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to president Franklin D Roosevelt  
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Dear President D Roosevelt  
I am writing you a letter  
for the World Heavyweight  
boxing Joe Louis  
know the Brown Bomber  
and now a private in the  
United States army is our  
hero he is credit to the  
race on inspiration to  
youth of nation Brown  
Bomber Louis has  
successfully defended  
I would be very glad for  
you to award Joe Louis with  
a medal.

I will close from  
Nellie Henderson.

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May 13, 1942.

Miss Nellie Henderson,  
Tamm, Illinois.

Dear Madam:

Your letter of May 2, 1942, addressed to the President, concerning the matter of obtaining appropriate recognition for Joe Louis Barrow, has been referred to this office for reply.

The War Department is proud of the patriotic and unselfish motives which prompted Private Barrow to risk his Title and forgo any pecuniary reward in order to contribute to the relief fund for the families of his deserving but less fortunate comrades in arms.

By his generous donation Private Barrow has again demonstrated that fine sportsmanship for which he is known throughout the Nation. It is regretted that the War Department has no decoration or medal which might be given to Private Joe Louis Barrow.

It is gratifying to know that you and other patriotic Americans in civil life share the sincere and high regard in which the services of Private Barrow referred to are held by the Army.

Very truly yours,

*J. A. ULIQ*

Major General,  
The Adjutant General.

By: *S. G. Talbot*

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Mr. Henry L. Stimson  
Secretary of War

Washington D.C.,  
Maryland



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SECRETARY'S OFFICE

1942 MAY 5 PM 3:17

1420 1/2 - 62nd St.  
Kenosha, Wis.

May 4, 1942

Dear Secretary of War,

I am writing you, like others, to help Joe Louis get a medal. Joe has helped the United States. He fought fights for money to give to the Army and Navy. That was money he could have earned for himself.

Joe Louis has showed some people how good colored people can act. I think that is something he needs praise for. Many more people are writing asking for a medal for Louis because they, like myself think Joe deserves a medal. If you appreciate what Louis has done you will





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Speak about it to Mr. President,  
Secretary of the Navy, and to  
all the Congressmen. So please  
for my sake and many others  
please talk about it to other  
men. If Joe gets what he deserves  
I will be a happy boy of 12.

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Sincerely yours,  
Chet Shind  
1420 1/2 - 62nd St.  
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AG 201 Barrow, Joe Louis  
(5-4-42) LC

May 13, 1942.

Mr. Chet Sheard,  
1420 1/2 62nd Street,  
Kenosha, Wisconsin.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of May 4, 1942, concerning the matter of obtaining appropriate recognition for Joe Louis Barrow.

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Very truly yours,

**E. G. TALBOTT**

Major General,  
The Adjutant General.

By:

**E. G. Talbott**

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Helth Ark.

box #99 may 7th 1942

Mr. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
Chief executive,  
Washington, D.C.

Mr. President: Its one of America  
Hero and Citizens, and now a  
private soldier.

That I want to mention, this  
America citizen, has performed  
and out of the ring, in a manner  
That is beyond and above the  
line of duty.

He should merit the respect  
and honor of all Americans  
may I ask? Grant to him  
a medal. (Joe Louis)

I am Pearlie Nash

AG O  
MAY 13 1942  
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Honorable Franklin D. Roosevelt  
Chief executive  
Washington, D. C.

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AG 201 Barrow, Joe Louis  
(5-7-42) LO

May 19, 1942.

Miss Pearlie Nash,  
R.F.D. #1, Box 99,  
Heth, Arkansas.

Dear Madam:

Your letter of May 7, 1942, addressed to the President, concerning the matter of obtaining appropriate recognition for Joe Louis Barrow, has been referred to this office for consideration and reply.

The War Department is proud of the patriotic and unselfish motives which prompted Private Barrow to risk his Title and forgo any pecuniary reward in order to contribute to the relief fund for the families of his deserving but less fortunate comrades in arms.

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Very truly yours,

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S. G. Talbot

Major General,  
The Adjutant General.

By: S. G. Talbot

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B  
1942 East Ave  
Berwyn Ill  
5/10<sup>th</sup>, 1942

War  
Pres. Franklin D Roosevelt;  
Washington DC

Dear President

I'm writing you  
in regards of Joe Louis-  
Barrow, the World Heavy  
-weight boxing Champion  
familiary known the  
"Brown Bomber" and now  
a private in the United States  
Army, is our Hero. He is a  
credit to ~~the~~ race and have  
been an inspiration to the  
youth of the nation.

His last two fights aided  
the Navy and Army Relief  
funds, respectively. In other  
words the money he would have





earned for his fights he gladly turned over to the Organization.

I feel that the Conduct of this Athlete Citizen and Soldier merits the respect and honor of all America. He has performed in and out of the ring in a manner that is "beyond and above the line of duty."

If other Citizens have been given medals for their meritorious Conduct, then Joe Louis the Champion, and Joseph Louis Barrow, the Soldier and American should be given a medal which recognizes that he has contributed to national unity and national morale.



I do not feel that this request for honor for Joseph Louis-Barrow is any unusual request it is an honor should come to any Citizen who has performed for and behalf of the best interest of National unity and morale and that this honor should come as a spontaneous gesture from a grateful government.

The President of United States  
The Secretary of Navy, and  
Secretary of War have been  
asked to award Joe Louis  
with a medal for his  
Contribution

Yours truly  
Martha E Phillips

U.S.G.O.  
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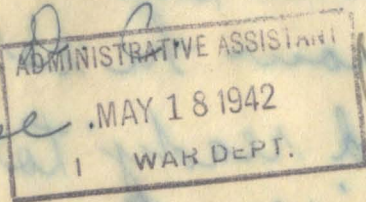
*M. M. [Signature]*  
Secretary to the President



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4321 So. Michigan Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois  
May 11, 1942.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt.  
Washington, D. C.  
White House



Sir:

I am a school girl  
of thirteen and in the eighth  
grade. I read in the paper  
about Private Joseph Louis  
Carrow. I am writing to  
ask you as the President to  
see that Joseph Louis receives  
a medal for his fine work  
(over)



in contributing to the army  
and Navy Relief funds. Mr.  
Louis is a Private in the  
United States army, and I  
know he is always willing  
and ready to help defend  
his country. As the President  
of the U. S. will you please  
see that he is given a medal.  
Please answer.

Thank You!

Very truly yours

Jacqueline Cheers



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AG 201 Barrow, Joe Louis  
(5-10-42) LO

May 19, 1942.

Miss Martha E. Phillips,  
1942 East Avenue,  
Berwyn, Illinois.

Dear Madam:

Your letter of May 10, 1942, addressed to the President, concerning the matter of obtaining appropriate recognition for Joe Louis Barrow, has been referred to this office for consideration.

The War Department is proud of the patriotic and unselfish motives which prompted Private Barrow to risk his Title and forgo any pecuniary reward in order to contribute to the relief fund for the families of his deserving but less fortunate comrades in arms.

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Very truly yours,

J. A. DELIO

Major General,  
The Adjutant General.

By:

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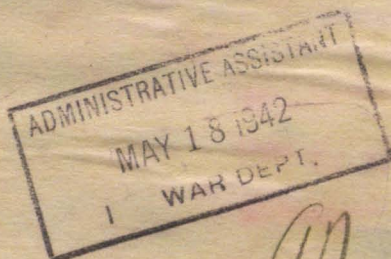


THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

May 16, 1942.

Respectfully referred to the  
War Department for consideration  
and acknowledgment.

M. H. McINTYRE  
Secretary to the President



4321 South Michigan Avenue,  
Chicago, Illinois  
May 11, 1942.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt,  
Washington, D. C.  
White House.

Sir:

I am a school girl of thirteen and in the eighth grade. I read in the paper about Private Joseph Louis Barrow. I am writing to ask you as the President to see that Joseph Louis receives a medal for his fine work in contributing to the Army and Navy Relief Funds. Mr. Louis is a private in the United States Army, and I know he is always willing and ready to help defend his country. As the President of the U. S. will you please see that he is given a medal. Please answer.

Thank you!

Very truly yours,

Jacqueline Cheers





*copy*  
AG 201 Barrow, Joe Louis

*Dear Madam*

Your letter of (date) addressed to the President, concerning the matter of obtaining appropriate recognition for Joseph Louis Barrow, has been referred to this office for reply.

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Very truly yours,

Major General,  
The Adjutant General.  
By

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AG 201 Barrow, Joseph Louis  
(5-11-42) LO

May 30, 1942.

Miss Jacqueline Cheers,  
4321 South Michigan Avenue,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Madam:

Your letter of May 11, 1942, addressed to the President, concerning the matter of obtaining appropriate recognition for Joseph Louis Barrow, has been referred to this office for reply.

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Very truly yours,

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*John D. Talbot*

Major General,  
The Adjutant General.  
By

*John D. Talbot*

WAR DEPARTMENT  
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

4809 St. Lawrence Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois  
May 15, 1942

1942 MAY 20 PM 2:51

The President, Executive Mansion  
Washington, D.C.

The President of the U.S.A.  
Sir:

I'm writing from the sincerity of my heart in recognition of Joe Louis. I know the weight you're carrying on your shoulders during this period of crisis, but may God and prayers guide you each step of the way.

We the Negro race is one hundred per cent in union and spirit to fight for the true democracy of America. The free and most democratic country of the world, where democracy is high and freedom is all. Where all men are created equal regardless of race, color, religion, and creed. Where men will gladly lay down there lives and possession for America.

Sir, when I write this letter it is with the highest esteem, in recognition of Joseph B. Louis for a medal of distinguish value for the unselfish deed performed for the Army and Navy Benefits. Dear Mr. President, Franklin D. Roosevelt, and Secretary of the Navy, Knox, with all beliefs and hopes I believe this medal will be given to a hero on our home front.

I have the honour to remain your most obedient servant,

*Lelia Dixon*

Lelia Dixon.

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*W. M. ...*  
Secretary to the President

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AG 201 Barrow, Joe Louis  
(5-15-42) 10

May 23, 1942.

Miss Lelia Dixon,  
4809 St. Lawrence Avenue,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Madam:

Your letter of May 15, 1942, addressed to the President, concerning the matter of obtaining appropriate recognition for Joe Louis Barrow, has been referred to this office for reply.

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Very truly yours,

J. A. ULIO

Major General,  
The Adjutant General.

By: S. G. Talbott

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY  
REFER TO

STATE OF UTAH  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
SALT LAKE CITY

HERBERT B. MAMM  
GOVERNOR

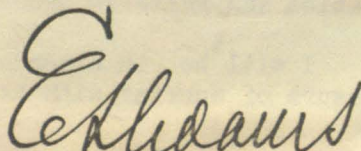
For information of the Adjutant General's Office, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th inst. regarding a recommendation he was forwarding to this office for Pvt. Barrow to appear for the United States Army and stating that he has the necessary funds to defray all expenses incident thereto, as the cost of transferring an enlisted man for his own convenience must be borne by the soldier.

Dear

An enlisted man desiring transfer should submit his application therefor through military channels as provided by Army Regulations, setting forth his reasons for making the request and stating that he has the necessary funds to defray all expenses incident thereto, as the cost of transferring an enlisted man for his own convenience must be borne by the soldier.

In the event the application is made, it will be given careful consideration by the proper authorities. However, no assurance can be given at this time that the transfer, when requested, will be approved since the exigencies of the service may not permit such action.

Very truly yours,



Major General,  
The Adjutant General.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY  
REFER TO

For Green copy.

Major Easton, Personnel Section, SOS, called me Friday, May 22nd, regarding a recommendation he was forwarding to this office for Pvt. Barrow to appear for the United War Relief Fund benefit on June 14. Since this recommendation had not been received, I ~~contacted~~<sup>called</sup> his office, and he said that the Secretary of War's office had OK'd Pvt. Barrows appearance in Massachusetts. F. T. Lewis - 408

1942

An enclosed copy of the report of the Adjutant General's Office is being furnished to the Personnel Section, SOS, for their information. It is requested that you advise this office of any further action taken on this matter.

Very truly yours,

*[Handwritten Signature]*

Major General  
The Adjutant General



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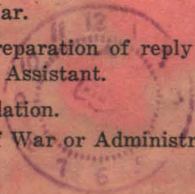
To

- Adj. General.
- Under Sec. of War.
- Asst. Sec. of War.
- Asst. Sec. of War (Air).
- Asst. Chief Clerk.
- C. & R. Div.
- Chief of Staff.
- Chief of Engrs.
- Chief of Ord.
- Surg. General.
- Panama Canal.
- Dir. Personnel.
- Chief, Air Corps.
- Chief of Finance.
- Q. M. General.
- Judge Advocate Gen.
- Public Relations.
- Chief Signal Corps.
- Proc. & Accts. Div.

For—

- ..... Necessary action.
- ..... Direct reply.
- Necessary action and preparation of reply for signature of Secretary of War.
- ..... Necessary action and preparation of reply for signature of Administrative Assistant.
- ..... Remarks and recommendation.
- ..... Memorandum for Sec. of War or Administrative Asst.
- ..... Investigation and report.
- ..... Notation and filing.
- ..... Noted by Sec. of War or Administrative Asst. and returned for filing.
- ..... Previous papers.
- ..... Mark "Personal attention of Administrative Asst."
- ..... Correction.
- ..... Remarks:

MAY 23 1942



COOPER AND OFFICE

By direction of the Secretary of War:

JOHN W. MARTYN,  
Administrative Assistant.

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STATE OF UTAH  
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SALT LAKE CITY

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1942 MAY 23 AM 8:41

May 21, 1942

HERBERT B. MAW  
GOVERNOR

Honorable Henry L. Stimson  
Secretary of War  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Secretary:

The United States Army camps in Utah with men of the armed service quartered near Ogden have scheduled a mammoth boxing program for the night of June 15th in the Ogden Stadium at Ogden, Utah.

The general committee expects to have four former heavyweight champions, namely, Jack Dempsey, Max Baer, Jess Willard, and Jim Jeffries in attendance.

As Governor of the State, I hereby request you to furnish us with Mr. Joe Louis, World's Heavyweight Boxing Champion, to take part on this worthy occasion. The men in uniform and the people of Utah will greatly appreciate his appearance in person and we trust that you can make the necessary arrangements to provide him for us. The general committee, headed by Mr. Al Warden, Sporting Editor for the Ogden Standard Examiner, will gladly take care of his expenses to and from his present location and while in Ogden.

I will be in attendance and hope to have the pleasure of working with him in person.

Sincerely yours,

*Herbert B. Maw*  
Governor

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Barrows, Joe Louis

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ENLISTED DIVISION, A.G.O.

Date

RECORD SECTION

To

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Room No.

The following papers were charged to you on date stated below. Please return this memorandum either (1) with the papers attached or (2) with a notation as to the reason why such papers cannot be returned to files at this time.

CHIEF, ENLISTED DIVISION,

Per .....

Date papers charged out

Description of papers

Reason for nonreturn of papers

Form No. 06-8, A.G.O.

July 16, 1923

Signature .....

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WD 201 Barrow, Joe Louis  
(5-21-42) EA

~~May 27, 1942.~~

MAY 28 1942

*Handwritten initials and scribbles in the top right corner.*

Honorable Herbert B. Maw,  
Governor of Utah,  
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Governor Maw:

I have your letter of May 21, 1942, requesting the personal appearance of Private Joe Louis Barrow, Company L, 1222nd Corps Area Service Unit, Reception Center, Camp Upton, New York, on a program being conducted in Ogden, Utah, June 15, 1942.

In looking into the case, I find that Private Barrow is being transferred to a station where he will receive his basic military training. In view of this fact, I regret that I am unable to grant your request that he appear on the boxing program in Ogden, Utah on June 15th.

Sincerely yours,

HENRY L. STIMSON

Secretary of War.

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MAY 28 1942  
FROM A.G.O.

*Major Walker G-1  
said to deny request  
as soldier was being transferred  
for training 888/405-*

Copy sent to: Secretary of War:

*Miss Spencer consulted Maj. Easton (72433)  
Pers. Div. S.O.S. and directed this  
action.*

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June 19, 1942

AG 201 Barrow, Joe Louis  
(6-19-42) EC

RADIOGRAM OR TELETYPE

COMMANDING GENERAL

SECOND CORPS AREA

GOVERNORS ISLAND NEW YORK

DELAY IN COMPLIANCE WITH TRANSFER ORDERS IS AUTHORIZED IN CASE OF PRIVATE JOE LOUIS BARROW IN ORDER TO CARRY OUT COMMITMENTS FOR HIS APPEARANCE TONIGHT AND SUNDAY NIGHT JUNE TWENTY FIRST STOP UNDERSTOOD NO FURTHER COMMITMENTS AND THAT HE WILL DEPART FOR NEW STATION MONDAY JUNE TWENTY SECOND END SPXEC

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THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

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Copy furn: Commanding General,  
Cavalry Replacement Training Center,  
Fort Riley, Kansas.  
Asst. Chief of Staff, G-1, Att: Gen. Hildring.

Come-back copy returned June 20, 1942, together with copy of this radiogram.

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Section, Enlisted Division  
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FROM	WAR DEPARTMENT
BUREAU	SPKBC
	June 20, 1942.

# TELEGRAM

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AG 201 Barrow, Joe Louis  
(6-20-42) EC

JUN 20 1942

MAJOR GEN J A ULIO THE ADJUTANT GENERAL PRIORITY

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RADIOGRAM OR TELETYPE

IN CONNECTION WITH THIRD CORPS AREA BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS JUNE  
 TWENTY FIFTH TWENTY SIXTH AND TWENTY SEVENTH AT BALTIMORE  
 PORTS WILL PARTICIPATE REQUEST CORPORAL JOE LOUIS BARROW BE  
 PERMITTED TO APPEAR AT FORT GEORGE G MEADE JUNE TWENTY SEVEN

REURAD JUNE TWENTY ATTENTION SPKCA CORPORAL JOE LOUIS BARROW HAS BEEN TRANS-  
 FERRED TO A STATION WHERE HE WILL RECEIVE HIS BASIC MILITARY TRAINING STOP  
 YOUR REQUEST THAT HE APPEAR AT FORT GEORGE G MEADE JUNE TWENTY SEVEN IN  
 CONNECTION WITH THIRD CORPS AREA BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS JUNE TWENTY FIFTH  
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IN CONNECTION WITH THIRD CORPS AREA BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS JUNE  
TWENTY FIFTH TWENTY SIXTH AND TWENTY SEVENTH IN WHICH FIFTEEN  
POSTS WILL PARTICIPATE REQUEST CORPORAL JOE LOUIS BARROW BE  
PERMITTED TO APPEAR AT FORTGEORGE MEADE JUNE TWENTY SEVENTH  
ARRIVING SEVEN PM TO MAKE DISTRIBUTION OF TROPHIES HIS  
EXPENSES WILL BE PAID BY SPECIAL SERVICES OFFICER  
FORTGEORGE MEADE YOUR EARLY ADVICE IS NECESSARY IN ORDER TO  
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July 2, 1942

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Major General James Ulio  
 The Adjutant General  
 War Department  
 Washington, D.C.

Dear General Ulio:

Citizens of Hutchinson, Kansas, and more particularly Mr. James Woodson, President of the Kansas Lincoln Day Club of Hutchinson have conferred with me with respect to their desire to have Corporal Joe Louis Barrow (the World Boxing Champion) as guest of honor at a big victory meeting to be held there on August 3rd. Corporal Barrow has recently been transferred to the Cavalry Replacement Training Center at Fort Riley, Kansas, for training.

Assuming that Corporal Barrow would be under the jurisdiction of the Commanding General at Fort Riley, I made inquiry of him as to whether or not Barrow would be permitted to accept the invitation to visit Hutchinson, he has advised me that since Corporal Barrow will be obliged to perform his ordinary duties at Fort Riley and will not be placed on detached service his services could not be utilized as a nationally prominent figure without direct orders from the War Department. I am therefore writing you in the hope that authority may be granted to Corporal Barrow to attend the meeting at Hutchinson on August 3rd. It will be a most important gathering since it will have to do with the Emancipation Day Celebration under the general direction of the Lincoln Day Club and other important civic groups of the community. This year's celebration will be devoted very largely to the furtherance of the war program. There can be no doubt that the presence of Corporal Barrow would contribute greatly to the success of the undertaking. I shall be very glad therefore if permission might be granted to him to accept the invitation from the Lincoln Day Club of Hutchinson.

Cordially yours,

*Arthur Capper*

Received A.G.O.

JUL 3 - 1942

*11.50 am*



WAR DEPARTMENT  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE  
WASHINGTON

7/3/42

Col. Dwyer  
Em 1068

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Please look  
into this - I  
think there is  
a ban on him  
re this request

*[Signature]*

W. D., A. G. O. Form No. 074





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Col. Joiner.

Sally. What is  
the answer? Please  
prepare answer &  
take nec. action  
Send to me. JGB

J. G. Boykin  
Col. A.G.O.

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Col.



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Col. Dunlop

Hutchinson Kan. x

H Riley are approx. 75 mi  
apart.

Please see the copy of  
letter from W. D. Mc.  
Lomis.

I can't see that giving  
Lomis a pass for one  
day to attend this  
Victory meeting of negroes  
would be utilizing his  
services as a nat. prom.  
figure.

Jones disapproves.

I suggest we approve  
a tent CO. H Riley  
he will be allowed to  
attend if he desires.

J. B.



AG 201 Barrow, Joe Louis  
(7-2-42)

July 7, 1942.

Honorable Arthur Capper,  
United States Senate.

Dear Senator Capper:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of July 2, 1942, with reference to Corporal Joe Louis Barrow being allowed to attend the victory meeting held at Hutchinson, Kansas, on August 3. The question has been given careful consideration by the War Department, and it is regretted that this authority cannot be granted.

Corporal Barrow was transferred to Fort Riley, Kansas, for the express purpose of undergoing a course of training in the Cavalry Replacement Training Center, which upon successful completion should make a soldier of him and qualify him for promotion. Thereafter the War Department has plans for important work for him throughout the Army. The War Department has decided that during this period he will perform the ordinary duties required of his assignment and will not be placed on detached service nor his services utilized as a nationally prominent figure; this decision was necessitated because of the numerous requests for his services.

In view of your interest, it is regretted that a favorable reply is not possible.

Sincerely yours,

J. A. ULIO,  
Major General,  
The Adjutant General.

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AG 201 Barrow, Joe Louis  
(7-2-42)

July 8, 1942.

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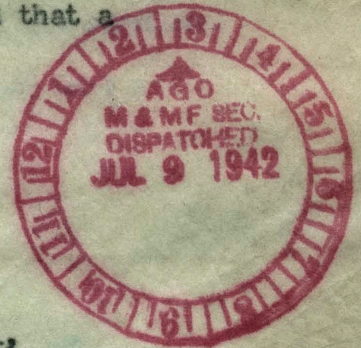
Corporal Barrow was transferred to Fort Riley, Kansas, for the express purpose of undergoing a course of training in the Cavalry Replacement Training Center, with a view to enabling him to qualify for promotion. Because of the many requests for Corporal Barrow's participation in various ceremonies, the Department found it necessary to issue instructions that during this period he will perform the ordinary duties of his assignment and that he will not be placed on detached service nor his services utilized as a nationally prominent figure. Thereafter the War Department has plans for important work for him throughout the Army.

In view of your interest, it is regretted that a favorable reply is not possible.

Very respectfully,

The above reply is in accordance with verbal decision of G-1 (Col. White).

*J. A. ULIO*  
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Major General,  
The Adjutant General.



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