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MOTHER'S DAY IS IN HONOR OF "THE BEST MOTHER WHO EVER LIVED"—THE MOTHER OF YOUR HEART

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CABLE ADDRESS:
"MOTHERSDAY"
PHILADELPHIA

PERSONAL

Re letter

(T. MS. REG'D U. S. PAT. OFF. AND FOREIGN COUNTRIES)

MOTHER'S DAY

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION, INC.

(MISS ANNA JARVIS, PRESIDENT)

PHILADELPHIA

May 5, 1925

My dear Chaplain Rideout:

Programs were sent this a.m. via p.p. and we had to pay postage, as frank would not be accepted. You can see the amount paid from parcel

It is hoped the programs will suit you, as they have given us much thought and time to get a rush order thru.

The date was taken off, so the programs may be used another year, if you wish a similar program.

Use of 2d Sunday in May, instead of date, makes programs usable for other times.

Let us know about your service and how it was received.

Best wishes for an inspiring helpful service, as I am sure you will have, judging from the spirit of this program.

Cordially,

Anna Jarvis
Anna Jarvis

MDC

You follow the shipment of programs from here
pp May 5, insured

Postage
\$2.09

Wrapper Ind.

Chaplain's Office, Fort Snelling, Minnesota, May 1, 1925. To :
The Commanding Officer, Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

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Chaplain, U.S. Army

SUGGESTED MEMORANDUM

AG 006 (4-6-25)
(Misc.) M-B

April 20, 1925

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3. General invitations to all mothers of soldiers to attend the ceremonies from the surrounding communities, should be extended through the public press and through the American Legion Auxiliary. Special invitations might be extended to all Gold Star mothers.....to all local units of Women's Patriotic organizations.....etc.

By Order of the Secretary of War,

Robert C. Davis
Major General
The Adjutant General

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NOTE :

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HEADQUARTERS
FORT SNELLING, MINNESOTA

April 30 1925

ACTION SLIP

To

Chaplain:

For consideration
& recommendation of
suitable ceremony
for this command

MES

Adjutant

File 006. Holidays.

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1st Ind.

Hq. Seventh Corps Area, Omaha, Nebraska, April 28, 1925 - To: Commanding
Officer, Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

For necessary action.

By command of Major General DUNCAN:



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

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY-

Mrs. Claire Oliphant, Pres., Indianapolis, Indiana.

NATIONAL AMERICAN WAR MOTHERS-

Mrs. H. H. McCluer, 3224 Highland Ave., Kansas City, Mo.

NATIONAL SOCIETY OF COLONIAL DAMES-

Mrs. Joseph Rucker Lamar, Muscogee Rd., Atlanta, Ga.

NATIONAL SOCIETY D.A.R.-

Mrs. Anthony Wayne Cook, Memorial Continental Hall, Washington, D.C.

NATIONAL SOCIETY UNITED STATES DAUGHTERS OF 1812-

Mrs. Samuel Preston Davis, 523 East Capitol Ave., Little Rock, Ark.

SERVICE STAR LEGION-

Mrs. Henry F. Baker, Hyde, Md.

UNITED DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY-

Mrs. Livingston R. Schuyler, 520 West 114th St., New York City.

WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS -

Miss Bell W. Bliss, 608 East St., Baraboo, Wis.

WOMEN'S OVERSEAS SERVICE LEAGUE-

Miss Mary Bogart, 598 Madison Ave., New York City.

DAUGHTERS OF THE CINCINNATI-

Miss Julia G. McAllister, 49 West 44th St., New York City.

DAMES OF THE LOYAL LEGION-

Mrs. Chas. A. Coolidge, The Pasadena Apts., Detroit, Mich.

THE GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS-

Mrs. John Sherman, 1734 N. St., N. W., Washington, D. C.

THE NATIONAL WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION-

Anna A. Gordon, 1730 Chicago Ave., Evanston, Ill.

NATIONAL YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION-

Mrs. Robert E. Speer, 600 Lexington Ave., New York City.

By order of the Secretary of War:

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*File
Mothers*

Trapper Ind.

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HEADQUARTERS, FORT SNELLING, MINNESOTA

Office of the Chaplain

June 25, 1925

Mother's Day International Assn., Inc.,
P.O. Box 34-73, Philadelphia, Pa

Dear Madam:-

I am in receipt of your bill. To say that I am AMAZED at the charges is putting it mildly indeed.

I am positively sure that I could have had the printing job done here for at least one third of the amount.

I have the munificent sum of \$25.00 dollars per month to spend in religious work and Chaplain's activities of all description.

You will perhaps have on your books the receipt of \$4.00 which I sent you May 5th, Check Number 72 drawn on The Merchants National Bank of Saint Paul, Minn., in payment for the Mother's Day Buttons, which you have included in this second bill. I hold your receipted bill for this amount.

Inasmuch as I have spent my entire allowance for this month, I will have to ask you to wait. And I will only get \$25.00 for next month. I wish you would take that and call the account square. Even with that I may be obliged to make long and tiresome explanations to the next Government inspector who comes this way annually to scrutinize our accounts. Can you not make me out a bill for \$25.00 as being the balance of my indebtedness, and let it go at that.

Please answer this communication by return mail, for I have other bills coming in and they will of course be paid in the order in which they are received. In case your bill is for more than \$25.00 I cannot pay it, for I will not have that much of a balance at the end of the month, or beginning either. You would have to split the account in two months making separate bills, in this case. But I hope that you will see your way clear to accept my entire balance at the beginning of next month, July 1st, of \$25.00.

Yours truly,

Captain, Chaplain, U.S.A.

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MOTHER'S DAY

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION, INC.

(MISS ANNA JARVIS, PRESIDENT)

PHILADELPHIA

June 22, 1925

Chaplain Frank C. Rideout, USA

Ft. Snelling, Minn

My dear Chaplain:

Bill has been delayed in sending for your Mother's Day supplies, because it was felt the printer's charges were excessive. We have been unable to get the reduction asked.

We furnished the paper and printed cover pages, as well as gave much time to the matter, so as to get the things to you, and in proper form at least expense. Now we regret we attempted the printing here at all, but this was the only one of our printers to attempt the hurry-up job, and evidently he charged for the "hurry", altho good paper and printing are costly now.

All of our printing this year was higher than ever. All of our expenses were much increased, and we had no income of any account to meet them. Therefore they must be made up by myself, as usual.

It is a bitter thing for me to know that tradesmen and peddling war mothers selling carnations reaped a harvest thru our hard--very hard, sincere work-- while we have the bills to pay, and are still working these torrid days of this very hot June.

It is hoped your Mother's Day services were successful in all ways, and that next year we may be able to render other service.

With best wishes,

Cordially,

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MOTHER'S DAY INT. ASSO

Anna Jarvis

HEADQUARTERS, FORT SNELLING, MINNESOTA

Office of the Chaplain

July 22, 1925

Miss Anna Jarvis,
P.O.Box 3473,
Station O,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Miss Jarvis:-

I want to thank you for the check which you so kindly sent me to help me to tide over my work for this month. I had a letter written in long hand for my office man to copy, and he was placed on other duty which accounts for the letter not being sent to you. I am really ashamed that I did not get an acknowledgement away to you before, but with 1200 college students here in camp and so many demands upon my time it has been overlooked.

And now comes along your kind letter of enquiry about our proposed Chapel. Let me answer your questions first.

We feel that we ought to have One Hundred Thousand to build the right kind of a Pan Sectarian Chapel, Sunday School rooms, and community center. A campaign will be inaugurated in the early fall for this amount to be raised mostly in the Twin Cities, campaign culminating around Thanksgiving.

We have civilian committees in both cities making plans. We have been considering having expert financial raiser come from Chicago for the intensive campaign. Nothing absolutely definite yet. All patriotic organizations are being asked to assist. Even such organizations as the D.A.R. and the S.A.R are taking the matter up in their national organizations. We may be able to get some local citizen to undertake the management of said campaign. The Governor of the state is Honorary Chairman, and mayors of both cities are deeply interested.

Saint Paul is just across the bridge over the Mississippi, but city center is 5 miles. Minneapolis begins at the other end of reservation, or rather up the river which makes an angle at Snelling, and center of city is 7 miles distant. This is a great patriotic appeal, having in it the double appeal of romance and religion. This is bound to go over the top, it cannot fail/

HEADQUARTERS, FORT SNELLING, MINNESOTA

Office of the Chaplain

I believe that there are possibilities of your helping us greatly. I do not know what you have in mind by writing me, but I know it must be something good, for you are interested in these boys.

With your pen you can help by appealing to the mother instinct of the women of Minnesota.

If you should happen to be coming this way, you could help also. And I am wondering if it might not be possible to have you come for the campaign?

Tell me all that you have in mind. The Gold Star Mothers are already making enquiries about the possibility of a memorial of some kind. God is already blessing every effort, and He may be inspiring you to give us your help in this matter.

Yours very sincerely,

Chaplain, U.S.A.

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INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION, INC.

(MISS ANNA JARVIS, PRESIDENT)

PHILADELPHIA

July 3, 1935

Chaplain Frank C. Rideout, USA

Ft. Snelling, Minn

My dear Chaplain:

Ans. yours first.

Your check for \$35. has been received, for which receipt is inclosed, with thanks.

I feel so annoyed about this matter of printer's charge, that your letter adds to it. It is always our custom to have ~~printed~~ estimate in advance, but as this printer had printed the regular program, it was felt his charge for yours would not be what he had charged us for more work. He does good work, and he was employed this year at higher price than another printer would have done the work, because the former is dependable and uses ink and paper, etc. agreed upon. We should have had an advance estimate from him, as per our custom, but it is impossible for me to attend to all of the details of MD work, especially at the peak of our year--the spring.

Then, I accepted an invitation for Ohio this year and that took me away from things more than ever.

have
I send you herein my personal check for \$10. as a refund on this bill, so you may have a bit of working funds for July. I do not want you to be so handicapped, and especially to have any remembrance of MD that is not pleasant.

We should have for our work all of the money we need for our war and navy service, and for all other, but people seem to have a craze to spend for twaddle, such as half dead carnations, candy boxes dolled up with carnations and little candy in them, trashy greeting cards, etc. In fact, ~~give~~ *they* to any tradesman or charity schemer working some game for her own Cause, but ignore MD needs entirely. It is most disheartening, for our expenses increase annually with our work. These programs will give you an idea of just one small item. If we did not pay promptly thru my own pocket, then we would possibly be dishonored with unfair insinuations about our affairs.

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Therefore, by the first of July annually I close our accounts for the year, thru my own check, and let it go at that.

WAR MOTHERS

I am not surprised at the report that these war mothers have never done anything for your work with MD funds

We oppose them in all ways soliciting and peddling, but as it is a political concern--operating as "war mothers" and seeking pity as such-- they get the consent of some mayor or ward politician for use of streets, and proceed to use and abuse our name, work and emblem.

This year quite a game was worked at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and not even that hallowed spot was spared from desecration to promote their peddling.

Not any person has ever been authorized to sell nor to solicit thru Mother's Day names, work, emblem, etc., and all persons who have done so should be discountenanced as infringers of the most dishonorable type. Honest people should refuse even to accept favors obtained thru such funds.

Our dainty and artistic button fills a far better service than flowers, at many times the cost. The button may be worn all of the year in some way--under collar or other place out of sight as a reminder of the wearer's duty to home.

Or, it may be sent home as a reminder that it has been worn in honor of the home or mother, etc.

We let the service men have it at practically cost, while other persons are charged more to cover the expense of the thousands of free buttons given away as samples, or other wise.

Everyt hing we can do, is a great pleasure to do for our splendid and noble men in the country's service. I try to make Mother's Day an occasion of remembrance of them, as is no other day, by churches, S.Ss. and the press, and hope to do more.

However, now these peddling war mothers of the Am. War Mothers Asso. and some of the Legion Auxiliary, and some veterans that peddle poppies, carnations, for-get-me nots, etc. for the factory who makes them, are taking advantage of our efforts for the service men, to get money thru our plans. Not more particularly for the "disabled soldiers" than for the factory pr perhaps their own expenses.

If we dissent, then they have ways of misrepresenting me as being against war mothers and veterans--when I am a benefactor. It is indeed quite unjust to have such a reward after all of my effort of this century, and thru so much personal sacrifice and personal expense thru my own limited funds.

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Please write to me early in 1926, and let us know how we may co-operate for a greater Mother's Day in the army and navy.

We so much appreciate your sympathy, and your co-operation in using our MD supplies, instead those of strangers and infringers.

It is much desired that the official supplies be used, so there may be universal features used in a national and international way.

These supplies only mean financial loss to us annually, so it is not thru desire of any profit.

There is not any work of this century--nor any other of which we know-- that has been on a higher plane of earnest endeavor and sacrifices than that of MD.

Had we been less sincere, and gone forward with plans to have the fruits of our labor, instead of permitting grafters, and gouging florists, printers and confectioners to reap a reward, things would be different with us, and I am sure more respected than we are for trying to do as we have done, and keep MD free from all solicitations.

However, just as you say of one chaplain who gave gouging florists \$150. for flowers that next day would sell for \$25., the public has done likewise. Not a chaplain would buy \$150. MD supplies that would have meant much more in the end for his work, and shown sympathy and co-operation with ours, as you did.

We shall be pleased to have some suggestions now for a program next year that will meet the needs of different creeds of various chaplains, next year.

With best wishes, and cordial greetings

Sincerely,

Anna Jarvis
Anna Jarvis

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HEADQUARTERS, FORT SNELLING, MINNESOTA

Office of the Chaplain

Chaplain's Office

July 1, 1925

Miss Ann Jarvis,
Mother's Day Assn.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Miss Jarvis:-

I am sending you a check for the sum of Twenty Five Dollars, (\$25.00), this being the total amount of my allowance for Chaplain's work at this large station for this month. We have 1500 regulars here, and 1200 university students for the ROTC camp. So you will see that I am handicapped in the amount I have to spend.

I am willing to spend my own money this month however, in order that I may give you something. Like the widow's mite, I am giving you all. I wish it could be more. You will understand that the receipted bill must be returned to clear my books.

In case you deem this is not enough, please send me a further bill for "Balance" and I will try and make it out of my August allowance. I am so sorry that this matter has to end this way, for I was pleased with the work you sent me, and all that you had to do with it.

So far as remembrances from War Mothers is concerned, I have been in the army since 1917 and have never once heard of it, till you mention it. I have been disgusted with the profiteering of florists, and have always refused to make purchases of carnations at that time of year. I know of one Chaplain who spent over \$150.00 for flowers one year. These same flowers could have been bought the day after Mother's Day for \$25.00. I would much rather give the button which you prepare, or a printed folder or memento, as I think it much more suitable. But such printing can only be made accessible when it is seen to weeks in advance, so that this "RUSH" business will no longer hold water. I thank you for your courtesy.

Most sincerely,

Frank C. Rideout
Chaplain, U.S. Army

MOTHER'S DAY IS IN HONOR OF "THE BEST MOTHER WHO EVER LIVED"—THE MOTHER OF YOUR HEART

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MOTHER'S DAY

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION, INC.

(MISS ANNA JARVIS, PRESIDENT)

PHILADELPHIA

May 1, k 1925

My dear Captain Rideout, USA

Your letter has just been received, and I am giving it personal attention, trying to get programs to you as soon as possible.

I am so glad to have a program calling for Catholic services, and neutral like this.

Am so sorry we have no funds at all to give this program and buttons to you, but am sending it to you at printer's cost for your special inside composition.

Next year, please help for a better neutral program. Send suggestions right after Mother's Day while in mind, please.

Buttons have been sent today. 400 were sent at price of 200
Please acknowledge.

I am very anxious to have Mother's Day a blessing to our noble officers and enlisted men in my country's service.

Cordially,

Anna Jarvis
Anna Jarvis
MOTHER'S DAY
INT. ASSOCIATION

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MINNEAPOLIS, MINN 349PM DEC 16TH-25.

CHAPLAIN RIDEOUT
FORT-SNELLING, MINN.

MEET ME CURTIS HOTEL MINNEAPOLIS THURSDAY EVENING SIX O'CLOCK SHARP
TO ADDRESS BRIEFLY CIVIC CLUBS.

S.T.MCKNIGHT.

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CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS
CHIPPEWA SUB DISTRICT
CASS LAKE MINN.

SCHEDULE OF RELIGIOUS SERVICES IN WESTERN GROUP OF CAMPS FOR MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 1956

<u>Co.</u>	<u>Denomination</u>	<u>Clergymen</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Day</u>
702	Protestant Catholic	Ch. Carlson Rev. Parnell, Ball Club, Minn.	CSD	Weekly Ea. 3rd Week	Sunday Wednesday
705 & 1765	Protestant Catholic	To Cass Lake Churches " " " "		Weekly "	Sunday "
708	Protestant Catholic	Ch. Carlson Rev. Zellekens, Plummer, Minn.	CSD	Weekly Semi-monthly	Sunday Wednesday
710	Protestant Catholic	Rev. E.A. Cooke, Thief R. Falls, Rev. E.L. Tungeeth, " " " Rev. Zellekens, Plummer, Minn.		Semi-monthly Semi-monthly Semi-monthly	Tuesday Tuesday Wednesday
720	Protestant Catholic	Ch. Carlson Rev. Ketter,	CSD Bemidji, Minn.	Weekly Semi-monthly	Wednesday Wednesday
4708	Protestant Catholic	Ch. Carlson Rev. Parnell, Ball Club, Minn.	CSD	Weekly Semi-monthly	Monday Wednesday.

CHAPLAIN'S ITINERARY

Sunday - To Co. 708, Blackduck; to Co. 702, Bena.
Monday - To Co. 4708, Schley.
Tuesday - To Co. 705 and Co. 1765, Cass Lake.
Wednesday - To Co. 720, Wilton.
Thursday - To Co. 710, Middle River. (Semi-monthly)
Friday - To 1207 Lake Boulevard, Bemidji.
Saturday - To Headquarters CSD., Cass Lake.

Carl A. Carlson
Carl A. Carlson,
1st Lt. Ch-Res.

Speaking on the subject of "Bottles", the Rev. G. Walter Tole of Fertile, Minn., District President of The Young Peoples Luther League, held the attention of 130 boys of Company 4708, Schley, Minn., at an open air service. There are poor bottles and there are dangerous bottles, the speaker said. They are not made safe merely by changing the label. It can be done only by changing the contents. The application was made that men's lives are bettered and made safe for this life and the life to come only by entertaining in the heart and mind that which is pure, wholesome and of good report.

At the afternoon session of the Installation Services for Rev. L. Olav Tole in his new charge at Cass Lake, Minn., Chaplain C. A. Carlson was invited to speak on the religious work in CCC Camps and how local congregations may cooperate in this work in nearby camps. Cass Lake is the hub of a large territory of CCC activity in the Chippewa National Forest.

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September 1, 1936.

Orr Office of the
Superior Sub-District
Civilian Conservation Corps
Orr, Minnesota

August 31, 1936

Chaplain Albert L. Evans
Fort Snelling, Minn.

Dear Chaplain:

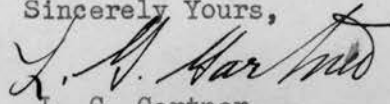
Enclosed are copies of my schedule for September, and program of Religious Service on September for the Companies to which I am assigned. I don't understand the failure to receive a copy of my Schedule of Religious Service for August which contains my dates also. It was dated July 30, and I am confident a copy was addressed to you. File Copy enclosed.

The only item of news which I can submit for last month is the fire situation. In the four summers I have served up here, no month has seen my work so badly disorganized by fire fighting as this August. Religious services, educational classes and organized welfare have been impossible most of the time. Much of the time, men have worked from daylight to dark, seven days per week. One company reports 5556 man days fighting fire. Others may exceed that. Time and again I have gone to a company for a service and found practically all on the fire lines. Instead of conducting services, I have spent much time with individual men and small groups in main camps, in side camps and on the job.

I am hoping reports from companies will arrive promptly that my reports may go forward early. Last month I secured the last Report of Religious Activities from a company by going after it on the 7th. They claimed to have mailed it to sub-district. Both my reports for July were mailed the same date, one direct to you, the other thru channels. The sub-district commander was absent and the report awaited his return. He objected to one item which stated the Chaplain acted as Officer of the Day, and returned the report requesting authority used for such action. I replied that I knew of no authority for or against, and that my performance was voluntary to expedite business, and did not interfere with any other duty. The report was again returned with instructions to delete this item, and in the future refrain from reporting such items. The report left me last on Aug. 17., and I trust has passed thru your hands ere this.

Before the consolidation, I was getting my reports out on the 3rd or 4th. Now there has been some confusion about submitting reports from companies. Some send to Two Harbors, and they to me, then when completed my report must go thru channels, and our mail service is poor--once a day for six days. In the future I will use every effort to get the reports out early.

Sincerely Yours,



L. G. Gartner

Capt. Chap. Res.

Sub-Dist-Chaplain

Orr Office of the
Superior Sub-District
Civilian Conservation Corps
Orr, Minnesota

July 30, 1936

Program of Religious Activities, Month of August, 1936.

Company	Date	Denomination	Name	Home Address
711	10, 24	Chaplain	L. G. Gartner	Orr
711	3, 17, 31	Lutheran	F. H. Krinke	Ely
711	11, 31	Catholic	Willard Spehn	Ely
715	3, 12, 18, 31	Chaplain	L. G. Gartner	Orr
715	25	Methodist	E. W. Stodghill	Virginia
717	2, 8, 16, 25, 30	Lutheran	A. C. Piepkorn	Chisholm
717	5, 19	Catholic	Joseph C. Ryan	Hibbing
717	17	Chaplain	L. G. Gartner	Orr
724	9, 23	Chaplain	L. G. Gartner	Orr
724	2, 16, 30	Lutheran	R. O. Evans	Inter'l. Falls
724	2, 16, 30	Catholic	A. J. Labonte	Inter'l Falls
725	4, 19	Chaplain	L. G. Gartner	Orr
725	4, 13, 25	Lutheran	A. C. Piepkorn	Chisholm
725	8, 22	Catholic	S. A. Libold	Duluth
725	15, 29	Catholic	A. J. Labonte	Inter'l. Falls
1775	12, 26	Chaplain	L. G. Gartner	Orr
3702	2, 16, 30	Chaplain	L. G. Gartner	Orr
3702	9, 23	Methodist	Arthur Dinsdale	Hibbing
3702	12, 26	Catholic	J. C. Ryan	Hibbing
3708	11, 25	Chaplain	L. G. Gartner	Orr
3708	6, 12, 20, 27	Lutheran	F. H. Krinke	Ely
3708	3, 24	Catholic	Willard Spehn	Ely

L. G. Gartner
Capt. Chap. Res.
Sub-Dist-Chaplain-

Orr Office of the
Superior Sub-District-
Civilian Conservation Corps
Orr, Minnesota
Aug. 31, 1936
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Program of Religious Services, Month of September, 1936.

Company	Date	Name	Address	Denomination
711	7, 21	L. G. Gartner	Orr	Chaplain
711	14, 28	F. H. Krinke	Ely	Lutheran
711	7, 21	Willard Spehn	Ely	Catholic
715	8, 22	H. A. LePere	Hibbing	Episcopal
715	13, 28	L. G. Gartner	Orr	Chaplain
715	6, 13, 20, 27	Truck	Virginia	Catholic
717	6,	Arthur C. Piepkorn	Chisholm	Lutheran
717	14	L. G. Gartner	Orr	Chaplain
717	2, 16, 30	Joseph C. Ryan	Hibbing	Catholic
724	6, 20	L. G. Gartner	Orr	Chaplain
724	13, 27	R. G. Evans	Inter'l. Falls	Lutheran
724	13, 27	A. J. Labonte	Inter'l. Falls	Catholic
725	6, 13, 20, 27	L. G. Gartner	Orr	Chaplain
725	9, 26	S. A. Libold	Duluth	Catholic
1775	9, 23	L. G. Gartner	Orr	Chaplain
1775	6, 13, 20, 27	Truck	Aurora	Catholic
3702	6, 13, 20, 27	L. G. Gartner	Orr	Chaplain
3702	9, 25	Joseph C. Ryan	Hibbing	Catholic
3708	8, 22	L. G. Gartner	Orr	Chaplain
3708	3, 10, 17, 24	F. H. Krinke	Ely	Lutheran
3708	14, 27	Willard Spehn	Ely	Catholic

L. G. Gartner
Capt. Chap. Res.
Sub-Dist-Chaplain-

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

COMPANY & LOCATION	SERVICE	DAY OF WEEK	CONDUCTING SERVICE
Company 1723, Walker, Minn.	Catholic Protestant	Alternate Sundays Sundays	Chaplain Conroy Rev. Miller, Akeley, Minn.
Co. 1762, Remer, Minn.	Catholic Protestant	Sundays Mondays	Rev. T.J. Spellman, Federal Dam Rev. Thompson, Remer, Minn.
Company 2703, Park Rapids, Minn.	Catholic Protestant	Alternate Sundays Wednesdays	Chaplain Conroy Rev. Nisson, Park Rapids, Minn.
Company 2705 Bagley, Minn.	Catholic Protestant	Sundays Mondays	Rev. V. Taylor, Mahnomen, Minn. Rev. Saither, Fosston, Minn.
Company 2708, Nevis, Minn.	Catholic Protestant	Alternate Sundays Tuesdays	Chaplain Conroy Rev. Grensrud, Akeley, Minn.
Company 3701, Lake Itasca, Minn.	Catholic Protestant	Alternate Sundays Thursdays	Chaplain Conroy Rev. Dierks, Dorset, Minn.
Company 4707, Remer, Minn.	Catholic Protestant	Alternate Sundays Wednesdays	Chaplain Conroy Rev. Thompson, Remer, Minn.
Company 4751, Merrifield, Minn.	Catholic Protestant	Sundays Thursdays	Rev. T.J. Spellman, Federal Dam Rev. Thompson, Remer, Minn.

ITINERARY:

Sept. 9th to Sept. 13th
 Sept. 13th to Sept. 20th
 Sept. 20th to Sept. 23rd
 Sept. 23rd to Sept. 30th

4751 - 4707 - 1762 - 1723
 2708 - 2703 - 3701 - 2705
 4751 - 4707 - 1762 - 1723
 2708 - 2703 - 3701 - 2705

Thomas J. Conroy
 THOMAS J. CONROY
 1st LT. CH. RES.

North Dakota Sub--District CCC

For Month of September

Company	Day	Denomination	Clergyman	Home
765 Pro't	Sunday	Local Churches	Local Clergy	Mohall
Cath	Sunday	Local Church	Local Priest	Mohall
Pro't	Sept 17; 29	Mission Covenant	Chap. Hempel	Kenmare
766				
Pro't	2&4 Tue	Presbyterian	Rev. R. Risser	Bottineau
Cath.	Sundays	Catholic	Fr. J. Tuhey	Westhope
Pro't	Sept 3; 18	Mission Covenant	Chap. Hempel	Kenmare
794				
Pro't	2&4 Thur.	Presbyterian	Rev. R. Risser	Bottineau
Cath.	1st Tue.	Catholic	Fr. L. Burque	Dunseith
Cath	Sundays	Catholic	Fr. L. Burque	Dunseith
Pro't	Sept 4; 20	Mission Covenant	Chap. Hempel	Kenmare
796				
Pro't	2&4 Wed	Lutheran	Rev. P. Bueide	Carpio
Cath	Tuesdays	Catholic	Fr. A. Kopp	Foxholm
Prot.	Sept. 16; 30	Mission Covenant	Chap. Hempel	Kenmare
797				
Pro't	Sunday	Local Churches	Local Clergy	Kenmare
Cath	Sunday	Local Church	Fr. Latkowski	Kenmare
Pro't	Sept 15; 27	Mission Covenant	Chap. Hempel	Kenmare
2761				
Prot.	1&3 Thur.	Congregational	Rev. W. Calhoun	Sydney, Mont
Cath	Sundays	Local Church	Fr. C.J. Curtin	Sydney, Mont
Prot.	Sept 10 & 23	Mission Covenant	Chap. Hempel	Kenmare
2767				
Prot.	Sept 2 & 16 & 30	Presbyteri n	Belfield	
			Rev. L.B. Williams	Belfield
Cath.	Mondays	Catholic	(C.C.) Fr. Roessler	Belfield
Pro't	Sept 11 & 24	Mission Covenant	Chap. Hempel	Kenmare
2772				
Pro't	Sept 1 & 15 & 29	Presbyterian	Rev. H.W. Atkinson	W tford City
Cath	Sundays	Catholic	(C.C.) Fr. Roessler	Belfield
Pro't	Sept. 9 & 22	Mission Covenant	Chap. Hempel	Kenmare
4729				
Pro't	Sundays	Local Churches	Local Clergy	Williston
Cath.	Sundays	Local Church	Fr. O'Neil	Williston
Pro't	Sept 13 & 21	Mission Covenant	Chap. Hempel	Kenmare.
(C.C.)--Contract Clergy				
Cath---Catholic				
Pro't--Protestant				

Submitted by
Wilhelm Fern Hempel
 Wilhelm Fern Hempel
 1st. Lt. Ch.-Res
 CO. 797; Kenmare, N.D.

HEADQUARTERS MINN. - NO. DAK. DISTRICT CCC

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT CHAPLAIN

FORT SNELLING, MINNESOTA

Schedule of Services for September 1936.

1st and 3rd week----- 4727--(White Bear) 2706-- (Hinckley)

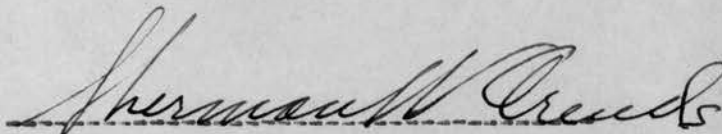
2711-- (Mille Lacs Lake)

2nd and fourth week---- 2713-- (Lynd) 2714-- (New Ulm)

4715--(Waterville)

1st and 3rd Week---- 787--(Glenwood Park) 1785 (New London)

Will visit Headquarters Company every week. (Fort Snelling)

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Sherman W. Arends". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Chaplain Sherman W. Arends.

Superior Sub-District

(Mail Report Direct to: Chief of Chaplains, War Dept., Washington, D.C.)

Orr, Minn.
(Station)

(Station)
October 5, 1996
(Date)

STATE	CAMP	NUMBER	COMPANY	NO. AND	COLOR	DENOMINATION			FIRST WEEK				SECOND WEEK				THIRD WEEK				FOURTH WEEK				FRACTIONAL WEEK				TOTAL			
						CENSUS			P*	C*	J*	M*	P*	C*	J*	M*	P*	C*	J*	M*	P*	C*	J*	M*	P*	C*	J*	M*	P*	C*	J*	M*
						P	C	J																								
All Minnesota	F-5	711	W	67	45	0					(95)	8			10						9							114	8			
	F-30	715	W	57	64	0	36	11			(7)	9			2	15			48	6							93	41				
	S-3	717	W	49	75	1	8	3			40	13			(95)	7			8			5					151	28				
	S-1	724	W	84	64	0	(68)				16	17						(19)									103	17				
	S-2	725	W	73	68	0					13	15			(19)			(12)	24								74	39				
	F-52	1775	VW	80	40	0					(110)																	110				
	F-25	3202	W	82	48	1					(8)	6			(6)				6									14	12			
	F-56	3208	W	75	62	0	12	7			(45)					11												57	18			
TOTALS						567	466	2	124	21			334	68			132	33			87	86			9	5			686	163		

Put attendance figures in squares.

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Report all camps under your supervision.

Use reverse side for remarks and to explain miscellaneous assemblies.

Each chaplain must submit his own report.

* Estimate - No Refund.

L. V. Barber
Capt. Chaplain. Res.

UNITED SERVICES AUTOMOBILE ASS'N. (FORMERLY)

THE UNITED STATES ARMY AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION

Offices 615-616-617 Calcasieu Building
Phone Crockett 7081

San Antonio, Texas.

August 9, 1924.

AR- 1025

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

Dear Sir:

We have Mr. Lehmann's letter of Aug. 5th with your loss report and memorandum. Please have your car repaired at our expense in accordance with our regular procedure. The action of a Board of three officers is waived.

As we appear to have a very good case under our subrogation rights, we have asked Mr. Lehmann to look out for this phase of the matter.

Thank you very much for your careful report.

Very truly yours,

UNITED ~~XXXXXXXX~~ SERVICES AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION

(Signed)

W. B. Loughborough,
Major USA Ret'd.

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A True Copy

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

HEADQUARTERS

Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

September 1, 1924.

Kenny Lohmann & Gardner
Hamm Bldg., St. Paul, Minn.

Attention Mr. Lohmann.

My Dear Lohmann:

I am enclosing papers to you in connection with Auto accident, together with copy of my letter to the United Services Auto Insurance Ass'n.

At your convenience I would like to see you and execute the enclosed papers.

Yours truly,

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

FCR:jpm.

HEADQUARTERS, FORT SNELLING, MINNESOTA

Office of the Chaplain

February 20, 1925.

MEMORANDUM TO: To Commanding Officer, Recruit Detachment
Fort Snelling, Minn.

1. For the good of the Service, and in accordance with the provisions of A.R. 44.2., which enumerates as among the duties of Chaplains: "To counsel, as to their moral welfare, and advise with all recruits," request that provision be made for carrying out of this duty in an orderly and dignified manner as follows:

(1.) That the chaplain be notified by memorandum two or three days before the departure of each and every shipment of troops.

(2.) That all recruits be sent to Chaplain's office for interview in groups of not more than five, either on the day of their departure from the garrison (or of their assignment to organizations within the garrison), or on the second day before their departure.

(3.) That the notification mentioned in paragraph (1) of this Communication include the names of all recruits, serial numbers, branch of service, final destination if known, and religious or church affiliation.

2. Inasmuch as I am obliged to submit monthly reports to Washington (through channels) of duties performed and the general attitude and spirit of co-operation of line officers, request that this communication be answered as soon as possible.

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File Recruit

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Chaplain, U.S. Army

1st Ind.

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 believed 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.

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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 preceding 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 believed 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.

HEADQUARTERS, FORT SNELLING, MINNESOTA

Office of the Chaplain

April 14, 1925

MEMORANDUM TO THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

1. Members of the Recruit Detachment did not show up for lecture this date, as per Memorandum Headquarters Fort Snelling, February 28, 1925.

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

HEADQUARTERS

Fort Snelling, Minnesota

February 28, 1925.

MEMORANDUM TO: C.O., Recruit Detachment.

1. All recruits of the Recruit Detachment, will hereafter be assembled and reported to the Post Chaplain at the Service Club at 1:30 P.M. - Tuesday of each week, for a conference between the hours of 1:30 P.M. and 2:30 P.M.

2. At the same time the Commanding Officer, Recruit Detachment, will furnish the Chaplain with a roster of all recruits present at the post, showing name, organization, nearest of kin, home address, and church affiliation of each man.

By order of Lt.Col. NORTON:

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

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HEADQUARTERS SEVENTH CORPS AREA
Omaha, Nebraska.

May 28, 1924.

MEMORANDUM: TO ALL REGULAR ARMY OFFICERS ON DUTY IN 7TH CORPS AREA.
SUBJECT: NATIONAL DEFENSE DAY -- "DEFENSE TEST".

1. There is transmitted herewith a statement from the Corps Area Commander on the above subject.

All officers will familiarize themselves with the plan as outlined and be prepared to disseminate the information and to discuss the plan with civilians and aid in every way practicable in giving it the desired publicity.

Advantage should be taken of opportunities to discuss this subject before Chambers of Commerce, Rotary Clubs, and other civic organizations, with a view to obtaining the maximum of cooperation with the local committees.

The Corps Area Commander must rely to a considerable extent upon Regular Army officers to arouse and keep up the interest of civilians and others in the observance of this day. It is to be remembered that the Secretary of War wishes to leave the arrangements for the participation by civilians in the hands of local committees as far as practicable.

When it comes to the notice of any Regular Army officer that arrangements being made in his locality are inadequate, he should make an effort to stimulate the interest of the local committee. If satisfactory results cannot be secured in this way, he should make a report of the situation to the Corps Area Commander. It must be impressed upon all that the results of this test will not only reflect credit or discredit, as the case may be, upon the administration of the Corps Area but also, upon the patriotism of the citizens of each community in the Corps Area.

By order of the Corps Area Commander:

Harvey W. Miller
HARVEY W. MILLER,
Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS SEVENTH CORPS AREA,
Omaha, Nebraska.

May 20, 1924.

THE DEFENSE TEST
ST. MIHIEL DAY
September 12, 1924.

1. In 1916 a plan of National Defense was enacted by Congress by which it was hoped, through a judicious expenditure of funds in time of peace, to avoid in time of national emergency the outpouring of blood and money which had before resulted from our unpreparedness. But before this plan could be made effective, we were involved in the World War which demanded our greatest human effort and the heaviest financial burden the Nation had been called upon to carry.

As the result of this bitter experience, Congress gave the country the amended National Defense Act of 1920, which wrought the greatest change in the peace-time missions of the Regular Army. It charges the War Department with a National Defense mission which has a definite plan. The fundamental principle is the peace-time preparation for the mobilization of the unorganized militia, drawn from communities in proportion to population.

Under the National Defense Act the country is divided into nine corps areas. Each includes about one-ninth of the population of the United States. Each is a branch of the War Department for certain purposes. This Corps Area is composed of the States of Arkansas, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota. Each corps area commander is charged with the training and developing of the elements which constitute the framework for their prospective contingents of troops to be mobilized in case of war. They have approximately equal contingents.

The major peace-time function of the Regular Army is that of training the elements through which we shall mobilize the military forces necessary for an emergency.

The history of the United States shows that unpreparedness at the beginning of each war has necessitated a reckless expenditure of money and materials. At the beginning of these emergencies the cost was not considered. "Win the War" was the primary purpose, and all other purposes were made subsidiary thereto. But at the close of the war, after the storm had passed and the calm of peace had settled down, the costs of these reckless but necessary expenditures loomed so large on the horizon that the other extreme was adopted.

The National Defense Act of 1916, as amended by the Act of June 4, 1920, is an attempt to profit by these experiences of the past. It will be recalled that upon the outbreak of the World War the German forces were mobilized with

much celerity. This was possible because definite plans had been worked out showing exactly where the several military units should assemble and where the larger units should concentrate. Within a few hours after mobilization orders had been issued men from all parts of the German Empire were flocking to the colors, and in an incredibly short time masses of troops were on the march toward the frontier.

In the United States the results were very different. It is scarcely necessary to remind the reader that there was much delay, confusion, duplication of effort, inefficiency and expense. Had it been necessary that our troops at once concentrate on the frontier or assemble at a port of embarkation, we would have failed ingloriously because no plans had been worked out, few details provided for, and this, notwithstanding the fact that it was apparent to many that the United States would be drawn into the conflict.

Now, profiting by that experience, the War Department has begun the preparation of mobilization plans which will show where all the units of the Regular Army, the National Guard, and the Organized Reserves shall rendezvous, where they shall concentrate, how much equipment and what kind will be required, where this equipment shall be stored, where hospitals shall be established, how the resources of the country shall be utilized, how, with the least interference with industrial life, some factories may begin to produce munitions of war while other factories may continue to produce the things needed for everyday consumption.

2. It is obvious that plans covering so many details must be revised more than once before they have reached a satisfactory stage. To provide the data upon which to base such revision a test mobilization is needed.

The Secretary of War has therefore designated September 12, 1924, the sixth anniversary of the Battle of St. Mihiel, as the date for a "Defense Test", which will not only demonstrate the effectiveness of the plan for the initial mobilization of the armed forces and civilian agencies and industries, but will emphasize the dependency of the units upon the communities to which they are allocated and will afford an opportunity for assemblies and ceremonies involving renewed public manifestations of loyalty and practical patriotism.

3. It is hoped that on the day of the defense test a PATRIOTIC DEMONSTRATION will be held in every city, town and other community in the United States in order to make the people realize more strongly than ever that the defense of the country is not alone the task of the organized military units but the duty of the whole country, that this defense is provided not alone by a willingness to take up arms but by a desire to perform all duties devolving upon citizens in the support of the Government.

It is hoped that this day will be made an occasion for patriotic assemblies of citizens and parades of local units of the Army of the United States, civic clubs and societies, Reserve Officers' Training Corps units, Citizens' Military Training Camp groups, high schools, etc. No fixed form for these ceremonies is suggested. They should be planned to fit conditions in each particular locality. The plans should be made and the ceremonies conducted by State and Local Mobilization Committees, named and supported by the State Executives.

The plan is to request the Governor to appoint a State Committee with instructions to such committee to designate in each city, town, village, or other community, a Local Mobilization Committee. The Corps Area Commander and his subordinates will be glad to cooperate with and assist the Governors and their committees to the fullest extent. It is expected that valuable assistance will be secured from veteran, patriotic, welfare, business, and civic organizations.

It must be realized that those who make up the far too small military forces of the United States cannot, unaided, carry out this celebration. The main reliance must be placed on the citizens of the communities.

The Mobilization Committees should represent the State and Local agencies which would normally be used for the procurement of personnel under either a voluntary or selective service system. Their functions in this respect should be demonstrated in each community by filling the ranks of organizations stationed in the vicinity, the personnel for which may be secured through invitations to civilians of military age to serve for the day only with specific units during their participation in parades and other patriotic demonstrations. These invitations should be issued by unit commanders and Local Mobilization Committees in conformity with their mutual agreement and will, to a certain extent, be analogous to the action of the draft boards during the period of the operation of the selective service law.

These local committees should be kept fully informed by the unit commanders as to personnel desired, the units to which the men are to be attached, and the time and place of rendezvous. There will be no objection to a surplus of persons secured, and without regard to uniform or equipment citizens volunteering for the day should be incorporated in military units for parades or other ceremonies.

The following is given merely as a suggestion to aid in the consideration of the features that should be covered in local programs, it being realized that programs will necessarily vary in conformity with local conditions:

- (a) Assembly and parade of military organizations under conditions which would exist in an emergency.
- (b) Prayer for our national welfare.
- (c) Patriotic music.

(d) An address or addresses upon appropriate subjects, such as appreciation for the assembled defenders, explanation of the "To provide for the common defense" feature in the Preamble to the Constitution, the general principles of the National defense Act and Mobilization Plans, and reference to the detailed plan of mobilization made by the military unit in that community. Such reference may well discuss the provisions made for shelter, supply, training, administration, etc., that would be necessary.

(e) A pledge of loyalty to the country and its institutions might well be administered in connection with the administering of the Legion's oath to the flag.

(f) Organized recreation and amusement.

It is presumed that most of the Members of Congress will be in their home localities at the time of this defense test. They should be invited by the local committee to be present and participate in the demonstration and thus learn at first hand how the plans of Congress are being carried out.

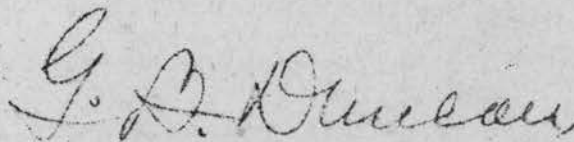
4. MILITARY MOBILIZATION will be carried out pursuant to War Department and Corps Area instructions issued direct from Corps Area Headquarters to the military officers concerned.

This military mobilization will involve the assembly (without expense to the United States) at their home station, armory, or camp or wherever they may be on September 12th of:

- (a) All active units of the Regular Army.
- (b) All Federally recognized units of the National Guard.
- (c) All organized units of the Organized Reserves.

5. Such action will be taken by the Assistant Secretary of War as he considers necessary to demonstrate or test his plans for INDUSTRIAL MOBILIZATION and war-time procurement of supplies.

6. It is to be noted that the foregoing plan contemplates leaving to the State and Local Committees the working out of all details and the making of all necessary arrangements, because not only are the military forces being called together but the patriotic spirit of each State and community is being put to a test on this National Defense Day. Can any State or community afford not to support the demonstration being planned?



GEORGE B. DUNCAN,
Major General, U. S. Army,
Commanding.

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THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S LUTHER LEAGUE
425 SOUTH FOURTH STREET
MINNEAPOLIS

OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

February 5th, 1926.

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

Dear Chaplain Rideout:

I am enclosing a copy of the letter that I have just sent the editors of the Minneapolis Tribune and Minneapolis Journal. I do not feel at all satisfied with this brief presentation, but I have been so extremely busy of late, that it has seemed entirely impossible to get anything like this done. I hope that it may in some measure help to bring the results which you desire so fervently.

Sincerely yours,

N. M. YLVISAKER,
Capt. Chaplain RES.

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HEADQUARTERS, FORT SNELLING, MINNESOTA.

OFFICE OF THE CHAPLAIN

February 15, 1923.

The First National Bank,
Saint Paul, Minn.

Dear Sirs:

I am enclosing checks for deposit in the Post Chapel Fund
(Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel and Community Center) as follows:

The Norwegian Lutheran Church of America.....	\$1,000.00
Captain John Holmes Chapter, D.A.R., Minneapolis.....	145.55
Mendota Chapter, D.A.R., St. Paul.....	10.00
Sons of Veterans Auxiliary Number 8, Minneapolis.....	50.00
Captain Fletcher, for Hqs. Co., 3rd. Infantry, Ft. Snelling,.	5.00
L. S. R. C. Lane, 3rd Infantry, Fort Snelling.....	5.00
Mr. R. F. Benson, Minneapolis.....	25.00
Mrs. H.M. Curry, St. Paul Chapter, D.A.R.,.....	100.00
TOTAL.....	\$1,343.55

Request that you return this letter together with your usual deposit slip, as my voucher for my account.

Yours very truly,

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

Saint Paul, Minnesota.
February 16, 1923.

Received the above named checks in sum of ONE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FORTY THREE and 55/100 DOLLARS (\$1,343.55) for deposit in the Post Chapel Fund.

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

Dear Chaplain Rideout:

Your letter of December 6th reached me a few days ago. I have not answered till now because I wanted to have time to see the president of our Church, Dr. Aasgaard, regarding the matter referred to. I met him last night and he told me he had also had a communication from you. I hope to be able to do something to get an additional thousand dollars for you for the chapel at Ft. Snelling; but it may take some time to get in touch with the proper committees. In the meantime, may I ask you just how soon this money must be available; and then, too, whether this communication has gone out to other Lutheran groups or individuals besides Dr. Aasgaard and myself.

Hoping that we may find some way of meeting the needs, I remain with very best personal regards

Sincerely yours,

N. M. YLVIK, *Chaplain RES..*

NMY:PHM

HEADQUARTERS, FORT SNELLING, MINNESOTA.

OFFICE OF THE CHAPLAIN

December 14, 1927

Rev. N. M. Ylvisaker,
Capt.-Chaplain Reserve,
425 South Fourth Street,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

My dear Chaplain :-

I have your gracious reply, and I appreciate all that you have done and are doing for the sake of our cause.

I think the only letter that ever went to Dr. Aasgaard was a form letter requesting prayer for our cause, copy of which is enclosed. No other correspondence has gone to any of the clergymen of the Twin Cities during the past year.

If we could have a pledge for the money, payable say within three or six months we could go on with the contracts. We have obligated ourselves now up to the limit of what we have in our treasury. To be sure, the sooner we have all the necessary funds in our own treasury the better. But I am sure that our Board would consider a pledge from any of the denominational agencies gilt edge, as they did with half the amount given by the Baptists.

If, when your Lutheran body decides upon this, and if they decide favorably the fact is publicly recorded in a newspaper item, I am sure it will help. The Methodists, Congregationalists, Presbyterians and Episcopalians should all subscribe to this fund. And, so, if your Lutheran Board should decide to add another \$1,000.00 to the fund, I think we should include in a newspaper article the fact that Lutherans have donated \$2,000.00. It was the Lutheran gift which gave this project standing and impetus in the very beginning. If we could have some publicity along this line NOW, it would help, inasmuch as I am now in correspondence with the above-named bodies. I hardly see how the other denominations can fail to respond if the Lutherans and the Baptists lead the way.

Yours in sincerity,

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



THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S LUTHER LEAGUE

425 SOUTH FOURTH STREET

MINNEAPOLIS

OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

June 24th, 1925.

Capt. Rideout,
Post Chaplain,
Fort Snelling, Minn.

My dear Captain Rideout:

You will perhaps be interested in knowing that at the recent Church Convention of the Norwegian Lutheran Church of America, an appropriation of \$1,000.00 was made towards your proposed chapel at Fort Snelling. I was personally very much interested in getting this appropriation, and I am very glad that it went through. This, of course, in addition to any individual contribution that may be made in the Twin Cities on the part of our Church people.

Yours very truly,

N. M. YLVISAKER,
Captain Chaplain, Res. U.S.A.

NMY:HM

HEADQUARTERS, FORT SNELLING, MINNESOTA

Office of the Chaplain

Feb. 13, 1925.

MEMORANDUM TO: Captain Schmidt.

1. I am submitting a copy of my letter to Bishop McElwain of the Episcopal diocese of Minnesota, as a suggestion for you to get into touch with Lutheran bodies.

2. It might be well for you to mention the fact that probably one third of the enlisted personnel of this garrison come from Lutheran homes in this state, Wisconsin and the Dakotas.

3. I am also enclosing copies of literature for you to send along with your letter.

Yours Truly

FCR:LHC.

FRANK C. RIDGOUT
Chaplain, U.S. Army

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MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

St. Paul, Minn.

June 13th-1925

My dear friend Chaplain:-

From our conversation over the telephone a while ago you learned that the Norwegian Lutheran Church of America, appropriated out of its fund for Soldiers and Sailors welfare the sum of \$ 1000,00 to the Chapel Fund at Fort Snelling. This sum will no doubt be forwarded to you in a short time.

At your request I gave the publicity agent some information on the Chapel project and he prommissed that he would get this into the papers.

I had intended to bring Chaplain Stearns out to see you but it was impossible to take the time .He was to bussy to get away and so was I.

Trusting that I will see you again this summer in August at the CMTC. , I am

simerely yours,

F O Fredriksen,
Caledonia, Minn .

Rev. N. M. Gloisaker
425 4th Street So.
Minneapolis, Minn

Fort Snelling, Minn
October 9, 1925

My dear Brother:-

I want to express to you the most sincere appreciation of the Commanding Officer of this garrison for your assistance in the Chapel Project. And also, for the St. Paul Committee to whom you gave great encouragement the evening of our meeting, October 5, 1925

In consideration of the splendid contribution of the Norwegian Lutheran Synod of One Thousand Dollars, I have been wondering if the officials of your body would not be willing to have that amount deposited with our Fort Snelling Chapel Treasurer ?

Matters stand this way : We are to have a treasurer for funds collected both in St. Paul and for funds collected in Minneapolis. That is we are to have two treasurers. Our soldiers have raised a sum of three thousand which is deposited and of which the Commanding Officer, Myself and Lieutenant W. R. Hazelrigg are the custodians. Lt. Hazelrigg is treasurer and has the funds on deposit at the First National Bank St. Paul.

In a very short while we will have bills from the architects to pay amounting perhaps to \$700.00. If your body would be willing to have the architects fee paid from this fund, it would very much please us. We have been paying campaign expenses so far from the funds raised by the soldiers. They have appointed a committee among themselves and are in the process of raising another \$1,000.00 or more.

One thing more. Will you allow me to present your name as a member of the permanent Minneapolis Committee on the Chapel ?

Yours very Truly,

Chaplain, U.S.A.

F. O. FREDRIKSEN
1st District
Caledonia, Minn.

STATE OF MINNESOTA
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Forty-Fourth

Session

April 29th-1925

Dear friend Chaplian:-

I am returning to you the loaned copies of the Chaplains list and have taken the men out that belong to our Synod and will draft a resolution for them to sign and be presented at our yearly meeting calling for an appropriation of \$ 1000,00 Dollars.

It, is ofcourse doubtful as to the outcome of our endeavors, but we shall try and do the best we know how.

With best wishes and hoping to see you this summer I am

sincerely yours,

F. O. Fredriksen

F. O. FREDRIKSEN
1st District
Caledonia, Minn.

STATE OF MINNESOTA
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Forty-Fourth

Session

May 8th-1925.

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

Dear friend Chaplain:-

We had a very interesting visit the other day from our Col. Pearce and Capt. Lewis. They were here in the interest of the CMTC. I have given three talks to the students in the principal highschools in Houston Co. for the CMTC and it really begins to look like I am going to gain ground again among the boys. I have about 35 prospective applicants and hope to land a dozen of them at least.

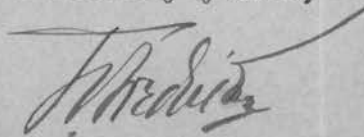
When the Colonel was here I asked him what the prospect might be to attend camp this year and he thought that they would be good. So you may have the pleasure to find me ready for duty about Aug. 1st.

I also inquired about chance for promotion to Captaincy and he instructed me to write in for an application. Which I did, and today I have received an answer that I must ask to be examined in the subjects for promotion to that specific grade and receive a "certificate of capacity". Now I would very much like to find out just what kind of an examination this is so that I can be at least partly prepared for the ordeal. If you could give me this information and if possible help me out on it I would appreciate it very much. If I pass this I will be eligible for the practical test and if this is all O.K. I will be promoted. All points with reference to this will be greatly appreciated.

The resolution which I made up for the \$ 2000.00 gift from the church to the chapel is coming in fine with signatures and I had a letter today from the Secretary of the Home mission, through which this must go, that he would favor a resolution of this kind and would do his best to get results for us. This means a lot.

Now if I could hear from you soon with reference to my promotion matter I shall be greatly indebted to you.

Sincerely yours,



The Board of
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1925

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Chaplain Frank C. Rideout,
Fort Snelling, Minn.

My dear Brother Rideout:-

The first meeting of our Twin City Lutheran Minister's Association since the receipt of your letter by me, was held last Monday. We took up the matter of the Fort Snelling Chapel, and discovered two things, first a very general ignorance of the situation, and secondly, a receptivity and a favorable attitude toward your project.

Would it be possible for you to present the matter in person at our next meeting, April 13th, 10:30 a.m. (or at luncheon 12:30 if you prefer) at St. Mark's Church, Newton Ave. N. at 25th St?. Our men are willing to cooperate, I am sure, and only await an understanding of the definite plan of raising the funds required.

Your letter indicates a misunderstanding of my personal position. I am not connected officially with the St. Paul association of Lutheran ministers, which includes those of all synods. But Rev. Bosserman, to whom you have written, is handling the matter in that group. The Association of which I am president is made up of all pastors of the United Lutheran Church group (Locally known as the English Synod of the Northwest) in both cities and vicinity. At present I am acting pastor of Ascension Church, Cleveland and Stanford Ave., St. Paul, but that is a temporary relationship. This is perhaps information irrelevant to your chief interest, but if you will come to our meeting you may want to be clear in the matter. There is also a Minneapolis federation of Lutheran pastors of all synods, of which the Rev. Dr. G.K. Stark, 1310 Jefferson St. N.E., is president. Their meeting is next Monday morning.

Very cordially yours,

R. H. Gerberding

HEADQUARTERS, FORT SNELLING, MINNESOTA

Office of the Chaplain

March 10, 1925.

Rev. E. E. Ryden,
848 Hague Avenue
St. Paul, Minn.

My dear Rev. Ryden:-

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 (\$1,000.00) as a beginning for this purpose.

On Feb. 10, 1925 Unity Church of St. Paul, Rev. F. E. Eliot (son of Ex President of Harvard) Pastor, voted to raise \$1,000.00 providing the other churches of St. Paul and Minneapolis, would undertake to see this thing pushed through to a successful conclusion.

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 a few persons of estimable worth this delay has evidenced a lack of vision and consecration for a worth-while cause.

As you perhaps know approximately a third of the enlisted men of this garrison (about 500) are from Lutheran homes. No end of persons have asked me what action the Lutheran bodies are going to take in this matter, and so far I have been unable to answer the question.

I wish you could get the Lutheran Clergymen of St. Paul to realize the urgency of this situation. In fact would like to have them take the place of moral leadership in the matter. Could you not get an opportunity to either present this matter to them yourself or have me do it at an early date?

This is a great challenge to the moral, religious and patriotic forces of the Twin Cities and the iron is now hot for some one to strike the telling blow which will produce the desired result. I know I can count upon you, my brother. I have every confidence of what your reply will be in this matter.

Yours in Christian Bonds

FCR:lhc.

FRANK C. RIDGOUT
Chaplain, U.S. Army

Feb. 14, 1925.

Rev. Charles L. Grant
Faith Lutheran Church
Charles and MacKubin St.
St. Paul, Minn.

My Dear Rev. Grant:

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Yours in Christian Bonds

FCR:LHC.

FRANK C. RIDEOUT
Chaplain, U.S.Army

Feb. 14, 1925.

Rev. J. A. O. Stubb, D.D.
Central Lutheran Church
Grant St. & 4th Ave. St.
Minneapolis, Minn.

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197 W. Isabel St.,
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Faith Lutheran Church

Charles and Mackubin Streets

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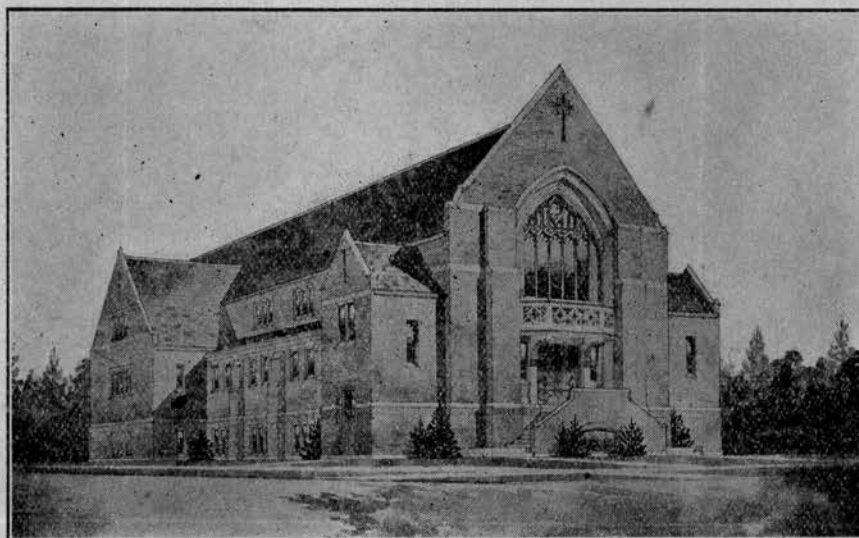
Bible School, 9:45 A. M.

Service, 11 A. M.

ST. PAUL, MINN.,

2-18-25

Our New House of Worship



Dr. Frank C. Ridout,

St. Swelling, Minn.

Dear Dr. Ridout!

To present the worthy
Chapel Cause to the Lutheran ministers
of Minneapolis, communicate with the secretary
of the Luth. Pastoral Association Rev. R. H. Gerberding
3512 Girard Ave., Minneapolis, Minn.

To reach the St. Paul Lutheran ministers'
Association, kindly consult Rev. D. E. Bosserman
197 W. Label St. St. Paul, Minn.

Then these men the Cause could be
introduced and then definitely presented
by yourself at regular meetings.

Kindest regards

Fraternally
Chas. L. Grant

HEADQUARTERS, FORT SNELLING, MINNESOTA

Office of the Chaplain

March 9, 1925.

Rev. J. E. Chester
Chaplain, O.R.C.
Marshalltown, Iowa

My dear Chaplain Chester:

I am delighted to know that you are to be with us again this year. Congratulations.

Well I have been putting all my strength and energies into the Chapel project. Literature enclosed. Only one thing is disappointing. The great Lutheran Church remains adamant. I have used every argument.

Have you any influence with the Lutheran Church Herald published in Minneapolis? I submitted to them the manuscript for what I thought an excellent article. The editor is Rev. G.P. Lee, 5th Ave. and 4th Street. I wish you would bring a little pressure to bear upon him so that he and his paper will take a definite stand. One third of the boys here are from Scandinavian homes. Why shouldn't the Lutherans be in on this? It will be a moral laxity for them to let the Chapel be built without their assistance.

Now I must close as I have a desk full of correspondence to attend to. With all cordial wishes and hoping to see you in a few months, I am,

Yours Truly

FCR:lhc.

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

HEADQUARTERS, FORT SNELLING, MINNESOTA

Office of the Chaplain

February 16, 1925.

Rev. G. P. Lee,
The Lutheran Church Herald,
Augsburg Publishing House,
Fifth Ave. and Fourth Street,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

My dear brother:-

I am sending you herewith the manuscript of an article on "Our Nation's Debt to Its Soldiers" which I hope you will be able to publish.

It is a message that ought to be spoken to the Christian people of this country, so as to re-awaken the conscience and stir the interest of indifferent people in the religious work of army chaplains.

The article is a bit lengthy, I confess, but as I have gone over it again and again I hardly see where any can be eliminated and keep a perfect whole. We have 125,000 men in the army and perhaps 75,000 in the navy, and practically the entire church remains indifferent to the religious needs of these young American men.

If you print this article you will place your body of Christians, I believe, in the front rank in moral leadership in this matter. I would like to have you send me 50 copies, in case you print it, for distribution, and request that you bill me for them at your usual price.

I am asking you to print the article on account of the fact that a large percentage of the young men at Fort Snelling come from Scandinavian homes. Perhaps one third of them, or 500. And in addition, Fort Snelling affords the most striking illustration of the need which is spoken of. Please read the enclosed copy of Mayer Nelson's letter.

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Yours very cordially,

Frank C. Rideout
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HEADQUARTERS, FORT SNELLING, MINNESOTA

Office of the Chaplain

March 14, 1925.

Rev. R. H. Gerberding, D.D.,
3512 Girard Ave., South,
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear brother Gerberding:-

Your letter of yesterday makes me very happy, and I will be so glad to be with your Lutheran Pastors Association on the Monday morning following Easter, April 13, 1925.

We have been very much encouraged in an increased interest in this matter in recent weeks. It really looks as though it is going over the top. And it seems to me a pity to have any body of persons who ought to be concerned not co-operating in the matter.

I am not ready yet to make any definite announcements, but if our plans carry through this Fort Snelling Chapel will be a memorial of which Minnesota, and especially the Churches, will be justly proud.

With anticipations of meeting you and your brethren on the date mentioned, I am,

Most cordially yours,

FRANK C. RIDEOUT
Chaplain, U.S. ARMY

I think I better
come for the opening
of your meeting. I
can speak at your
convenience. FCR

FCR/LHC

HEADQUARTERS

Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

Office of the Chaplain.

April 25, 1924.

MEMORANDUM TO ALL ORGANIZATION COMMANDERS:

1. Will you kindly announce our church service for Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock.

2. Lieutenant Colonel Goodrich, Inspector General's Department, who is here in connection with the annual inspection has submitted the following questions to the Chaplain for answer:

(a) "Are religious services generally sustained?"

(b) "Do officers by precept and example encourage attendance upon divine worship?"

3. How would you answer those questions if you were a Chaplain? Why not make it easy for your Chaplain to answer such questions with an enthusiastic affirmative? One concrete example is worth volumes of academic discussion of ways and means of securing results. Try it for this Sunday and let the Inspector see how it is done.

Frank C. Rideout

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Chaplain U.S.A.

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HEADQUARTERS, FORT SNELLING, MINNESOTA.

OFFICE OF THE CHAPLAIN

April 4, 1928.

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

Dear Sir :

We are planning on dedicating the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel and Community Center on the week commencing May 27, 1928, if possible.

In connection with this we are expecting to publish a souvenir program containing a brief historical sketch of the project together with such items as may be of general interest such as memorial gifts, description of architecture, etc.

It seems to me that the souvenir would not be complete without the pictures of the persons who have been most prominently identified with the Memorial and I would appreciate it if you would send me a photograph of yourself for insertion in the booklet. Photograph will be returned promptly after using.

I am planning to have pictures appear of the following:

1. Honorable Theodore Christianson, Honorary Chairman.
2. Mr. Carl T. Schuneman, Chairman, St. Paul Committee
3. Mr. Sumner T. McKnight, Chairman, Minneapolis Committee.
4. Mr. Walter H. Wheeler, Chairman Building Committee.
5. Colonel W. E. Welsh, Pres. Chapel Association, Commanding Officer.
6. The Architect, Hewitt & Brown.
7. The Builder Mr. Spady.
8. Chaplain Frank C. Rideout.
9. Picture of the Chapel.
10. Cuts of Special Memorials.

Yours Cordially

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

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