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RAMSEY COUNTY
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RAMSEY COUNTY

OFFICE OF

CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT

SAINT PAUL,
MINNESOTA

March 19, 1924.

Frank C. Rideout, Chaplin,
Fort Snelling, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

In re your inquiry as to young man married at LaCrosse under an assumed name.

I am not familiar with the laws of Wisconsin, but I think that the same rule would apply as in Minnesota. The marriage is a legal marriage, the only way it could be dissolved is by divorce. If he desires to correct the record in Wisconsin, he had better get intouch with the clerk at LaCrosse and either take out a new license and be ramarrried or he might be able to have the names corrected to read with his true name.

Yours truly,

Clerk.

HEADQUARTERS
Fort Snelling, Minn.

and
Clerk of the District Court
Ramasay County,
St. Paul.

Chaplain's Office.
March 17, 1924.

Dear Sir:-

I have before me the case of a young man who went to LaCross Wisconsin and married a young woman under an assumed name,

He is now repentant for his folly and desires to have the matter straightened out. Will you kindly inform me of the necessary steps which must be taken in a case of this kind.

Yours Truly.

FRANK C. RIDEOUT.
Chaplain U. S. Army

FCR/LLP.

Note mistakes

"Trifles make perfection"

You should always
prepare an envelope
for letter J.R.

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

Chaplain's Office.
March 20, 1924.

Clerk of the District Court
Ramsay County,
St. Paul,

Dear Sir;-

I have before me the case of a young man who went to
LaCrosse Wisconsin and married a young woman under an assumed name,

He is now repentant for his folly and desires to have the
matter straightened out. Will you kindly inform me of the necessary
steps which must be taken in a case of this kind.

Is it necessary for the young man to take out another
marriage license and have ceremony performed again? If he takes out
license here and is remarried, Will that be sufficient to have the
matter straightened out on your record? If it is not necessary to
take out second license can it be straightened out by correspondence?

Yours Truly.

FCR/LLP.

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

October 23, 1925.

Mr. J. M. Cook,
Blakeley, Minn.

My dear Mr. Cook:-

It will be necessary for you to go before a Notary Public or else the Clerk of your own County Court and get a legal document giving your consent to the marriage of your daughter to Burnett.

When you get this paper, have the Notary Public or County Clerk send it to me. I will then take Burnett down to St. Paul and have him secure his marriage license.

After all this is done, I will notify you what day to have your daughter Bytha come up to my home for the marriage.

Yours truly,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
RESERVE OFFICERS' TRAINING CORPS
THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA
IOWA CITY

May 25, 1925.

My dear Chaplain Rideout:

Thank you for your offer. Do not know as much can be done prior to the time we begin to arrive week after next, that is the officers. If you can push the getting of the two clubs and officers club in condition, scrubbed out, etc. it would help. It also might be a good idea to get in some subscriptions for papers so that the students can find their home paper there when they arrive, the first day. They will also want to do some writing so we should plan on being ready for that on their arrival.

As I remember you had good training in firing hostesses last summer and as I am naturally tender hearted I think that I shall pass on the job of telling them that they are fired the day after they are hired. That seems to be the schedule with reference to them.

Am due at Snelling on the 8th and anything that you can due between now and then based on your experience last year will be all right with me and much appreciated.

Very truly yours,

E. L. Hooper
E. L. Hooper

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June 6, 1925

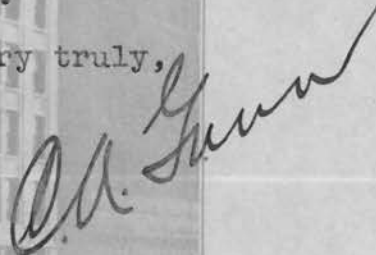
Captain F. C. Rideout,
Chaplin,
Fort Snelling, Minn.

My dear Chaplin:

Enclosed you will find a copy of the minutes of the last meeting. I hope that I covered all points that were brought up at that time.

You will note that I am supposed to write to the Commanding Officer at Fort Snelling for his permission to have a stenographer to look after the chapel correspondence, located in your office at the Fort. Will you kindly give me the name and the proper way to address this gentleman.

Yours very truly,



CAG/AW

P. S. I leave to-day on my vacation to be gone two weeks. In the meantime, I believe Mr. Warner will see Mr. Deutsch, relative to the legal status of our committee. Mr. Deutsch will not be home until the latter part of next week. This is the reason I have been unable to reach him.

The Secretary was instructed to write Mr. M. M. Oppegard, Manager of the Associated Press, Dispatch Bldg. St. Paul, requesting his cooperation in the publication of articles relative to the proposed chapel.

The necessity of employing a capable stenographer to assist Captain Rideout was gone into very thoroughly and upon motion of Mr. Craig, seconded by Mr. Warner, the Secretary was instructed to write the Commanding Officer at Fort Snelling to secure his approval of the employment of a stenographer to be located at Fort Snelling under the direction of Chaplin Rideout, for the purpose of giving publicity to the Chapel movement preceding the fall campaign.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Secretary

WAR DEPARTMENT
RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS
THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA
LINCOLN

IN REPLY
REFER TO

May 20, 1924.

SUBJECT:

TO:

Chaplain Frank C. Rideout
Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

Dear Chaplain Rideout:

Thank you very much for your kind letter of the 17th inst., offering your services in connection with preparing for the recreation work of the R.O.T.C. Camp. Unfortunately, I cannot be up there until June 10th and of course there will be a great deal to do before that time. I have in mind the following:

1. Have four dependable enlisted men (One Sergeant, three privates) detailed for duty at the Hostess House, Hut, and Officers' Club.
2. Hostess House, Hut, and Officers' Club to be put in good order and furnished as completely and attractively as possible.
3. Good library selected for Hut.
4. Paper, envelopes, pens, ink, blotters, etc., to be purchased through the Post Exchange and in the Hut by the 11th.
5. Copies of good magazines on file in the Hostess House and Hut.
6. Subscriptions made for daily papers from ~~St. Paul~~, ~~Minneapolis~~, ~~Fargo~~, ~~St. Louis~~, Grand Forks, Iowa City, Ames, ~~Columbia~~, ~~Little Rock~~, ~~Wichita~~, ~~Kansas City~~, ~~Lincoln~~ and ~~Omaha~~. These to be begin arriving on the 12th. As none of these papers will be forwarded unless subscriptions are paid in advance suggest subscription be made by Post Exchange not later than June 1st to cover period June 10th-July 22nd. They all should be addressed to Chaplain or Morale Officer, R.O.T.C. Camp.
7. Talks had with hostesses of the City Community Clubs with reference to securing 100 girls for dances on Tuesday and Friday nights. I think you know I am opposed to dances on other nights for the men should not be kept up too often after 10:00 P.M., and of course, Wednesday and Saturday afternoons being holidays, Tuesday and Friday night frolics will not seriously affect the instruction on the following days.

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THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA
LINCOLN

IN REPLY
REFER TO

SUBJECT:

TO:

8. Arrange with local band for orchestra on dance nights. Five pieces should be sufficient and cost should not exceed \$8.00 a night.

9. Y.M.C.A. cards for all students.

10. Minneapolis Athletic Club tickets for all officers.

11. Pay telephones installed in Hostess House and Hut and some building in center of barrack area, if practicable.

12. Find out, from Officer in charge of Post Movies, as to what arrangements have been made for movies as I understand that admission must be charged this year and I do not know if Hostess House will be used or if only War Department Theatre can be used.

13. Benches provided for Hostess House instead of those rickety chairs.

14. Horseshoes and iron stakes ready so that each company area may have at least one set.

15. Talk over with Post Hostess concerning arrangements made for Camp Hostesses. They should be on the job Monday morning, June 9th so as to have everything in ship shape order. First impressions count a lot.

There are other things that occur to me but the above is enough for a starter. Frankly, I did not satisfy myself last year as to the results accomplished and I hope that this year I will be able to have time to be with the students at work as well as play and anticipate any possible troubles.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Colonel Norton and he will inform you if he does not approve of some of the suggestions. Will you please consult him about it?

May I assure you that I shall certainly appreciate all you can do in the way of preparation as my time at camp before the opening is so

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RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS
THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA
LINCOLN

IN REPLY
REFER TO

SUBJECT:

TO:

short that if all were left until my arrival we would indeed be swamped.

With kindest personal regards and every good wish for Mrs.
Rideout and yourself.

Sincerely,

Sidney Erickson

Additional

1. Pool tables for Officers Club

HEADQUARTERS
Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

Office of the Chaplain.

Venerial Ward

Information given by inmate Wayne Wilson- H-2 N.Dakota.

Leta Skidmore now believed to be in Kenosha Wis. She is dark complected rather short and not very heavy. Brown eyes. She has rented a house in Kenosha with her sister and works there. She is about 22 years old. She is born and raised in St. Charles, Minn .

Information given by inmate Charles Hopewell E-3 N.Dakota.

Ardis Olson residing at 606 N. Franklin Sioux Falls. East side. She is rather short and heavy set. A brunet 17-18 years of age . She worked at one time for a lawyer Joe Kirby 6th and Duluth.

Information given by inmate Bat. C - 9 Field Art.

Alice Wickland now believed to be in Superior Wis. A rather short girl with brown hair, 18 years old. She worked at St. Louis hotel in Duluth but has left there and probably works at Superior, Wis. More information may be had about this girl from inmates buddy Victor Kelandi Bat. C-9 Field Art.

Notes taken by Chaplain Fredriksen.

Judges 7th Judicial District

HON. C. A. NYE, Moorhead
HON. JOHN A. ROESER, St. Cloud
HON. W. L. PARSONS, Fergus Falls

—OFFICE OF—

Clerk of the District Court

Morrison County, Minnesota

General Terms

Spring Term—Second Monday in April.
Fall Term—Odd numbered years first Monday
in November, Even numbered years next
Wednesday following General Election.

Stenographers

JOHN VANDERSLUIS
ARTHUR M. GORMAN
WALTER E. GRANTHAM

*File
memo*

R. L. MEYERS, CLERK

Special Terms

Last Tuesday in January.
Last Tuesday in August.

Little Falls, Minn.,

December 1st, 1923.

Father Ridout,
Ft. Snelling, Minn.

Dear Sir;

I am herewith furnishing Certified copy of the affidavit or
Minor's Permission to Mary in re marriage license of Arnold & Zimmerman,
as per our telephone conversation of Nov. 30th.

Yours Very Truly,

R. L. Meyers
Clerk of District Court,
Morrison County, Minn.

Plomer, Iowa, Jan 27. '25.

Chaplain Rideout
Fort Snelling, Minn.

Dear Bro Rideout :- I have a matter concerning which I would like your advice and help. It is in regard to getting a release for my son Paul from the service at Fort Snelling. As you know he has been transferred to Co. "K". His enlistment was for three years, and there remains about a year, or a little over I understand, until his time is expired. I would like to have him receive his discharge from Fort Snelling about April first if this can be done without charge or pay. The reason I wish his release is that I may have his help in giving financial support to my son Robert who is a student at Coe College.

Paul will secure some work with better pay than he can get at Fort Snelling and he can help me with the financial burden we must bear owing to Robert's expenses at college.

Do you think, Bro Rideout, an application for Paul's release or discharge would receive consideration for the reasons I give you? Thanking you for any advice or help you may give, I am Cordially yours.
W. J. Manifold.

January 28, 1925.

Rev. W. J. Manifold,
Plover, Iowa.

My dear brother Manifold:-

I have your letter of January 27, 1925. I am glad to hear from you, and I assure you that I have thought of you many many scores of times during the past few months.

When your son asked to be relieved from my office, as you will see by the enclosed manuscripts, I asked him to write and tell you all about it, and he promised me that he would do so.

I could not have done more for a son that I tried to do for your boy. But, I fear, it was not appreciated. He never did give me his confidence. I am going to give you just a little bit of the history of the case of his service with me.

When I first mentioned the possibility of his coming to my office, I told him that the duties would be light and that he could have a day off whenever he wanted it. I also advised him to make sure that he used his spare time in study, and advised him that he ought to either go to night school in the city of St. Paul or Minneapolis, of which there are many varieties - some of which are the very best in the entire country - such as Dunwoody Institute and the YMCA schools. I told him if this was impossible he should consider the possibility of a correspondence course with the ICS. But, of course, I could not force him to avail himself of these opportunities.

I also told him that I would expect him to be at the Service Club after the Catholic Service every Sunday morning so as to assist me in readjusting the furniture for my Sunday School and the morning worship. He made no objection to this. Shortly after the opening of the Summer Camps, when men in the companies were so scarce, I found an order in my box one morning relieving Paul and returning him to the Company. He seemed to feel so blue and disappointed over this, and wanted to remain in my office so badly, that although I had the prospects of securing just as good a man, that I took the matter over the heads of my own immediate superiors with the Commandant direct. The order was immediately revoked and Manifold remained in my office throughout the summer.

The first objection that I heard of, was that he did not think a good Catholic should be obliged to assist in preparing the room and in distributing the Hymn Books for a Protestant service. I thereupon assured him that he need never pass another book, but that he was not assisting in preparing for a Protestant Service, but rather re-arranging the room and furniture AFTER MASS.

I assured him that I did not wish to make him humiliated in doing a work that he felt he should not do. Things seemed to be fully adjusted with this understanding, and for about another month all was as smooth as could be. He did tell me, however, that he would like to transfer to Headquarters or Service Company and get to be Company Clerk. I found that a vacancy existed in the Service Company at a higher grade than he had, and I had asked that Manifold be transferred with increased rank, and that he be kept in my office. A number of times I heard that he wanted to transfer, but he maintained a sullen silence.

Finally, when the weather began to get cold, he came to me one morning and asked that I request that steam heat be turned on in the Library, inasmuch as it was pretty hard to keep the coal fires going. I asked the Quartermaster if this could be done, and he assured me that it was impossible to do so, as the heat had been turned off from the central heating system in the Service Club over two years ago for good and sufficient reasons. I merely told your son that it could not be done, without giving him the reasons. I did tell him he might ask the higher authorities if he wished to do so.

Then, one Saturday morning Father Casey called. This seemed to be quite sufficient and I asked Father Casey to put his request into writing. The written request, and a copy thereof is enclosed. Will you kindly return for my files all the manuscripts excepting the copy. Even after I had ~~requested~~ requested that he be relieved, Paul wrote me a note, enclosed, asking that I defer the matter. He seemed so unhappy, unsettled and discouraged that I did wait until Father Casey pushed his request. When I told the Commanding Officer about it, he told me he would relieve him so quickly it would make his head ache.

Since that time, I have had a least a dozen enquiries from First Sergeants and Company Officers, where Paul was applying for a transfer. First it was Headquarters Company, then Company "D", then the Quartermaster Corps. Then Miss Lovell told me that he wanted to get back to the Library, or to her Service Club as janitor. He seems so unsteady, unhappy and unsettled that he cannot be of much use to the service.

I really felt hurt the way he used me. He gave me no confidence. Had he told me that he had religious scruples, instead of going to Father Casey, I would have relieved him just as soon. And, I am going to tell you without any malice or evil intent whatsoever, that I feared all the while that his wish to transfer was not on account of religious scrupulosity, but on account of the harder work that was necessary in the winter time. Other Librarians had kept fires going, why should not he? He had enjoyed the easy job during the summertime, why not keep it during the winter time. And, I surely did not feel justified in asking for an extra fireman in order to keep him comfortable, especially when his job was an easy one. I am speaking this out of my heart, and if he were my own brother's boy, I would have felt the same way about the matter. However, that is all in the past, and I have a good office man now, and things are running smoothly. Manifold undoubtedly would have had a nice promotion by this time had he remained with me and carried on the work successfully, but he elected to take another course, which I thought was very unwise, especially after I had pleased him earlier in the game, at the risk of making enemies for myself about the matter.

Now, after all this experience with him, I don't think you will wonder if I question his motive in seeking his release from the army upon the request of an indulgent parent. I very much question whether his greatest desire is to assist his younger brother. I rather think he WANTS ANOTHER CHANGE. And this seems the easiest way for him to get it, even at the expense of making his innocent father appear ridiculous, as you would appear in making a request for his discharge in order to financially assist a younger brother who is in college. Frankly, I think you would be laughed at if you made such a request.

Now, for your sake as a brother minister, I will tell you what I consider your best approach to the matter, in order that you may proceed, if you consider that his motives are of the better sort, and that he is honest in his desire to assist his younger brother. First, he ought to have a written offer from his expected employer telling you or him that a job was waiting for him, and stating the salary, which obviously should show a considerable increase over and above what he is now receiving. Into this estimate should be reckoned the cost of food, clothing and house (room) rental.

Then you should write his commanding officer, asking for his discharge upon the grounds of family dependency WHICH HAS OCCURRED SINCE HIS ENLISTMENT. For unless this dependence has occurred since he came into the service, it will not be worth much. You should support your request with an affidavit from a doctor, and if you want to make it doubly strong, enclose an affidavit from an attorney, and perhaps one from some other prominent person, such as your congressman, or a representative, THIS DONE YOU MAY OBTAIN HIS RELEASE, but you cannot be sure of it.

The usual way is for the soldier himself to make application for discharge through military channels, supporting his application with the documents which I have named: From (1) Prospective Employer, (2) Doctor showing his mother's illness, or your inability to support your family, and (3) Affidavit from some prominent person outside the immediate family.

Now, I trust that you will receive my letter kindly. I have not the slightest animosity towards your boy. Many times I spoke to him about the worthiness of his father. The unfortunate thing about the whole affair is that even you do not have his confidence. During his entire term of duty in my office I only discovered one person that he has confidence in - Father Casey. And he is under Father Casey's thumb.

Military duty is urksome to him. When he asked to be relieved from my office he fully expected to go to Headquarters Company as clerk. It was when he found that he would be required to go back to military duty that he wrote the enclosed not asking me to defer the request. Regardless, of all this, I am ready to help him and you all I can. Call upon me if there is anything further that I can do.

Yours very sincerely,

Captain, Chaplain, U.S. ARMY.

HEADQUARTERS
Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

January 24, 1925.

CHAPLAIN'S MEMORANDUM)

NUMBER.....54.)

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

1. Morning worship at the Service Club at eleven o'clock, with short sermon by the Chaplain. Captain Robert J. King, 3rd Infantry, will sing solo entitled "I Come to Thee" by Caro Roma. Fort Snelling choir will sing anthem "Nearer to Thee" by Spence. All residents of the garrison are cordially invited to these services.

THE POST LIBRARY

2. The books of the Post Library have recently been carefully re-arranged and catalogued, and from now on the library will be in a better position to serve the members of the garrison than ever before. There are many books of fiction, history and biography which will be of interest to both officers and enlisted men and their families. YOU better get acquainted with the library. It will be open every evening from now on, and after February first will be open afternoons as well as evenings. Sergeant Jackson C. Raines and Pvt. Leonard Card are in charge. A shipment of one hundred new books is expected from Corps Area Headquarters shortly.

"GOLDEN RULE" NASH AND THE FORT SNELLING CHAPEL

3. Mr. Arthur Nash, millionaire clothing manufacturer of Cincinnati, Ohio, is interested in our Chapel project. Chaplain Rideout will tell the congregation about it on Sunday morning.

CATHOLIC SERVICES

4. Mass every Sunday morning and Holy Day at 8:30 o'clock in the Post Service Club. Confessions before Mass, beginning at 8:00 o'clock. Reverend Father Edward F. Casey.

FCR:JCR.

For Bulletin Boards &
General Distribution.

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

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Office of the Dean of Studies
COLLEGE OF SAINT THOMAS
ST. PAUL, MINN.
November 3, 1924.

Reverend Frank C. Rideout,
Fort Snelling, Minn.

My dear Chaplain Rideout:

The soldier now acting as your secretary, Private Joseph Manifold, informs me that you require from me as his pastor a letter regarding his religious scruples in his present duties. I hereby cheerfully comply with your request.

Several weeks ago I discovered that Private Mainfold was suffering from scrupulosity about his duties and his position as secretary to a non-Catholic chaplain. My investigations satisfied me that his qualms of conscience are reasonable and in strict accord with the tenets of the Catholic faith, which Private Manifold professes.

I, therefore, in the interests of freedom of of conscience, gladly second Private Manifold's application for relief from his present position as your secretary, and trust that you will be able to secure the services of a non-Catholic, who will be equally efficient.

Yours very truly,

(Signed)

Edward F. Casey.

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Yours very truly,

(Signed)

Edward F. Casey.

Feb. 5, 1925

Rev. W. J. Manifold
Plover, Iowa.

My dear Brother:

I have just received your gracious letter. Let me confess to you that after I had written you as fully as I did I rather felt a little badly. I thought I might have concealed somethings, for your own dear heart would be hurt over the matter. Your letter, however, makes me feel better. And I am so glad, for I was afraid that you might be offended with me. I see Paul nearly every day. He seems well, but only passes the time of day with me.

I assure you of my deep regard for you and my appreciation of your love and confidence. May Providence deal kindly with you and restore the health of your companion in labor. If at any time I can serve you, please do not hesitate to call upon me.

Yours Cordially

FCR:LHC.

FRANK C. RIDEOUT
Chaplain U.S. Army

College of St. Thomas

St. Paul, Minn.

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Edward F. Casey

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HEADQUARTERS
Fort Snelling, Minnesota

Office of the Chaplain

October 24, 1924.

Memorandum :

To : The Adjutant.

1. On Saturday, October 25, 1924 I was visited by the Reverend Father E. F. Casey, Priest of St. Thomas College, who conducts Catholic Services at Fort Snelling, who requested that PFC. Joseph P. Manifold of Co. "A", 3d Infantry be relieved from duty with the Chaplain. The reason given was that Private Manifold had asked Father Casey to make the request inasmuch as he (Manifold) has recently become a catholic and had religious scruples in working in the office of a Protestant Chaplain.

2. In consideration of the above, request that Pvt. Manifold be returned to duty with Company "A". A suitable replacement will be found as soon as possible. Pvt. Manifold's services have been satisfactory.



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

FCR:jpm.

Will the Chaplain
do me the favor of
holding this memo until
I have opportunity of
presenting request for
another assignment?

J. M.

HEADQUARTERS 3rd INFANTRY
FORT SNELLING, MINNESOTA

Nov. 16 ✓
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ACTION SLIP

To Chaplain Kideant

As soon as
Sergeant Wett becomes
installed in his new
quarters, Private
Mangels will be
relieved.

J. Whitton
Adjutant

Plover, Iowa, 2/3/'25.

Chaplain F.C. Rideout,
Fort Snelling, Minn.

Dear brother Rideout:-

Your letter of the 28th of January duly received. I want to thank you for your interest and very great kindness to me in the matter I wrote to you about.

Mrs Manifold knows nothing as yet in regard to what Paul has done. She has always had such confidence in him and such hopes that he would amount to something good and honorable, and besides she had such poor health, that I could not bring myself to tell her such heart breaking news. Paul has been deceiving his mother all along.

In connection with Paul's "religious scrupulosity" about rearranging the chairs for protestant services after the catholic Mass, I think it is very similar to the fear of defilement spoken of in the gospel of John 18:28, by those who would not go into the hall of judgment. Those Jews could see no defilement in rejecting the "Lamb of God". If Paul had as much "religious scrupulosity" about dishonoring his father and mother as he seems to have about being untrue to tenets of the catholic doctrine, he would be a son to be proud of.

Paul has never said a word to me about his acceptance of the catholic faith. I have said nothing to him about it. I have very good reasons for keeping quiet a few months longer. If I were speaking to you instead of writing, I could explain.

Paul is saving up money in order to buy his freedom from the service at FtSnelling. So far as I am concerned I will do nothing to help in the matter.

I am returning the letters you requested. Please say nothing that will give Paul any reason to think that I have written to you.

Very cordially yours,

W. J. Manifold

W. J. Manifold.

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

March 5, 1924.

MEMORANDUM TO THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

1. Request decision of the Commanding Officer as to whether I shall perform marriage ceremony for Pvt. Fountain, who is now in the Guard House, and who is to be discharged the service at expiration of his sentence.

2. The young woman in this case is four or five months pregnant. Both she and her mother have visited me several times imploring me to perform the ceremony. They have been told that Fountain is to be discharged the service after completing his sentence, and that they can entertain no possible hope of any compensation, annuity or support from the army or the government. They claim that Fountain has the offer of a job when he is discharged, and that the girl's family will help the young couple to start housekeeping. Fountain himself, more than two months ago asked me to perform this service for him.

Frank C. Rideout

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

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822 St Mary's Ave

St. Wayne Ind.
May 1st, 24

Mr Frank Rideout:—

Dear Sir:

You will find
enclosed a letter from the
court stating that they
have no record of my son
John Cameron, as I think
he was born before that
law went into effect,
in Ohio. As to my knowledge
I don't know of any way
of finding a record of his
birth, and referring to his
marriage license I could

not get any license here
unless both parties were
present. As far as him
getting married he has my
consent just so he makes
a living for the woman,
as I have all I can
take of myself. If he has
got himself into trouble
with the young lady
and it belongs to him
I would want him to take
care of it. If I were him
I would want to be sure
that he was the father of it
I hope you will assist him
so they will not ship &
something over the boy.

A. Cameron

EVA WIRT
MARY J. ROACH
DEPUTY CLERKS

PROBATE COURT, HURON COUNTY
NORWALK, OHIO

J. M. BECHTOL, JUDGE

April 30, 1924

Mr Amos Cameron
Ft Wayne
Indiana

Dear Sir:

We have your letter asking for birth certificate of John Cameron, but we do not have this name on our records, and regret that we cannot help you out in this matter.

Yours truly

J M Bechtol, Probate Judge

Eva Wirt

Deputy Clerk

HEADQUARTERS
Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

Office of the Chaplain.

June 18, 1924.

Miss Viola Herman,
561 $\frac{1}{2}$ Park Ave.
Saint Paul, Minn.

My Dear Miss Herman:-

You are corresponding with Recruit Jack Cameron. Request that you write no more. He is a moral leper, and has a young woman 18 years of age pregnant in the city of Minneapolis. He married this young woman of whom he is quite unworthy, two weeks ago.

If I can be of any further assistance to you, you may call upon me now. But if you persist in making friends of unworthy soldiers you cannot come to me.

Yours truly,

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

here people's name is
Berge.

I got the license yesterday.
jack ought to be willing
to do the rest.

if jack tries to back out
now he be sorry some day.

mittle wilson

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HEADQUARTERS

Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

May 24 1924
Office of the Chaplain.

M-E-M-O-R-A-N-D-U-M

TO THE COMMANDING OFFICER.

1. The enclosed letter and certificate will explain the condition of Myrtle A. Wilson, 18 years old girl who is now in Minneapolis without money and without friends. Her father and step-mother live two or three hundred miles up state. The girl is now employed and earning sufficient to assure the present, but within a few months she will undoubtedly be stranded. She tells me that she wants to marry the father of her unborn child, and afterwards go home to her father.
2. While in the Guard House last month Pvt. John Cameron, Recruit, told me of this girl's condition, and said that he and he only was responsible for her condition. He said he wanted to marry her then. Since his release from confinement, Cameron has grown less interested in his sweetheart of a couple of months ago and is now quite uncertain of what he wants to do. A few days ago I interviewed him and gave him several questions, typewritten, for answer and requested him to make a statement as to what he intended to do in the matter. He has ignored this request.
3. The girl has certain rights in this matter. To marry her would be perhaps the easiest way out of difficulty for Cameron. If he refuses to do this, a formal complaint to the civil authorities will put them immediately on the trail of Cameron. In this case the paternity of the child will be established, and Cameron will be ordered by the Court to pay what he is able to support the child and mother. This girl gave up a position lately on account of her condition, and her worry about herself will cause her such mental anguish that her services will be sure to be unsatisfactory unless there is some certainty as to what she is to do.
4. It is my conviction that officially the army should take a chivalrous attitude in such a case of a wronged girl. I believe that Cameron should be told that he need not marry the girl unless he wants to do so. BUT, in case he is not going to marry her, he will be turned over willing to the civil authorities upon complaint of the girl for their disposition of the matter. In my opinion the girl would be better off not to marry him, and I have told her this, but she will not listen to this. I am giving the details of this case to the Commanding Officer for his information and in order that he may call Cameron into his office, in case he deems it the proper thing to do.

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

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

Clerk of the District Court
Ramsay County,
St. Paul.

Chaplain's Office.
March 18, 1924.

Dear Sir:-

I have before me the case of a young man who went to LaCross Wisconsin and married a young woman under an assumed name,

He is now repentant for his folly and desires to have the matter straightened out. Will you kindly inform me of the necessary steps which must be taken in a case of this kind.

Yours Truly,

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

FCR/LLP.

*File
Marriages*

HEADQUARTERS
Fort Snelling, Minn.

Chaplain's Office.
March 21, 1924.

Clerk of the District Court
LaCrosse
Wisconsin,

Dear Sir:-

I have before me the case of a young man who went to LaCrosse, Wisconsin, and married a young woman under an assumed name.

He is now repentant for his folly and desires to have the matter straightened out. Will you kindly inform me of the necessary steps which must be taken in a case of this kind.

Is it necessary for the young man to take out another marriage license and have ceremony performed again? If he takes out license here and is remarried, Will that be sufficient to have the matter straightened out on your record? If it is not necessary to take out second license can it be straightened out by correspondence?

Yours Truly.

FCR/LLP.

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

Chaplain Redoubt
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Ady.

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

March 3, 1924.

MEMORANDUM TO THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

1. I am enclosing letter which I received this date, which is self explanatory.
2. While I am not convinced that Graff's best way out of difficulty is through matrimony, yet the prevailing opinion and the old sanction has been that this couple perhaps should get married, and I am willing to perform the ceremony with the Commanding Officer's approval.
3. In case approval is given, request that Graff be permitted to come to some suitable place outside the Guard House, under double guard, perhaps to my office or quarters, for the marriage ceremony. I am not certain, but I think the necessary license can be obtained by the woman - one party to the contract.

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

Fort Snelling
Minn.

Mar. 3, 1924

Captain Rideout.

Dear Sir.

I am confined in the post guard house for a U. O. L. I have been sentenced to a months confinement and forfeit two-thirds of my pay for a like period. I have got a girl in a family way who lives in St Paul. Now I would have married this girl before this but she is a divorced woman and could not remarry until she has been divorced six months. Her six months was up yesterday Mar-2nd. She is expecting the child about the last of this month. I wonder if there is not some way I could marry her and save her from disgrace. It is all my fault that this thing

has happen and would sure like
to make her my wife before she has
this child. She is only a country
girl and I talked her in to living
with me as my wife. So the whole
thing is my fault, If there is
any thing for can do for me will
you please let me know. I tried
to run away from her but I could
not do it, And I sure want to
do what is right by her now. My
whole trouble is booze and if I ever
get out of this scrape alive I will
never touch a drink again as long as
I live

Your Truly
Ray A. Ray
Co B 3rd Inf
Fort Snelling
Minn

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wife

Arthur Pace - 26 30.6.87 Lawrence

Geo. Pace - 23
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Mrs. Har-Myth A.
(Elmer A.)

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together at 350 Chestnut

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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.