling, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

I am returning herewith one of the duplicate copies of the contract between Hewitt and Brown, Inc., Architects and the Fort Snelling Chapel and Community Center Assoc., Inc., which was sent me by Chaplain Rideout, with legal opinion attached by Selover, Schultz & Mansfield, attorneys.

This opinion is in accordance with my construction of the contract. This opinion does not cover one point however which I feel the Association should be clear about before executing the contract, namely, as to whether or not the \$450.00 already paid to Hewitt & Brown, Inc. as their compensation for submitting the winning design in the competition is to be deducted from the 1% which the contract provides is to be paid them "Upon furnishing preliminary drawings, specifications, estimates, etc." It is my understanding that the \$450.00 is to be deducted from the said 1%.

The form of acceptance as written on said contract is not correct but Mr. Hewitt advises me that he is willing to have the Association change the form of acceptance to conform with the requirements of the Article of Incorporation. According to said article, the contract would have to be signed by you as president of the Association instead of by the Building Committee as contract is drawn.

There is another point which I think should be taken up with Hewitt and Brown, Inc. before this contract is signed, namely, as to the basis upon which their fee is to be determined, if part of the work is done by the authorities at Fort Snelling and part is done by contract. The architects' fee is based upon the cost of the building and this cost should be reduced if part of the work is done by the authorities at Fort Snelling.

Very truly yours,

Walter H. Wheeler
Chairman
Building Committee.

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Minneapolis, Minn.
July 7, 1926

Colonel W. E. Welch
Headquarters
Fort Snelling, Minn.

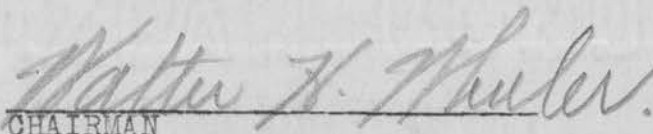
Dear Colonel Welch:

I am returning to you herewith the contract with Hewitt & Brown, Architects, together with all the correspondence relative to same.

I have revised the acceptance on the contract so that same is now ready to be dated and signed by you as President of the association. I believe that you have the other copy of the contract and the acceptance on that should be made to conform with the acceptance of the copy I am inclosing herewith and send to the architects after you have dated and signed the acceptance.

After this has been done, I would like a copy of the contract and the inclosed file of correspondence for my reference in connection with the work of the Building Committee.

Yours very truly,



CHAIRMAN
Building Committee
Fort Snelling Chapel & Community Center Assoc. Inc.

WHW:MWE

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HEWITT & BROWN, ARCHITECTS

INCORPORATED

1200 SECOND AVENUE SOUTH
MINNEAPOLIS

RHODES ROBERTSON
RALPH HAMLIN
CHAS. A. ROBINSON

LOREN O. KIRK
JOHN JAGER
RAYMOND L. AMOS

July 6, 1926.

FORT SNELLING CHAPEL

Mr. Walter H. Wheeler:-

Mr. Mansfield of Selover, Schultz and Mansfield has turned over to us his complete file of correspondence relating to the Fort Snelling Chapel, with the idea that we should reply to your letter of June 29th written to them.

In regard to arriving at the cost of the work to be done by the soldiers, we beg to point out that it will hardly be possible to start any work until we have the drawings so far completed that any good contractor could give a figure on them.

We have had experience with buildings erected piece-meal and in every case where work has been started on a portion of a building before the working drawings for the complete building were practically finished, the owner has been involved in extras for unforeseen contingencies, which extras would have been avoided by a complete set of working drawings.

Whether figures for the soldiers' portion of the work are obtained by competitive bidding or from an estimate by a reputable contractor, is immaterial to us. We merely wish to emphasize the advisability of complete architectural service before beginning construction.

We enclose the entire file of correspondence for your files.

Respectfully

Hewitt & Brown, Inc.

RR/FG

By *Rhodes Robertson*

WALTER H. WHEELER, E. M.
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Minneapolis, Minn.
June 29, 1926

Messrs. Selover, Schultz & Mansfield
910 McKnight Bldg.
C I T Y

Gentlemen: ATTENTION: Mr. Mansfield.

Subject: Contract for Architectural Services on
Proposed Fort Snelling Chapel.

On my return after 3½ weeks absence, I find your letter of the 12th instant with enclosures as mentioned therein.

I am not quite satisfied with the method proposed by Hewitt & Brown in the last paragraph of their letter of the 7th instant for determining the amount of their fee on work done by the Fort Snelling authorities. In my opinion it should be optional with the Fort Snelling Chapel and Community Center Association to arrive at the cost of work done by the Fort Snelling authorities in the manner suggested by Hewitt and Brown, or by estimating the cost, subject to the approval of the Building Committee. Some of the work may be done before we are in a position to ask for contractors bids on the entire building.

No doubt, the above suggestion will be satisfactory to Hewitt & Brown and if so, it seems to me that the contract between the architects and the Fort Snelling Chapel and Community Center Association, Inc. may be safely executed with the modification referred to in my letter of May 20th last to Colonel W. E. Welch, President.

I am returning herewith all the papers you inclosed with your said letter.

Very truly yours,

Walter H. Wheeler
CHAIRMAN
BUILDING COMMITTEE.

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C/C- Colonel W. E. Welch
Fort Snelling, Minn.

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THEODORE CHRISTIANSON, GOVERNOR

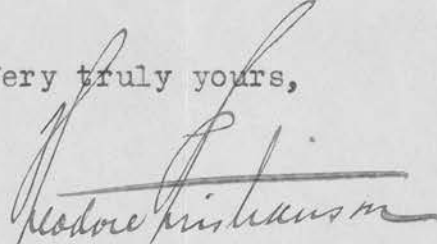
February 14, 1925.

Rev. Frank C. Rideout,
Chaplain, U. S. Army,
Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

Dear Mr. Rideout:

Answering your letter of the 9th instant, I want to assure you that I am thoroughly in sympathy with the project of erecting a suitable chapel for the holding of religious services at Fort Snelling. I assume that no government funds can be used for this purpose, but I believe it is a project which should enlist the interest of citizens generally. Be assured that anything I can do in the way of arousing sentiment for this project will be cheerfully done.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Theodore Christianson", written over a horizontal line.

C/VSJ



City of Minneapolis
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

GEORGE E. LEACH
MAYOR

February 11 1925

Doctor Marion D Shutter
Eighth Street and Second Avenue South
Minneapolis

My dear Doctor Shutter:-

I was very much pleased to receive your letter of February 10. You have my unqualified endorsement of the Fort Snelling project. I have heard Chaplain Rideout plead his cause, and I think it is a very reasonable one - one which the Twin Cities should respond to promptly.

I have read with interest your article prepared for the press. If you will tell me just how I should make my endorsement so that it will do the most good I will act immediately.

Very truly yours

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State of Minnesota
Executive Department
St. Paul

THEODORE CHRISTIANSON, GOVERNOR

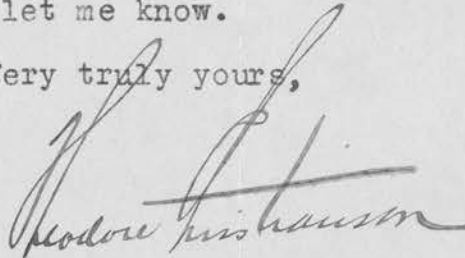
February 14, 1925.

Dr. Marion D. Shutter,
Oak Grove Hotel,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dear Dr. Shutter:

I thank you for your letter of the 10th instant calling my attention to the need of a chapel at Fort Snelling. I assure you that I am deeply in sympathy with this project and that I will give it my support. If there is anything specific that I can do to aid you, do not fail to let me know.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Theodore Christianson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Theodore Christianson".

C/VSJ

*Arnold E. Kahmet Owner
of this letter, 1964, Jan
New 58, Born 1-7-1906*

Minneapolis, Minn.
2209 Oliver Avenue South
January 30, 1928

Captain Frank C. Rideout,
Chaplain U. S. Army,
Fort Snelling, Minn.

Dear Captain Rideout :

It is our desire
to place as a memorial to our father,
Levi Longfellow, the altar and reredos
in the Fort Snelling Chapel now under
construction.

Our father enlisted at Fort Snelling
August 9th, 1862 in the Sixth Minnesota
Volunteer Infantry, and served as
Principal Musician of his regiment
until the close of the Civil War. He was
mustered out at Fort Snelling, August
19th, 1865

Because of these associations the
Fort was very dear to his heart, and
we shall take pride in placing this
memorial to his memory.

Very sincerely yours,

Beatrice M. Longfellow
Grace M. Longfellow

General David L. Stone

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January 2, 1936

Infantry was ordered to Vera Cruz. The 4th Cavalry and 5th Field Artillery were transferred and the ranks of the organization became so depleted that it was necessary for the transfer of Spanish War veterans from the Twin City Camps to hold the charter at Fort Snelling in order that it might be recruited upon the return of troops and which was done at a later date. The members of the Camp who held the charter, were active in every drive during the World War. A fine Christmas box was sent overseas to our men at the front.

The World War brought into retirement many men who had served the required time for retirement. The matter of transferring the men back to the Twin City Camps was taken up with National headquarters and they advised that inasmuch as it was the original Service Camp that we try to maintain the charter at Fort Snelling. It was suggested that we organize a women's auxiliary to assist the organization in its social and patriotic activities and the auxiliary was organized with Mrs. Anna Aldrich as its first President. When Colonel Walsh heard of the contemplated Auxiliary he very kindly provided quarters for them to meet at the Masonic Club where the auxiliary met. In the diminution of numbers of the Camp we met in the old Chapel, many times under difficulties and handicaps, but at all times the men were good soldiers.

We come now to the building of the Chapel in June, 1927 wherein the Camp entered heartily into the work, along with other patriotic organizations to bring to a reality the dream of Captain Frank C. Rideout, Chaplain, and one of the prime movers in the movement. We claim no particular distinction in this work, because it was a privilege to work for this fine Chapel for the Post, and a monument to the people of Minnesota and the friend of the soldier. We were informed at that time, that provision would be made in the Chapel for the meeting of our Camp and Auxiliary at all times, and it was with pride that we met in this fine Chapel adjacent to the historic "Old Round Tower". It has been our privilege to attend patriotic services and worship in the Chapel in the two pews designated to our organization and furnished by them at the time of its building.

The Ladies Auxiliary cooperating with the Camp, purchased a full set of dishes which are now being used in the kitchen, as well as dish towels and table covers. 18 card tables were purchased, a number of which are being used upon occasions at the Officer's Club at this time. We have been very happy in these contributions to the equipment of the Chapel. Of the 42 members, who at the present time comprise the organization, 17 are retired men of the U. S. Army. 17 are past Commanders of the U.S.W.V. One is a past Department Commander. Three at the present time are Department officers and the Camp has participated in all patriotic affairs of Spanish War Veterans, have participated in patriotic civic affairs and have taken a great pride in the Camp as a representative organization of Fort Snelling, and in pursuance to the suggestion contained in the letter of Major Albert L.

General David L. Stone

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January 2, 1936

Evans, Post Chaplain, under date of November 30th, 1935 we are setting forth a brief resume of the Camp's history as it pertains to Fort Snelling in order that the Commanding Officer may be fully informed and will appreciate the position we have taken in desiring to remain domiciled at the Post for our meetings and activities.

We are always glad to conform with the schedule of activities at the Chapel in order that we may in no way interfere with its program. Many Comrades of our Camp have little knowledge of where the finances come from to meet the current expense and the upkeep and replacement and we appreciate this being brought to their attention. Our Camp dues are \$3.00 per year per member, \$1.00 of which goes to the National and Department Headquarters as per capita tax, \$6.00 a year each to the Adjutant and Quartermaster have been paid to them to reimburse them for the many duties that devolve upon them during the year. We are contributors to the Memorial Day Association of St. Paul by whom flags and markers have been provided since the incorporation of that body for our Fort Snelling Cemetery and these graves have been flagged by our members with the reverence due our deceased Comrades. We have had the finest cooperation by each succeeding Commanding Officer of this Post since its inception. As you state, we have paid janitor service at the rate of \$1.00 per night amounting to \$24.00 leaving us a balance of \$50.00 per year to carry on the activities of the organization, hence, you will realize our inability to pay the \$12.00 per month suggested in the letter. It would mean an ouster for our organization and of course we speak for our auxiliary likewise. Contributions are only asked of them where the two organizations participate in those affairs where we have a joint interest.

If we were living under normal times, that social affairs could be given to raise money, our Camp is badly in need of a Camp color, but we have deferred the purchase of these colors until such time as we can give an affair with profit. If we may suggest the consideration of a nominal payment of \$4.00 a month during the pleasure of the Commanding Officer, until times have eased to such an extent that we may be able to raise money by holding social affairs, and then to consider a re-adjustment of this schedule, we will be your grateful debtors.

Yours very truly,

HUGO V. KOCH
Past Department Commander

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HEADQUARTERS
Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

December 12, 1924.

SPECIAL MEMORANDUM:

1. In compliance with recent instructions from Hq. 7th C.A., all organization commanders will ascertain whether or not enlisted men under their commands who served in the Army, Navy or Marine Corps, during the World War, have made application for Adjusted Compensation for World War Veterans.

2. All officers and enlisted men entitled to benefits under the Adjusted Compensation Act, who have not already made application, will either make application before December 20, 1924, or furnish this office with a statement to the effect that they do not intend to avail themselves of the benefits of this Act.

3. The Recruiting Office has application blanks with which to supply the organizations. Applications will be prepared by organizations so far as possible. The Recruiting Office at the Post Hospital has the necessary equipment for the taking of finger prints and will assist in the preparation of applications where such assistance is needed. Organizations will make appointments with the Recruiting Office for the taking of finger prints.

4. Upon the arrival at organizations of newcomers, i.e., recruits, transferred men, etc., they will be questioned as to whether or not they have submitted application for Adjusted Compensation or a statement to the effect that they do not intend to take advantage of the provisions of the Act. If it is found that such application or statement has not been submitted, it will be submitted without further delay.

5. Organization commanders will submit a report to these headquarters not later than December 20, 1924, together with applications of all men entitled to adjusted compensation and signed statements of all men entitled to adjusted compensation, but who do not desire to take advantage of it.

By order of Colonel SAMPLE:

J. E. WHARTON,
Captain, 3d Infantry,
Adjutant.

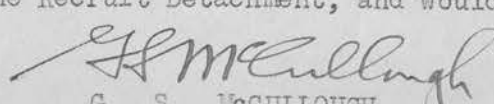
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GSMcC/jrw.

CO Recruit Detachment, Fort Snelling, Minnesota, February 25, 1925.
To the Chaplain, Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

1. This office is perfectly willing to co-operate with the Office of the Chaplain in every reasonable way. The suggestion is offered, however, that the Office of the Chaplain try to fit in its duties in regard to the Recruits, with the training schedule as laid down for the Recruit Detachment by Post Headquarters.
2. Instruction is continuous from 8:00 A.M. to 4:15 P.M. Any time after supper is available for instruction, or counsel, not laid down in the Post Training Guide # 4, and is gladly placed at the disposal of the Office of the Chaplain.
3. In regard to paragraph 1, sub-paragraphs (1) and (3), of the basic communication, it is not considered reasonable to furnish such detailed memoranda. Within the past two months this office force has been materially cut down, and the amount of paper work involved in a shipment of recruits is enormous. The Office of the Chaplain has not called for such information for over two and a half years and it is not understood just why it is so important now. It is suggested that a telephone call from the Recruit Detachment to the Office of the Chaplain be made to suffice.
4. It is not practicable to send small detachments of recruits to the Office of the Chaplain. This office does not have the soldier personnel on duty at the Detachment to handle such details, and neither on the day of departure, nor the preceeding day, would there be time available for such a procedure. The Recruit Barracks is the logical place for the Chaplain to meet with the recruits, and preferably at a time when every one concerned is not taken up with the many details of getting off a shipment.
5. The undersigned will be only too glad to co-operate in the matter of spiritual training for the recruits. It is the duty of the Detachment Commander to give all departing recruits a lecture on the way they should behave, etc., but it is beleived a Chaplain, on account of his training and position, would be more effective. It is suggested therefore that the Commanding Officer be approached with a view toward changing Training Guide # 4, and allowing the Chaplain two periods a week on the schedule. Tuesdays and Fridays from 1:30 to 2:30 are recommended. As there is seldom more than one shipment a week, this arrangement would certainly catch every recruit arriving and leaving. The Detachment Commander would be responsible that every recruit would attend. Any other arrangement would be bound to be unsatisfactory as it would involve breaking up the training schedule, which would probably be frowned upon by Corps Area, or else tend to add confusion at an already hectic time. Such an arrangement (scheduled talks) would also be the indication of the perfect spirit of co-operation that exists between the Office of the Chaplain and the Recruit Detachment, and would look good on the monthly report.


G. S. McCULLOUGH,
Captain 3d Infantry,
Commanding.

new Chapel

January 10, 1924.

Colonel John T. Axton,
Chief of Chaplains,
W. D., WASHINGTON, D.C.

My dear Chaplain Axton :-

Request the following data insofar as your office may be able to furnish it.

1. Number and names of Army Posts and Stations having upwards of 500 troops.

2. Names of Stations and Posts which have suitable places of worship, which are regularly set apart for the worship of God, and used for nothing else.

3. How and when were these Churches or Chapels built? That is, were they built with government ~~fund~~ appropriations?

4. Have any permanent houses of worship been built since the war? and if so, where and how? How were funds secured?

5. How many churches or Chapels located on Army Posts are used both by Catholics and Catholics? *Protestants?*

6. What definite sums of money have been definitely set apart by the government (or by the War Department) during the past 20 years for the erection of Chapels or Churches, their enlargement, and the maintenance of the same?

7. Has the War Department any definite, settled program or plan for the establishment of suitable places of worship at Army Posts in the future? In ~~any~~ other words, has the suggestion of the conference on religious matters in the Army re - the building of Chapels at Army Posts at the rate of one per year - taken root anywhere? Or is the suggestion likely to be still born?

8. Do you not feel that, aside from all matters of moral and spiritual consideration, the Army can make its stock rise in the estimation of the American people, making favorable prestige for itself to no inconsiderable degree by manifesting a definite, material interest in religious matters in the Army by the building of sufficient suitable places for worship in Army Posts?

(COPY)

The Secretary of State
Washington

March 26, 1925.

My dear Mr. Wheeler:

Your letter of March twenty-third in behalf of the erection of a Chapel at Fort Snelling for the use of soldiers at the Fort Snelling Military garrison and students in attendance at Summer camps, has been received and it has given me pleasure to send a telegram supporting this important and worthy cause.

The telegram was as follows:

"Your letter regarding proposed Chapel at Fort Snelling has been received and I send to the organizations interested my best wishes for the success of this important and worthy movement."

With kind regards, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

Frank B. Kellogg

Mr. Walter H. Wheeler,
1110 Metropolitan Life Bldg.,
Minneapolis,
Minnesota.

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609 Second Avenue South

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April 17, 1925

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Mr. Clarence A. Gunn,
Minneapolis.

Dear Mr. Gunn:

We as citizens of Minneapolis have a problem to solve and an opportunity to perform a real service. Your experience in such matters as we have before us has prompted us to come to you for advice and counsel.

Here are the facts in condensed form. Fort Snelling is one hundred years old and during this period no adequate or appropriate place has been provided for Divine Worship. The federal government has made no appropriation for the construction of buildings of this character at any of its posts. At many other garrisons the citizens of the community have built chapels as memorials. It is a golden opportunity and a privilege for us to do likewise at Fort Snelling.

There are two thousand men stationed at the Fort the year around and this number is augmented in the summer by three thousand young men attending the training camps. The need for a chapel where the spiritual welfare of everyone of our boys could be provided for according to his creed or belief is self-evident and should not have been permitted to exist this long. St. Paul has realized its responsibility and is enthusiastically preparing to do its share. It is now up to all the Christian people of Minneapolis regardless of Creed to do their part and do it quickly.

We want you to help in the consummation of plans for the erection of a Memorial Chapel at Fort Snelling, and arrangements have been made for those interested to get together at the Y. M. C. A. - Room 404, Tuesday April 21st at 6:15 P.M. Dinner - seventy-five cents.

Please signify on the enclosed postal whether you will be present or not. In either event be sure and return the card.

Yours very truly,

FORT SNELLING MEMORIAL CHAPEL COMMITTEE

Clarence A. Gunn
Secretary

CAG/AW

Plant the "inducements" and harvest the "trade"
crops must be planted before they are made.

St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church

B. F. KOCH, PASTOR

COR. GEORGE AND WASECA STREETS

PARSONAGE 221 W. GEORGE ST.

St. Paul, Minn., 2/3/26

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Dear Sirs:

I asked for four soldiers as ussers in the church the Sunday the cause of ~~x~~ the Chapel at Fort Snelling was to be presented. I discover now that we have someting of our own on, as we are running a campaign ~~of our~~ for \$35,000 on the debt of our church, so you can see that it will be impossible for us to cooperate. Am very sorry we are compelled to turn it down, I hope some of our people will help a little later.

Very truly yours,

B.F. Koch



November 27, 1927.

Mr. Edwin Lindell,
Am. Legion Hqrs.,
St. Paul, Minn.

My dear Eddie:-

I have your letter of yesterday and am pleased with what you say. For your immediate information I want to tell you something about my understanding of the situation regarding the architects.

They have contract for the building only. Mr. W. H. Wheeler, Chairman of our Building Committee, and himself an engineer and builder, feels that we will save considerable money by contracting for the church pews and all furniture and furnishings through dealers in Church furnishings and furniture, such as the American Seating Company who have offices and display rooms at 801 Produce Exchange Building, 1st Ave., North and 6th Street.

Mr. Wheeler thinks that the Architects usually make a charge of 15 or twenty percent for designing the furnishings and pew furniture for a church. This is much greater than the charge for designs, which is usually about 6 percent. We are paying Hewitt and Brown Co., 6 percent of the cost price for plans for the Chapel.

If Mr. Wheeler is right in this, and I think he is, we will save several hundreds of dollars in the furniture and furnishings for the Chapel. Mr. Hart of the Am. Seating Co. is working on plans for the furniture now. Companies which sell pews and other furnishings for churches make no charge for design plans. They will submit plans without charge. I doubt if you hear from Hewitt and Brown in this matter - They will hesitate until we give them an additional contract to make plans for the furniture and furnishings.

I wish you would see Mr. Hart, and also Mr. Wheeler, whose office is in the Metropolitan Life Building, Mpls. I share with you in the hope that the Legion will reconsider and make possible the entire seating for the Chapel, or at least the main auditorium. You better try and see Mr. Hart soon, inasmuch as his company are now working on designs for the chapel.

Yours cordially,



MRS. C. R. MCKENNEY
STATE TREASURER
105 18TH AVENUE
NORTH SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA

105 18th Ave
North St Paul, Minn
June 16 1928

Captain Frank C. Rideout
Fort Selling, Minnesota

Dear sir:

Since there was no chairman in the Minnesota Daughters of the American Revolution to solicit and collect funds for Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel, I am of the opinion that some contributions from this Society may have been sent directly to the Chapel Association. I am therefore inclosing a list of the contributions of which I have record and asking you if among your many duties you may find it possible to check this list for additional contributions. I give below a list of other Chapters in case they have sent money directly to you.

I shall be very grateful if you can give me any further information.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs C. R.) Mary S. McKenney

Treasurer Minnesota D. A. R.

Albert Lea
Anthony Wayne
Bemidji
Blue Earth
Captain Comfort Starr
Charter Oak
Dr Samuel Prescott
Fairmont
Fergus Falls
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Willmar
Caledonia

Winona, Minn. \$10.00

MRS. W. J. DONAHOWER
913 LAUREL AVE.
SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA

Jan. 28-1925.

Dear Captain Rideout: -

I meant to ask
you in my last letter, an
answer to which came this
morning, if the drive for
funds for the Fort Snelling
Chapel "was on", as I am
quite sure that the
Saint Paul Chapter, Daughters
of the American Revolution,
intend to send a check.

This is the D. A. R.

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Chapter before whom you
made an address at
a meeting held at the
University Club in
April 1924.

There are three other
D. A. R. Chapters in St. Paul,
and I hope that they
will contribute something
also. Should a check be
sent to you?

Sincerely
Mrs. W. J. Donahower.

First Church of Christ, Scientist

SUMMIT AVENUE AND GROTTO STREET

SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA

February 13th 1925

Mr. Frank C. Rideout,
Chaplain U.S. Army,
Fort Snelling, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

Our Board of Directors is in receipt of your letter of Feb. 4th relative to the need for a chapel at Fort Snelling, and I am instructed to say that this matter will be referred to our church membership at our next regular business meeting in April of this year.

Very cordially,

Mrs Mary E Greaza
Clerk

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF CHAPLAINS
WASHINGTON

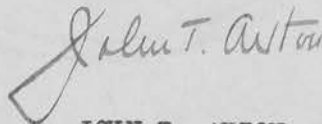
February 6, 1925

Chaplain Frank C. Rideout, USA,
Fort Snelling, Minn.

My dear Rideout:

I have today written to Mr. Rodger F. Etter as per the inclosed copy. I assume that he will transmit my letter to Mr. Nash. You are to be congratulated upon the progress that is being made for securing a permanent building for your post.

Very sincerely yours,



JOHN T. AXTON
Chief of Chaplains

Incl.



HUGO V. KOCH
PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER
DEPT. OF MINNESOTA
UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS
ST. PAUL, MINN.

March 27.1928

Captain Rideout
Chaplain. Third Infantry
Fort Snelling. Minn

Dear Captain;

Persuant to our conversation relative to Hamilton Fish Camp having some part in the furnishing of the Chapel, this matter was taken up at the meeting held on the same evening and the Camp, together with their Auxillary have acted favorably upon it.

Having in mind the fact that the Daughters of the Revolution were considering the lighting upstairs or the benches up forward, may I inquire what they have decided upon. Our Comrades are prepared to choose between either three or four benches, following the lead of the Legion or taking a part of the lighting. Our folks are enthused and will do the very best we can.

Now may I inquire when you will require this money, for if it is necessary at once Comrade Hammon our Commander will make arrangements to advance the money having in mind that the organizations can refund it to him later.

Thanking you for your courtesy and assuring you that our organizations are happy indeed that they will have a future home in the chapel, knowing that it will be the means of bringing to our fold some much desired timber

Yours for service

Hugo Koch
Past Department Commander.

1359 Osceola ave.

HEADQUARTERS, FORT SNELLING, MINNESOTA.
OFFICE OF THE CHAPLAIN

Chaplain's Office.
March 28, 1928.

Mr. Hugo Koch,
1359 Osceola Ave.,
St. Paul, Minn.

My dear Comrade Koch:-

The Daughters of the Revolution have asked to provide the Lighting System for the Chapel.

It would please me very much to have the United Spanish War Veterans make possible some of the Pews for the Chancel, and if you will tell me how many to reserve for you, I will do this right away. Others have asked about them, and if you delay long, I may be almost under obligation to let some organization do this.

Conditions call for payment of 25 % now, half the balance upon delivery of pews, that is 37½ %; then the final payment must be made within 60 days after instalation.

If you could tell me how many pews to reserve and pay at least 25%, I will have this arranged at once. I thank you for your kind interest.

Sincerely yours,

Chaplain, U.S.A.

WALTER H. WHEELER, E. M.
DESIGNING & CONSULTING ENGINEER

MEM. AM. SOC. CIVIL ENGINEERS - REGISTERED ENGINEER & ARCHITECT
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BUILDINGS - BRIDGES - DAMS - GRAIN ELEVATORS, ETC.

1112-10 METROPOLITAN LIFE BUILDING. MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

March 4, 1927

Chaplain Frank C. Rideout
Fort Snelling, Minnesota

Dear Chaplain Rideout: Re: Fort Snelling Chapel.

Your letter of the 1st instant received and I am very much interested in the contents.

There does not seem to be much difficulty in interesting people and organizations in giving memorials of various kinds for the new chapel. The difficulty seems to be to raise the money for the construction of the building itself. I have not heard from Mr. Winter as to what progress he is making and at this writing I cannot reach him on the telephone.

Our contract with the architects does not include the design of furnishings. It does include lighting fixtures, kitchen equipment and decorative work. I do not feel that we should go to any further expense for architectural service at this time but, of course, if the architects are willing to make suggestions without expense to the association I would be very glad to have them do so.

It occurs to me that the persons who wish to give memorials could secure estimates on such memorial from the manufacturer without any expense to themselves and that the manufacturer could readily prepare the estimates from the architectural plans and specifications of the building. It seems to me that the design and all matters relating to such memorials should be submitted to the Building Committee for their approval before they are accepted.

I would judge from the prices set upon the various items in the Plattsburg list that the committee might have made the amount large enough so that the memorial could be purchased and the balance of the money turned into the general building fund.

Do you think it would be practical to work out a plan whereby those giving memorials should contribute an equal amount to the construction of the chapel? It seems to me that some of the persons who wish to give memorials would be satisfied to make a gift to the building fund of the chapel on the condition that a small bronze memorial plate be erected in the building. It has occurred to me that the walls of the front vestibule would

Chaplain C. Rideout, 3/4/27, Page 2.

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giving name, address and any historical or service facts.

It seems to me that it is considerable of a privilege to be allowed to place a memorial in the Fort Snelling Chapel and that we might capitalize that privilege for the benefit of the building fund. / O.K.

Sincerely yours,

Walter A. Shulw. W.E.W.

CHAIRMAN, BUILDING COMMITTEE
FORT SNELLING CHAPEL & COMMUNITY
CENTER ASSOCIATION.

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Minneapolis, Minn.
March 4, 1927

Colonel W. E. Welsh, President
Fort Snelling Chapel & Community Center Assoc.
Fort Snelling, Minnesota

Dear Colonel Welsh: Subject: Fort Snelling Chapel.

Your letter of February 24th, relative to tablet to be erected in memory of Father Gear by Mr. Charles M. Remy, was received.

I believe that all matters of this kind should be subject to the approval of the members of the Building Committee rather than the architects altho the Building Committee might wish to consult the architects in regard thereto.

I am writing Chaplain Rideout as per inclosed copy and I am also sending copies of this letter to Mr. Cochran, of St. Paul, Mr. Zonne of Minneapolis and to Major Wainer and Mr. McKnight.

Sincerely yours,

Walter H. Wheeler
CHAIRMAN, BUILDING COMMITTEE
FORT SNELLING CHAPEL & COMMUNITY
CENTER, ASSOCIATION.

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*To
Chaplain
Rideout*

March 4, 1927

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CHAIRMAN, BUILDING COMMITTEE
FORT SNELLING CHAPEL & COMMUNITY
CENTER ASSOCIATION.

WFF:WVB

HEADQUARTERS
Fort Snelling, Minnesota
Office of the Chaplain

May 10, 1938

Dear Mr. Editor:

I am sorry that I cannot address you personally, so I am obliged to send out the inclosed articles informally, trusting that you will be able to use them in your newspaper between now and June 5th, when we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the coming of the first army chaplain to Fort Snelling, and the tenth anniversary of the dedication of our Chapel, the gift of the soldiers and citizens of Minnesota.

You are at liberty to rewrite these articles, change them in any way you see fit, to suit your purposes. The main idea is to convey to you some information about this event. We need publicity that everyone may be informed about it. Nearly everyone is interested and many made some contribution in money to this Chapel.

We thank you for your cooperation and assistance, and hope that we may see you at Fort Snelling, June 5th.

For the Commanding General:


Albert L. Evans
Chaplain, Lt.Col.U.S.Army

E/w

P.S. Inclosed is a self-addressed envelope. The commanding General would be pleased to receive a clipping of any article or articles you print in your paper.

A.L.E.

MEMORIAL CHAPEL FORT SNELLING
CELEBRATES TENTH ANNIVERSARY

Ten years ago the soldiers and citizens of Minnesota contributed approximately one hundred thousand dollars to the Fort Snelling Chapel and Community Center Association, Inc. This was composed of a voluntary group of officers located at Fort Snelling, together with a few interested citizens in the Twin Cities, who earnestly believed that the garrison at Fort Snelling should have an adequate place in which to conduct its religious services and community affairs.

The campaign was state-wide in its appeal to individuals and groups of men and women. The Veteran organizations--Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution, the G.A.R. and the Women's Relief Corps, the Spanish-American Veterans, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, and their Auxiliaries, joined hands with church, fraternal, civic, and commercial organizations, to erect and dedicate a fitting memorial to the soldiers of Minnesota, who had served or were serving their country, living and dead. It was to be a memorial that commemorated not only the past, but projected itself into the future. It was to be not only a monument but a living institution that would serve those that were to come after them in the noblest way. It was to be a place that housed not only memorials of historic events, which centered in and around Fort Snelling from the pioneer days down to the present time, but a house in which those who were garrisoned there in the days to come might find inspiration to carry on bravely and courageously.

For ten years this Chapel has been in constant use for religious and welfare purposes. Here Protestant and Catholic services are conducted each Sunday. With its choirs, Sunday School, Brotherhood, Chapel Aid Society and Altar Guild, Boy and Girl Scout Troops, the Post Library, and its facilities for all kinds of social activities, under the direction of the Post Chaplain, it has proven itself to be a real community center for the garrison.

In appreciation of this splendid gift, the Commanding General, Brigadier General Campbell B. Hodges, and the Post Chaplain, Lt. Col. Albert L. Evans, have scheduled June 5th as "Visitors Day" at the Post, and invite all who are interested to attend the services there that morning, inspect the Chapel, participate in the open-air gathering in the afternoon, witness a parade of the troops, see the "Round Tower", the oldest building in Minnesota, and other places of historic interest. The garrison will open its heart to you that day to say "thank you" for the Memorial Chapel. This is your Memorial and your Fort. Why not make a pilgrimage to it June 5th?

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

This seems to be the year for centennials and Fort Snelling is not be left out of it, for one hundred years ago there came to this frontier Post the first United States Army Chaplain, an Episcopal clergyman, named Ezekiel G. Gear, and for twenty years he remained here as a Chaplain, looking after the moral and spiritual welfare of the soldiers, officers and families of the garrison. In addition to his duties as a Chaplain he held services in the surrounding communities, sparse little settlements at Pig's Eye Landing, which afterwards became St. Paul, St. Anthony Falls, which afterwards became Minneapolis, and in Mendota.

In the Memorial Chapel at Fort Snelling, erected and dedicated ten years ago, a gift of the people of Minnesota in memory of their soldiers, living and dead, there is a beautiful memorial window, given by the Episcopal Diocese of Minnesota, which celebrates the deeds of the pioneer Bishop, Henry B. Whipple, confirming an Indian Chief and his squaw, and also the pioneer Chaplain, Ezekiel G. Gear, administering communion to an officer and his wife, dressed in the old army blues.

On this Post the first church organized in Minnesota was instituted, with the commandant, Colonel Gustavus Loomis; as clerk of the session, Henry H. Sibley; Alexander Huggins and Samuel W. Pond as Elders. This church became the First Presbyterian Church of Minneapolis, and was founded in 1835. There is a window in the Chapel memorializing this event also.

In 1834 two Yankee laymen felt the urge to come West from Connecticut to convert the Sioux Indians. As white men were not allowed in this territory, without consent of the commandant, they came to Fort Snelling. They were permitted to stay, provided they would teach the Indians to plow and plant corn and become self-supporting. This they gladly undertook. These two men afterwards became clergymen, and their work amongst the Indians resulted in their reducing the Sioux language to writing. Their work is memorialized in the Chapel by a lovely window depicting their early exploits.

To commemorate these events one hundred years ago, and to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the Memorial Chapel, the Commanding General and the present United States Army Chaplain, Lt. Col. Albert L. Evans, are arranging a program for June 5th. It will be known as a "Visitors Day" on the Post. Special Catholic and Protestant anniversary services will be held in the morning, and in the afternoon there will be a large open air meeting near the Chapel to which the general public is most cordially invited, and in which the garrison will attempt to show their gratitude to the generous people of Minnesota, who gave them such a beautiful, expensive, and well-equipped Chapel in which to center their religious and community activities. This will be followed by a parade of the Troops for the benefit of all who attend.

THE ARMY WORSHIPS

There are a lot of things that our army does besides fight. One of them is to worship and pray. An army without morals and a morale is a poor one indeed. In order to build up this side of the soldier's life, we have army Chaplains in the service, who are responsible for the moral and spiritual welfare of the men. For this purpose Chapels have been erected in permanent army garrisons, such as Fort Snelling.

Probably the old Fort has the finest and best equipped chapel in the entire army. It is the gift of the soldiers and citizens of Minnesota, who wanted to memorialize their heroic dead and minister to those who would follow after them. This Chapel was erected at a cost of about one hundred thousand dollars, and dedicated on June 10, 1928.

To commemorate that event the Fort plans a great day on June 5, 1938, to thank all those who gave of their time and money to this edifice, and show their gratitude for what has been done for them. On this day the public is invited to visit the Fort and participate in the program, which is as follows:

- 9:00 A.M. Roman Catholic Mass
- 10:30 A.M. Protestant Worship
- 2:30 P.M. Band Concert in the vicinity of the Chapel.
- 3:00 P.M. Open Air Anniversary Service
- 4:30 P.M. Parade of the Troops

WRAPPER INDORSEMENT

Frank C. Rideout, Chaplain, U.S.A., Fort Snelling, Minnesota, March
28, 1924. TO : The Commanding Officer, Fort Snelling, Minn.

1. Forwarded.

F. C. Rideout

Frank C. Rideout
Chaplain, U.S.A.

Fort Snelling, Minnesota.
March 19, 1924.

SUBJECT: Post Chapel.

TO: Commanding Officer, Fort Snelling, Minnesota.
(thru Chaplain Rideout)

We the undersigned members of the Enlisted Ladies Guild desire to express our hope that steps may be taken as soon as practicable in the breaking of ground and the laying of the corner stone for the proposed new Chapel at Fort Snelling. Where^{as} this matter of the Chapel has been before us and the general public for over a year, we believe that interest can be maintained in a larger degree if an actual start is made in the direction of building.

The money now on hand might well be used in paying for the cutting of the stone in the old bridge ^{cut} pier on the bank of the Mississippi river and in having it hauled to the Chapel location.

We Ladies of the Guild also feel that no greater incentive could possibly be furnished for ~~their~~^{our} continued efforts than to have something definite, and something big to work for. We believe that with a worthy object before us, such as the building of this Chapel, there will be an immediate reaction upon us all in a raised morale and in a higher self-respect in the entire community. Some of the ladies have seemed to have lost heart in-as-much as no definite steps have yet been taken to start the building of the Chapel.

We believe that interest upon the part of all including the general public will be rekindled whenever an actual start is made.

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The Cavalry School

POST CHAPLAIN'S OFFICE

FORT RILEY, KANSAS

Attending Chaplains School

February 10, 1925.

Chaplain Frank C. Rideout:
Fort Snelling, Minnesota .

My dear Rideout:

Your letter here and I am as you note in school at Ft. Leavenworth, and expect to be here until Mch 14th, at least.

I have written the Adjutant for the Statistics and figures of the building. To the Constructing Q.M. for a copy of the Blue Prints to be sent you direct. To my wife to send you the tablet contents regarding the Chaplain's history, as its builder .

Some of it will get to you in a few days while the blue prints may be later in coming. I would if I were you send to the Chief of Chaplains office for the plans of the chapel building at Ft. Eustis, Va. The history of that chapel is splendid advertising.

A few words on the school class. We are nearly the last of the Original chaplains all old ones except Chaplain McCann (Catholic) and Jung O.R.C. (Episcopal) A jolly house to be sure since five of us served in the Hawaiian Dept at the same time.

Leavenworth is having a series of Commercial Revival sermons preached to try and get an improvement committee converted to the need of building up Leavenworth city. Good roads and enterprising Kansas City has crippled the little city badly, as you know.

I mentioned the letter from you and Col. Hunter and Cohee send their good will and God Bless you in this missive. In this school we are stressing Practical Duties of the chaplain quite a bit, and the next class intends to stress it more. Other subjects relieve about the stress they have relieved heretofore.

Now if I can be of any further use to you in your Chapel enterprise just write it to me and I shall be pleased to help you further it.

Sincerely ,

Kendall

HEADQUARTERS FORT SNELLING

Office of the Commanding Officer

Subject: Post Chapel at Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

February 26, 1925.

To: The Adjutant General,
Washington, D.C.
(Through CG Seventh Corps Area, Omaha, Nebraska).

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E. M. NORTON,
Lt. Colonel, 3d Infantry,
Commanding.

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HWM:A

Hq. Seventh Corps Area, Omaha, Nebraska, March 2, 1925 - To: Commanding Officer, Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

Not favorably considered in view of the original indorsement of War Department in this matter - 14th Indorsement, The Adjutant General's Office, September 17, 1923 - quoted as follows:

"Approved with the proviso that the building so constructed shall be Pan Secterian in character and donations therefor not limited to any particular sect or society."

By command of Major General DUNCAN:

Harvey W. Miller,
Colonel, A.G.D., Adjutant General.

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In Reply Refer To: HEADQUARTERS FORT SNELLING
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E. M. Norton,
Lt. Colonel, 3d Infantry
Commanding.

Duluth Chapter
Sons of the American Revolution

Duluth, Minnesota

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

by the

DULUTH CHAPTER

SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

APRIL 4TH, 1927.

WHEREAS : FORT SNELLING, Minnesota's only Army garrison, and one of the oldest, largest and most beautiful Posts in the United States, is without a Chapel or house of worship, and its population of nearly two thousand persons is deprived of a proper place for the holding of religious services, funeral rites and other religious, devotional and patriotic functions, and,

WHEREAS : Such a condition is not compatible with, nor conducive to the development of our American ideals, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED : THAT THE DULUTH CHAPTER, SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, does hereby endorse the movement for providing a Pan-Sectarian Chapel at Fort Snelling as a Minnesota Memorial to the soldiers of our state who have trained for our national emergencies at the famous Minnesota garrison. And be it further

RESOLVED : That we do hereby pledge our moral and financial support to this meritorious project, and commend it to all civic, religious, patriotic and commercial organizations for their united and energetic support.

Signed: Calvin F. How,
Vice-President.
F. H. Lounsberry
Secretary.

EXTRACT

From the Manual for the Quartermaster Corps.
Page 456, Vol. 1.

2884. The Secretary of War is without authority to grant permission for construction of a chapel for the exclusive use of any particular denomination on a military reservation. (Dec. Atty. Gen., May 19, 1897.)

A TRUE COPY

Frank C. Rideout
Chaplain, U.S.A.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF CHAPLAINS
WASHINGTON

March 3, 1925

Chaplain Frank C. Rideout, USA
Fort Snelling, Minn.

My dear Rideout:

I have your letter telling me of the request that has been made through channels for authority to authorize a separate section of your post chapel for exclusively Catholic services. I do not know what the legal angle may be as I do not know of any precedent for such a guarantee as is desired by Father Casey.

I know that at Fort McPherson, Georgia, Protestants and Catholics use the same chapel. The altar is in a deep recess so that when Protestant services are being conducted an attractive screen is placed before it. The arrangement is such as to in no way mar the beauty of the interior of the chapel. At Fort Myer Protestants and Catholics use the improvised chapel together and on the walls there are the stations of the cross and other symbols necessary for Roman Catholic services.

I am extremely anxious that when your chapel is constructed it shall be along the lines that will make it adaptable to the services of the various communions. I sincerely hope that there will be no legal objection to doing the thing which you desire but I have a feeling that no such assurance as is requested can be given without an act of Congress.

It will be a splendid thing to have the Roman Catholics of St. Paul and Minneapolis make a generous contribution to the chapel for neither they nor we know how soon in the transfer of personnel it may become necessary to have a chaplain of Roman Catholic faith at Fort Snelling. Nothing of the sort is impending but you know enough of the military service to understand that a contingency might arise which would make it very desirable to send a Catholic chaplain to that area.

Very sincerely yours,

John T. Axton
JOHN T. AXTON
Chief of Chaplains

Serial 65

FORT SNELLING CHAPEL and COMMUNITY CENTER

Office of the President.

Fort Snelling, Minn. 1924

To: Sumner T. McKnight, Treasurer,
Through: Walter H. Wheeler,
Chairman Building Committee.

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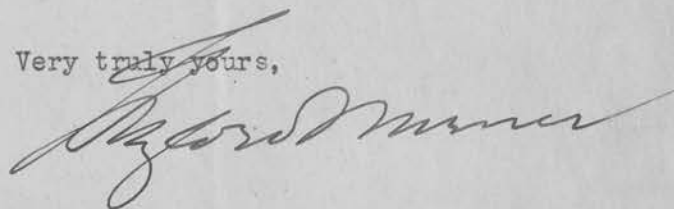
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Mr. C. A. Gunn, Secretary,
Builders Exchange Building,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dear Clarence:

I wish to compliment you on your letter re Fort Snelling
Chapel. I hope that it is going to result in getting out a good
attendance.

Very truly yours,



GW:B

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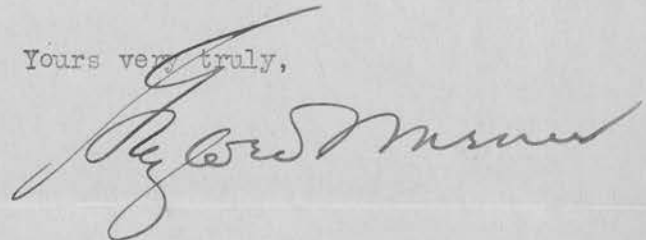
Col. W. E. Welsh, Commander,
Third Infantry,
Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

Dear Col. Welsh:

I appreciate your invitation of September 4th to have dinner with you at the Officers Club at 6:30 the evening of September 11th, and the invitation is accepted.

I have written Captain Rideout suggesting the names of some gentlemen for you to invite.

Yours very truly,



GW:B

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Chaplain

September 9, 1925.

Colonel W. E. Welsh
Commanding 3rd Infantry
Fort Snelling, Minnesota

My dear Colonel Welsh:

I appreciate your invitation
to have dinner with you September 11th.

Unfortunately I have another
engagement.

Regretfully,

E. A. Prosser

Director

CAP/HB

UNITY CHURCH
PORTLAND AVENUE AND GROTTO STREET
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

Chaplain

FREDERICK M. ELIOT, MINISTER
807 FAIRMOUNT AVENUE

September 9, 1925

Colonel W. E. Welsh,
Fort Snelling, Minnesota,

Dear Colonel Welsh:

It is a matter of sincere regret to me that a previous engagement prevents my accepting the very kind invitation which I received this morning for dinner on the evening of September 11.

I wish to assure you of my most cordial sympathy in the projected Chapel for Fort Snelling, and of my purpose to assist in any way possible in carrying it to completion.

Faithfully yours

Frederick M. Eliot.

Hon. Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

We, the undersigned, Rector and Committee of Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel, Fort Snelling, Minnesota, beg to state that we accept from Charles Mason Remey, a Tablet executed in marble to be permanently placed in our Chapel, as a true and permanent work of art, as mentioned in the accompanying Letter of Presentation.

We, furthermore, beg to state that this will not be paid for from the funds of the Chapel, and we hereby certify that Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel is a corporation known as Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel located at Fort Snelling, Minnesota, and was incorporated under the provision of the Statute Laws of the State of Minnesota governing the organization of Episcopal Churches.

Very truly yours,

91 Church Street

Hon. Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I, the undersigned, have presented to
Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel, Fort Snelling,
Minnesota, a Tablet in marble, a true and permanent
work of art, to be permanently place in the Chapel

Very truly yours,

CHARLES MASON REMEY

MRW:ahg
October 21st, 1926.

MEMORANDUM: For the Commanding Officer:

1. Request authority to hire carpenter for form work on Chapel, to be paid from Chapel funds. No post labor available for this work.
2. It is desired to start form construction and concrete work next Monday, October 25th, 1926.

MAX B. WAINER,
Major, Q.M. Corps,
Quartermaster.

HEADQUARTERS
Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

April 8, 1925.

Subject : Site of Post Chapel at Fort Snelling.

To : The Adjutant General of the Army, Washington, D.C.
(Through Military Channels).

1. With reference to letter, Headquarters Fort Snelling, under date of March 23, 1923, subject "Authority to Construct Post Chapel", 14th Indorsement thereon, file A.G. 631.4 Fort Snelling, dated September 27, 1923, approving of construction of said chapel, and of location thereof mentioned in paragraph 6 of basic letter referred to, it is requested that further consideration be given to location as noted on plat of post of Fort Snelling enclosed herewith.

2. Due to the fact that a bridge spanning the Minnesota River is under construction which will be completed within the next eighteen months, the northern approach to which will pass directly in front of location chosen ^{as} chapel site, it is considered unwise to build chapel here. The increase of traffic at this point will undoubtedly make site undesirable as a church location.

3. Authority is therefore requested to construct chapel at either of the following locations given as a First and b Second choice :

a. Plot of ground northwest from Post Headquarters building on corner lot fronting _____ feet on Taylor Avenue, by _____ feet in depth on Minnehaha Avenue.

b. Plot of ground directly north of present location of Post Gymnasium _____ feet fronting on Taylor Avenue, with a depth of _____ feet.

4. In consideration of the further fact that citizens of the Twin Cities are now considering ways and means of raising funds for the construction of a much larger and more beautiful house of worship at this post than was at first contemplated, it is expected that this communication will be followed shortly ^{by} ~~with~~ another letter giving data and blue prints for same, and requesting authority for its construction in lieu of the one, plans of which have already been approved.

HEADQUARTERS THIRD INFANTRY
Fort Snelling, Minnesota

December 20, 1925.

Reverend Sir:

The War Department has approved plans for the building of a "Pan Sectarian" Chapel including a Recreation center for our use at this garrison, which must be constructed "without cost to the government".

Numerous civilian agencies in the Twin Cities and throughout the state are as anxious in helping us to provide for this necessity as we are to have it. They are giving assurances of the necessary support in obtaining funds for its erection.

As Commanding Officer of the garrison, it is my duty to have the chapel constructed along such composite lines as will provide adequate and suitable facilities for the religious exercises and functions of all denominations.

In the construction of the proposed chapel, I should like to feel that the project has the sympathy and cooperation of all, in view of the fact that this edifice will serve as a place for religious worship and general meeting place for the personnel of this garrison for many years to come.

Inasmuch, as approximately one-sixth of all Chaplains in the service are of the catholic faith, it is quite possible that sometime in the future a Catholic Chaplain may be detailed for duty at this garrison. In nearly all places of worship at the various Army Posts both catholics and protestants worship in the same building. In all cases chaplains and civilian clergymen function with perfect harmony and with increasing satisfaction. In a number of instances the Catholic Altar and other equipment are screened off in the chancel end of the chapel and opened only when used by the Catholics. An altar will be installed and some such provision will be made in the chapel now planned for this post.

I feel that your cooperation and assistance in this matter will be of the greatest benefit and help in the undertaking.

It was my great pleasure and good fortune to meet and know Archbishop Ireland during my short stay at this post in 1917. I know that many a soldier and officer in our service, both during our great war and during times of peace, before and since, were made better both spiritually

professionally by his benign influence and the interest which he took
their welfare. He was ever most interested in the religious welfare of
our army and in the healthy recreation and amusement of its personnel.

It is, perhaps, because of this association and the knowledge
which I have of the sentiments and feelings of your esteemed and venerated
predecessor, that I feel confident of your cooperation and approval of the
plans to provide, after, a period of one-hundred years, a suitable place
of worship, intellectual recreation, and entertainment for the personnel
of this post.

I have the honor to be,

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. WELSH,
Colonel, 3rd Infantry,
Commanding.

To:

The Right Reverend Austin Dowling,
Archbishop, Diocese of St. Paul,
Saint Paul, Minnesota.

**COMMITTEE ON ARMY POSTS
OF THE
CHURCHWOMEN'S LEAGUE FOR PATRIOTIC SERVICE**

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50 WEST 45TH STREET

Brigadier-General Alfred W. Bjornstad,
Fort Snelling,
Minnesota.

My dear General Bjornstad:

The Chief of Chaplains, Colonel Axton, has told the members of this Committee about the wonderful Chapel that was recently built at Fort Snelling, which is under your command. In behalf of the Committee, I am writing to ask if you know of any one who could give us some information on the way in which the money for this purpose was gotten together. We understand that it was raised by popular subscription. We have been interested in helping further the work of the Army Chaplains, and our immediate object at present is the building of a Memorial Chapel at Plattsburg Barracks in memory of the graduates who died in the War. It is, of course, a large undertaking, but such an edifice would be of real benefit at that Post, where, as you doubtless know, the present Chapel is ~~very~~ inadequate and uncomfortable. Besides, it would serve to perpetuate the "Plattsburg Idea". The Chapel would be for the use of the four great groups of worshipers, and we have the encouragement and support of the Secretary of War, the Honorable Dwight F. Davis, and of Colonel Axton.

We will be most grateful for any help or information that you can give us regarding the method of procedure followed for the building of the Chapel at Fort Snelling.

This letter is a duplicate of one addressed to you November seventeenth, at Fort Benning, Georgia, where we heard that you were temporarily stationed. We have arranged an important meeting for December tenth, and are most desirous to have any data or suggestions that you may care to make.

Believe me

Very truly yours,

Emma W. Durkee

Emma W. Durkee,
Secretary.

*Chaplain Reddick - I explained Chapel not yet
built, but plan selected. Several thousands dollars in
hand, but bulk of funds to come through
December
third
1923
Came through organized by you.
Please write her the
details desired.
Alfred Sturges*

December 21, 1925.

Miss Emma W. Durkee, Secy.,
Committee on Army Posts,
Churchwomen's League for Pa-
triotic Service,
50 West 45th Street,
New York, N.Y.

Re - Chapel Plans etc.,
Fort Snelling, Minn.

My dear Madam:-

I have your correspondence with General Bjornstad, Corps Area Commander, Omaha, Nebraska, regarding the Fort Snelling Chapel project, and it is a pleasure to tell you what has been done concerning it.

This has been a campaign of publicity and propaganda, or rather I think I should say and attempt to get patriotic organizations, church leaders and business men TO DO A NOBLE PIECE OF PATRIOTIC WORK FOR YOUNG MEN OF THEIR OWN BLOOD AND OF THEIR OWN STATE. In the beginning, two years ago, I started in with securing a resolution from the Daughters of the American Revolution. Then I asked church groups, service clubs, and other patriotic and ecclesiastical organizations to help me in the creating of a sentiment for this thing. I also published a number of pamphlets, brochures and addresses. I also took mimeographed copies of resolutions of various bodies along with me wherever I spoke.

In the past two years I have spoken before more than 200 groups of persons, including masons, catholic groups, American Legion, Lodges, Women's clubs, Lions' Club, Kiwanis Club, etc., etc. Finally, I reached the point where I had to tell various people THAT THIS LOVELY CHAPEL COULD NOT BE BUILT ON RESOLUTIONS.

I secured the co-operation of the mayors of the twin cities and the governor of the state. The Sons of the American Revolution have helped me tremendously. I have learned many things myself during these two years, and one is the lesson of patience and forbearance with the slow of heart. We have organized no less than three times, and the leaders have either recognized their own failure have moved away from the vicinity, or have resigned.

Finally, I secured the co-operation of ~~several~~ a few men of powerful influence and of financial resources, and they have taken hold with promise of real success. More than forty of the leading business men of the Twin cities are now quietly conducting a campaign among their friends for sums of money ranging all the way

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from \$250.00 to \$1,000.00 each. We hope in that way to secure approximately one half of the necessary funds to erect the chapel. On the 7th of February, 1926, and lasting over the 14th we will put on a campaign drive in the Twin Cities and the state for the balance of the funds needed. We hope to secure One Hundred Thousand Dollars by the middle of February, 1926.

To be sure we are never certain until the job is done, but we have every confidence now that it will be done. We have the promise that the newspapers will assist us during the actual drive, and already they have given us fine support in creating a sentiment for the much needed Chapel and Community Center.

Now, I have skimmed the surface only, but I hope that I have given you an idea of how we have reached this stage, at least. If the project is successful, I believe I could repeat the same kind of a project somewhere else in a few months - seeing a precedent had been established.

I believe that a request through the Chief of Chaplains to the War Department for a temporary detail of say a couple of months in New York would result in the War Department sending me there to help you to put the thing over the top. Please do not mention that I have suggested this, but you might sound out Chaplain Axton, as to the possibility of having the War Department order me to New York for temporary duty, say the First of March, for a couple of months to assist you in this matter. To be sure, your organization would have to secure the speaking dates for me among the various groups that you would hope to have take a part in the project.

Please do not hesitate to call upon me for any assistance that I can give you by mail, busy as I am at this Christmas season, OUR CHAPEL PROJECT COMES FIRST, and of course realizing the fine undertaking which you are initiating for our soldier boys at Plattsburg, I am ready to push to the limit.

Yours very cordially,

P.S. Under separate cover
I am sending a number
of copies of printed
matter etc. FCR.

Frank C. Rideout
Chaplain, U.S.A.

FCR. w.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF CHAPLAINS
WASHINGTON

March 31, 1925

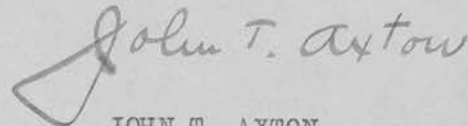
Chaplain Frank C. Rideout, USA
Fort Snelling, Minn.

My dear Chaplain:

I am sending you herewith a copy of a letter which I wrote today to Mr. Young in response to one received from him. When I took the trouble to write at such length I was not aware that this was a circular which may have been sent to a considerable number of people. Chaplain Yates has since received one to which he will reply. Perhaps you would like to see the questions that Mr. Young asked. We are therefore sending you his letter.

I sincerely hope that things go well with your project.

Very sincerely yours,



JOHN T. AXTON
Chief of Chaplains

Incls.

copy

March 31, 1925

Mr. Edward F. Young
1607 Ashland Avenue
St. Paul, Minn.

My dear Mr. Young:

Without waiting to make the extended search of War Department records which would be necessary if I were to trace down each case I am depending upon my own memory and a check by my office force for the following statements in response to your good letter of March 26th.

Since the World War the government has made no appropriations whatsoever for the building of chapels or places of worship on military posts. Wherever chapels have been provided through individual gifts or otherwise the heating, lighting and janitor service have been cared for through appropriated funds. Fortunately there is a blanket regulation which makes this possible. Substantial repairs are also cared for in the same way.

In answer to your second question I am pleased to tell you that there are a few cases where appropriated funds have been used for the building of chapels. These were mostly in the long ago. The beautiful chapel at West Point was secured through a special appropriation. The one at Fort Des Moines, Iowa was included in the general scheme for the building of that post. One in Yellowstone Park was erected many years ago as a result of a special act of Congress. These are the only cases of which we know where government funds were used and of course in each instance the contracts for the buildings were made through the Quartermaster Department.

Your question number three concerning denominational chapels calls for a rather extended reply. None have been permitted within the past twenty five years except the Roman Catholic chapel at West Point. Prior to that time revocable licenses were granted to Roman Catholics at Fort Monroe, Va. and Fort Leavenworth, Kans. These licenses were issued by the Secretary of War but it has been discovered that the action was probably irregular as congressional authorization was required when the Catholic chapel at West Point was constructed.

No Protestant denomination has any licenses, revocable or otherwise, for the construction of chapels on posts but one such has been built on a sort of squatter's right at Governors Island by the Protestant Episcopal Church.

At a number of posts, Fort Leavenworth, Kans., Fort Riley, Kans., Fort Moultrie, S.C., Fort McPherson, Ga., Fort Douglas, Utah, being

instances, the people in the vicinity of the garrisons with the co-operation of the military forces have provided post chapels. They are absolutely pan-sectarian and are open for the services of Protestant, Catholic and Jew alike. Following their construction the maintenance and care of these chapels have been provided through the regulation to which reference is made above.

Answering that question about services of various sects being held under the same roof I am happy to tell you that at most of our posts this is done. I was at Fort McPherson, Georgia recently, where since the war the garrison and its friends have remodeled a building into a beautiful chapel, and there I saw mass by a Roman Catholic priest, followed within a few minutes by a Lutheran service. The altar and its fittings are so arranged that this may be screened off in a manner that does not mar the architecture of the building. This same thing happens every Sunday at Fort Myer, Va. and Washington Barracks, both of which are right here in Washington.

In answer to your fourth question, the authorization of the construction of a chapel for a particular denomination has not been given for very many years except in the case of West Point which was about twenty years ago. An effort to secure such authorization was made about seven years ago by a prominent denomination desiring to build a house of worship for their own formal service at one of our pivotal posts. It was disapproved by the War Department and the Congress refused to take favorable action toward granting a license.

Since the World War a considerable number of buildings on military reservations have been transformed into temporary chapels and are being used to splendid advantage. Inasmuch as buildings were already there and the plans were in no way comprehensive local commanding officers could handle the situation without securing War Department sanction. In each case the entire project was backed by the post with a little aid from interested friends nearby.

You good people of the Twin Cities have under way the only permanent chapel project that has been started since the war. Authority has been granted by the Secretary of War for the construction of the building and for the garrison at Fort Snelling to secure the support of interested friends. This authority was granted because the War Department had confidence to believe that those who are behind the matter were able to carry it through to a fine success. This we are sure will be the case.

Since you ask for any details which we may be able to present I want you to know that we have had two sad cases where attempts have been made, in the long ago, to erect chapels. The good people at San Antonio, Texas were misled by an over-sanguine chaplain into the construction of a near cathedral. They raised and expended about \$35,000 and were able to get their building under cover without floor or windows.

It stood incomplete and unused for a number of years. A group of us managed to get a War Department allotment of funds of \$10,000 to make the building useable while a great number of troops were in camp at San Antonio in 1911. A later appropriation was necessary before the plant was really in good shape. You can understand that this long delay and the many disappointments left a bad taste in the mouths of our good friends of San Antonio. The chaplain who started this project managed to get it under way without War Department authority and it had progressed so far that it would have been very embarrassing to have stopped it. It was completed but with many heart-burnings.

We had another case of a chaplain who without seeking proper counsel and advice undertook to raise the money at the Presidio of San Francisco. It was easy to interest some few people and get some money but the dear fellow was not able to carry his plan through and the War Department directed that he return to the donors the sums that they had advanced. This was another case where the chaplain proceeded without War Department authorization.

It was because of these two cases that we published very definite instructions that no solicitation for chapels should be undertaken without War Department authorization.

I tell you all of the foregoing in order that you may know that you are on safe ground so far as official sanction and support are concerned. We are behind the Fort Snelling project enthusiastically and will do everything we can to support your community in its effort to secure the funds and develop a work which will be a credit to everybody concerned.

Authority was given for a pan-sectarian chapel and that word was used in the indorsement sent forward by the Secretary of War. If we all pull together I am sure that we will be able to get a house of worship at your pioneer post in which all may meet under their separate arrangements for the expression of their religious desires.

Unless my plans have to be changed I shall be at Fort Snelling about May 5th or 6th and of course it will be a pleasure for me to meet with those of you who are interested in this fine piece of work.

Very sincerely yours,

JOHN T. AXTON
Chief of Chaplains

1607 Ashland Ave.
St. Paul, Minn., March 26, 1925

Col. John T. Axton,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Chaplain:

The military and civilian population in and about Fort Snelling, Minn., are seeking information as to the status of places for worship on military posts within the jurisdiction of the United States. All believe that we should have a suitable place or places of religious worship. But how to secure it is the problem we face. To help solve the difficulty, for the benefit of the 2000 souls concerned, I am seeking answers to the following questions. May I impose upon your generosity and your time to the extent of asking a reply to any or all of them?

1. Has the government appropriated any money for the building or upkeep of chapel or place of worship on the military posts with which you have been connected? Or of which you know?

2. Has the government supplied the funds or let the contract for such a building?

3. Are there any denominational chapels on government posts--Protestant, Catholic or Jewish? Are such under the same roof or in separate buildings?

4. Has the government authorized the construction of a chapel for any particular denomination? Or group of denominations when the members of such denomination or group furnished the funds?

Any details that you can furnish in answer to these questions will put us all under obligation to you and may contain the germ of the successful idea.

Yours very sincerely,

Edward F. Young

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HEADQUARTERS

Fort Snelling, Minnesota

May 29, 1928.

The Reverend George Buzzelle, Rector,
Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church,
Nineteenth and James, North,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Re - Memorial Windows
Fort Snelling Chapel.

My dear Reverend Sir:-

Your proposal to place memorial windows in the Fort Snelling Chapel has been taken up with the members of the Board of Directors, and I assure you that there is nothing but profound appreciation upon the part of all for the generous offer of the Minnesota Diocese to place a memorial to Chaplain Gear and Bishop Whipple.

Some twelve months ago there came an offer from Mrs. Charles A. Wheaton, 1777 Princeton Avenue, St. Paul, to install this same chancel window as a memorial to her father - Dr. J. H. Stewart, who was Surgeon of the First Minnesota Volunteers during the period of the Civil War. While appreciating your offer, the members of the Board of Directors feel that priority of privilege in the selection of windows should go to Mrs. Wheaton.

In case you would consider the placing of a memorial window in some other position in the Chapel the Board of Directors will be greatly pleased. There are other windows, such as the Rose Window over the front entrance, and the east windows, where excellent memorials may be installed.

Assuring you once again of our appreciation in this matter, I am,

Yours cordially,

W. E. WELSH
Colonel, 3rd U.S. Infantry
Commanding.
President, Chapel Association.

ST. ANDREW'S
19th & James North
Minneapolis.

April 20, 1928 .

To the Committee on Memorials,
Fort Snelling Chapel .

Gentlemen :

The Minnesota Diocese of the Episcopal Church desires to commemorate the lives of two men, pioneers and builders in this great northwest, by placing stained glass windows in the new Chapel at the Fort .

Bishop Whipple, the first Bishop of our church in this state, was for many years not only an outstanding figure in the moulding of the life of our people to the highest ideals of integrity, but was known the world around as " The Apostle to the Indians," and many of those who in former days occupied this Fort testified to the remarkable influence of this great man on the Indian tribes .

Of Father Gehr I need not speak to men familiar with the traditions of the Army and the early life of this section .

We feel that there would be a peculiar appropriateness in placing this memorial over the altar , and if compatible with the plans of this Committee, crave permission to install such a memorial as would add to the artistic beauty of an already beautiful structure , and present to all those who worship at this altar an example of loyal service to God and fellow man.

We would of course expect the design and the execution of this memorial to meet with the unqualified approval of your Committee, and of the architect of the building.

We will appreciate an early answer to this request , for if it is favorable , we will endeavor to have the windows in place for the opening service .

Sincerely

George Buzzella

HEADQUARTERS

Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

Date 7/20

FROM

TO

...Commanding Officer
...Director of Training
...Adjutant
...Assistant Adjutant

...Adjutant
...Assistant Adjutant
...Athletic Officer
...Commanding Off. Co.
Btry "C"
Med. Det.
Ord. Det.
QMC Det.
Ret. Det.
Sig. Det.
Tank Co.

✓ Chaplain *Redmond*
...Director of Training
...Engineer Officer
...Finance Officer
...Investigating Officer
...Ordnance Officer
...Post Exchange Officer
...Quartermaster
...Recreation Officer
...Recruiting Officer
...Signal Officer
...Summary Court
...Trial J.A.G.C.M.
...Trial J.A.S.C.M.

FOR ACTION AS INDICATED

✓ FILE ☐ TO NOTE AND RETURN
REPORT ☐ HIS INFORMATION
REMARK ☐ NECESSARY ACTION
INVESTIGATION ☐ PREPAIR IND. FOR SIGN OF C.O.
COMPLIANCE ☐ " LETTER " " " "
IN TURN ☐ REPLY DIRECT TO WRITER
INVITING ATTENTION TO ☐ IND. ATTACHED COM.

REMARKS:

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Hewitt & Brown, Architects
Incorporated
1200 Second Ave. So.
Minneapolis

July 27, 1926

Mr. Walter H. Wheeler, Chairman,
Building Committee, F.S. M.C. & C.C. Ass'n. Inc.
1112 Metropolitan Life Bldg.
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

Your letter in regard to the meeting of the Building Committee received and we will follow out your instructions to get out the preliminary plans, specifications and estimate at the earliest possible opportunity.

We do not see how it will be possible to get these to you before September 1st.

We are, of course, more than willing to cooperate with you in the direction of economy. We beg to point out, however, that the saving effected by eliminating the tower above the entrance story, for example, would be very slight. It would amount to approximately 4300 cubic feet, which is roughly 2.2% of the total cubage. Even allowing a somewhat higher cubic foot cost than for the main part of the building the saving would not be over \$1800.00 in all probability, and we feel that the loss in effectiveness of the building by eliminating the tower would be something like 30 or 40%. Neither do we see any way to reduce the cubage of the building and yet keep the same capacity, since the height of the main eaves was kept so low as to preclude a balcony of any worthwhile seating capacity in the front end of the chapel.

In regard to the excavations, while it will be practical for us to give Colonel Welch the necessary dimensions so that he can start his excavating this next month, we feel that caution should be used in starting too hastily. The preliminary estimates will show very clearly whether there is any possibility of going ahead with the building as designed at present, and for that reason we recommend that any excavation work be held off until that time. This would mean that unnecessary work would not be done and we respectfully suggest that no work be done on the building until we are all a little more certain of what the results of the preliminary estimates will be.

Yours very truly,

HEWITT & BROWN, Inc.

By (Sd) Rhodes Robertson.

RR:J

August 11, 1926

Mr. Walter H. Wheeler,
1112 Met. Life Building,
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Mr. Wheeler:-

On returning from Mankato, where I made an address before the American Legion on the Chapel, I received your communication enclosing copy of letter from Mr. Cochran.

Inasmuch as members of the St. Paul Committee had called a luncheon meeting for today, I waited until after attending that before answering your letter.

There were present today Mr. Anderson, Mr. Christmas, Mr. Despain, Mr. Mann, Mr. Bacon and myself.

Several matters came up for discussion, including the items mentioned in your letter. All seemed to feel that it would be a great mistake to undertake to reduce the size of the Chapel building or to eliminate any portion of it.

All seemed to think that another \$10,000.00 could be secured without a great deal of effort.

Several persons agreed to do certain things preliminary to another luncheon to be had at the Athletic Club, St. Paul, next Wednesday August 18th, when further discussion will be had on recommendations made to the Building Committee.

Previous to that Meeting, Mr. Despain will make an effort to see you personally, and I am sure that he will give to you the consensus of opinion of the St Paul Committee.

Yours very sincerely,

Chaplain, U.S.A.

WALTER H. WHEELER, E. M.
DESIGNING & CONSULTING ENGINEER

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Minneapolis, Minn.
August 9, 1926

Chaplain F. C. Rideout
Fort Snelling, Minnesota

Dear Chaplain Rideout: FORT SNELLINE CHAPEL.

Enclosed, please find copy of a letter received
by me from Mr. Cochran.

You will note he favors reducing capacity of
building to reduce cost. If this is the sentiment of
other members of the committee it seems to me we should
have a meeting.

Please let me have your views as soon as con-
venient.

Very truly yours,

Walter H. Wheeler
CHM. BUILDING COMMITTEE
FORT SNELLING CHAPEL AND
COMMUNITY CENTER ASSOC. INC.

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COCHRAN - SARGENT CO.
Fifth & Sibley Sts.
ST. PAUL, MINN.

August 2, 1926

Walter H. Wheeler, Esq.
Designing & Consulting Engineer
1112 Met. Life Building
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

I note your correspondence with the Architect relative to preliminary estimates and plans for the Chapel. I agree with you perfectly that nothing can be done until these estimates are in our hands. At the rate which they are developing them, it looks to me as if not much could be done with the chapel this fall, except possibly the excavation and foundation.

They speak of not being able to cut down the cost of the building without cutting down the capacity. I think that is fairly obvious and that it will probably be necessary to cut down the capacity somewhat. I think for all ordinary purposes the building could be cut down considerably and still be plenty large enough.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) M. W. Cochran

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Minneapolis, Minn.
July 22, 1926

Messrs. Hewitt & Brown, Inc., Architects.
1200 Second Ave., So.
Minneapolis, Minn.

Gentlemen: Subject: Fort Snelling Chapel.

I have your letter of the 20th instant and note the contents.

As far as I know the change you mention in the position of the chaplain's office is the only one which the Building Committee has specifically decided upon.

As you know from our previous correspondence the campaign for funds was not as successful as we had hoped it would be and it will be necessary to economize at every possible point if the building is to be built without further campaigning for funds. It has been suggested that the tower could be considerably reduced in height, or entirely eliminated, altho to eliminate the tower completely would probably nullify the effect of the design. Possibly the dimensions of the building could be reduced all around without reducing the capacity and thus bring down the cost quite a considerable amount.

It does not seem to me that it would accomplish any good to have a meeting at this time with the Building Committee. After the Building Committee has received your preliminary plans, specifications and estimates and has had an opportunity to thoroughly consider the matter, the Committee would undoubtedly want to meet with you to discuss them.

Colonel Welch informs me that he would like to begin excavating for the building by August 1st. He expects to make the excavation by using the men and equipment at the Fort and as soon as plans and specifications have been completed and approved he wished to proceed with the construction of the foundations, basement walls and first floor slab, using men and equipment at the Fort.

Yours very truly,

From
WALTER H. WHEELER
1112 Met. Life Bldg.,
MINNEAPOLIS, :: MINN.

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Chairman, Building Committee
FORT SNELLING CHAPEL & COMMUNITY CENTER, ARSON.
INC.

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HEWITT & BROWN, ARCHTS.
Inc.

1290 Second Avenue, So.
Minneapolis, Minn.

July 20, 1926

Fort Snelling Chapel.

Mr. Walter H. Wheeler
1112 Met. Life Bldg.
City.

Dear Sir:

Replying to yours of the 14th regarding preliminary work on the above project and the time we will require to get these drawings, specifications and estimates ready for the committee, we wonder if it would not effect a saving of time and effort if we could have a meeting with the building committee for the purpose of going over the present arrangement to see what changes the committee has thought of making if any.

The only one we have heard of so far is interchanging the office of the chaplain and the ladies coat room; but there may be others.

Owing to the absence of members of the firm, it would not be possible for us to have this meeting before Tuesday, the 27th. Any day after that agreeable to the committee, we will be glad to see them, if you can call us the day before.

Trusting that you agree with us that this method will eliminate most of the lost motion of due to the architects' failure to get the viewpoint of the committee at the start, we remain

Respectfully,

Hewitt & Brown, Inc.

By Ed. Rhodes Robertson

HEWITT & BROWN, ARCHITECTS

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April 6, 1926

FORT SNELLING CHAPEL

Mr. Walter H. Wheeler, Chairman,
Fort Snelling Chapel Association
1110 Metropolitan Life Building
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Wheeler:-

In reply to the question you asked yesterday as to the possibility of completing a certain portion of the Chapel for the amount of money now in hand, we would present the following considerations:-

In the competition drawing the carefully calculated cubage was 196,458. On the principle that the cost was not to exceed \$80,000 we assumed a cost of \$70,000 for the building, leaving \$4200 for architect's fees and \$5800 for the Chapel furniture. This made a cubic foot cost of $\$35.6\%$, which seemed reasonable to us as various church work we have done during the last few years averaged from 33 to 39¢ a cubic foot. If, as you now report, there is between \$55,000 and \$60,000 available for building, suppose we assume \$55,000 for actual building with the accompanying architect's fee of \$3300, which would make a total expenditure of \$58,300 possible at this time. This means that approximately 78% of the total building could be erected at this time.

means 78% of money available

It is rather a question in our minds whether that would cover the shell of the building without any interior finish. It is difficult to separate these things in our records but it appears that in general the interior finish would be a somewhat larger item, running to more nearly 25% of the total.

There are, however, compensating circumstances in that St. Luke's Church in Minneapolis, which corresponds more nearly to the Snelling Chapel type, cost $\$32.8\%$ a cubic foot, so that it might be safe to assume a slightly lower cubic foot cost, which would make it possible to complete the shell of the Chapel. It might even make it possible to get sufficient interior finish into the assembly room and the kitchen and the basement toilet rooms so that this part of the Chapel could be used. Without more complete working drawings it is impossible at this time to do more than generalize in this way in answer to your question.

Mr. Wheeler

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April 6, 1926

If we can help in any way further at this time we should be only too glad, and naturally we want to see the Chapel go ahead as soon as possible.

Yours very truly,

HEWITT & BROWN, Inc.

By

Rhodes Robertson

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April 12, 1926

Mr. Walter H. Wheeler
1112 Metropolitan Life Building
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Wheeler:-

Re proposed Chapel Building at Fort Snelling

An analysis of your suggestions regarding the Chapel building at Fort Snelling makes it apparent that there are two definite and separate ideas involved,

First, the necessity of giving up the competition design and making a smaller building if \$50,000 is all the money that will ever be available for the building;

Second, the possibility of proceeding with a portion of the Chapel, according to the competition drawing, and going as far as is possible with the funds available at present, in the hope that additional funds can be obtained in the near future. Taking these two points up at greater length:-

(1) If we are to conclude that \$50,000 must build the complete chapel, including architect's fees and furniture, it is obvious that a building of only slightly more than half the original cubage can be had. For example, we may assume \$44,000 available for the building, leaving \$2640 for architect's fees and \$3360 for furniture. It must also be noted that the cost per cubic foot will run somewhat higher for the smaller building even though specifications and materials remain the same.

It would appear, therefore, that your Committee must find out from the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel and Community Center Association, Inc. whether a chapel seating only 150 to 175 persons and with the other adjuncts correspondingly reduced in size, will be useful, or will give the service to the Fort Snelling community that really underlies the whole idea of the Chapel. If it should be agreed that the smaller building would be satisfactory a new Program should be made and the architects instructed to proceed with entirely new sketches.

(2) If the second idea seems at all possible, namely, that \$50,000 should be made to go as far as possible at present and that more money could be raised later, our suggestions are

Mr. Walter H. Wheeler

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April 12, 1926

as follows:-

We would consider it most unfortunate to build a portion of the Chapel with the definite idea that considerable time might elapse before the whole could be completed; this because the effect of the building would be destroyed and the psychological effect of uncompleted construction is also unfortunate. In view of the fact that there is stone obtainable on the Fort Snelling Reservation, which could be gotten very cheaply, it would appear that the possibility of completing the shell of the whole building, in accordance with competition drawings, might be a possibility. The psychological effect in that case, it seems to us, would be much more to encourage donations for completion of the interior than in the case where a small portion is built and becomes available for use.

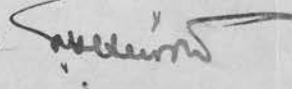
In order to obtain any worthwhile information as to cost we see no way except for your Committee to authorize the completion of working drawings for the chapel, according to the design submitted in the competition. It might be possible to stop somewhat short of completed working drawings and get a preliminary estimate. Such work could be done by this office for perhaps two or three percent, instead of the total amount due if working drawings were completed for the letting of the contract; in other words, for a sum of probably between \$1500 and \$2000 your Committee could obtain definite information as to the possibilities of going ahead with the work on the basis of \$50,000.00 available at the present time.

The quantity survey, which you mention in the letter, would of course be equivalent to the preliminary estimate mentioned above. We could probably get a preliminary estimate without any charge at all. A quantity survey, in which definite amounts of materials are tabulated, involves more work and might cost a nominal sum.

We trust that these suggestions will be of help to your Committee and to the Association in their present difficult situation.

Yours very truly,

HEWITT & BROWN, Inc.

By 

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April 20, 1926

FORT SNELLING CHAPEL

Mr. Walter H. Wheeler
 1112 Metropolitan Life Building
 Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Wheeler:-

We regret very much that there was a delay in getting you the information you asked for. It slipped Mr. Hewitt's mind to send word into the drafting room about it. We find the quantities you desire to be as follows:-

Excavation	-	1912 cubic yards
Rubble masonry	-	380 " "
Concrete (1-3-5 mixture)		284 " "
(1-2-4 ")		86 " "

You will understand that this information was obtained from our sixteenth scale drawings and hence is only approximate, but the quantities are certainly above actual requirements.

Trusting this will give you what you need.

Yours very truly,

HEWITT & BROWN, Inc.

By *Rhodes Robertson*

RR:J

*\$5.50 ton
 delivered
 18 cu. ft.
 30¢ ft.*

FORT SNELLING MEMORIAL CHAPEL AND
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CARL T. SCHUNEMAN
General Chairman
ST. PAUL

May 4, 1926.

Chaplain Frank C. Rideout,
Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

Dear Chaplain Rideout:

I am attaching a letter from Edwin L. Lindell, Department Adjutant of the American Legion in which he refers to the American Legion pledge for \$300.

You will note his request concerning a memorial of some sort. Do you suppose the board should take some action on this so that the \$300 might be speedily forthcoming?

Is there anything you wish me to do on this?

Sincerely,

Carl L. Anderson:MB





DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA

THE AMERICAN LEGION

SAINT PAUL



April 28, 1926.

Mr. S. M. Shepard, Treasurer,
Ft. Snelling Memorial Chapel & Community Center Assn.,
St. Paul Association,
St. Paul, Minn.

My dear Mr. Shepard:

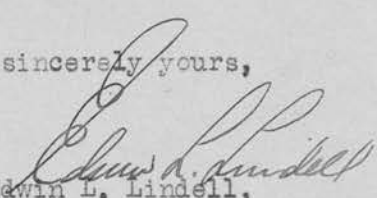
We are today in receipt of a notice that
our pledge of \$300 for the Fort Snelling Chapel is due and
payable.

I wish to remind you that this pledge was
made on the basis that we be allowed to spend this approximate
amount in some such manner as furnishing a window or for
installing the pulpit or some other article of furniture of that
nature. I have written several letters concerning this request
and I have not as yet received any definite information.

As Department Adjutant, I would have no
authority to remit this amount without some assurance that it
would be expended in some such way as outlined by our Department
Executive Committee.

Hoping that we may soon be advised in the
matter, I am

Very sincerely yours,


Edwin L. Lindell,
Department Adjutant.

ELL:M

Copy for Chaplain Rideout

May 4, 1926.

Mr. Carl T. Schuneman,
Schuneman & Evans,
Saint Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Mr. Schuneman:

After a talk with Mr. Christmas regarding the covering of activities at the Fort relative to the Chapel during the coming year I can assure you that we will be only too glad to keep the project before the eyes of the public.

It is difficult to set an amount which would be required for such work for that perhaps ought to be gauged entirely upon the amount of stuff produced and the difficulty in lining up materials for the stories. I would say this, however, that we ought to set a maximum of \$25 or \$30 a month and then allow me to bill you for the actual amount of publicity work we do. In some months, of course, the amount would not run anywhere near the \$25 or \$30, probably only being \$5 or \$6 depending upon the amount of material that was desired.

I do feel that at present it would be advisable to go out of our way to get a little extra publicity, for stories concerning the project, the way that we are going ahead, the method we will use, the method of payments, and so on, would be of great value in our collection problem.

I am confident that if we could ride along with a few such stories just now that payments would be increased materially.

I await your instructions.

Sincerely,

Carl L. Anderson:MB

Minneapolis, Minn.
May 7, 1926

The Fort Snelling Chapel & Community Center Ass'n. Inc.
Fort Snelling
Minnesota

Gentlemen:

Proposed Chapel Building.

Pursuant to your instructions, the Building Committee has investigated the practicability and possibility of constructing the proposed building with the \$50,000.00 you have provided.

We have three letters from the architects, Hewitt and Brown, Inc., which we submit herewith, bearing dates as follows: April 6, April 12, April 20, all in 1926. These letters cover certain phases of the matter and are hereby made a part of this report.

It is the opinion of your Building Committee that the size of the building should not be materially reduced. It is also the opinion of your building committee that there should be no substantial departure from the plans selected by the competition.

Your Building Committee is of the opinion that there are some economies possible in the structure which can be determined better after preliminary sketches are prepared by the architects.

It is not the opinion of your Building Committee that the proposed building can be completed for \$50,000.00. If that is to be the limit of funds available, it will be necessary to completely revise the plans of the building and reduce the size.

It is, however, the opinion of your Building Committee that by taking advantage of certain proposed donations of labor and material that the rough shell of the building can be completed with the \$50,000.00 available.

Your committee wishes to make it plain to your Association that this cannot be definitely determined until plans and specifications have been prepared for the building and bids secured.

If your Association is willing to allow \$50,000.00 or such part of it as may be necessary to be spent to complete the rough shell of the building, then your Building Committee suggests the following procedure.

1. Execute contract with the architects which is ready and has been signed by the architects.

2. Authorize the Building Committee to have plans and specifications prepared for the building and to secure bids from contractors.

3rd- Enter into an agreement with the Fort Snelling Military Authorities providing as follows:

The Fort authorities, when directed by the Building Committee, to make the excavation for the building and to construct the concrete foundations, basement walls and first floor and deliver all the building stone, and all the sand for mortar, concrete and plaster; and all the gravel for concrete at the building site. All said materials and labor to be furnished and work completed by the Fort Authorities without expense to your Association except the Association shall pay for the necessary Portland cement, reinforcing steel, and electric conduits which are to be installed in the concrete of the foundations, basement walls and first floor, *and necessary incidental expense.*

It is the opinion of your building committee that with said labor and material furnished and work completed by the Fort Authorities it will then be possible to let a contract for completing the rough shell of the building within the \$50,000.00 your Association has provided and also to pay the architects' fees.

Your building committee understands that the Fort Authorities have been offered the building stone free of cost at the quarry by the J. L. Shiely Company, of St. Paul, provided no special blasting is necessary to get it out, and provided the Fort Authorities will with their own forces pick out the stone at the quarry, load it, and haul it to the site. If special blasting is required the Shiely Company will charge, as we understand it, about 50¢ per cubic yard for the blasting. The architects desire as near 50% of the buff colored stone as can be had. If this stone cannot be secured from the Shiely quarry, there is an old quarry of this character of stone on the Fort Snelling Reservation from which additional stone might be secured.

Respectfully submitted,

THE BUILDING COMMITTEE OF THE
FORT SNELLING CHAPEL & COMMUNITY CENTER
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BY

Walter H. Shuler
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Fort Snelling, Minn.
November 18, 1927.

MEMORANDUM TO THE MEMBERS OF THE FT. SNELLING CHAPEL ASSOCIATION.

There will be a meeting of the members of
the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Association at

THE MINNEAPOLIS ATHLETIC CLUB

on

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1927, AT NOON.

It is requested that all members make an
effort to be present.

Frank C. Rideout
Chaplain, U.S.A.

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(Committees as of January 1, 1926)

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HEADQUARTERS, FORT SNELLING, MINNESOTA.

OFFICE OF THE CHAPLAIN

April 6, 1928.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS,
FORT S NELLING MEMORIAL CHAPEL AND COMMUNITY
CENTER ASSOCIATION.

An important business meeting of the members of the Board of Directors is called for Saturday April 7, 1928, at 12:15 o'clock, luncheon, at the Athletic Club, Minneapolis, Minn.

Mr. Walter H. Wheeler, Chairman of the Building Committee, who has given so generously of his time in connection with the construction of the building, finds that it will be impossible for him to be in the city after Saturday for a period of three weeks.

A meeting is urgently needed for the transaction of important business matters, and it is sincerely hoped that every member will make an effort to be present.

We have been looking confidently forward to the dedication of the Chapel, and have set the date tentatively for Sunday May 27, 1928, with services running over Memorial Day May 30, 1928.

today

A telegram received from The American Seating Company with whom orders have been placed for altar, pulpit, lecturn and half the pews, says: "If order for additional pews and choir stalls is given our Minneapolis representative by Saturday (April 7, 1928) we will be able to make installation before May 25, 1928".

It would seem a great pity to dedicate building with only a part of furniture installed. Furthermore, if we are to dedicate on May 27th, I must have six or eight weeks to assure a program worthy of the occasion.

I estimate that we have funds within \$500.00 or \$1,000.00 of completing the building. The additional pews will cost about \$2,000.00. To balance this I have practical assurances that the Methodists, the Congregationalists and the Presbyterians will donate at least \$1,000.00 each to our Chapel funds. I am making every possible effort to secure the balance, and I feel confident that it will be available by the time we will need it. I am enclosing copies of communications from Methodists and Congregationalists. Dr. (Rev) Wm. R. Harshaw of the Presbyterian Church assures me that the Presbyterian Church will donate to the fund.

Yours very truly,

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Capt. Frank C. Rideout,
Chaplain, Non-Sectarian Assoc.,
Fort Snelling, Minn.

My dear Sir:

Pardon us if we take a few moments of your time to read this short note, but we believe and hope the result will be to our mutual interest.

Your chapel will no doubt need an organ sooner or later, and it would not obligate you nor your people in any way, just to give us what information you have at hand, and thereby enable us to send you a specification and a proposition that you can have to compare or to use either for the present time or in the future.

Many people make mistakes by not looking deeply enough into the music end of the chapel, and think that there is not a great difference in organs, but the difference is just as great as, if not greater than in the purchase of an automobile. Therefore, you owe it to your people to investigate the organ matter thoroughly before purchasing.

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Please don't fail to fill in the enclosed blank and return in self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Yours very truly,

Encl.
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ARTHUR E. NELSON, MAYOR

September 9, 1925

Chaplain

Colonel W. E. Welsh,
Commandant, Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

My dear Sir:

I have your kind invitation of September 6th
to meet with you at dinner on the evening of September
11th at 6:30 to discuss the plans for conducting a
campaign for a Chapel to be erected at Fort Snelling.

I shall be present at that time.

Yours very truly,

Charles A. Thomas.

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We as citizens of Minneapolis have a problem to solve and an opportunity to perform a real service. Your experience in such matters as we have before us has prompted us to come to you for advice and counsel.

Here are the facts in condensed form. Fort Snelling is one hundred years old and during this period no adequate or appropriate place has been provided for Divine Worship. The federal government has made no appropriation for the construction of buildings of this character at any of its posts. At many other garrisons the citizens of the community have built chapels as memorials. It is a golden opportunity and a privilege for us to do likewise at Fort Snelling.

There are two thousand men stationed at the Fort the year around and this number is augmented in the summer by three thousand young men attending the training camps. The need for a chapel where the spiritual welfare of everyone of our boys could be provided for according to his creed or belief is self-evident and should not have been permitted to exist this long. St. Paul has realized its responsibility and is enthusiastically preparing to do its share. It is now up to all the Christian people of Minneapolis regardless of Creed to do their part and do it quickly.

We want you to help in the consummation of plans for the erection of a Memorial Chapel at Fort Snelling, and arrangements have been made for those interested to get together at the Y. M. C. A. - Room 404, Tuesday April 21st at 6:15 P.M. Dinner - seventy-five cents.

Please signify on the enclosed postal whether you will be present or not. In either event be sure and return the card.

Yours very truly,

FORT SNELLING MEMORIAL CHAPEL COMMITTEE

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Clarence A. Gunn
Secretary

CAG/AW

Plant the "inducements" and harvest the "trade"
crops must be planted before they are made.

HEADQUARTERS, FORT SNELLING, MINNESOTA

OFFICE OF THE CHAPLAIN

Thanksgiving Season, 1927.

My Dear Brother:—

Prayer is the mightiest force in this world. "More things are wrought through prayer than this world dreams of." Prayer is a means of bringing to pass the release of forces that would save this world, much more solve the intricate and pressing problems which confront us day by day.

May I ask you to join with me and others in prayer for the accomplishment of a very definite and reasonable object?

Within a few days the workmen who have been busy all the summer will be laid off the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel and Community Center because of a lack of funds with which to continue. The work which has already been done represents an outlay of some \$70,000.00. Only \$15,000.00 is needed to complete the structure which is so sorely needed. The 1,200 soldiers and the 200 children at Fort Snelling have unfaltering faith that this project is going on to completion. About \$15,000.00 worth of memorial gifts have been promised when the Chapel is finally ready to receive them.

I know of nothing else to do just now but to pray for the successful issue of this worthy undertaking. And so, in simple, child-like faith I am asking that you join with us in prayer for this thing, either privately or publicly as you feel is best.

If the Scriptures have any definite instructions on any subject in this world, it certainly has on a matter of this kind. The suggestion for this request upon the part of Kingdom toilers of the Twin Cities came to me from a devotional study of God's Word on the subject of prevailing prayer.

Yours in Christian bonds,

Frank C. Rideout

Chaplain, U. S. Army.

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Subject:
PORT SNELLING CHAPEL

November 30, 1927.

Messrs. Hewitt & Brown, Inc.,
Architects,
1200 Second Ave. South,
City.

Gentlemen:

I am today in receipt of your letter dated the 29th inst., regarding chimes for the Port Snelling Chapel Tower and advising me that it will be necessary to make changes in the construction of said tower to accommodate said chimes.

This is the first information that I have received that any change is necessary in the tower to accommodate the chimes which the American Legion Auxiliary is proposing to give. In fact, it was my understanding that the tower as planned would accommodate said chimes and I discussed the matter with your Mr. Hamlin, last Spring, and asked him to check the design of the floor of the tower to make sure that it would carry the said chimes.

Will you please let me know as soon as possible what will be the cost of making the changes necessary to accommodate said chimes and what said changes will consist of.

Yours very truly,

WHW:EOS

Cc/Members of Building Committee:

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Carl Schuneman
M. M. Cochran
Colonel W.E. Welsh
Chaplain F.C. Rideout
Jas. H. Forsythe
S. M. Shepard,
S. T. McKnight



3rd Infantry

HEADQUARTERS
FORT SNELLING, MINN.
Office of the Chaplain

August 4, 1928.

Mrs. C. R. McKenney,
105 18th Ave.,
North St. Paul, Minn.

My Dear Mrs. McKenney :

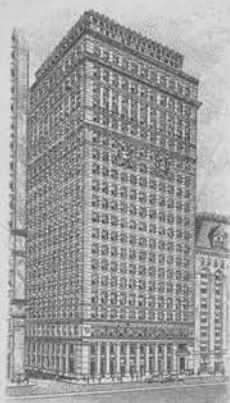
In addition to the donations which you recorded
with me I find the following :

Catlinite Chapter	Pipestone	\$5.00
Greysolon du Lhut	Duluth	14.50
Rochester Chapter	Rochester	10.00
Captain Richard Summers	St. Peter	7.00

Yours truly,

Frank C. Rideout
Chaplain, U.S.A.

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MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., Nov. 18, 1926.

Col. W. E. Welch, Commandant,
Fort Snelling Garrison,
Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

We understand the Fort Snelling Garrison is contemplating the construction of a chapel at Fort Snelling, the cost of which is estimated to be about \$60,000.00.

May we suggest that you require the contractor to furnish a bond, preferably executed by a corporate surety, guaranteeing the faithful performance of his contract. No insurance, not excepting fire, is more important than a guaranty that the contractor will perform his contract strictly in accordance therewith, and indemnify you for any loss in case he fails to do so.

Possibly you have in mind awarding the contract without competition to some high-class builder, with a view of eliminating the need for a surety bond. This was the custom of many large corporations and many municipalities in the United States until they learned by experience of the enormous economy resulting from calling for competitive bids.

Having decided to require a contract bond, it is just as important to specify the surety as to specify the type of roof, quality of flooring, etc. With this company acting as surety on such a bond you have the advantage of doing business with a company which enjoys unimpeachable financial standing and record for fair dealing in the settlement of claims.

May a representative call on you and furnish full particulars?

Yours very truly,

A. E. Adams
A. E. ADAMS, MANAGER.

AEA:RCM

Feb. 6, 1925

Dr. Harry Sheldon,
Director of American Red Cross.
Beaumont General Hospital
El Paso, Texas.

My Dear Harry:

Why this long unbroken silence? How are you anyway. I am writing to tell you about Major Hutter who is leaving here for your neck of the woods (rather desert) now. He is a good fellow and a skillful surgeon. Get acquainted with him. He has a fine family. We know for they have lived next door.

By the way, I am on a crusade for a chapel. Last week the Universalist General Convention in New York took the moral leadership away from the church leaders (?) of the Twin Cities by donating One Thousand Dollars (\$1000.00) to start the ball a -rolling. And yesterday the son of EX-President Elliot of Harvard fame who is pastor of Unity Unitarian Church in St. Paul, told me his church would follow suit. This is a blow to Orthodoxy in my estimation.

We are both well and I hope you are as hale and hearty as ever. Mrs. Rideout would join me in regards if she knew I was writing. Remember us to Miss Sheldon. If you ever come this way plan to stop off and visit us.

I have not heard from Leavenworth in a long while. I would not exchange stations now if I had my own choice.

Yours Very Truly

FCR:LHC.

FRANK C. RIDEOUT
Chaplain, U.S.Army

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May 7, 1925

Col. Frederick Mears,
Union Depot,
St. Paul, Minn.

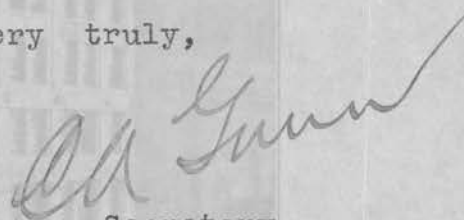
Dear Sir:

Chairman Gaylord Warner of the Minneapolis Committee requests me to invite the Executive Committee of St. Paul to a joint meeting to be held at the Minneapolis Athletic Club, Monday May 11th at 6 P.M.

The purpose of this meeting is to talk over matters relative to the proposed chapel at Fort Snelling, and if possible to arrive at some definite plan for the raising of the money necessary for the construction of a suitable building.

We trust the date set will be convenient for you.

Yours very truly,



Secretary

CAG/AW

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Done
Arnold E. Kalmers
1925 "B" Co
3rd Inf F.S. Minn

HEADQUARTERS, FORT SNELLING, MINN.
Office of the Commanding Officer.

ALMcG:abg
September 19th, 1927.

Walter H. Wheeler,
112 Metropolitan Life Bldg.,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

Your letter of the 16th received, and in reply will state that at the present time there is no further construction contemplated by the post in connection with the Post Chapel, and that the bills mentioned in that letter cover all the material required for the installation of water and sewer.

In the event that anything unforeseen comes up you will be consulted before any obligation of funds is made.

Yours very truly,

W. E. WELSH,
Colonel, 3rd Infantry,
President, Ft. Snelling Chapel &
Community Center Assn.



WALTER H. WHEELER, E.M.

Minneapolis, Minn.

September 16, 1927.

Colonel W.E. Welsh, President,
Fort Snelling Chapel & Community Center Assn.
Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

Dear Colonel Welsh:

I am approving bill of Centra Supply Company in the amount of \$2.40 and bill of Cochran-Sargeant Company in the amount of \$14.88 for material used in installing the water line to the Chapel.

I am informed by Major McCoy that these two bills are for items outside of the contracts for plumbing and heating work and cover necessary material for installing this work and that the bills which I have already received cover everything necessary to purchase for installing sewer and water connections to the building in addition to work covered in the contracts which the Association has let.

Are there any other items that you know of that will be necessary to purchase in connection with the contracts which are not included in these contracts? If there are, we would like to have a list and an estimate of the cost to check over before purchases are made so I will know that is coming up along these lines.

Very truly yours,

(SIGNED) Walter H. Wheeler,

CHAIRMAN, BUILDING COMMITTEE.

WHW:MWE

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HEWITT & BROWN, ARCHITECTS
1200 Second Ave., So.
Minneapolis, Minn.

October 5, 1927

FORT SNELLING CHAPEL

Mr. Walter H. Wheeler
1110 Metropolitan Life Bldg.
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

Replying to your letter of September 30th, regarding necessary accommodations for the organ, we have been in correspondence with the Reuter Organ Company and obtained their ideas as to the proper size of the organ space and the openings to be left. These are much in excess of those required for St. Luke's Church, which has an auditorium of about the same size and has an organ which probably cost more than they can afford to put into the Chapel. We have, therefore, arranged one opening as shown on the same section enclosed and have left a hole in the second floor, extending down to the first floor, which is the same size as the one they asked for. We think this will be satisfactory to any organ which the Chapel Association can afford to buy, and in fact for any organ which would be required by the size of the Chapel.

Yours very truly,

HEWITT & BROWN, Inc.

By Ralph Haslin

RH:J

April 17, 1926

Mr. Hugo V. Kock,
612 Bremer Arcade,
St. Paul, Minn.

My dear Comrade:-

Pardon my delay in answering your kind favor of March 31st. I have been tied up so much with my correspondence that I have neglected some things.

We appreciate your donation to the Chapel, and all that you have given of time and effort and influence to this good cause.

Yes, Memorial Day will soon be upon us, and I shall expect to see you again.

I note your pledge for Comrades Schroeder and Schultz. This is a beautiful thing to do, and I wish that others would follow your good example.

Yours very sincerely,

Chaplain, U.S.A.

December 5, 1927.

The Right Rev. F.A. McElwain, D.D.
Bishop of Minnesota,
131 East 14th St., Minneapolis, Minn.

My Dear Bishop McElwain:

Some days ago the Baptist Home Mission Society with head offices in New York City gave TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS to the Fort Snelling Chapel & Community Center Association to assist in the completion of the building.

I am sure that you will be interested to know that there are more Episcopalians among the officers and their families out here than belong to any other denomination. Since receiving this gift from my own Church, some of these officers have suggested that I write to you asking for your moral support and for proper credentials that the matter may be adequately presented to your Church officials.

As a matter of further interest, may I inform you that not less than 100 or 125 of the enlisted men out here are from Episcopalian homes. A recent census shows that there are only 175 Baptists, while the Methodists have about 250 and the Lutherans about 225.

The Chapel which is being constructed, while it is being built so as to conform with the War Department's fiat "That it must be pan-sectarian in character", is really Episcopalian in architecture. The father of Episcopalianism in Minnesota was really Father Gear, the first Chaplain at Fort Snelling. He spent upwards of twenty years here, I believe, and was responsible for much work outside the garrison. He should be remembered in this Chapel.

If the other denominations of Christians will second the move of the Baptists we will not have long to wait for our Chapel. And, I covet for these other bodies a worthy share in the undertaking. We only need about \$10,000.00 more.

Yours Very Truly

Frank C. Rideout
Chaplain, U.S.A.

FCR/hcr

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May 4, 1927.

The Rev. Frank C. Rideout, Chaplain,
Fort Snelling,
Minnesota.

My dear Chaplain:-

Our department of Diocesan Missions is not able to make appropriations outside its own work, but I shall be very glad to make a personal appeal through our diocesan paper, and also mention it in connection with the meeting of our Diocesan Council a few week's hence. I certainly trust that some of our people will be generously disposed towards your project, because, as I have told you before, it is, in my own opinion, a very worthy one.

Faithfully yours,

F. A. McElwain

FAM-N

Bishop of Minnesota.

September 7, 1925.

Rev. P. E. Osgood, D.D.,
St. Mark's Church,
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Dr. Osgood:-

I am not sure that you have yet returned to your parish duties, and so I am not writing you fully as I am Dr. Smith concerning our Chapel proposition.

If you are here, I wish that you would take the time to read the carbon copy of my letter to Dr. Smith for your information. Then I wish that you would make another effort to help us by your presence on Friday evening.

Pardon my persistence. But this work seems to me to be so worthy that I cannot let it drop just yet. I will be willing to though, if this effort is not met with a more definite and favorable response.

Yours very sincerely,

Chaplain, U.S.A.

ST MARK'S CHURCH
IN THE CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS

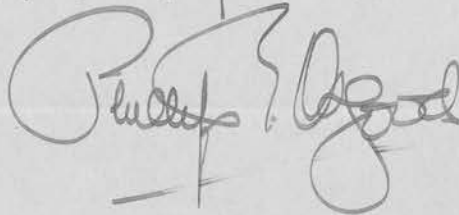
September 25, 1925

The Rev. F.C. Rideout, Chaplain
Fort Snelling,
St. Paul, Minn.

My dear Chaplain:-

I happen to know that unless we have Gaylord Warner's cooperation as Chairman or else his resignation from the Chairmanship, it will do you no good to approach the Citizens' Aid Society: as the first question they will ask is if this is being done under the auspices of the Minneapolis Committee. Mr. Warner is a personal friend of some of the Trustees.

Most cordially

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Philip F. Reed". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "P" and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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SAINT PAUL, MINN.

Jan. 24, 1928

Chaplain Frank C. Ridout,
Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

Dear Compatriot:

Yours of January 17, with enclosure, was here on my return to the city. The first time I see Bishop McElwain I will talk this matter over with him. I do not know what the national situation is on funds, but I do know that the national church is having a hard time getting their quota from the individual dioceses, particularly from this one. I am on the Directorate and unfortunately know this. It is a question of having more calls than they can meet.

I will talk with the Bishop about this and confer with you again.

Very truly yours,

E. H. Davidson

Church of
Saint John the Evangelist
PORTLAND AVENUE AND KENT STREET
Saint Paul, Minnesota

THE REV. FREDERICK DUNTON BUTLER, B. D., RECTOR

December 11, 1925.

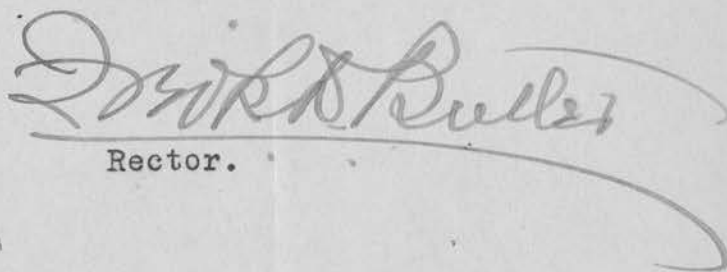
Capt. Frank C. Rideout,
United States Army,
Fort Snelling, Minn.

Dear Capt. Rideout:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 2nd instant containing a copy of a letter which you sent to Dr. Osgood and which I have read with great interest. I shall be glad to co-operate in any way that seems wise to the Bishop of the Diocese, and should Dr. Osgood get in communication with me in regard to this matter I shall be glad to act with him in any way that seems advisable.

Again assuring you of my interest in the matter of the erection of a Chapel at Fort Snelling, and with best wishes, I am

Faithfully yours,


Rector.

FDB-H

Feb. 6, 1925.

The Pastor
Church of St. John the Evangelist.
Kent and Portland Streets
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Reverend Sir:

I am confident that you are familiar with our
~~We~~ need a chapel at Fort Snelling for the carrying on of our religious work. A few days ago the Universalist General Convention through their office in Boston sent us a check for One Thousand Dollars (\$1000.00) as a beginning for this purpose.

The various ecclesiastical organizations of the Twin Cities have been slow in assuming moral leadership in this matter, and have overlooked the missionary opportunity and the moral challenge of a proposition which lies at their very door. In the estimation of ~~not~~ ^{evidenced} a few persons of estimate worth this delay has ~~been~~ a lack of vision and consecration for a worth-while cause.

We need a gift from some source ~~either~~ in St. Paul or Minneapolis of such a sum as will challenge the attention of the religious, moral and patriotic forces in the Twin Cities. Would your congregation be interested in assuming the place of moral leadership in this matter? Or would you care to have me come down to a gathering of your congregation and present the facts of the case as it now stands?

Yours Very Truly

FCR:LHC.

FRANK C. RIDEOUT
Chaplain, U.S. Army

February 18, 1925.

Rev. E. H. Eckel
77 Macalester Ave.,
St. Paul, Minn.

My dear Chaplain Eckel:

I am enclosing a letter from Dr. Bean which will explain itself. I trust that you will acquiesce in its request. Will you be kind enough to make a date to see Mr. Myers, if possible, and call upon me at your convenience? If possible give me a couple of days advance notice so that I will not be tied up with something else.

Another matter: I have been wondering why you do not apply for and accept a commission in the Chaplains Reserve Corps. I am sure you would be a most acceptable addition to our splendid corps of Reserve Chaplains numbering over 1000 of many of the leading Clergymen, college presidents, priests and Rabbis of the entire nation. I am sure you would win the hearty approval of our Chaplain Chief if you would apply, and accept as your immediate task the job of helping us put this Chapel proposition "over the top". May I not send you the application blanks?

Yours Truly

FCR:lhc.

FRANK C. RIDEOUT
Chaplain, U.S. Army

January 17, 1928.

Mr. E. H. Davidson,
1832 Princeton Avenue,
St. Paul, Minn.

My dear Mr. Davidson:-

I wish that you would do me the honor of reading copy of letter which I wrote to Bishop McElwain some time ago.

It does seem that other denominations ought to assist us in this enterprise, and especially those which have such representation in numbers out here.

Since writing the letter to the Bishop I have received assurances from the Lutheran officials that they will increase their contribution to Two Thousand Dollars. They gave us One Thousand Dollars a couple of years ago.

It has occurred to me that perhaps the Bishop would like to know that some of the Episcopalians of Minnesota are in favor of such a gift from national funds. He has not replied to my letter. It does seem that all bodies of Christians should get behind this movement and finish it without any further delay.

I believe if the Episcopalian Church will make a donation that I can get another from the Methodists, and another from the Presbyterians, and perhaps another from the Congregationalists.

Can you suggest a way to get them to take some action. If the Bishop will give me credentials I will make a trip to New York if necessary to intercede with the powers that be, as I did in the case of getting the subscription from the Baptists.

Yours very cordially,

Chaplain, U.S. Army

THE RT. REV. F. A. McELWAIN, D. D.
BISHOP

THE VEN. E. W. COUPER
ARCHDEACON

THE REV. WALTER B. KEITER
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY...
SECRETARY OF THE DIOCESE

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"MINNESOTA MISSIONARY
AND CHURCH RECORD"

February 16, 1928.

The Reverend
Chaplain F. C. Rideout,
Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

My dear Chaplain:-

I had delayed writing you in connection with your last appeal for the missionary chapel at Snelling until I could see what could be done in a general way. On February 1st we had a meeting of the representatives of this section of the Episcopal Church in what we call the Province of the Northwest, and it was decided to ask the National Council of the Episcopal Church to make a corporate gift to the Memorial Chapel. The Rev. Mr. Knickerbocker of this city presented this request of ours at the last meeting of the National Council, and was successful in obtaining this donation. You may have heard from him direct already, but if not you will soon.

Assuring you that I am very glad that this has taken place, with all good wishes for the furtherance of your work, I am

Faithfully yours,

F. A. McElwain

FAM-N

Fort Snelling, Minn.
March 9, 1928.

Mrs. Russell F. Varney,
210 S. Hamline Street,
Saint Paul, Minn.

My dear Mrs. Varney:-

Mrs. Haley has told me that there is a possibility of the Ladies Guilds of the Episcopal churches of the Twin Cities assisting us in the purchase of furnishings for our new Chapel.

I think this would be a very wonderful thing for them to do. I suggested to her that our greatest need is now for the pews. The American Legion has made a guarantee of \$1,000.00 which will just about purchase pews for one side of the Chapel.

This leaves the other side, not yet provided for. Also the pews for choir in chancel, and the seats for gallery where prisoners (men undergoing military discipline) will be seated during services.

In compliance with Mrs. Haley's request I am sending some of the folders which gives the list of items still needed. It seems almost pathetic that with the chapel practically completed, we must delay the dedication until we can make purchase of the pews. My Board of Directors will not order until we have pledges, or the cash in hand. So, without seeming to hurry you, I am offering a little prayer that some of the Lord's own good people will guarantee as much as possible, so that these orders can be placed.

Yours very sincerely,

Chaplain, U.S. Army
Secretary-Treasurer.

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CITY OF ST. PAUL
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
L. R. S. FERGUSON, COMMISSIONER
G. I. SPRINGER, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

April 17, 1928.

Capt. Frank C. Rideout,
Chaplain U. S. A.,
Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

My dear Chaplain Rideout:

Find enclosed copy of a letter that
I am sending to Bishop McElwain, of the Diocese of Minn-
esota, and Bishop Bennett, Bishop of the Diocese of
Duluth. This letter is self-explanatory.

Yours very sincerely,

L. R. S. Ferguson
Commissioner of Education.

LRSF-R

My dear Bishop McElwain:

The General Church, I believe, has made quite a substantial contribution to the erection of the chapel at Fort Snelling, but I still feel that the individual congregations throughout the State should make some contribution, because Fort Snelling went a great deal to me as chaplain, and to many other clergymen during the period of the World War.

It is the rendezvous of the citizen and student training camps for this area and, as you are quite aware, the military training camps held are among the largest in the United States.

If there is no objection on your part, as Bishop of the Diocese of Minnesota (I am writing a similar letter to Bishop Bennett, of Duluth), I should like to write a letter to all the clergy of the State, asking if they are willing to ask their congregations to make a small contribution to be applied toward the erection of this chapel which is so necessary to the spiritual and recreational life of not only the garrison of Fort Snelling, but to the individuals of the training camps, as well.

Awaiting your reply, I am

Yours very sincerely,

Hector -- Church of the Messiah.

Rt. Rev. P.A. McElwain S.D.,
Bishop of Minnesota,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Duluth Office,
Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel
207 Sellwood Building,
Duluth, Minnesota.

The following persons representing _____

_____ Club, Post, Auxiliary, Chapter,
will be present at the Snelling Memorial Chapel luncheon
at Hotel Duluth, Chamber of Commerce rooms, Friday noon,
April 8, 1927:

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Yours truly,

PROFESSIONAL MEN'S CLUB
OF
DULUTH



April 5th, 1927.

Dr. Wm. A. Coventry, Gen'l Chairman,
207 Sellwood Building,
Duluth, Minnesota.

Dear Doctor Coventry:

This is in reply to your letter of the 31st ultimo, regarding the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel project.

Members of the Professional Men's Club are also members of other local organizations, most if not all of which offer the opportunity to take part in matters of community interest. It would result in a duplication of effort on the part of our members for our Club as an organization to enter that field.

Furthermore, we have our own objects and only a limited time to devote to them.

Therefore, it has been the policy of the Club to refrain from outside activities.

For those reasons we decline with thanks your invitation to participate in the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel project.

Yours sincerely,

PROFESSIONAL MEN'S CLUB OF DULUTH

John A. Jess
Secretary.

BUSINESS WOMEN'S CLUB
DULUTH, MINN.

April 5, 1927

Dr. W. A. Coventry, General Chairman,
Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel and
Community Center Association.
Duluth.

Dear Sir:

At a meeting of the officers and directors of the Duluth Business Women's Club, held on April 4, the question of our participation in the above-mentioned project was thoroughly discussed.

While we are deeply interested in this matter and in Fort Snelling, we feel that we can take no active part as a Club. At present we have on hand as many matters as we can do justice to and the majority of our members it seems will be or have been approached through some other organization or channel regarding The Fort Snelling Memorial.

Very truly yours,

Laura Rischatsch.
Laura Rischatsch,
Corresponding Secretary

WENDELL D. VILLARS, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT
CLIFTON C. DAILEY, 2ND VICE PRESIDENT
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SAINT PAUL CHAPTER

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SAINT PAUL, MINN.

Feb. 14, 1928

Chaplain Frank C. Ridout,
Fort Snelling, Minn.

Dear Compatriot:

I had an opportunity to discuss with Bishop McIlvane the matter which you recently called to my attention. He promised that he would write you immediately. In case he doesn't, this is the situation:

The only funds available for such purposes outside of the regular budget are unassigned legacies controlled by the general church. As I understand it, it is only within recent years that the Episcopal church has gone on a budget system and they are having considerable trouble raising their quotas. I am on the Finance Committee in this diocese and I know from sad experience just what this means.

Bishop McIlvane tells me that he spoke to Bishop Burleson recently, who was on his way East, and Bishop Burleson promised to take this matter up while he was East and see if he could not meet your request in that way.

Very truly yours,

Ernest H. Davidson

Merrifield Brown
March 13-1928

W. E. Welsh
Col. W. S. Infantry
Commanding

Kind Sir

Your letter of the 10th
recd. I will see that the people
of Braintree are duly thanked
I hope it will meet your
approval that your letter be
published in full and let
me say personally I very much
appreciate your letter and I
hope we may induce other
towns to do what we have done
I now hope that our State
Regent will take this up

Through the State D. A. R.
Chapter. I had a lovely
letter from our State Regent
saying she is very proud
a Samuel Huntington Chapt.
for this work. I am writing
her in behalf of the work
that it may go on under
her name. Resp.

Mrs M. A. Bedouon
in behalf of Samuel Huntington
Chapt. D. A. R.

Merrifield Grinn

Chaplin F. B. Rideout. Jan 17 - 1928

Kind Sir enclosed is a clipping from yesterday Brainerd Daily Dispatch of this planer you I will send you enough Cops to mail to each D.A.R. Chapter in the state and see what can be done by them.

I took this up with our State Regent last week when she was here but I could not do anything with her as she is in favor of sending all of our money to Washington for Constitution Hall and the Oxford Memorial to Caroline Scott Harrison our first President General Booth are worthy objects but can be taken care of in the future as they have been in the past mainly by giving small amts each year I give them \$5.00 a year and expect to until they are finished but this year I am for F.B. Memorial Chapel I am going in Brainerd to morrow and start soliciting and see what can be done if the weather continues good I will write you from time to time and let you know how I am getting along. I had a talk over the phone with Col. Welsh as I did not go to Brainerd to hear him last night as I had no way of getting in.

Now I have another thought for the Chapel
but I first want to know if it meets your
approval I am willing to write Mrs E. S.
Sandberg and ask her if she wishes to give
the Chapel a lift if you approve of this could
it not be well to tell her of something she
could do like the finishing of a room or
whatever you may suggest I feel that she
might enjoy doing this if the matter
was brought to her attention Col. Sandberg is
a Minn. boy and Minn. is very proud
of our Air Herd. What do you think
after you have gone over this all tell me
if I can do any thing I will be only to glad
to
Respectfully
Mrs M. A. Bronson

Querrifield Minn.

March 21-1928

Chaplin Frank C. Rideout
U.S. Army Fort Snelling

Kind Sir inclosed are three Chs.
which I should have sent you before
this but there are still two which have
been promised but which have not
yet come in and I have been waiting
for them but I think you should
have them so with the one dollar ^{\$1.00}
inclosed makes ^{\$2.45.00} total for
Brainerd through efforts of Samuel
Huntington Chapter D.A.R. if the other
Chs. come in I will send them at
once and I think this will close the
drive which has been most flagrant
and I feel one of the worthwhile things
of life. Best
Yrs Geo. A. Edson Branson

P.S. have you heard from Mrs Hoyt
State Regent D.A.R. I wrote her a long
letter and inclosed the news paper clipping
and the letter I recd. from Col. Welsh
and am in hope she will start a camp-
aign to help she wrote me congratulations
and said she was proud of Samuel Huntington
Chapt. so I thought she may do something
Geo. A. B.

HEADQUARTERS
Fort Snelling, Minn.

October 10, 1924.

Mr. George D. Dayton,
2020 Blaisdell Ave., S.
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

My Dear Sir:-

Your name has been presented by the nominating committee as honorary Chairman of the General Committee in charge of the affairs in connection with the proposed Memorial Chapel at Fort Snelling.

It is very greatly desired that you consent to serve as a member of the Executive Committee in the above mentioned capacity. The other members of this Committee are: Rev. Marion D. Shutter, Church of the Redeemer, Minneapolis, Chairman; Rev. J.A.O. Stub, Minneapolis; Colonel William R. Sample, Fort Snelling; and Chaplain Frank C. Rideout, Fort Snelling, Secretary.

I hope that you will give your consent to being elected to this committee at our next meeting which will be held in the near future.

In consenting to serve you will be able to render a real patriotic service to a deserving community of approximately two thousand persons, made up for the most part of the young manhood of the state and nation. And, in addition thereto, you will identify yourself with a most worthy object which is as bound to be successful as the people are to think right and to be generous.

Yours very cordially,

Frank C. Rideout,
Chaplain, U.S. Army.
(Secretary.)

FCR:jpm.

H E A D Q U A R T E R S
Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

September 8, 1923.

MEMORANDUM: To Lt. Colonel E. M. Norton.

Attached hereto are estimates of cost of proposed chapel, under the plans prepared by Clarence H. Johnston of St. Paul.

There has been great delay in procuring the authorization of the War Department to proceed with the construction of this chapel.

Lt. Hazelrigg is the Treasurer and has in his possession approximately \$3000.00 in cash available for this work.

The architect has enlarged upon my original plan to such an extent that I believe the present plans are beyond our resources. This question needs to be considered with care before the project is undertaken.

Mr. Neu of the Quartermaster's Office is familiar with the plan I had in mind to construct this chapel at minimum cost, using materials found on the post and volunteer labor to the maximum extent.

I believe you should acquaint yourself with the details of this plan before Chaplain Oliver leaves, and put yourself at the head of the building committee.

AWB:rpm

AWB
A. W. B JORNSTAD,
Commanding.

OFFICE OF THE CHAPLAIN,
FORT SNELLING, MINNESOTA.
AUGUST 24TH, 1923.

MEMORANDUM: To the Commanding Officer,

1. Inclosed please find estimate by Mr. Law showing the cost of construction of the New Post Chapel. The pencil notations are my own.

Total costs shown by estimate	\$ 10,679.56
Estimate cost of Truss Work and Sheet metal work	\$ 1,500.00
Total Costs	\$ 12,179.56
Less cost of sand, gravel and labor	\$ 3,318.75
Estimate cost of construction	\$ 8,860.81

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A. C. Oliver Jr.
A. C. OLIVER, JR.,
CHAPLAIN, 3RD. INFANTRY

HEADQUARTERS
Fort Snelling, Minnesota.
OFFICE OF THE CHAPLAIN.

December 15, 1923.

CHAPLAIN'S)
MEMORANDUM:
NUMBER 13)

SANTA CLAUS' VISIT

1. Santa Claus has informed the Chaplain by radio from the North Pole that he expects to visit all the children of Fort Snelling at the Service Club on Monday afternoon, December 24, 1923, at 4:00 o'clock. Every child on the reservation whose parents have handed in his or her name will receive a gift from the Christmas Tree.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE

2. The Post Quartermaster, Major M.R. Wainer, is planning upon decorating a Community Christmas Tree in front of Post Headquarters for the enjoyment of all residents of the Fort. The tree will be brilliantly illuminated at night and will remain for the entire Holiday Season. It will be lighted first on Christmas Eve, December 24th.

CHRISTMAS CHOIR REHEARSAL

3. A Choir rehearsal for the Christmas music and for the Torch-Light-Procession will be held at the Quarters of Major and Mrs. George A. Sanford, D-5, on Tuesday evening, December 18, 1923, at 7:00 o'clock. All persons who can sing are most cordially invited to attend.

LORDS' DAY SERVICES

4. Our post services are gradually growing both in interest and in numbers. The oldest residents here say that they have never known so many people to attend the religious services. And yet the number is small in proportion to the number of residents here. This is a good time of year to start in going to Church. It is important that all children come to Sunday School this Sunday inasmuch as we are making plans for Christmas entertainment to be held next Sunday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock. Teachers should hand to Mrs. Rideout a complete list of all the numbers to be taken by members of their classes. "THE AVERAGE MAN'S RELIGION" is the topic for Sunday's discourse. You ought to hear this sermon and also the Special music.

FCR:JCR.
For Bulletin Boards
and General Distribution.

FRANK C. RIDEOUT,
Chaplain, U.S.A.

HEADQUARTERS
Fort Snelling, Minnesota.
OFFICE OF THE CHAPLAIN.

December 22, 1923.

CHAPLAIN'S)
MEMORANDUM :
NUMBER 13)

"THE ECHO OF THE ANGEL'S SONG"

1. The above will be the subject of the Christmas sermon at the Service Club on Sunday Morning, December 23, 1923, at 11:00 o'clock. Father Casey will conduct the Catholic Service at 8:30. Sunday School will be at 9:45.

THE FORT SNELLING CHOIR

2. The following persons have organized themselves into a choir and will render an excellent program of musical numbers at the morning worship of Christmas Sunday:

Mrs. Frank C. Rideout, Pianist	
Mrs. George A. Lynch, Alto	Major George A. Farford, Bass
Mrs. Earl F. Paynter, Soprano	Captain Earl F. Paynter, Tenor
Mrs. Walter B. Fariss, Soprano	Captain David R. Kerr, Bass
Mrs. Albert Moffett, Soprano	Captain E. O. Schmidt, Tenor
Miss Laura Michel, Alto	Lieut. James C. Cooper, Bass
Miss Ruth Booth, Alto	Lieut. Franz J. Jonitz, Bass
Mrs. John Coop, Soprano	Mr. George Lynch, Baritone.

In addition to the Christmas hymns, two beautiful anthems will be sung as follows: (1) "The Everlasting Light," by Cuthbert Harris, and (2) "Glory, Praise and Power," by Ernest A. Dick. Perhaps Fort Snelling has never had so good a choir. Of course YOU WILL WANT TO HEAR THEM.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM

3. An interesting program one hour long of songs, recitations and exercises has been prepared by the children of the Post Sunday School to be rendered on Sunday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock. Parents, friends and all enlisted men are most cordially invited to attend.

SANTA CLAUS PARTY AND CHRISTMAS TREE

4. The Community Christmas Tree, with a visit from the real Santa Claus will be held at the Service Club on Monday afternoon, December 24, 1923, at 4:00 o'clock. All children of the garrison will be special guests. Mrs. E.M. Norton will be in charge and Colonel Sample will extend Christmas felicitations to the children. There will be a few musical numbers by the 3rd Infantry Orchestra. ALL ARE INVITED.

For Bulletin Boards and
For General Distribution.

Frank C. Rideout,
Chaplain, U.S. Army.

HEADQUARTERS
Fort Snelling, Minnesota.
OFFICE OF THE CHAPLAIN.

December 29, 1923.

CHAPLAIN'S)
MEMORANDUM)
NUMBER 14)

"I HEREBY HIGHLY RESOLVE"

1. "Our New Year's Resolutions" will be the topic for the address on the Sunday morning nearest to the New Year. This is a good time to commence attending church. Better plan to come.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT QUOTED

2. The Church and the Sunday School are the most important factors in our western civilization. Moral and spiritual illiteracy was the danger which our American ancestors dreaded most. Roosevelt once said, "It is a good thing to be smart, but it is better to have the qualities that find their expression in the Decalogue and the Golden Rule, - Honesty, first; then courage, then brains." Our nation and the world needs God and religion. "Pray for God's help" said Lloyd George, facing unconquerable world conditions. "We must turn to spiritual things in order to avoid revolution" is the gist of Woodrow Wilson's warning. "We want God to know that we are depending upon Him", Warren Harding told his neighbors at Marion before he left for the White House. And soon after becoming President, Calvin Coolidge becomes a member of the church. To know how to pray, and to retain God within the consciousness of our every day lives is the most important and beneficial personal equipment.

CATHOLIC SERVICES

3. Mass at 8:30 A.M. every Sunday morning and Holy Day, in the Service Club. Confessions before Mass, beginning at 8:00 o'clock. Father Casey in charge.

New Years Day (Feast of the Circumcision) Mass at 8:00 AM.

PROTESTANT SERVICES

4. The regular schedule of services will be held on Sunday morning with the Sunday School at 9:45, and the Morning Worship at 11:00 o'clock. The Misses Booth will sing a duet at the morning service.

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For Bulletin Boards
and General Distribution.

FRANK C. RIDEOUT,
Chaplain, U.S. Army

HEADQUARTERS FORT SNELLING, MINN.
OFFICE OF THE CHAPLAIN.

November 16, 1923.

CHAPLAIN'S)
MEMORANDUM :
No. 10.)

1. THEODORE ROOSEVELT once said:

"EVEN men who are not professedly religious must, if, they are frank, admit that no community permanently prospers, either morally or materially, unless the church is a real and vital element in the community life. "

Put a church in a community and real-estate values increase, self-respect is more apparent amongst the citizens, property rights are more respected, and children are more likely to grow up trained in the ideals which have made America great. The church at once becomes the center of inspiration for better schools, better politics, better homes and better social and economic conditions.

2. KILL THE CHURCH and you will silence the Voice that has forever been calling men and women to more unselfish living; kill the church and you cut the nerve of your hospitals, colleges, civic organizations, and even the respect of the government itself. The most effectual way of killing the church is to leave it alone, absent yourself from its services and activities, and with-hold your moral support.

3. WE HAVE NO CHURCH organization at Fort Snelling, but we do have organized effort for promoting a wholesome moral and spiritual life amongst the residents here. YOU are invited to invest your talent in this good work. Your influence will count for more than you are aware of. And the returns, though not material, are nevertheless real, substantial and eternal. You cannot afford to neglect a consideration of so great a value and importance. Mr. Adolph Grethen, an eminent musician, organizer and formerly director of the Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra, will render several violin selections at the Sunday Morning Service. You better plan on attending.

8:30 A.M. Catholic Services by Father Casey.

9:45 A.M. Post Sunday School.

11:00 A.M. General Morning Worship.

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For Bulletin Boards
& General Distribution.

Frank C. Rideout,
Chaplain, U.S.A.,

HEADQUARTERS
Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

CHAPLAIN'S)
MEMORANDUM)
No. 27.)

OFFICE OF THE CHAPLAIN
April 25, 1924.

THE FORT SNELLING CHAPEL FUND

1. There have been a number of inquiries recently concerning the amount of money raised at the carnival last summer for the building of the new chapel, and concerning its present whereabouts. This leads to the supposition that perhaps all persons who assisted and contributed towards the success of the carnival would like to have the same information. The exact amount raised was \$2645.60, and it is deposited in the Savings Department of the First National Bank of Saint Paul drawing interest every day. If we had just about ten times that amount we might build the chapel this summer. The Chaplain is glad to welcome all good advice in the matter of building the Chapel. Practical wisdom and good hard cash constitute the necessary equipment to bring this project to a successful conclusion.

AFTER EASTER SERVICES

2. It is just as important, and just as good religion to attend church after Easter as before, or on Easter Day. Why not try it and see. You will surely enjoy the hour of worship next Sunday, COME AND SEE.

C.M.T.C. PRIZE ESSAY CONTEST

3. Under the sponsorship of the Women's Overseas League, and with the indorsement of the Secretary of War, a prize essay contest opened on April 2, for all young women between the age of 13 and 19 years, upon the subject "Why A Young Man I Know Should Attend A Citizen's Military Training Camp". The contest is national in scope, is restricted to 300 words, closes May 5, and has a free trip to the National Capitol with all expenses paid for the winner. Surely some young woman from Fort Snelling, the home of the finest C.M.T. Camps in the country, might easily win this prize were a good try made for it. The Chaplain will be glad to give the necessary information to any young woman who desires to enter the contest.

FRANK C. RIDEOUT,
Chaplain, U.S.A.

TO BE POSTED ON ALL BULLETIN BOARDS
AND FOR GENERAL FAMILY DISTRIBUTION.

January 13, 1925.

To the Editor, The Journal,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

My dear Sir:-

I wish that you would accept from me, for your Saturday evening or Sunday morning Editions of your paper, a series of perhaps four articles of about a column and a half in length each, on the general subject of the necessity and desirability of a house of divine worship for the soldiers and other residents of Fort Snelling.

The general public is not at all informed concerning our needs in this respect at Fort Snelling, and I am convinced that you can render a noble service to a good and worthy cause by allowing me to present the arguments, or rather this proposition for the general information of your readers.

I would like to present this subject through your paper, and perhaps also through the Saint Paul Pioneer Press-Dispatch simultaneously. For if ever a chapel is built out here it must be done through the co-operative efforts of church and patriotic organizations of the twin cities combined. I am therefore approaching the Saint Paul editor this date with this same proposition. I trust that you will favor it, even as I hope that the Pioneer Press-Dispatch will also do.

In case you think that such a thing might be done, will you be kind enough to permit me to drop into your office at your own convenience in the near future to talk over the matter and to tell you about the subject-matter and scope of the proposed articles ?

May I add, that in my opinion it will be impossible to ever get a chapel for the soldiers of this garrison, much as it is needed and desired by them, until the conscience of the general public is aroused to such an extent that they will either demand it from the government, or else make it possible through private donations and sources. It is my guess that the public will remain apathetic just so long as it remains uninformed. I am, Sir,

Yours very cordially,

Frank C. Rideout
Chaplain, U.S.A.

Encl. Copy D.A.R.
Resolution.

March 17, 1928.

Mr. Sumner T. McKnight, Treasurer,
Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Ass'n. Inc.,
McKnight Building, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

My dear Mr. McKnight:-

In accordance with the express wishes of donors of certain amounts of money for specific articles of furniture and furnishings for the new Chapel, Mr. Wheeler, Chm of Building Committee, Chaplain Rideout, Sec'y, and myself as President of the Chapel Association, have signed contracts for the following articles of furniture and furnishings:

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| (1) For Pulpit, donated by the Minn. Society, S.A.R. | \$525.00 |
| (2) For Lectern, " " Capt. J. Holmes, Chapt. D.A.R. | 148.55 |
| (3) For Alter and Reredos, Longfellow sisters gift, | 825.00 |
| (4) For half the Pews for main Chapel, Am. Legion gift | 1,025.00 |
| (5) For Furnishings for the Sunday Schools rooms | 516.00 |

The contracts have been placed with the American Seating Company, Mr. Harte, Representative, with offices at Baker Arcade Building, 733 Marquette Avenue, Minneapolis.

The terms of our contracts call for payment of 25% of total of order placed at time of ordering, which will amount to the sum of Seven Hundred Eighty One and 75/100 Dollars (\$781.75.)

Inasmuch as money has been paid for numbers 1, 2, and 5, of these items, and \$300.00 has been paid by the American Legion on item 4, and pledges have been made for the other items, it is my understanding of the matter that this money will be kept for the specific purpose for which it was donated. We shall be obliged to find funds elsewhere for finishing payment for building contracts.

Terms of our contract call for payment of one half the balance for furniture (35% ~~50~~) upon arrival of bill of lading, and the final balance of 35% ~~50~~ sixty days after satisfactory installation of furniture. Arrangements have accordingly been made by the Chaplain that funds will be available from donors when needed for payments when they become due.

Yours truly,

W. E. WELSH
Colonel, 3rd Infantry.
President Chapel Ass'n.

Copy:
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February 20, 1926.

Mr. H. W. Johnson,
c/o First Swedish Baptist Church,
Sins & Payne Avenue,
Saint Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Mr. Johnson:

I wish to take this opportunity of gratefully acknowledging your check for \$58.01 covering cash donations from your church Sunday, February 7th.

I wish also to acknowledge enclosed checks for \$9.00. We shall acknowledge these checks individually.

I want to take this occasion to thank you for your cooperation and to express our appreciation for the manner in which the young men were received at the First Swedish Baptist Church. They told me that they were anxious to visit the church again, they must have had a splendid reception.

Sincerely,

C. L. Anderson:EB

St. Paul, Minn.

Febr. 16-1926

Mr. S. M. Shepard, Treas.

Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing our check for $58^{\circ}01$ covering the cash ^{donation} received in our church on Sunday Febr. 7-1926 for the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel.

I am also enclosing several checks totaling $9^{\circ}00$ which were received and are made payable to yourself.

Our total for this Sunday was somewhat over $114^{\circ}00$ but the rest of the amount which I am not enclosing was for subscriptions. ~~The~~ The envelopes for subscriptions and also the envelopes which contained the cash I am sending herewith will be sent to you by our financial Secretary Mr. J. B. Hedberg.

Yours Very Truly,
First Swedish Baptist
Church

H. H. Johnson,
Treasurer

February 20, 1926.

Mrs. J. H. Martin,
1917 Colfax Avenue, So.,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dear Mrs. Martin:

Under separate cover I have sent you 250 circulars on the Fort. I am likewise sending a picture of a side elevation of the building.

We will be glad to loan you the original drawings for the Chapel if the sketch in the booklet and this picture of the elevation prove inadequate.

Thank you sincerely for your splendid reception Wednesday afternoon. I hope that our conference will be mutually profitable.

Sincerely,

C. L. Anderson:MB

February 20, 1926.

Rev. Wm. J. Farris,
Holman M. E. Church,
637 E. 4th Street,
Saint Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Rev. Farris:

We wish to take this opportunity of acknowledging checks and pledges amounting to \$19.20 from the Holman M. E. Church.

We would indeed also be ungrateful if we did not comment upon your splendid cooperation and thank you for it.

Sincerely,

C. L. Anderson:MB



Holman M. E. Church

Euclid
Cor. Bates Ave. and ~~Duane~~ St.

St. Paul, Minn. Feb 16th 1926.

Fort Snelling Chapel Memorial,
St Paul, Minn.

Dear Sirs;

Please find enclosed checks and pledges amounting to \$19.20. which you can credit to Holman M.E.Church.

This is all so far, possibly there may be more later.

Yours truly

Wm. J. J. J.

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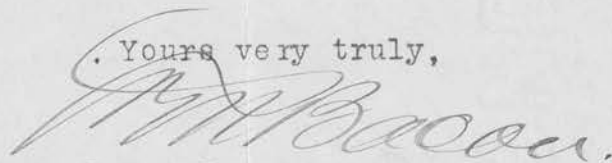
Mr. Frederick Mears
St. Paul Union Depot Co.,
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

The second meeting of the group formed in St. Paul to promote and support the project of providing a Pan-Sectarian Chapel at Fort Snelling will be held at a luncheon on Friday next, April 3d, at 12:15 P. M. at the St. Paul Athletic Club.

Your continued support and presence at this meeting is respectfully requested and at that time further steps will be decided upon for the formation of a definite course of action.

Yours very truly,



L. M. Bacon,
Temporary secretary.

Copy Given Arnold E. Kahmet
& Co. B. 3rd Inf Age 22.

January 5, 1926

Mr. Sumner T. McKnight,
McKnight Building,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

My dear Mr. McKnight:-

Captain Smith, Adjutant 135th Infantry,
Minnesota National Guard, (Tel. Geneva 9114) advised me
a day or two ago that his regiment had made a pledge of
\$100.00 to the Chapel.

I am enclosing herewith a letter from Col.
E.D. Luce in which he states that he will contribute a like
amount. Perhaps, he will make a larger donation if he is
made aware of what others are doing.

Some eight months ago Old Trails Chapter,
D.A.R., Miss Annie C. Jordan, 126 Oak Grove Street, Minn-
neapolis, made a pledge of \$100.00.

On June 16th, 1925, I had a letter from
Selim Caldron, No. 20, Daughters of Mokanna, (This is the
Women's lodge of the Grotto), Miss Irma G. Alden, Sec'y.,
3808 Park Avenue, making a pledge of \$25.00.

I thought your committee ought to know
about these pledges, and I am sending the data concerning
them to you with the exception of the letter from Old Trails
Chapter, D.A.R. which I evidently have mislaid for the time
being.

Yours very cordially,

Frank C. Hideout
Chaplain, U.S.A.

*Order December 1928
Pvt Arnold E Kahmet ASN 676779.9
Co "B" 3rd Infantry, Fort Snelling
Minnesota Age 22. Born 1-7-06*

one of the first to ask that you erect a memorial in glorification of the ideal of that One great world Citizen—the Master Man—who died as a soldier in the sacred cause of truth; whose symbol is a rough-hewn, blood-stained cross, and whose badge of honorable distinction is humble, loving service to all mankind. This is your patriotic duty. A chapel at Fort Snelling will serve the purpose of a useful, adequate memorial.

6. THE MORAL REASON

Then again there is the moral reason for this appeal. For American citizens to send millions of money to give moral and spiritual training for peoples of another skin, and of other races, is undoubtedly for them to be true to the missionary appeal and tradition. China and Japan, Africa and India need the Gospel without doubt; but our own American boys need all these ameliorating influences of morality and religion too. The great Hebrew apostle to the Gentiles said: "If any provide for not his own, and especially for those of his own household, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel." (1 Tim. 5:8.) The missionary call and appeal for China is clear; but the missionary call for our own Minnesota boys is clearer. To neglect it is to be untrue even to the Gospel itself. It is not that we should turn a deaf ear to the call from abroad, but it is that we should surely turn our immediate attention to those within our very midst; those of our own household; those who wait at our very doors—first, not last. It is not a sign of moral intuition or spiritual power for American citizens to thus neglect the moral challenge and the missionary opportunity incident to an integral part of their own constituency.

7. THE SPIRITUAL REASON

Last, but not least is the spiritual reason for this appeal. The souls of the men now in the service of their country are as precious in the sight of Almighty God as are the souls of those in civilian life. The men of the Army and Navy belong to and are a part of the nation. They represent the civilian population for the peace, safety and honor of the country. They have often been called, may now be called upon at any moment, to risk their lives in meeting a crisis at home or abroad. They are cut off from the privileges of home, and the home church. When, in the World War, there were millions of them in service and every home had its representative in khaki, there was a wave of tremendous interest in the spiritual welfare of enlisted men. Now that demobilization has brought the number down so that instead of a representative from every home, there is scarcely one home in a hundred that has a son in the service, are these to be forgotten? Is Christian interest to be so selfish as this? Are we, as Christians, to be vitally interested only when one of our own home circle is involved? Such is not Christianity. The churches have rivalled one another in their laudable efforts to enter the open door of China, India and Japan; shall they refuse to enter this open door? The men in service today are in the midst of peculiar temptations, and spiritual as well as physical danger. It is unthinkable that citizens of Christian America will refuse to listen to the urgency of this challenge, and the solemnity of this appeal. Even though they are called upon by the government to enter the open door collectively rather than individually, the spiritual interests of this large group of young men, future citizens of Minnesota and the great Northwest, demand that provision be made for their highest possible moral development. The best citizenship is impossible without a church in every community.

SEVEN REASONS WHY Minnesota Citizens Should Assist in Placing a Chapel at the Fort Snelling Garrison

BY FRANK C. RIDEOUT

Chaplain, U. S. Army

1. THE NECESSITY REASON

Minnesota citizens, and especially the residents of the great metropolitan area of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, should not be content to have a nearby community of 2,000 residents without a church. And especially is this true when the great majority of those residents are young men barely out of the high school age. It is scarcely Christian to allow such a condition to exist at the very door of opulent, progressive cities. The garrison needs a modern church. The soldiers themselves were the first to realize this need and have already raised an initial contribution of some \$3,000.00 for its prosecution. They are ready to make another generous contribution, if the general public thinks it is necessary and fair for them to do so out of their small monthly stipends. The children of the garrison, to the number of 150, over a year ago made an urgent appeal to Washington through the Commanding Officer for a decent place in which to "Learn how to pray and to study God's Word." They have asked for bread; they should not be given a stone. The necessity exists; this is a legitimate appeal. Government funds cannot be secured. Every consideration of urgency, decency, missionary expediency, fair play and moral compunction argues that this appeal should not fall on deaf ears. The soldiers at Fort Snelling cannot accomplish this task alone. They deserve assistance, and will get it without doubt if Minnesota residents are fair and generous.

2. THE HISTORICAL REASON

Despite the fact that the first ecclesiastical organization in Minnesota was perfected under the shadow of the old Fort Snelling Round Tower, this fine, old military garrison has never had a church building consecrated to the worship of the Almighty. A hundred years ago, and for half a century thereafter, officers and enlisted men of the army remained on duty at this lonely outpost of our pioneer civilization for no other purpose than to protect the early settlers and their infant industries. Minnesota citizens should by all means be slow to forget that in the "Covered Wagon" days soldiers at Fort Snelling stood sentry, guarding their grandfathers and their sturdy sires while they were emerging from pioneer conditions into the civilization which they have inherited, and which they enjoy today. Now, the whole Northwest, fostered by the security which this outpost guaranteed, is dotted everywhere with magnificent churches and chapels; but Fort Snelling itself has none. Every consideration of gratitude and appreciation of this historical fact eloquently argues that a chapel should be placed at Fort Snelling. To delay the proposition is merely to prolong the reproach, an attitude altogether unworthy of the age in which we live.

3. THE ECONOMIC REASON

This is a selfish reason to be sure, but sometimes economic considerations outweigh those of an idealistic and philosophical nature. Fort Snelling is a distinct asset to Minnesota, and especially to the Twin Cities. Every summer we have a great stream of young, virile, hilarious college students from thirty institutions of higher learning, from eight or nine states, to the number of 1500 or 1600, come to Fort Snelling for the Reserve Officers' Training Corps Camp. And, in addition to these, we have from 1500 to 2000 young men from three or four states who come to the Citizens' Military Training Camp. These young fellows remain from four to six weeks here in the very heart of your "Land of Ten Thousand Lakes." Many of the parents and friends of these summer students come to Minnesota to visit them while they are in camp. They throng your highways and mingle in your life; they stop at your hotels;

and they visit your summer resorts. But this is a minor consideration to that great advertising medium of these young fellows themselves. They go back to their several institutions of learning, and to their home communities to tell of the wonders of your climate, your lakes, your fishing opportunities, your boating and bathing, your hospitality, ad infinitum. Not a few plan to come back to Minnesota again for their pleasure trips, their vacations, and even for their honey-moons. Minnesota has no greater advertising medium than Fort Snelling affords. Whatever Minnesota may do to make Fort Snelling more attractive and more wholesome from the moral and spiritual standpoint, will be like the proverbial "Bread cast upon the waters to return to you after many days." The best method for immediate, reciprocal action towards Fort Snelling, is for the citizens of Minnesota to make possible this proposed chapel.

4. THE GOOD EXAMPLE REASON

No other military garrison is more conveniently located contiguous to great American cities throbbing with the life and industry of a nation's very heart. None is more intimately associated with the early history and progress of a great commonwealth. Many other garrisons need chapels. Perhaps not more than a dozen of the more than 50 or 60 larger garrisons of the nation have chapels which are up to date, adequate or suitable for modern parish work. And these were provided only when the civilian populations of nearby communities made them possible. While a few temporary chapels have been provided for by the genius of local garrisons in using salvage materials and in reconstructing cantonment buildings left over from the great war, no permanent chapels have been erected in the last score or more of years. If the citizens of Minnesota and the Northwest successfully prosecute this task, they will set a most excellent and worthy example before other communities where similar provision ought to be made for religious work among the troops of the nation whose moral and religious interests should not be neglected. Indeed, the entire nation will take note of what is done at Fort Snelling in this matter and hail your efforts with unanimous approval. Thus a most wholesome influence will be exerted, and due credit will be reflected upon the residents of this state as being pioneers still in a most worthy enterprise—that of providing an attractive and suitable place of worship for men in the patriotic service of their country.

5. THE PATRIOTIC REASON

There is indeed a patriotic reason, too, for making this chapel proposition a reality. If there is any spot in the entire state that ought to be a veritable shrine for the people of Minnesota, that spot is Fort Snelling. Minnesota boys have gone through Fort Snelling to each and every battle-front where "Old Glory" has been flung above the din and strife of conflict in the cause of national freedom, human justice and the sacred rights of all mankind during the last one hundred years. This was especially true in the Civil War, the Indian Wars, the Spanish-American War, and the last great World War. Many of your boys went away from Fort Snelling and never returned again. Their blood cries out to heaven for moral justice to other soldier lads who follow them in the service of their country. Where, I ask you, is the logical place for Minnesota citizens to erect a memorial for those gallant spirits, if not at Fort Snelling? How better can Minnesota prove her loyalty to the sacred memory of those heroic souls who have died for their state and for their country? I would be one of the last persons on earth to ask that a memorial be erected for the glorification of the war idea; but I hope that I may be

Revolution.

HEADQUARTERS FORT SNELLING, MINN.
OFFICE OF THE CHAPLAIN.

November 9, 1923.

C. E. Johnson Co.,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Gentlemen:

I wish to know the price of your publication "THE
FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA - Etiquette of the Flag".
Compiled by Colonial Chapter, Daughters of American Revolution.
Copyright 1923 by, Colonial Chapter, Daughters of American
Revolution.

Yours Truly,

FCR/ew

Frank C. Rideout,
Chaplain, U. S. A.,

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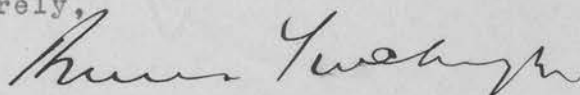
Chaplain Rideout,
Fort Snelling, Minn.

Dear Chaplain:

Since telephoning to you today, I have arranged for you to speak at the Commonwealth Club which holds its meeting at the Radisson Hotel first floor Thursday, January 21st, at 12:15. If you will stop in at my office before then I will give you Pledge Cards and Pamphlets.

Don't forget the Kiwanis Club January 26th.

Sincerely,



PS - I have received at my office the Minute Book and Seal of the corporation, whose articles are on file. I believe that you had better have custody of these articles, and the next time you are in Minneapolis please call at my office for them.

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January 18th, 1926.

Captain Smith, Adjutant,
135th Infantry,
Minnesota Western Railroad Company Depot,
Minneapolis.

Dear Captain Smith:-

Captain Frank C. Rideout, Chaplain, Fort Snelling has
advised that the 135th Infantry desires to subscribe
\$100.00 to the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Fund.

The active campaign connected with raising of funds for
this Chapel will take place during the week of February
7th to 14th and the Committee is very anxious to get in
all pledges prior to the opening of this campaign. There-
fore, would it be possible to have this pledge of \$100.00
turned in to Mr. Sumner T. McKnight, Chairman of the Minne-
apolis Committee?

Thanking you on behalf of the Committee, I am

Very truly yours,

JSLincoln'DB

F. C. Rideout
Member of Committee.

*Check for 100 was sent to
C. O. Fort Snelling about
3 weeks ago.*

Ralph Smith

Minneapolis Campaign Office, 1236 McKnight Building
Phone: Main 0215

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*Property of S/Sgt Arnold E. Kalmus U.S. A Retired
RA 6767799 Age 44. Born 1/7-1906. 31 March 1950:
Today 10 June 1964*

HEADQUARTERS, FORT SNELLING, MINNESOTA

Office of the Chaplain

March 8, 1925.

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Army and Navy Commission
Protestant Episcopal Church,
281 Fourth Ave.
New York City, N.Y.

My dear Sirs:-

Fort Snelling Military garrison is located in close proximity to the Twin Cities of St. Paul and Minneapolis, about equal distance on the West side of the Mississippi River. It has a soldier population of some 1500 young men, 70 officers, 175 children and approximately 350 other persons, mostly wives of officers and non-commissioned officers of the garrison. In addition to this permanent population we have summer camps of approximately 1500 college students from 30 institutions of higher learning from seven states for the Reserve Officers Training Corps camps, and upwards of 1200 young men each summer from three states for the Citizens Military Training Camps.

And yet for all that, and even though the garrison has now entered upon its second century of existence, it has never had a chapel and has no place of worship at the present time.

Here is a missionary opportunity and a moral challenge which has been overlooked and practically ignored by the churches of the Twin Cities until the present time. And, even now, since it is brought to their attention they are slow; for three years it has been before them, and yet they hesitate. They have passed volumes of resolutions, but their resolutions have not been backed up with cash, which is practically the only necessary commodity for the prosecution of the task before us.

We need financial assistance in this enterprise. I am taking the liberty of sending you some literature which will give in some detail our plans, our hopes and our accomplishments up to this present moment. We need some such gift from an outside source as will challenge the attention of the religious, moral and patriotic forces of the Twin Cities, and awaken them to a consciousness of their duty to complete the task.

Here is an opportunity for making such a contribution to the Kingdom of God and the noblest cause that humanity has known - work amongst young American men who will soon be called upon to discharge the full duties and obligations

HEADQUARTERS, FORT SNELLING, MINNESOTA

Office of the Chaplain
of citizenship. Instruction in patriotism, citizenship, morality and religion at this garrison is my particular task amongst all this stream of young manhood, but it is a mighty difficult task with no physical equipment whatsoever.

While the churches of the nation are sending millions of money to distant corners of the earth they are neglecting such opportunities as Fort Snelling at their own very doors. This ought not to be. Can you help us solve this problem? Any assistance which you can give to us will most genuinely appreciated, and you may count upon it that it will be for the glory of God and the good of humanity. We need a total of about \$55,000.00 to complete our plans.

Perhaps you may be able to use your moral influence upon Bishop McElwain (Minnesota) and through him the Episcopal Churches so that they will be willing to take a place of moral leadership in this matter.

FRANK C. RIDEOUT
Your sincerely,
S.A.

FCR:lhc.

FRANK C. RIDEOUT
Chaplain, U.S.A.

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Agricultural Conference of Six States Called in Saint Paul for Nov. 13-14

INVITATIONS are in the mail from the Association, supplementing earlier letters from the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, asking commercial organizations of the Northwest to send delegates to a conference in Saint Paul, November 13th and 14th.

The subject of the conference is not "agricultural problems," but may be best stated as "the handling of agricultural problems."

This will be the first opportunity for agricultural leaders representing Northwest commercial organizations and the national chamber to assemble and discuss common problems at first-hand.

A Southwestern conference held in Kansas City in April and a Pacific Northwest conference held in Portland in July, proved of great importance and value and it is expected that the attendance in Saint Paul will exceed that at either Portland or Kansas City.

Delegates will come from Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin, and northern Michigan. Detailed arrangements are being made by the Association's Sub-Division of Agricultural Development, cooperating with Mr. William J. Dean of Saint Paul, a director of the national Chamber of Commerce.

ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR "ANOKA CUT-OFF" ADVOCATED

THE Executive Committee at a special meeting held last Monday morning approved the recommendations of the Sub-Division of Streets and Highways, petitioning the Board of County Commissioners to make available for construction purposes on the Anoka Cut-off such funds as will not be used on the street widening project in the vicinity of the Union Depot.

In the opinion of Director-Chairman F. J. Anderson of the Streets and Highways Sub-Division and members of his Committee, any funds available at this time can be most efficiently used on the Anoka Cut-off project. Information presented to the Committee at its meeting held last week showed that a considerable portion of the Anoka Cut-off can be paved next year and that the use of these funds for this purpose would undoubtedly make it possible to complete the Anoka Cut-off in 1927. As stated above, the Executive Committee endorsed the position taken by the Streets and Highways Sub-Division and a special committee will discuss the situation with the Board of County Commissioners at its next meeting.

Vice-President Summerfield, who has made a very thorough study and analysis of St. Paul's arterial highway situation, states that the completion of the Anoka Cut-off at the earliest possible moment is most important and that the use of available funds for this purpose is most necessary in the interests of the entire community.

FORT SNELLING CHAPEL CAMPAIGN ENDORSED

ANNOUNCEMENT is formally made of the endorsement of the Chapel Campaign of Fort Snelling.

The Sub-Division of Charities, Subscriptions and Donations some months ago investigated and formally endorsed the project for the raising of funds in Saint Paul for the building of a chapel for the soldiers at Fort Snelling.

The plans under way propose a \$100,000 structure; to be raised in Saint Paul, Minneapolis and throughout the State.

Carl T. Schuneman of Schuneman & Evans, has accepted the chairmanship for the Saint Paul activities in the campaign and is at present perfecting an organization.

Although troops have been stationed at the Fort for nearly three-quarters of a century, no chapel has ever been erected and none can be erected by government funds. Religious services at present can only be held in a Red Cross hostess house, the arrangements in which must be shifted three or four times each Sunday for the enlisted men and officers who wish to worship there. There are also hundreds of children at the Fort who have no Sunday School facilities except those in this building.

When the occasion comes for the last services for some soldier, or a member of his family, the only place at the Fort where funeral services can be held is in this same building.

A definite announcement of the plan for raising the money to take care of this matter at the Fort will be announced by the Campaign Committee through the daily press.

NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDYING ART IN SAINT PAUL

AN INTERESTING experiment has been recently launched in Saint Paul—a cooperative Art School where anyone, amateur or professional, interested in drawing, painting or modelling may work several days and nights a week—with or without instruction—at a minimum cost. The studio, on the top floor of the Court Block—Fourth Street, between Wabasha and Cedar—is fitted with easels, drawing boards, and artist's materials—all free but paper, which may be purchased for a few cents.

There are life-classes without instruction on Tuesday evenings and Saturday afternoons—twenty-five-cent-life-classes—surely an unparalleled bargain in Art!

On Friday afternoons and evenings, S. Chatwood Burton, Professor of Fine Arts at the University and etcher of national repute, directs the classes. Though technically known as life-classes, there is no hard and fast rule of procedure. Some of the students make portrait studies, others work on the figure, in clay, pencil, charcoal, pastel, water-color or oils. Some of the students are beginners, others are experienced artists. New-comers are always welcome.

A children's school under the direction of Gustav Krollmann is held every Saturday morning at the Unity Parish House—Portland and Grotto. Mr. Krollmann teaches the Cizek method of free expression. The child paints whatever he wishes—his composition is then criticized and corrected. This method is unsurpassed as a means of encouraging originality and latent talent.

Though a Board of Directors has nominal control, the School in all essentials is cooperative and depends for its support on attendance in the classes. Each week there is a gratifying increase, and the experiment shows every sign of being a success.

Information about the school—Saint Paul School of Art—is posted at Room 612 Court Block, or may be had by telephoning the Secretary, Miss Lorena Abbott, Dale 9809.

PREPARE FOR JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW

JUNIOR Livestock Show participants, who will be the guests of the South Saint Paul and Saint Paul markets November 10th, 11th, and 12th, will be entertained on the evening of November 11th by the Saint Paul Association under the direction of the following committee:

Messrs. A. B. Lathrop, S. S. King and W. H. Honebrink representing the Sub-Division of Agricultural Development.

Messrs. Bennett Buchman, Carl T. Schuneman and R. T. Snodgrass representing the Sub-Division of Retail Promotion.

Messrs. F. E. Turgeon and Alfred Drewry representing the Sub-Division of Conventions and Tourists.

President Briggs said, in making the public announcement, that the committee was intended to be representative of the entire Association, all of the members having taken a keen interest in previous events in connection with the Junior Livestock Show.

CURRENT ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES

THE downtown automobile parking situation still remains a matter of discussion between Commissioner of Public Safety Clancy and several Association groups which are particularly interested in this problem. It is expected that definite recommendations will result from a recent conference held between Commissioner Clancy and members of the Retail Sub-Division.

Good progress is being made by the Membership Extension Council under the leadership of Wm. F. Davidson, Chairman, E. J. Bailey, Roy Conley, Ted Engstrom, Mike Gibbons, Harrison Johnston, Napoleon St. Marie, M. E. Studeman and Byron Webster.

Any Association member may expect to be called on at any time for a little special work on membership.

Business men interested in the development of the North-Central-Como District have announced the remodeling of the Kuhles & Stock building at Como and Mackubin into an industrial building to be devoted to the use of manufacturers requiring comparatively small units of space. The assistance of the Association's Industrial Department was given in working out plans for this building.

All Association members having vacant industrial property are invited to list same with the Industrial Department of the Association.

The Fire Prevention Committee has been in conference with representatives of the State Insurance Department and the Underwriters Association on matters pertaining to fire prevention and more particularly as regards "set" conflagrations.

A Nominating Committee is preparing its recommendations to be submitted to the All Saint Paul Council in connection with the Association's Annual Election, which is held on the second Tuesday in December.

The report of the Nominating Committee will be published in the Bulletin at least thirty days prior to the election.

The Special Hotel Committee hopes to be able to report at an early date definite progress on certain matters which have been receiving the attention of this group.

Upon the recommendation of the Convention Committee, Commissioner Ferguson will present plans for an enlargement of the Municipal Auditorium at the next meeting of the Board of Directors. The Convention Committee reports that the Auditorium must have its facilities enlarged in the best interests of our convention program and the benefit resulting to the entire community therefrom.

A special committee consisting of representatives from the Agricultural, Retail and Convention Sub-Divisions is handling matters in connection with the Junior Livestock Show which will be held at South Saint Paul November 10th, 11th and 12th.

The usual dinner and entertainment program will be

given by the Saint Paul Association to the boys and girls participating in this event.

The Sub-Division of Streets and Highways has prepared an analysis of automobile traffic on the highways leading in and out of both Saint Paul and Minneapolis. Members interested in these figures can obtain a copy of same upon request.

The Traffic Committee at a meeting to be called in the very near future by Chairman E. B. Ober will consider a statement being prepared in connection with certain matters pertaining to the development of river navigation. This report will recommend to the Board the adoption of a definite policy on matters pertaining to certain river development projects which are being given consideration at the present time.

MORE FIRMS RESPOND TO SPECIAL FUND CALL

TREASURER George W. Ekstrand wishes to acknowledge the receipt of additional contributions to the 1925 Special Project Fund from the following firms:

Adlerika Company.
American Hoist & Derrick Company.
Armour & Company.
Ballard Fireproof Storage & Transfer Company.
Bowlin Realty Company.
C. St. P. M. & O. Railway.
Clarkson Coal & Dock Company.
J. B. Forrest.
Hydraulic Hoist Mfg. Company.
Merrill, Greer, Chapman Company.
National Exchange Bank.
Northern Pacific Railway.
Robinson, Straus Company.
Saint Paul Fire & Marine Insurance Company.
Siems-Stembel Company.
J. C. Vander Bie Company.

Additional contributions received will be published in the next issue of the Bulletin, and firms not yet replying to the letter sent out on this matter are requested to do so that a complete report may be submitted to the Board at its next meeting.

TRADE TOUR FINDS GOOD WILL

REPRESENTATIVES of seventy Saint Paul houses again found good will toward Saint Paul abounding, on their journey into Southern Minnesota on Wednesday, October 14th.

The trip was made over the Great Western, beginning at Kenyon and running down to Lyle, Minnesota, where the train was turned northward to Albert Lea where the tourists spent the evening.

Not only did the finest optimism seem to pervade the representatives of the Saint Paul jobbing and manufacturing firms participating, but this same spirit of optimism was evident in all of the cities and towns visited during the day, giving the assurance of a return to better times.

The trip into Southern Minnesota closes the Trade Tour excursions for this year. They will open again in the spring, when a journey into the west is talked of.

MEDICAL OFFICIALS COMMENT ON FAVORABLE HANDLING

THE recent convention of the Inter-State Post Graduate Assembly of America, directed by the Tri-State District Medical Association, which met in Saint Paul the week of October 12th, was the largest and most successful gathering that this organization has ever had.

The Association is in receipt of several letters from the officials of the organization, highly commendatory on the manner in which the convention was handled and the welcome extended to the 2,500 delegates in attendance.

"You are probably aware that our Saint Paul Assembly was a magnificent success and I am sure you will be pleased to know it was one of the greatest in the history of our organization." This is an opinion that comes from Dr. Edwin Henes, Secretary of the organization. He adds also "The careful and painstaking manner in which the handling of housing the visitors was taken care of is highly appreciated by all those in attendance."

EDUCATIONAL CONVENTION NEXT IMPORTANT MEET

THE next most important convention to be held in Saint Paul is that of the Minnesota Education Association which convenes here beginning November 5th and continuing through the 7th.

This will be the regular annual meeting of the Association and promises to be the largest that the Association has had in recent years.

Unusual arrangements will be made by the Convention Department in anticipation of the gathering and in preparation for the facilities that will be needed in caring for those in attendance. Special entertainment and courtesy features are being devised.

However, the Convention Department is anxious that business houses of Saint Paul should extend courtesies over and above those that can be made available through the convention office. It suggests that business houses plan special features in making the teachers welcome and in making their stay in Saint Paul both profitable and instructive.

In the past, many houses have made special preparations for entertaining the visiting teachers and it is anticipated that houses will even go beyond what they have done in past years. We are called upon to entertain a no more important convention than this one at any time during the year and those in attendance should be shown every possible courtesy.

BUSY DAYS IN TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT

THE Association's Traffic Department, always a busy place, is fairly humming with activity these days. The reason is that in addition to the regular routine work of helping Saint Paul shippers solve their daily transportation problems, we are in the midst of the most important and far reaching upheavals in our freight rate structure that have ever confronted the market.

The Saint Paul Association performs no more important function than that of protecting the interests of the market as a whole and those of individual ship-

pers in rate adjustments. Its experts are constantly watching every rate change proposed or made in all parts of the country to determine its effects on our shippers. All complaints filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission are also examined and whenever Saint Paul interests are involved or may be affected as a result, our Traffic Department files a petition of intervention and participates in the proceedings.

Some of the major cases now in litigation before the Commission in which our Traffic Department is active are the application of Western Railroads for a General Increase in Rates, Ex Parte 87; Rate Structure Investigation I. C. C. No. 17000 resulting from the Hoch-Smith Resolution; Eastern Class Rate Investigation, I. C. C. No. 15879, involving our class rates from the entire eastern territory; complaints filed by the Missouri River cities, the states of South and North Dakota, complaining that all rates from the East discriminate against them and in favor of the Twin Cities; general revision of class rates in W. T. L. territory resulting from the Commission's decisions in the Indiana, Fargo and Watertown cases.

Mention should also be made of the determined fight Saint Paul is making to secure adequate bus service. This activity is also centered in the Traffic Department and its successful prosecution is most essential to Saint Paul's future.

WCCO GETS WISCONSIN PRAISE

THAT the broadcasting arrangement now enjoyed by Saint Paul and Minneapolis is receiving the enthusiasm of hosts of subscribers, is indicated in the excerpt received from Port Wing, Bayfield County, Wisconsin, wherein Mr. Erick Johnson of that city says, "I have been speculating during the week when digging spuds between ball games if there is another station in the land that is serving as large a population with dependable daylight reception as WCCO. As you know, Wisconsin has no station worth mentioning and they tell me that even around Madison WCCO gives better service than the Chicago stations. Not only set-owners in those four or five states within hearing distance of you, but the whole population owes you thanks and indirect support because listeners are called upon to relay the information over telephone to others."

This is only one of hundreds of letters which are being received by the station indicating the service that the two cities are rendering through their broadcasting medium.

NEW BOOKS ON BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY

THE following books have been added to the business department of the Public Library:

The Agricultural Situation. Warren. 1924.

Gives a general and constructive analysis of the causes, extent and possible duration of the agricultural depression.

Tax Burdens and Public Expenditures. National Industrial Conference Board. 1924.

Shows the burden which the fiscal situation imposes on every citizen and how much of the national income is consumed by taxes and public expenditures.

Please check this list and present it at the Library with your Library card.

Chaplain Redout.

12/15/25

For his information

~~H. S.~~ Auden

DONALD H. SKIDMORE POST#363,
Veterans of Foreign Wars,
Fort Snelling, Minn.

Dec 16, 1925.

Comrad Commander,
Phil F. Comstock,
Dept. of Minnesota,
V.F.W., Box#603,
Mankato, Minn.

Sir:

Inclosed herewith is a communication from Chaplain Frank C. Rideout, 3rd Infantry, Chairman of the Chapel Committee of Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

You undoubtedly know that Fort Snelling is going after a non-sectarian Chapel and that the official sanction of the War Department ("sans franes") has been obtained therefore.

Practically every other patriotic and fraternal organization in the State of Minnesota has pledged their support to this action. It is believed that the State Department of our organization can bring a lot of able assistance to the cause. and it is therefore heartily recommended by the members of the Donald H. Skidmore Post#363, that the State Department lend its very able support to this noble enterprise.

As has been cited in various editorials on the subject this is not merely a Twin City affair but is of consequence to the entire State of Minnesota since Fort Snelling is the spot at which that great State had its earliest history.

I am also inclosing a reply to Chaplain Frank C. Rideout's communication concerning the activities of the Donald H. Skidmore Post in the matter.

Respectfully soliciting your favorable consideration and my best wishes for your future welfare.

VERY RESPECTFULLY.

Clarence E. Suders,
(1st-Sgt. Co C. 3rd Inf)
COMPLAINING.

ces.

THE FORT SNELLING CHAPEL

STATEMENT OF LOW BIDS FOR CONSTRUCTION, CREDITS FOR WORK ALREADY
DONE, TOGETHER WITH STATEMENT OF CASH ON HAND AND ESTIMATES FOR
THE COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT.

Low Bid \$54,725.00

Credits for material and work to be performed
by Fort Snelling:

Rubble Stone	\$1,317.00	
Form Lumber	100.00	
Cement	250.00	
Back Fill	132.00	
Cleaning up	200.00	
Exc. & Footings	<u>1,640.00</u>	
		3,639.00
		<u>\$51,086.00</u>

Add for Reinforcing steel

728.00
\$51,814.00

Electric Wiring	\$1,053.00	
Bond	15.80	
Plumbing & Heating	6,190.00	
Bond	<u>102.85</u>	

7,361.65
\$59,175.65

Balance architects' Fee
Bond on General Contract

3,268.08
834.00

TOTAL CASH REQUIRED

\$63,277.73

CASH ON HAND

Minneapolis & Fort Snelling	\$23,012.94	
Accrued Interest (Approx)	<u>500.00</u>	

TOTAL

\$23,512.94

Saint Paul	\$20,583.57	
	52.45	

Accrued Interest (Approx)	<u>500.00</u>	
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\$21,136.02

Fort Snelling

582.83

GRAND TOTAL CASH AVAILABLE

\$45,231.79

BALANCE NEEDED

18,045.94

UNPAID PLEDGES:	St. Paul	\$6,280.00	
	Minneapolis	<u>580.00</u>	

ESTIMATED COLLECTIONS

\$6,000.00

balance needed

\$12,045.94

WALTER H. WHEELER, E. M.
Designing & Consulting Engineer
1112-10 Metropolitan Life Building

Minneapolis, Minn.,
February 8, 1927.

Fort Snelling Chapel & Community Center Assoc., Inc.
Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

Gentlemen:

Subject: Proposed Chapel Building.

Pursuant to your instructions last August, the Building Committee ordered the excavations made for the Chapel Building, stone delivered on the ground, concrete foundations, basement walls and first floor constructed and bids for the construction of the building.

The excavation is now completed, the rubble stone for the building is on the ground and part of the concrete foundation is complete. The plans and specifications for the building have been completed and bids received for the construction as per tabulation herewith.

According to these bids and our understanding of the credits which the authorities at Fort Snelling will be able to take care of, the cost of completing the building, including general contract, electric wiring, plumbing and heating, will be \$63,277.73. I understand the money on hand from pledges collectable is approximately \$47,253.87.

If contracts are to be let for the construction of the building, it is my opinion that the Building Committee should have assurance from the Association that the money will be available to carry out these contracts. In addition to the total above given, it will be necessary to provide for lighting fixtures and furnishings in the building. Exclusive of the furnishings, it seems to the undersigned that there should be at least \$65,000.00 available.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) Walter H. Wheeler.
CHAIRMAN, BUILDING COMMITTEE

WHW:NEW

enc.

BIDS ON FORT SNEILING CHAPEL

General:		Heating & Plumbing & Ventilating				Electric	Lowest Bids	
Splady & Haagenon	54,725.00	Western	3908.	1938.	498.	\$6190.00	Nobel	\$1053.00
Cederstrand	55,422.00	Healy	4178	2289	737	7118.00	Sterling	1189.00
Madsen	55,720.00	Hammond	4055	3073	437	7565.00	Peoples	1200.00
Steenberg	58,167.00	Spriggs	4080	3255	519	7650.00	Kelly	1285.00
Ganley	58,610.00	O'Neil	4275		500	5985.00	Commonwealth	1287.00
Grant	64,100.00	Johnson				6675.00	Hartig	1447.00
Peterson-Colwell	64,474.00						Maier	1450.00
								6% -
								3,766.00

Alternates: (Splady)	
#3 Rubble stone	1,517.00
#5 Form lumber	100.00
#8 Back filling	132.00
#9 Cleaning up	200.00
#10 Footings	1,640.00
Bond	834.00
Galv. flashing	473.00

Alternates: (Western)		(Healy)
Steel boilers	310.00	196.
Water heater	80.00	95.
Sewer conn.	520.00	620.
	910.00	1111.
Bid	6190.00	
	5280.00	

Additional alternates which could be used;
but which we donot advise:
Tile for slate roof \$
Galvanized flashing \$473.00
Bond - 834.00

5 alternates	3,589.00
Bid -	54,725.00
General -	\$ 51,136.00
H. P. & V.	5,280.00
Electric	1,053.00
Rein forcing	800.00
Architect	3,766.00
	\$ 62,035.00

Andreas R. Larsen
Stained and Leaded Glass



3005-3007 Hennepin Ave.
Minneapolis

May 12, 1928.

Chaplain F. C. Rideout
Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

This will confirm our bid of
\$75.00 for the Third Infantry Insignia
in the circle window of the gallery at
the Fort Snelling Chapel.

Very sincerely yours,

arl/g

Andreas R. Larsen

EDWARD NELSON
COMMANDER
ALBERT LEA, MINN.
PAUL H. VOGELER
SR. VICE COMMANDER
DULUTH, MINN.
THOMAS STANIK
JR. VICE COMMANDER
STILLWATER, MINN.
LE ROY GAARDER
ADJUTANT
ALBERT LEA, MINN.
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JUDGE ADVOCATE
CHISHOLM, MINN.
REV. E. W. MUNSON
CHAPLAIN
HOPKINS, MINN.
CLARENCE B. WINTER
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PHIL F. COMSTOCK
MANKATO
GEORGE A. FERGUSON
MINNEAPOLIS

DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA
ORGAN FUND HEADQUARTERS
754 BUILDERS EXCHANGE
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AND AUXILIARY MEMORIAL ORGAN

1 - The new Fort Snelling Chapel to be dedicated June 10, was made possible by contributions from patriotic citizens and soldiers of Minnesota. In its undertaking the Veterans of Foreign Wars had no part, although many other patriotic bodies helped materially to make it possible. Early in April an opportunity was presented to the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Auxiliary of Minnesota to complete the Chapel by installing a memorial organ as a tribute to Minnesota men who died on foreign soil in the service of their country. This plan was accepted and a campaign authorized by the Council of Administration, who needed to act promptly as other agencies were asking for the opportunity to present the organ to the Chapel. The Fort Snelling Chapel Association, Inc., of which Colonel W. E. Welsh is president, and leading business men of the state are officers and members, approved the plan, stating that they believed the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Auxiliary could put it over, and that they were entitled to the opportunity because they represented the fighting forces who had seen service on foreign soil.

2 - Accordingly, a campaign was launched to raise a fund of \$12,500 for the purchase of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Auxiliary memorial organ. Governor Christianson heartily endorsed the movement and consented to act as honorary chairman. The Minneapolis Civic and Commerce Association and Minneapolis Retailers Association endorsed it. The St. Paul Association expressed its best wishes for success. W. P. Christian, a Spanish-American war veteran and member of A. R. Patterson Post, V.F.W., consented to act as general chairman. In St. Paul, Major C. T. Spear consented to act as chairman, and the campaign was put under way.

3 - Halverson Bowers Post No. 187 and Auxiliary, of Minneapolis, were first to go "over the top". With a quota of \$500, they have raised nearly \$700. James Ballentine Post No. 246 and Auxiliary of Minneapolis were second "over the top". With a quota of \$1,000, they have raised over \$1,200. Of this amount \$1,000 was raised by the efforts of two women alone, Mrs. R. R. Heim and Mrs. Arthur Tuffley. George R. Wolff Post No. 425 and Auxiliary of Hopkins were third "over the top". With a quota of \$250, they have turned in, in cash, to the treasurer, J. R. Byers, himself a Spanish-American veteran, \$287.14. Greeder Hinds Comfort Post #323 and Auxiliary of Stillwater, Clark Hanson Post No. 117 of Canby, Napoleon Duprey Post No. 1211 of Duluth, and the Auxiliary of Henry J. Weust Post No. 1043 of Anoka already have turned in substantial portions of their quotas. Merwin Carleton Post No. 8 and Joseph A. Erwin Post No. 458 of St. Paul are now in the middle of a joint campaign for their quota.

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State Encampment, Austin, Minnesota, June 7, 8, & 9, 1928

With a quota of \$1,000, A. R. Patterson Post No. 7 of Minneapolis, is rapidly nearing the three-quarters mark.

Russell A. Gaylord Post No. 159, Millam Magnusson Post No. 182, Ambrose Kelly Post No. 429, 151st Field Artillery Post No. 874, and Minnesota Amputation Post No. 1539, and their Auxiliaries, all of Minneapolis, all have systematic campaigns in progress. Whitlock Sonnenberg Post No. 1215 of Rochester, Freemond Madson Post No. 447 of Albert Lea, Granite Post No. 428 of St. Cloud, Walter H. Strand Post No. 950 of Mankato, Olaf B. Damm Post No. 1216 of Austin and Grellin Gustafson Post No. 1340 of Chisholm all have reported campaigns in progress or in preparation.

To date (June 6th) posts have reported \$4,300 in hand.

4 - The success attending the campaign up to date has been due to Comrade Frank C. Rideout, Chaplain of Fort Snelling, your department commander, Edward Nelson, your state president, Mrs. Josephine Clark, and Post and Auxiliary officers and campaign chairmen all over the state who have worked hard, very hard, and are still working to make this splendid memorial, to be installed in the Shrine of Patriotism for the whole Northwest, possible. They are entitled to great credit, and their efforts should serve as an inspiration to every Post and Auxiliary member in the Department.

5 - Newspapers over the state have been liberal with their space announcing news of the campaign. Every minister in the state has received a letter announcing it and urging his support, the letter being accompanied by the endorsement of the Minneapolis Church Federation. The campaign to date has brought much favorable publicity to the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Auxiliary, helping them to rise still higher in the public esteem which they now enjoy.

6 - The splendid movement for such an impressive memorial to our comrades who lie "in Flanders Fields" and elsewhere over the earth on foreign soil, must go on to a successful conclusion. With such a good start, with more than one-third of the fund in, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Auxiliaries throughout the department should leave nothing undone until the campaign is successful. Dedication of the organ will be one of the most sweeping opportunities for favorable public comment ever offered to any organization.

C. B. Winter, Secretary.

NUMBER OF
SOLDIERSNAME OF CHURCHADDRESSAFRICAN M. E.

1	Allan Chapel	52nd & Fremont Ave. N.
1	St. James African M.E.	314-15th Ave. S.
1	St. Peter's African M.E.	E. 22nd St. Bet. 9th & 10th
1	Wayman Mission African M.E.	809 Aldrich Ave. N.

BAPTIST

1	Bethel Swedish	24th St. & 26th Ave. S.
1	Bethesda Colored Baptist	8th St. & 12th Ave. S.
2	Calvary	26th St. & Blaisdell Ave.
1	Elim Swedish	Madison & 13th Ave. N.E.
6	First Baptist	10th & Harmon Place
1	First Nor-Dan.	33rd St. & 16th Ave. S.
1	First Slovak	2009 Washington Ave. S.
1	First German	712 -29th Ave. N.
1	First Swedish	8th St. & 13th Ave. S.
2	Fourth	21st Ave. N. & Fremont
1	Lake Harriet Baptist	60th & Washburn Ave. S.
1	Minnehaha	42nd St. & 41st Ave. S.
1	Judson Memorial	4101 Harriet Ave.
1	Morrison Memorial Mission	3rd St. & 32nd Ave. N.
2	Tabernacle	23rd Ave. & 8th St.
2	Temple	3100 Columbus Ave.
2	Trinity	Lincoln & Bryant Ave. S.
2	University	4th St. & 13th Ave. SE.
1	Windom Park	Lowry Ave. & Pierce St. N.E.
1	Zion Colored	7th St. & Hoag Ave. N.
1	Elim Sw. Bapt. Mission	28th Ave. N.E. & Ulysses

NUMBER OF
SOLDIERS

NAME OF CHURCH

ADDRESS

DISCIPLES

1	Audubon Park Church of Christ	28th Ave. N.E. & Lincoln
1	49th St. Church of Christ	49th St. & Portland
1	Glencar Church of Christ	25th Ave. S.E. & Talmage
1	Mimihaha Church of Christ	42nd St. & 32nd Ave. S.
2	Portland Av. Church of Christ	Portland Ave. & Grant St.
2	University Place Christian	1507 University Ave. S.E.
1	Lake Harriet Church of Christ	49th St. & Washburn Ave. S.

CONGREGATIONAL

1	Bethany-Shiloh	Central & 24th N. E.
1	Como Ave.	Como Ave. & 14th Ave. S.E.
1	Fifth Avenue	5th Ave. & 32nd St.
2	First	5th & 9th Ave. S.E.
1	Forest Heights	Hillion & James Ave. N.
1	Fremont Ave.	Lowry & Fremont Ave. N.
1	Linden Hills	42nd St. & Upton Ave. S.
1	Lake of Isles	Lake of Isles Blvd. & 21st.
1	Lyndale	Aldrich & 31st St.
1	Lynnhurst	4501 Colfax Ave. S.
1	Mimihaha	58th Ave. & 40th St. S.
1	Morningside Community	Grimes & Morningside Rd.
1	Open Door	10th Ave. & 39th St.
2	Park Ave.	Park & Franklin Ave.
1	Pilgrim	Lyndale Ave. N. & 14th
4	Plymouth	19th & Nicollet
4	Swedish Temple	7th St. & 10th Ave. S.

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CONGREGATIONAL Continued

1	Thirty-Eight Street	3rd Ave. S. & 36th St.
1	Vine	22nd Ave. S. & 32nd St.

EVANGELICAL

1	First Evangelical	1825 Emerson Ave. N.
1	Oakland Ave. Evangelical	40th & Oakland Avenue

EVANGELICAL SYDOD

1	Faith Church	1st Ave. S. & 43rd St.
1	Frieden's Evangelical	24th Ave. N. & Ferrant Place
1	St. John's (German)	16th Ave. N. & 3rd St.

EPISCOPAL

1	All Saints	Park Ave. & 21st St.
1	Whipple Memorial	Blaisdell Ave. & 37th St.
1	Florida Dei	Newton & 5th Ave. N.
2	Gethsemane	501-4th Ave. S.
1	Holy Trinity	4th St. & 4th Ave. S.E.
2	St. Andrew's	James & 19th Ave. N.
1	St. Ansgarius	5th St. & 19th Ave. S.
1	St. John's	4207 Sheridan Ave. S.
1	St. Luke's	46th St. & Colfax Ave. S.
4	St. Mark's	519 Oak Grove St.
1	St. Matthew's	25th Ave. W.E. & Fillmore
2	St. Paul's	Bryant & Franklin Ave.
1	St. Thomas (colored)	2712 - 5th Ave. S.
1	St. Timothy's	University Ave. & Clarence S.E.

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FRIENDS

1	Friends Church	First Ave. S. & 14th St.
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FREE CHURCH

1	Bethesda Free (Scand.) Eng. Speak.	26th Ave. S. & 38th St.
1	Swedish Free	12th Ave. & 7th St.
1	Riverside Free Scand.	8th St. & 25th Ave. S.
1	Bloom. Temple of Evangel. Free Church (Nor.)	24th & Bloomington Ave.
1	Salem Free Church	17th & Lake Street.

LUTHERAN

AUGUSTANA SYNOD

2	Augustana (Sw.)	7th St. & 11th Ave. S.
1	Bethany (Sw.)	38th Ave. & 39th St. S.
1	Bethel (Eng.)	39th & Emerson Ave. N.
1	Bethlehem (Sw.)	Lyndale & 16th Ave. N.
2	Calvary	Chicago Ave. & 39th St.
1	Ebeneszer (Sw.)	22nd St. & 2th Ave. S.
2	Emmanuel (Sw.)	Monroe & 13th Ave. N.E.
1	Grace (Eng.)	Harvard & Delaware Sts. S.E.
1	Gustaf Adolphus	Lincoln St. & 27th Ave. N.E.
1	Lebanon (Sw.)	36th St. & 21st Ave. S.
2	Messiah (Eng.)	25th St. & Columbus Ave.
1	Mount Olivet (Eng.)	Lyndale & 53rd St.
1	Salem (Sw.)	Dupont Ave. N. & 42nd St.
2	St. Paul's (Sw.)	15th Ave. & 28th St.
1	Tabor	Chowen Ave. S. & 46th St.
1	Zion (Sw.)	Pillsbury Ave. & 33rd St.

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DANISH SYNOD

1	Immanuel (Dan.)	22nd St. & 28th Ave. S.
1	St. Peter's (Dan.)	35th Ave. S. & 32nd St.

IOWA SYNOD

1	Christ	32nd St. & Oliver Ave. N.
1	St. Andrew's	49th St. & York Ave. S.
1	St. Paul's (Ger.)	25th & Quincy W. S.
1	St. Petri (Ger.)	Dupont Ave. W. & 18th St.

LUTHERAN BRETHREN

1	Ebenezer Evang. Free (Nor.)	19th Ave. S. & 3rd St.
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LUTHERAN FREE BRETHREN

1	Homewood	Horton & 8th Ave. N.
2	Olivet (Eng.)	Franklin & 23rd Ave. S.
1	Pentecost	44th St. & 42nd Ave. S.
2	Rosedale	Pillsbury Ave. & 44th St.
1	St. Luke's (Nor.)	17th Ave. S. & 39th St.
2	St. Olaf's	Emerson Ave. N. & 29th Ave.
1	St. Petri (Nor.)	15th Ave. N.E. & Madison
2	Trinity	9th St. & 20th Ave. S.
1	Zoar	Quincy St. & 40th Ave. N.E.

N.L.C.A. SYNOD

1	Bethany (Nor.)	2513 E. Franklin Avenue.
1	Bethel (Nor.)	17th Ave. S. & 32nd St.
1	Bethesda (Eng.)	E. 50th St. & 31st Ave. S.
1	Bethlehem (Nor.)	14th Ave. S. & 18th St.
4	Central	Grant St. & 4th Ave.

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N.L.C.A. SYNOB (Continued)

1	Concordia Evang.	Filmore & 22nd Ave. N.E.
2	Faith	16th Ave. & Russell N.
1	Gethsemane (Nor.)	47th & Colfax Ave. N.
1	Hope (Eng.)	6th St. & 13th Ave. N.E.
2	Immanuel (Nor.)	Monroe St. & 15th Ave. N.E.
1	Morningside (Eng.)	France Ave. & 44th St. I.O.O.F Hall.
1	Minnehaha (Nor.)	41st & Minnehaha
1	Nazareth (Eng.)	40th St. & 10th Ave.
1	Our Redeemer's	27th Ave. & 40th St. S.
1	Our Saviour's (Nor.)	Chicago Ave. & 24th St.
1	Prospect Park	Bedford St. & Franklin
1	St. Paul's (Nor.)	4th St. & 15th Ave. S.
2	Zion Nor.	Lyndale & 26th Ave. N.
1	Nor. Lutheran	1802 E. Franklin
1	Our Savior's (O. Synod)	Thomas & 27th Aves. N.
1	Pilgrim (Minn. Synod)	Grand Ave. & 39th St.
1	Resurrection (U.L.C.A.)	42nd Ave. S. & 56th St.
1	Fairview	Colfax & 31st Ave. N.
1	Church of the Holy Communion	41st Ave. S. & 32nd St.
1	Church of the Holy Trinity	31st St. & 29th Ave. S.
1	Church of the Redeemer	Western & Irving Ave. N.
1	St. John's (Eng.)	Chicago Ave. & 17th St.
1	St. Mark's (Eng.)	Lyndale Ave. N. & 23rd.
1	Salem Evangel.	26th St. & Garfield Ave.

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PRESBYTERIAN

1	Aldrich Ave.	Aldrich Ave. S. & 35th St.
2	Andrew	4th St. & 8th Ave. S.E.
1	Bethany	Oak & Essex St. S.E.
2	Bethlehem	Pleasant Ave. & 26th St.
1	Bryn Mawr	65 Penn Ave. N.
1	Calvary	Bryant & 37th Ave. N.
2	First	Portland Ave. & 19th St.
1	Grace	Humboldt Ave. & 28th St.
1	Highland Park	Emerson & 31st Ave. N.
1	Homewood	2619 Oak Park Ave.
1	House of Faith	Broadway & Jefferson St.
1	Knox	Lynedale Ave. & 49th St.
1	Lake Nokomis	46th St. & 18th Ave. S.
1	Oliver	Bloomington & 27th St.
1	Shiloh-Bethany Community Church	Central & 24th Ave. N.E.
1	Stewart Memorial	Stevens Ave. & 32nd St.
1	Vanderburgh	30th Ave. & 33rd St.
1	Welsh	2917-15th Ave. S.
4	Westminster	Nicollet & 12th St.

SW. EVANGEL. MISSION COVENANT OF AMERICA

1	Camden Pl. (Sw.Evang. Mission)	42nd Ave. N. & Emerson
1	Bethany	22nd St. & 25th Ave. S.
1	Elim	17th Ave. & 35th St.
1	Gethsemane	Aldrich Ave. & 20th Ave. N.
1	Salon	Central & 18 1/2 Ave. N.E.

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SW. EVANGEL. MISSION COVENANT OF AMERICA (Continued)

1	Tabernacle	7th St. & 8th Ave. S.
1	Bethlehem	47th Ave. S. & 31st St.

UNIVERSALIST

4	Church of Redeemer	8th St. & 2nd Ave. S.
1	Tuttle Memorial	27th & Blaisdell Ave.

UNITARIAN

4	Unitarian	8th & LaSalle
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MISCELLANEOUS

1	First Church of Brethren	Fremont Ave. N. & 25th
1	First United Brethren	Sumner & Filmore N.E.
1	Park Advent Christian	29th Ave. N. & Lyndale
1	First Church of the Nazarene	18th St. & 13th Ave. S.

January 15, 1926.

Mr. Joseph Rabbinoitz,
Duluth, Minnesota.

My dear Mr. Rabbinoitz:

The enclosed pamphlet outlines in much more complete form than could be done by means of a letter the activity throughout the State of Minnesota which is now going on toward erecting a Memorial Chapel at Fort Snelling. I should like to call your special attention to the paragraphs that I have checked indicating the groups which are interesting themselves in the project.

I have been instructed by the general committee to communicate with you asking you to take the chairmanship for the city of Duluth and sincerely trust that you may find it possible to accept the responsibility for heading the committee.

The tasks involved therein are not arduous as indicated on the attached suggested outline. The project, however, has not such widespread interest throughout the state that we are anxious that those who will care to contribute in every community will be given the opportunity to do so.

Mr. Herman Roe of Northfield has accepted the chairmanship for the newspaper men and will conduct a campaign through means of a newspaper coupon in many cities. I do not know whether the newspapers of your city have as yet been approached in this regard but if they have it will only parallel and augment the activity which you will conduct.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the fourteen patriotic organizations affiliated with the "Veteran", the American Legion and its Auxiliary, the D.A.R. and the S.A.R., as well as a number of other patriotic organiza-

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tions have endorsed the project and stand ready to cooperate in the cities and towns throughout the state.

On behalf of the committee I wish to extend to you in advance our appreciation for whatever cooperation you can give the Memorial Chapel.

Sincerely,

C.L. Anderson:ME

Secretary.

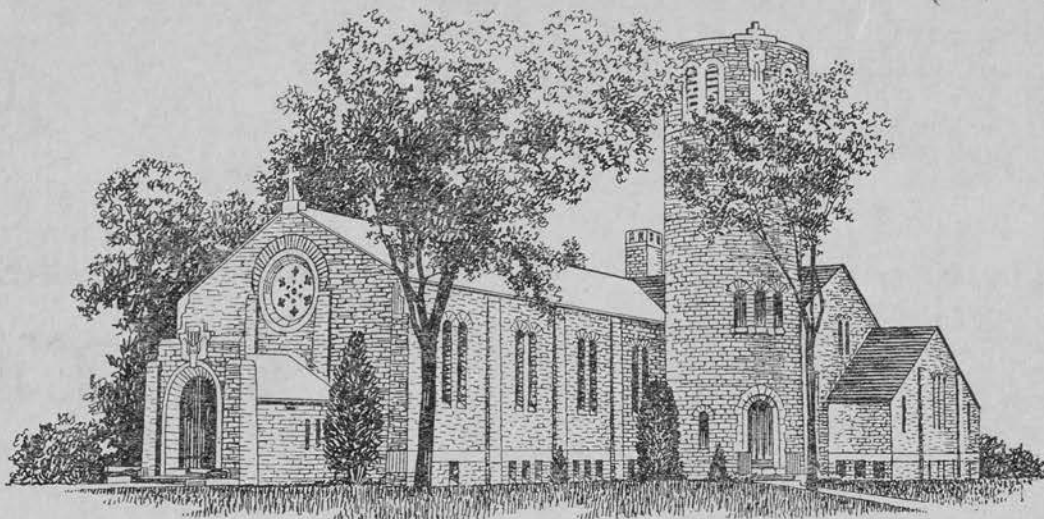
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Geo. Giddridge, Waterville
Chris Paulson, Tracy *refused* - *Suggested Rev Hugh H Gower, Tracy*
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Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel
OFFICE OF THE CHAPLAIN
Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

March 19, 1935.

Commander, Hamilton-Fish Camp, U.S.W.V.,
Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel,
Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

Gentlemen:-

This letter is to ask a favor of you, and I hope that you will be able to grant it. I have caused to be laid in the chancel of the Chapel a small rug, costing in the neighborhood of fifty dollars, for the purpose of deadening the sound and beautifying the Chapel. No regular Post funds are available for this purpose, so I am trying to raise the amount from the various organizations who are connected with the Chapel or use it in some way.

I would appreciate a contribution from your Camp of five dollars or more, and I trust that you will see your way clear to do this much for the Chapel at this time.

Cordially,

may. 
Albert L. Evans,
Major, Chaplain, USA.

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