

AG 201 Barrow, Joe Louis  
(24 Jan 44) PE-A

28 January

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Sergeant Joe Louis Barrow

Enl. Br., EM Section, A. G. O., Captain Brock, Munitions, 2211, 79098

Director, Bureau of Public Relations, 2 C-888, Pentagon, Major J. S. Ruby

For appropriate action.

Per telephone conversation between Lt. Cahill and Captain Brock.

For The Adjutant General:

Adjutant General.

Pink disposition slip sent with case.  
(items checked Adj. Gen- necessary action).

Telegram fr: Executive Sec'y Ohio Negro Chamber of Commerce.

4th War Loan drive started here please let Sgt Joe Louis  
Participate. Feb 10th. He is due here on that date for Army Event  
Ans please.



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17 February 1944

Dear General Marshall:

The American people have profound confidence in you but when they read something like the attached they haven't much confidence in your underlings.

Here is quite an amazing spectacle and I haven't seen much of a rumpus about it as yet tho one may be in the offing.

Here is Joe Louis tied in with a percentage deal with the lowest form of legalized "sport" which is wrestling, and with a MANAGER, when we thought his manager was Uncle Sam. Sure the Emergency Relief gets 10% but these five and ten cent promoters are certainly take a swell box office attraction to help their frowsy spectacles.

Why cannot Louis continue in the hundreds of camps and hospitals of the Army and Navy? How about the boys in the foreign theatres who need morale boosting and probably would like to see the champ.

Last night he drew a large crowd in Hartford and while the AEF got some cut - the promoters had their best innings on this low form of sport to date.

In Boston he was taken around by a Lt. Col. who is stationed in his home town since the start of the war. Maybe it is okay. That's something I cannot gauge. But I can raise my voice in protest when I see the Army tied in with the flotsam and jetsam of the wrestling racket when Louis could do much better. Why doesn't your investigating branch really probe into this set up and stop trying the patience of those whose sons are on the other side as per the undersigned.

"DISGUSTED"

Springfield, Mass.  
Jan. 28, 1944

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DIVISION OF REVENUE  
OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY  
FEB 8 - 1944



# JOE LOUIS HERE ON TOUR

(By JACK CONWAY)—Sergt. Joe Louis and Governor Saltonstall chatted for 10 minutes during the visit of the Brown Bomber to the State House yesterday. Louis

is here to referee a title wrestling bout between the Terror and Jack Clayburne at the Arena tonight.

"Have you been doing any boxing?" the Governor asked Louis as the latter sat next to his desk.

"No," replied Joe, "other than in exhibitions. I just made a cross-country tour during which time I visited many Army camps. I am now on a tour as a referee."

## TRAINS ON TOUR

"Do you get much chance to train at boxing?" queried the Governor.

"I do," declared Louis. "Like on my recent tour when I boxed almost every night."

"Do you have a chance to do any running?" asked the Governor.

As a former Harvard oarsman, the Governor knows the importance of road work while preparing for any gruelling sport.

"No, I don't," replied Louis.

The remainder of the conversation was about training methods and Army life.

As the Governor and Louis chatted, a log fire burned. Above the fireplace on the wall was a picture of William Endicott, first governor of Massachusetts.

Lieut.-Col. Walter Brown stood near by. In the room were Lieut.-Col. Sam Smith, aide to the Governor; Lew Diamond, Louis' representative, several Army officers, newspapermen, photographers and State House attaches.

The corridors and rooms outside of the Governor's office were filled with people eager to see Louis. The champion was introduced to many persons and he gave his autograph to many.

Louis seemed in fine condition. He carries some extra weight, but that could be removed with six weeks of intensive training.

"I still would like to fight Billy Conn," said the champion. "Billy, like myself, has been slowed up a bit by Army life, and when we meet everything will be even as far as condition is concerned. I still think we will draw a million dollars."

Louis believes he will have to wait until the war in Europe is over before being given a chance to meet Conn again.

Louis greeted Mayor Tobin at a Shriners' luncheon and then attended a press conference at the Garden Club.

Louis left for Portland last night to referee a mat bout in that city under the direction of Sam Price. He returned to Boston late, and he will then take things easy until he enters the ring at the Arena.

In Baltimore, where Joe refereed, the show sold out. It is expected there will be a big crowd at the Arena tonight to see Louis officiate.

As a result of an agreement made by Louis, the Army Emergency Relief receives 10 per cent of the receipts at all shows where





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BUREAU OF PUBLIC RELATIONS  
WASHINGTON 25

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7 February 1944

Prock, Maritime 2211, 79.95

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

Subject: Letter objecting to appearance of Sergeant Joe Louis Barrow as referee for a series of wrestling matches.

1. At the conclusion of his tour of Army camps, Sergeant Joe Louis Barrow and other military personnel making this tour were granted furloughs. Sergeant Barrow began a fifteen-day furlough 25 January, during which he has appeared in various cities as a referee of wrestling matches. No objection was made to these appearances since they have taken place while he was on furlough. It is believed that the tour was arranged by Mike Jacobs and that Sergeant Barrow receives financial remuneration.

2. Reference statement in newspaper clipping that 10 percent of proceeds of matches at which Sergeant Barrow serves as referee would be turned over to Army Emergency Relief, Office of the Executive Director, Army Emergency Relief has no knowledge of such an arrangement, and has been unable to determine whether any other office of Army Emergency Relief has accepted a contribution because of these appearances.

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*Stanley J. Grogan*  
STANLEY J. GROGAN,  
Colonel, G.S.C.,  
Acting Director.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

7 February 1944

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF

Subject: Letter of Appreciation to members of the  
Army Air Corps for their service in the  
European Theater of Operations.

1. At the conclusion of his tour of duty in the  
European Theater of Operations, the Chief of Staff  
has the honor to express his appreciation to the  
members of the Army Air Corps for their service  
in the European Theater of Operations. The  
members of the Army Air Corps have shown  
the highest degree of efficiency and  
courage in the performance of their  
duties. Their service has been a  
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contribution to the success of  
the Army Air Corps in the  
European Theater of Operations.

Very truly yours,  
George C. Marshall  
Chief of Staff

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FEB 8 1944



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ICE PHONE: CHERRY 5171  
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**GEORGE W. B. CONRAD**  
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR-AT-LAW

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February 1st 1944

612 WEST NINTH STREET  
CINCINNATI, OHIO

Robert H Dunlop Esq  
Brigadier General  
Actg The Adjutant General  
War Department  
Washington D C

Re: Sergeant Joe Louis

Dear Sir:

Harriet Beecher Stowe Jubilee.

Your favor of January 25th in regard to presence of  
Sergeant Louis at the Harriet Beecher Stowe Jubilee, to be held  
at Taft Auditorium January 21st.

We regret that he could not be present on this patriotic  
occasion in celebration of our purchase and preservation of the  
historic home of the author of "Uncle Tom's Cabin". There were  
present, Miss Marian Anderson and Dr Lyman Beecher Stowe, grand-  
son of Mrs Stowe.

I do not think, as you suggest, it should have been  
classed with the ordinary type of ceremonies referred to; William  
Seward, Secretary of State in Lincoln's cabinet, once said; "Had  
Mrs Stowe not written "Uncle Tom's Cabin" there would have been  
no President Lincoln. Mrs Stowe fought relentlessly for the very  
freedoms for which we are now contending and fighting.

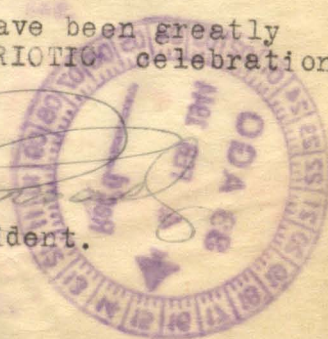
For your information, I learn that Sergeant Louis is to  
appear in Cincinnati night of February 4th as REFEREE in a  
WRESTLING match.

The morale of our soldiery would have been greatly  
enhanced by the presence of Louis at our PATRIOTIC celebration.

Yours very truly,

*George W. B. Conrad*

President.



*Let me know*

*This will  
not  
look  
good  
for  
you*

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A 24 201 B owner, Joe Louis  
1 Feb 1944  
(Feb 4) G.E.A.*



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GEORGE W. B. CONRAD  
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR-AT-LAW

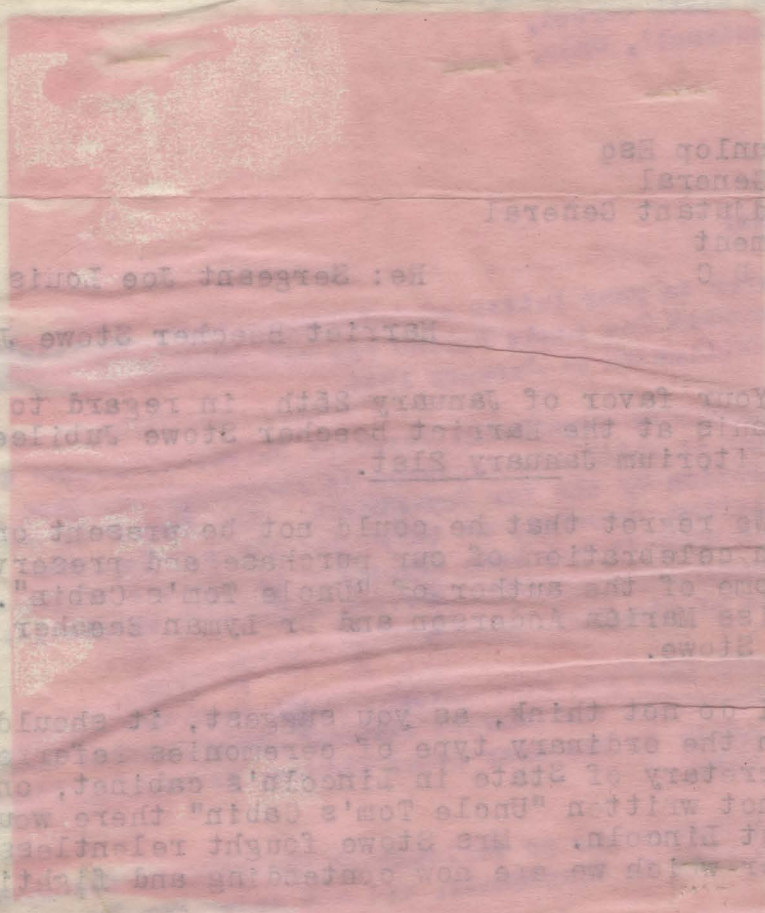
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615 WEST NINTH STREET  
CINCINNATI, OHIO

February 1st 1944

FORMERLY ASSISTANT IN BUREAU OF CLAIMS  
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PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD SYSTEM  
EMPLOYED ON THE HILL ST. HOUSE

288001



Robert H. Daniel Esq.  
Brigadier General  
Adj. The Adjutant General  
War Department  
Washington, D. C.

Mr: Sergeant Joe Louis

Dear Sir:

Your favor of January 28th in regard to presence of  
Sergeant Louis at the Lariat Booster Show, to be held  
at the Auditorium January 31st.

We regret that he could not be present on this patriotic  
occasion in celebration of our purchase and preservation of the  
historic home of the author of "Uncle Tom's Cabin". There were  
present, Mrs. Maria Johnson and a young son, George, grand-  
son of the Stows.

I do not think, as you suggest, it should have been  
classified with the ordinary type of ceremonies referred to; William  
Howard, Secretary of State in Lincoln's cabinet, once said; "Had  
Mrs. Stow not written "Uncle Tom's Cabin" there would have been  
no President Lincoln. Mrs. Stow fought relentlessly for the very  
freedoms for which we are now contending and fighting.

For your information, I learn that Sergeant Louis is to  
appear in Cincinnati at the Lariat Booster Show on FEBRUARY 4th as REFEREE in a  
WRESTLING match.

The morale of our soldiers would have been  
enhanced by the presence of Louis at our PATRIOTIC  
show.

Yours very truly,



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WAR DEPARTMENT  
A.G.O.



2 February 1944.

Director, Bureau of Public Relations, 2C-888, Pentagon,

Major J. S. Ruby

Mr. H. B. Brady,

Secretary of War,

23 January 1944

Sergeant Joe Louis Barrow

PE-A/EME/JG-2229

Enl. Br., E.M. Sec., A.G.O., Captain Brock, Munitions, 2211, 79098.

Forwarded in connection with case sent your office 28 January 1944, file:  
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For The Adjutant General:

Adjutant General.

2 Incls.

Newspaper clipping.  
Defense Stamp Album.





James A. Ulio  
Major General  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

2/4/44

MEMO

General Witzell -  
Rm. 2020, Mun. Bldg.

What is this all  
about?



James A. Ulio  
Major General  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

MEMO



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TO: \_\_\_\_\_ CHIEF, ADMINISTRATION BRANCH;  
\_\_\_\_\_ CHIEF, WAR INTELLIGENCE DIV: <sup>290</sup>  
\_\_\_\_\_ CHIEF, INDUSTRIAL SERVICES DIV:  
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\_\_\_\_\_ ASSISTANT TO DIRECTOR FOR A.S.F.  
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*Cal Beach*

*Memo for Dir's ag -  
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(1 Feb 44) PE-A

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6 February 1944.

George W. B. Conrad, Attorney,  
612 West Ninth Street,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Conrad:

I refer to your letter of 1 February 1944, expressing your regret that Sergeant Joe Louis Barrow was not present at the Harriet Beecher Stowe Jubilee on 21 January 1944.

The matter of permitting Sergeant Barrow to attend the many patriotic affairs at which his presence is requested has been given careful consideration by the War Department. The number of requests for his participation, however, at these and other noteworthy ceremonies has been so great that it has been necessary to adopt a policy of denying all such requests so that his services would not be diverted from the normal duties of his Army assignment.

I am sure that you will agree that to have permitted Sergeant Barrow to attend the Harriet Beecher Stowe Jubilee would have been manifestly unfair to the many other persons requesting his presence at ceremonies of note.

Sergeant Barrow was on furlough at the time of his appearance on 4 February 1944 in Cincinnati, and not under War Department orders.

I trust the above satisfactorily explains the matter.

Sincerely yours,

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

*[Handwritten signature]*

Enl. Br.

*[Handwritten signature]*

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Capt. Mercer - 78089 states that Sgt. Barrow was on duty status 21 Jan 44 and on furlough commencing on or about 24 Jan 44 for a period of 15 days.

FILE ---- PSW ---- 2229  
8 February 1944.



# Deed for Stowe Memorial



Judge Stanley Struble of the Common Pleas Court (right) is seen handing to Attorney George W. B. Conrad the deed to the Harriet Beecher Stowe Home, Gilbert Avenue and Foraker Street, Walnut Hills. Judge Struble represented the owner of the famed landmark, Miss Mary E. Monfort, 2570 Madison Road, and Conrad is president of the Harriet Beecher Stowe Home Memorial Association, which plans to establish there a national shrine and museum to house relics, books, pictures and other articles pertaining to the lives of Mrs. Stowe and Abraham Lincoln in connection with the emancipation of Negroes from slavery. As Conrad received the deed, he handed to Judge Struble a check for \$8,500, the purchase price agreed on. This money was raised by the association through a campaign for voluntary contributions. This campaign is to be continued to secure the additional funds needed to rehabilitate and enlarge the home for museum purposes and landscape the grounds.



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Rev. Wm. Stokes

HOURS: DAILY 12 A. M. TO 2  
SUNDAY 6 TO 10

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REV. WILLIAM STOKES  
2018 FULTON STREET  
BROOKLYN, N. Y. 33

Adjutant General Office  
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

I would be very grateful if  
it is possible for you to permit  
me to correspond with Sgt. Joe Lewis  
through mail; and I would like  
very much for you to please give me  
the address in which I may write to.  
I am a Rear William Stokes, and would  
like to correspond with him.

Respectfully yours  
Rear William Stokes

Furnish  
proof



*1st copy*



MAY 11 1944







WAR DEPARTMENT  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY  
REFER TO

PE-I

MG-VE

9 June 1944

The Reverend William Stokes,  
2018 Fulton Street,  
Brooklyn, 33, New York.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of recent date, request-  
ing information concerning **Joe Lewis.**

The records of this office show **Staff Sergeant Joe Louis Barrow,**  
#32,193,789, Casual Detachment, APO 887, c/o Postmaster, New York, New  
York.

Very truly yours,

*Miller*  
Major General,  
The Adjutant General.

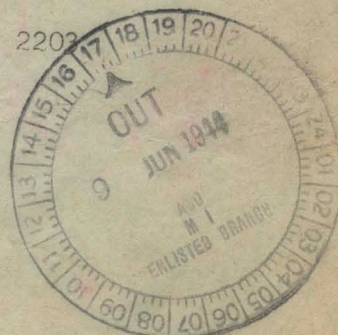
Enlisted Branch

Officer's Initials & Date

No Record in Casualty Files

Date 9 June 44 Initials SM  
Com. Br. pt ✓ Sec Rpt

Ret. Rm. 2202



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329 Quinpool Rd.  
Halifax, A.S.  
Vancouver, B.C.

2 May 1944

Dear Col. Graling:

The enclosed letter is self explanatory. I have been given your name by Lt. Col George Kinnear as that of best procedure is to send the letter to you for any action that you may see fit to take.

I need hardly say that should the enclosed request be complied with it would be very deeply appreciated by the officers and men of my husband's ship and feel sure would increase their morale in delivery to our mutual enemies a thoroughly good "Joe Lewis Punch".

I am, sir,

Yours V. Sincerely,

R.E.S. Bidwell.

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329 Quinpool Rd.  
Halifax, A.S.  
Vancouver, B.C.

2 May 1944.

Dear Sir:

My husband, Capt. R.E.S. Bidwell, R.C.N. has just commissioned a new Aircraft Carrier which is American built, manned by the R.C.N. and owned by the R.N. Her name is the H.M.S. Puncher.

I have been wracking my brains to think of a suitable mascot for the ship and it occurred to me that a boxing glove signed by a famous boxer would be most appropriate so I am writing to you to ask if you would honor the ship by providing her with a mascot and if it is not asking too much, a signed photograph to put with it.

It seems to me that the ship's ancestry (part American, part Canadian, part English) her name "Puncher" make this the most appropriate mascot she could possibly have and I need hardly say how very thrilled the Ships Company would be. I can only hope the ship will emulate your many great successes and become a "Champion Puncher"

You must have many requests of all kinds and trust this is not asking for much of you and in case this request can be granted I am enclosing a cheque for £2 on an English bank to defray the cost of the boxing glove and would ask you to send the things to my husband.

Capt. R.E.S. Bidwell, R.C.N.  
H.M.S. Puncher,  
c/o G.P.O.  
London, England.

To Sergt. Joe Lewis.

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EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
Office of the Military Attache and Military Air Attache  
Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

No. 5446 FJC:pk

15 May 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, MIS, G-2, War Department, Washington, D. C.  
Attention: Lt. Col. A.G. Schmedeman, Foreign Branch.

Subject: Canadian Request for Boxing Glove Autographed by Sgt.  
Joe Lewis.

1. Forwarded herewith is a communication received in this office from Mrs. R.E.S. Bidwell, wife of Capt. R.E.S. Bidwell, Royal Canadian Navy, which is self explanatory. Mrs. Bidwell asks that a boxing glove autographed by Sgt. Joe Lewis be furnished the H.M.S. Puncher. Draft in the amount of 2£ on Lloyds Bank Limited, Milford-on-Sea, is also inclosed to cover cost of this boxing glove. It will also be noted that a signed photograph of Sgt. Joe Lewis is requested.

2. Request information as to action taken on the attached request in order that we may so advise Mrs. Bidwell.

Francis J. Graling,  
Colonel, G.S.C.  
Military Attache.

2 Incls:

- Incl. 1 - Ltr to Col. Graling dtd 2 May 44
- Incl. 2.- Ltr to Sgt. Joe Lewis dtd 2 May 44  
with draft for 2£

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**ACTION SLIP—Enlisted Branch,**

To: MG tion. RECEIVED 26 May 44 <sup>66</sup>

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WAR MANPOWER COMMISSION

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DELAWARE  
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PENNSYLVANIA

October 17, 1944  
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The Honorable  
Henry L. Stimson  
Secretary of War  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Stimson:

Confirming our telephone conversation of Saturday, October 14, with Mr. Truman Gibson, Civilian Aide to you, we wish to formally request the assistance of your office in making available to us Staff Sergeant Joe Louis for the purpose of visiting specific war plants in Delaware, New Jersey and Pennsylvania to relate to the workers his experiences abroad and to emphasize the necessity for every worker to hold his job now and give his government everything he has until victory is won. This will aid materially our program of helping certain specific plants in this region to reduce absenteeism which hinders production seriously.

We suggest the following tentative schedule for your consideration:

October 23 - Philadelphia and Delaware

Points of visitation in Delaware will be the Eastern Malleable Iron Steel Company, of Wilmington; and the Dravo Corporation Shipyards, of Wilmington.

Present plans call for party to leave the Regional Office of the War Manpower Commission and go directly to Wilmington, Delaware in time to meet workers at the plant during their noon lunch period.

October 24, 25

To be devoted to visits in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Details of the program as to time and place will be submitted as soon as we are advised of the approved dates for Sergeant Joe Louis' appearance in this region.

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WDCSA-20, favor Joe (17 Oct 44)

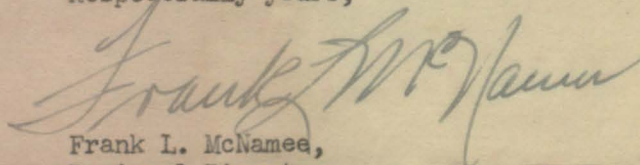


Mr. Stimson

October 17, 1944

The cooperation of your office in aiding in this matter will be appreciated and will contribute tremendously to our project to reduce absenteeism and stimulate morale among war workers, thereby contributing to a high level of production on the home front.

Respectfully yours,



Frank L. McNamee,  
Regional Director



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE, SECRETARY, GENERAL STAFF

DISPOSITION SLIP

Subject of paper: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ *WOOSA 201*  
 \_\_\_\_\_ *Louis, Sgt. Joe*

To	TALLY No.	DATE
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	The Adjutant General	
	Legislative and Liaison Division	
	C. G. Ground Forces	
	C. G. Air Forces	
	C. G. Services of Supply	
	Bureau of Public Relations	
	Coordination & Record Section	

For—

..... Information.	..... Prep. of reply.
..... Necessary action.	..... Signature.
..... Preparation of study.	..... Direct reply.
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By direction of D. C. of S.:  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ *GORDON F. BELL*  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ *Captain, General Staff Corps*  
 \_\_\_\_\_ *Assistant Secretary, General Staff*

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..... Asst. Sec. of War (Air)	..... Panama Canal
..... Adjutant General	..... Personnel, Director of
..... Army Air Forces	..... Provost Marshal General
..... Army Service Forces	..... Public Relations
..... Asst. Admin. Asst.	..... Q. M. General
..... C. & R. Div.	..... Signal Corps.
..... Engineers, Chief of	..... Staff, Chief of
..... Fiscal Director	..... Surgeon General

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:

By direction of the Secretary of War:

JOHN W. MARTYN,  
*Administrative Assistant.*

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STATE OFFICE

WAR MANPOWER COMMISSION

DiSabatino Building  
200 West Ninth Street  
Wilmington 99, Delaware

October 25, 1944

RECEIVED  
WAR DEPARTMENT  
SECRETARY'S OFFICE

1944 OCT 25 PM 12:06

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

Sir:

May I not use this means to convey thanks and appreciation for the cooperation of the War Department in making possible the visit of Sgt. Joe Louis of the U. S. Army Special Service Division to our "must" war plants in Wilmington, Delaware on October 24.

Sgt. Louis' talks to the workers of these plants on the elimination of absenteeism were timely and it is hoped that the effect will be most helpful.

Respectfully yours,

*Benjamin Ableman*  
Benjamin Ableman  
State Manpower Director

BA:nh

*WOSA 201 Lower, Sgt. Louis*



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477th BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)  
SPECIAL SERVICE OFFICE

Godman Field, Kentucky  
19 November 1944

Dear Sir :

Would like very much to have S/Sgt. Joe Louis visit the 477th Bombardment Group (M) stationed at Godman Field, Fort Knox, Kentucky, on his present tour.

This is the only Negro Bombardment Group, and a visit from S/Sgt. Louis will mean much for the morale of the men of the group.

It will be possible to have him flown to the field by us.

Any consideration or information you can give us will be greatly appreciated.

JOSEPH G. ECHOLS  
1st Lieutenant Air Corps  
Gp Spec Serv Officer

HQ AAF  
7 SEP 1943  
AAF MAIL SECTION



JOE LOUIS

SPSPP 201,  
(10 Nov 44)

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HEADQUARTERS ARMY SERVICE FORCES, 1034 Connecticut Avenue N. W. Washington,  
D. C. 21 November 1944

To: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington, D. C.

1. Request contained in basic communication is not favorably considered.
2. Subject enlisted man is not at present on a boxing exhibition tour nor is a tour contemplated.

For the Commanding General, Army Service Forces:

RANKIN R. BOONE  
 Lieutenant Colonel, Infantry  
 Chief, Personnel and Administration,  
 Special Services Division

2d Ind AFFHP-2-KRS/aj

Hq Army Air Forces, Washington 25, D. C. 27 November 1944

To: Commanding Officer, Godman Field, Kentucky

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1771 N Street N.W.,  
Washington, D.C.

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12th January, 1945.

Foreign Liaison Officer,  
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W.D G.2 ,  
Room 2B 715, Pentagon Building,  
Washington, D.C.

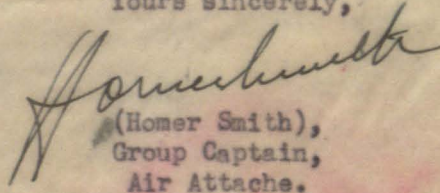
Attention: Captain Bittenbender

Dear Sir:

The Commanding Officer of No. 2  
Service Flying Training School, Royal Canadian Air  
Force, Uplands, Ontario, is arranging an Inter-  
Service boxing and wrestling match at his station  
on January 23rd and would very much like to have  
Joe Louis participate either with a sparring partner  
or as referee.

As Joe Louis is now in the U.S.  
Army it would be appreciated if enquiries were made  
to ascertain if he could be made available to go to  
Uplands, which is just outside of Ottawa, Ontario,  
for this event. Rail and hotel expenses, of course,  
would be paid.

Yours sincerely,

  
(Homer Smith),  
Group Captain,  
Air Attache.

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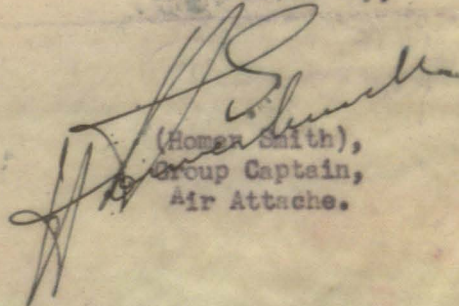
Dear Sir:

Our Air Officer Commanding, No. 2 Training Command, Winnipeg, Manitoba, has asked if it would be possible to procure the services of a well-known American boxer to act as referee at an Inter-Service boxing match which is being held in Winnipeg on January 26th, 1945.

Some members of the United States Army Air Forces are coming to Winnipeg from the North West Command to participate in the match and it is anticipated that there will be a large attendance.

It would be very much appreciated if Max Baer, who we understand is now in the U.S. Army, or Arthur Donovan, if he is in the Army, could be made available to go to Winnipeg to act as referee at this event. Rail and hotel expenses of course would be paid.

Yours sincerely,



(Homer Smith),  
Group Captain,  
Air Attache.

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WAR DEPARTMENT GENERAL STAFF

CLASSIFICATION (if any)

# DISPOSITION FORM

FILE NO.

WDGAP/353.8

SUBJECT

Inter-service Boxing Matches in Canada.

TO CG, ASF (Att: Director,  
Special Services  
Division)

FROM G-1

DATE 18 Jan 45 COMMENT NO.1  
Col. Guenther/jt/71505 *gt*

The Personnel Division interposes no objection provided the services of the personnel concerned can be made available.

FOR THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, G-1:

*gt* Incls  
TS fr TAG to G-1,  
17 Jan 45, w/incls

*G. B. Walker, Jr.*  
G. B. WALKER, JR.  
Lt. Col., G. S. C.  
Assistant Executive



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ADJUTANT GENERAL

1. Staff Sergeant Joseph J. ...  
... Army service from ...  
... on temporary duty at ...  
... from ...  
... to ...  
... to ...  
... to ...  
... to ...

2. Sergeant Patton ...

3. Travel by rail from ...

4. In accordance with paragraph ...  
... will pay Sergeant Patton ...  
... of the sum of \$1.00 ...  
... in lieu of ration ...  
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February 28, 1945

Adjutant General  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir;

I am writing you in regard to Sgt. Joe Louis. Which we are attempting to hold here in the city of Memphis, a Southern Original Council or Colored Police Officers, and Detectives, such meeting is to be held around the month of July in 1945.

We are very much in the need of Sgt. Joe Louis as to drawing a crowd for such meeting. I also wish to state that our intentions are, turning all receipts of any that might be made in the meeting, to the army relief or the Red Cross. We will hold this as a none profit meeting. Will you please advise me if I will be able to get your permission for the officer stated above, for schedule to appear here in Memphis, in the month of July?

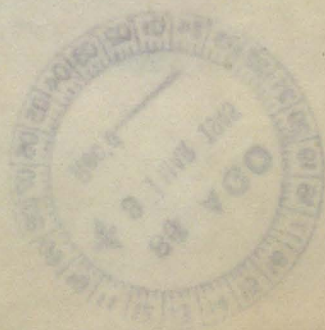
As yet I cannot give a final date. This is due to my thrashing of such date for us of addition here in my city. Please advise me of this soon.

I remain,

Respectfully yours,

*Will W. Gray*  
Will W. Gray

WWG:c



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Adjutant General

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am writing you in regard to the Joe Louis. Which we are attempting to hold here in the city of Memphis, a Southern Organized Council of Colored Police Officers, and detectives, such meeting is to be held around the month of July 1945. We are very busy in the month of July. Joe Louis is drawing a crowd for such meeting. I also wish to advise you that the meeting is being held at the army rifle range. We will hold this as a special meeting. Will you please advise me if I will be able to get a commission for the office stated above, for schedule to appear here in Memphis, in the month of July?

As you I cannot give a final date. This is due to my changing of such date for us. of addition here in my city. Please advise me of this soon.

I remain,

*Stella M. Huff*



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