

AGPE-A 201 Barrow, Joe Louis
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13 March 1945.

Mr. Will W. Gray
Graystone Detective Investigation Bureau, Inc.
145 Beale Avenue
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Gray:

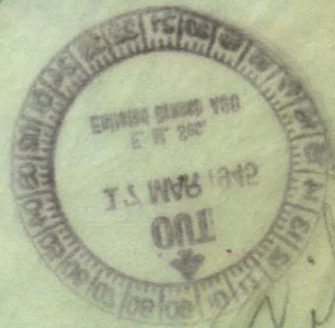
I refer to your letter of 28 February 1945 in which you requested the presence of Sergeant Joe Louis Barrow (Joe Louis) for a meeting of Colored Police Officers and Detectives to be held in Memphis, Tennessee during the month of July 1945.

Due to his national prominence, there have been many requests for Sergeant Barrow's participation in various types of ceremonies in numerous sections of the country. To have acceded to all these requests would have entailed so many absences from his organization that the War Department has found it desirable to direct that all such requests be denied in order that his services be not diverted from the normal duties of his Army assignment.

It is regretted my reply cannot be favorable.

Sincerely yours,

ROBERT H. DUNLOP
Brigadier General
Acting The Adjutant General
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Congress of the United States
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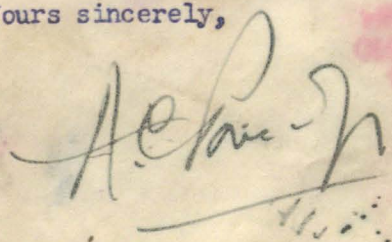
Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt,
President of the United States,
The White House,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. President:

I am taking this means to request that the rank of World Champion Joe Louis be raised above that of Sergeant to that of a Commissioned Officer of the Army. May I bring to your attention the fact that former Champions Gene Tunney and Jack Dempsey have been given the rank of Commander in the U.S.Navy.

Sgt. Louis is representative of the best ideals of Americanism and supported by millions of Americans, for this reason, Mr. President I urge your favorable consideration.

Yours sincerely,



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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 9, 1945

Respectfully referred to the
Secretary of War for attention and
appropriate acknowledgment to Con-
gressman Powell.

William D. Hassett
WILLIAM D. HASSETT
Secretary to the President

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Honorable Adam Clayton Powell
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Powell:

Your letter of March 6th to the President suggesting the direct appointment of Sergeant Joe Louis Barrow to commissioned grade has come to my attention for reply.

As you may know, in October 1943, I issued instructions which discontinued all direct appointments in the Army except to rare categories of individuals such as pilots, doctors, chaplains and dentists. It has been our consistent policy since these instructions were issued to commission direct only those individuals who possess skills urgently needed in a commissioned capacity which cannot be obtained within the present officers corps. We are now relying almost exclusively upon our officer candidate schools to meet our officer needs.

The giving of a direct commission to Sergeant Barrow would, therefore, be in direct contravention to my instructions and practice in these matters. I am sure you desire such special consideration for individuals in the service as little as does the Army itself, for such a proceeding can serve only to shake the confidence of our soldiers in the integrity of our procedures.

I cannot, of course, consent on the policies and procedures of the Navy Department. I will say, however, that early in the war when the strength of our officers corps was limited, the Army also commissioned a considerable number of outstanding athletes. This practice was discontinued when our needs for officers with such experience had been filled.

In view of your interest I am sorry to be unable to reply more favorably.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary of War



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By direction of the Secretary of War:
JOHN W. MARTYN,
Administrative Assistant.

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June 20, 1945

The Honorable Henry L. Stimpson
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My dear Mr. Stimpson:

The American Negro Music Festival will be presented for the 6th consecutive year in 1945. This annual inter-racial cultural demonstration which had its beginning in Chicago in 1940 now includes St. Louis and Detroit in its itinerary.

This year's presentation which will be given in Chicago, July 20; St. Louis, July 23 and Detroit, July 26, will hold a Memorial Tribute for the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the development of better racial relations.

In order to give this program the dignity required to honor our late Commander-in-Chief, we are requesting the War Department to send outstanding officers and heroes to participate in our program. We would deeply appreciate the participation of Sgt. Joe Louis.

Any cooperation that you might give us in making for the success of this morale-building patriotic project will be much appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

AMERICAN NEGRO MUSIC FESTIVAL, INC.

W. Louis Davis
President-Director

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June 30, 1945

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Washington, D. C.

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The American Negro Music Festival will be presented for the 6th consecutive year in 1945. This annual inter-racial cultural demonstration which had its beginning in Chicago in 1940 now includes St. Louis and Detroit in its itinerary.

This year's presentation which will be given in Chicago, July 30; St. Louis, July 28 and Detroit, July 27, will have a special feature for the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the development of better racial relations.

In order to give this program the dignity and honor our late Commander-in-Chief, we are requesting the War Department to send outstanding officers and bands to participate in our program. We would deeply appreciate the participation of Sgt. Joe Louis.

Any cooperation that you might give us in giving for the success of this noble-building patriotic project will be much appreciated.

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Mr. W. Louis Davis
President-Director, American Negro Music Festival
Suite 311, Arcade Building, 3456 South State Street
Chicago 16, Illinois

Dear Mr. Davis:

The Secretary of War has requested that I reply to your letter of 20 June 1945, with inclosures, concerning your request for the presence of Sergeant Joe Louis Barrow (Joe Louis) for participation in the 6th Annual American Negro Music Festival to be held in Chicago, Illinois, 20 July 1945, St. Louis, Missouri, 23 July 1945 and Detroit, Michigan, 26 July 1945.

Due to his national prominence, there have been many requests for Sergeant Barrow's participation in various types of ceremonies in numerous sections of the country. To have acceded to all these requests would have entailed so many absences from his organization that the War Department has found it desirable to direct that all such requests be denied in order that his services be not diverted from the normal duties of his Army assignment.

In view of your personal interest in this case, I regret that my reply cannot be favorable.

Sincerely yours,

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J. A. ULIO
Major General
The Adjutant General
By: *[Signature]*

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The Honorable Henry L. Stimpson
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FOR

CONTINUED SUCCESS

Mr. W. Louis Davis, President-Director,
American Negro Music Festival, Inc.,
3456 South State Street,
Chicago 16, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Davis:

It was a real pleasure to receive your recent letter announcing that the American Negro Music Festival will again be held in Chicago next summer for the sixth consecutive year.

I know that this information will be received as good news by all the people in Chicago, who have come to look upon this annual event as one of the outstanding musical occasions of the year.

The American Negro's contribution to the cultural life of our country have been rich indeed, attracting, deservedly, world wide recognition as an integral part of our national musical tradition. Beyond this, it is universally recognized that such a festival immeasurably advances the cause of harmonious race relations and arts, as an effective stimulus generally to home front morale.

With best wishes for success to you and your associates, I am

Sincerely,

Edward J. Kelly
Mayor



City of Detroit

EDWARD J. JEFFRIES, JR.
MAYOR

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

February 20, 1945

Mr. W. Louis Davis, President-Director
American Negro Music Festival, Inc.
Suite 311, Arcade Building
3456 S. State Street
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Davis:

The American Negro Music Festival has received spontaneous acclamation in Detroit. The five annual festivals give promise of success for the Sixth Annual American Negro Music Festival to be held at Briggs Stadium, Detroit, in July, 1945.

Music is our most highly satisfactory and convincing means of communication. Negro music has a variety of expression which makes for universal appeal.

I, therefore, in behalf of the people of our city, welcome the festival to Detroit and anticipate it with great pleasure.

Sincerely yours,

Edward J. Jeffries, Jr.
Mayor

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF SAINT LOUIS
MISSOURI

A. P. KAUFMANN
MAYOR

February 13, 1945

Mr. W. Louis Davis
President-Director, American Negro Music Festival
Suite 311, Arcade Building
3456 South State Street
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Davis:-

The Annual American Negro Music Festival, of which the sixth will be held in Chicago, Saint Louis, and Detroit, is a most commendable contribution to music, as well as an inspiration to a great body of our citizenship by giving them an opportunity for a public display of their great musical talents.

I am happy to endorse the Sixth Annual Festival. Saint Louis is looking forward with a great deal of pleasure to the appearance of the participants here.

Sincerely yours,

A. P. Kaufmann
Mayor.

AMERICA'S OUTSTANDING ANNUAL CULTURAL EVENT



AMERICAN NEGRO MUSIC FESTIVAL



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
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DWIGHT H. GREEN
GOVERNOR

February 20, 1945

Mr. W. Louis Davis,
President-Director,
American Negro Music Festival, Inc.,
Arcade Building - Suite 311,
3456 South State Street,
Chicago, 16, Illinois.

My dear Mr. Davis:

Thank you for writing me with regard to the plans now being made for the Sixth Annual American Negro Music Festival. It is good to know that this year's Festival, like that of 1944, is to be presented in St. Louis, Detroit and Chicago.

Because of the stimulus it provides for new talent, for its notable contribution to inter-racial good-will and for its fine interpretation of musical values, this great Festival deserves the most cordial public response.

I am glad of this opportunity to assure you of my continuing friendly interest in this annual musical event, and to extend my best wishes for a highly successful season.

Sincerely yours,

Dwight H. Green
Governor



HARRY F. KELLY
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MICHIGAN
EXECUTIVE OFFICE
LANSING

March 12, 1945

Mr. W. Louis Davis, President-Director
American Negro Music Festival, Inc.
Suite 311, Arcade Building
3456 South State Street
Chicago 16, Illinois

Dear Mr. Davis:

I am pleased to hear that the 6th Annual American Negro Music Festival will be held in Detroit in July of this year. These events are not only mile stones in the development of American culture, but should also serve to cement the bonds of understanding between Americans of all races.

You have my heartiest good wishes for a successful festival.

Sincerely,

Harry F. Kelly
Governor

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 23, 1945

My dear Mr. Davis:

I am glad to know that your organization is now completing plans for the sixth annual American Negro Music Festival. The 1944 programs, witnessed by thousands of American citizens in Chicago, St. Louis and Detroit, contributed much to interracial morale on the home front and -- through shortwave broadcasts -- to the unity of our fighting forces abroad.

Our country has long recognized the generous gifts of the American Negro to our musical tradition. This recognition is increasingly being shared by our Allies. American Negro soldiers have not only carried our arms to all theatres of war; they have also carried with them the musical heritages of our national culture. The concert of one hundred fifty Negro soldiers in the Royal Albert Hall in London and the tour of this group through the towns and cities of England and France have helped to strengthen the bonds which unite us in a common cause.

Today, many of these soldiers, along with tens of thousands of other Americans, stand on the soil of Germany itself. The presentation of the sixth annual American Negro Music Festival this year should do more than accentuate a great tradition. Through increasing our own appreciation of democracy and of each other, your programs should help all Americans to realize that the unity which was so vital for victory is no less vital for peace -- at home as well as abroad.

Very sincerely yours,

Franklin D. Roosevelt

Mr. L. Louis Davis,
President-Director,
American Negro Music Festival,
3456 South State Street,
Chicago 16, Illinois.





PAUL
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Some of the Stars and National Figures Who Have Appeared on the Festival Programs

Roland Hayes, Boston
Paul Robeson, New York
Richard Bonelli, California
Todd Duncan, New York
Anne Brown, New York
The Southernaires, New York
Wings Over Jordan, Cleveland
Eddie South, California
Portia White, Halifax, Nova Scotia
Mme. Lillian Evanti, Washington, D. C.
Muriel Smith, New York
W. C. Handy, New York
Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, Washington, D. C.
Noble Sissle and Orchestra, New York
Una Mae Carlisle, New York
Dorothy Donegan, Chicago
~~Sgt. Joe Louis, Chicago~~
Pat O'Brien, Hollywood
Commander Daniel W. Armstrong, Great Lakes
Eddie (Rochester) Anderson, Hollywood
Don Ameche, Hollywood
Canada Lee, New York
Jack Brickhouse, Chicago
John B. Kennedy, New York
Langston Hughes, New York
Maurice Rocco, California
Mayor Edward J. Kelly, Chicago
Major George Spencer Roberts, War Hero
Captain Charles Hall, War Hero
Great Lakes Choir and Band
Little Johnny, Jr., Philip Morris, New York
La Julia Rhea, Chicago
William Franklin, Chicago
Napoleon Reed, Chicago
Robert Keith McFarren, Chicago
Prof. J. Wesley Jones, Chicago
Dr. Mack Evans, Chicago
Geraldine Overstreet, Chicago



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President Franklin D. Roosevelt
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Governor Dwight H. Green, Illinois
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Chicago Church Federation
Mayor A. P. Kauffmann, St. Louis
Governor Harry F. Kelly, Michigan
Mayor Edward J. Jeffries, Jr., Detroit
The Consuls of The United Nations in
Chicago, St. Louis and Detroit

In 1944, Mayor Edward J. Kelly proclaimed July 3 to 8, "AMERICAN NEGRO MUSIC APPRECIATION WEEK" in Chicago. This unusual honor was bestowed upon the Festival in recognition of its outstanding contribution to interracial goodwill and unity.

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The sale of War Bonds and Stamps has been an important phase of the Festival programs since Pearl Harbor.

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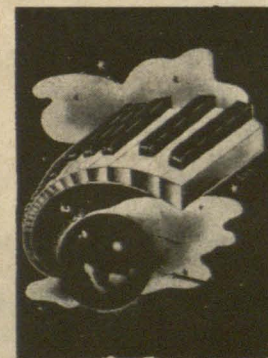
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AMERICA'S OUTSTANDING ANNUAL CULTURAL EVENT

The AMERICAN NEGRO MUSIC FESTIVAL had its beginning in Chicago in 1940. Last year, because of the unequalled success of this Chicago Interracial Goodwill project, the program was presented in Detroit and St. Louis also.

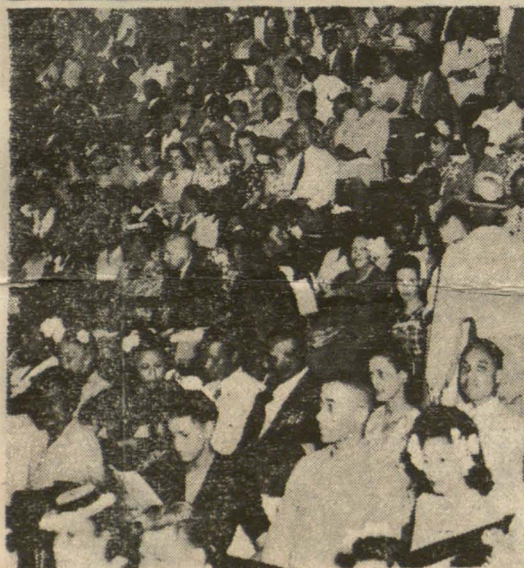
THE AMERICAN NEGRO MUSIC FESTIVAL OBJECTIVES

1. To present on the same concert stage internationally known Concert Artists, Choral Groups, Movie Stars and Musicians at a price within the reach of ALL.
2. To stimulate interracial goodwill and to develop a keener and more human understanding between all racial groups.
3. To develop hidden talent in the hope of discovering another "Paul Robeson," "Marian Anderson," or other cultural successes.
4. To make voluntary financial contributions to war relief agencies and other worthy charities.

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PRESS COMMENTS

There was vast evidence this year of "The transcendent musical genius of the Negro race" to which the Rev. Kirk B. O'Ferral, Dean of St. Paul's Cathedral, paid tribute in a brief address he delivered at the 5th annual American Negro Music Festival. But there was greater evidence and more heartening portent for those who decry the poison passion of race prejudice in the solidarity of great artists, black and white,



W. C. Handy (top), now 70 years old, plays his own "St. Louis Blues." Center row, left: Part of the crowd that attended the festival. (Right, top), Mme. Lillian Evanti, soprano star of Negro opera; (right, below), Portia White, Canadian contralto, hailed as a possible successor to Marian Anderson. Bottom row (left), Richard Bonelli, baritone star of the Metropolitan Opera; (center), part of the 1,000-voice chorus; (right), Don Ameche of Hollywood, who spoke briefly in a plea for an end to race prejudice and a pledge to unity.

who participated in the fine program presented before a huge mixed audience. And for reasons well known to the citizens of Detroit, it is good that such a democracy of musical talent represented by the Festival for the past five years, shed its blessings on this city.

DETROIT NEWS
July 13, 1944
By JOHN FINLAYSON

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The Fifth Annual American Negro Music Festival was undoubtedly the outstanding interracial cultural and patriotic event of the season.

THE CHICAGO DEFENDER
July 14, 1944

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More than 15,000 white and Negro citizens of the greater St. Louis area were given a rare treat when they were permitted to witness the Fifth Annual American Negro Music Festival presented for the first time in St. Louis at Sportsman's Park.

PITTSBURGH COURIER
July 22, 1944

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In addition to its interracial offering, the Festival is staged to foster interracial goodwill and to uncover hidden talent. It climaxes the celebration of "American Negro Music Appreciation Week" proclaimed by Mayor Edward J. Kelly, honoring the Fifth Annual American Negro Music Festival.

CHICAGO TIMES
July 7, 1944



MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD: In Memo dated 10 Sept 45 Mr. McCloy stated, "I strongly recommend that Sgt. Barrow be released from the service as soon as possible". G-1 informed Mr. McCloy that Sgt. Barrow would be eligible for discharge under the new score of 70 effective 1 October 1945 and that he would be discharged on that date. Such action was approved by Mr. McCloy on 16 September 1945.

Action taken as directed.
Copy attached.

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McDowell Memorial Community Presbyterian Church

21st and Columbia Avenue

Philadelphia, Pa.

REV. ARTHUR E RANKIN, PASTOR

Resident: 3105 Haverford Avenue

September 15
1945

Commanding Officer
Special Service Office
War Department
Pentagon Building
Washington, D. C.

Capt *See Policy*

Dear Sir:

Our organization, known as the National Negro Hall of Fame Directors, is giving a Benefit Show and Reception to build a Hall of Fame to house the records and histories of famous Negro athletes. The date of the affair is October 11, 1945.

We have also elected Sergeant Joe Lewis to be the first person to have his name enrolled in this Hall of Fame.

We want to give him a suitable award at this event, and a certificate of merit as an outstanding example of influence and conduct to our youth in America.

We request you grant him permission to be present and receive these awards at this time.

Respectfully yours,

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL NEGRO
HALL OF FAME

Rev. Arthur E. Rankin,
Chairman

Arthur E. Rankin

Percy K. Cherry
Secretary

Percy K. Cherry

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1st and 2nd Floors

Department of Education

REV. ARTHUR E. HARRIS

Room 2122

September 15

1948

Respected Sir:

Special Services Division

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Our organization, known as the National Negro Hall of Fame Directors, is giving a benefit show and reception to build a Hall of Fame to honor the records and histories of famous Negro athletes. The date of the affair is October 11, 1948.

We have also elected Sargent Joe Davis to be the first person to have his name enrolled in this Hall of Fame.

We want to give him a symbolic award at this event, and a certificate of merit as an outstanding example of influence and conduct to our youth in America.

We request you grant him permission to be present and receive these awards at this time.

Respectfully yours,

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL NEGRO HALL OF FAME

Rev. Arthur E. Harris

Chairman

Arthur E. Harris

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FILE No. SPSPP 201 Barrow, Joseph Louis	SUBJECT Joseph Louis Barrow
TO— The Adjutant General Room 4110 Munitions Building	FROM— Special Services DATE 18 Sept 45 COMMENT No. 1 Div, ASF, LaSalle Bldg

1. For appropriate action.
2. Subject enlisted man is not under the assignment jurisdiction of this Division.
3. Official name and ASN: Joseph Louis Barrow, 32193789.
4. Writer of basic communication has been notified of this action.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:



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



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TRANSMITTAL SHEET

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FILE NO. STREET 301

Garrow, Joseph Louis

Joseph Louis Garrow

The Adjutant General

Room 4110

Fortifications Building

FROM: Special Services
Div, ASF, Lassalle Bldg

DATE: 18 Sept 45
COMMITTEE NO. 1

1. For appropriate action.

2. Subject enlisted man is not under the assignment jurisdiction of this Division.

3. Official name and ASN: Joseph Louis Garrow, 32123788.

4. Notice of basic communication has been notified of this action.

FOR THE DIRECTOR

Joseph Louis Garrow

HAROLD R. BOONE
Colonel, Infantry
Chief, Personnel & Administration
Special Services Division

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AGPE-A 201 Barrow, Joe L.
(15 Sep 45)

21 September 1945

The Reverend Arthur E. Rankin
Chairman
The Executive Committee of the National Negro Hall of Fame
McDowell Memorial Community Presbyterian Church
21st and Columbia Avenue
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of 15 September 1945, requesting that Sergeant Joe Lewis Barrow (Joe Louis) be permitted to attend a Benefit Show and Reception in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on 11 October 1945, at which your organization desired to present him with a suitable award and a certificate of merit.

I am pleased to inform you that the Commanding Officer of Sergeant Barrow has been authorized to grant him such furlough as may be necessary in order for him to attend the above mentioned Benefit Show and Reception on 11 October 1945, providing Sergeant Barrow so desires and there are no military objections to the contrary.

Sincerely yours,

EDWARD F. WITSELL
Major General
Acting The Adjutant General
By: *[Signature]*

Wm. H. JOHNSON JR.
Enl. Br. Ext 79098

per instr Lt. Col. Ulmer



*File 4106
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21 Sept 45*



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AGPE-A 201 Barrow, Joe L.
(15 Sep 45)

21 September 1945.

Furlough of Enlisted Man.

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Commanding Officer

Camp Shanks, New York

1. The Executive Committee of the National Negro Hall of Fame, McDowell Memorial Community Presbyterian Church, 21st And Columbia Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, has requested that Sergeant Joe L. Barrow, 32193789, be permitted to attend a Benefit Show and Reception in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on 11 October 1945, which is being given for the purpose of building a Hall of Fame to house the records and hostories of famous Negro athletes, at which time they desire to present him with a suitable award and certificate of merit.

2. You are authorized to grant such furlough as may be necessary in order that Sergeant Barrow may attend the above mentioned event on 11 October 1945, providing he so desires and there are no military objections.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

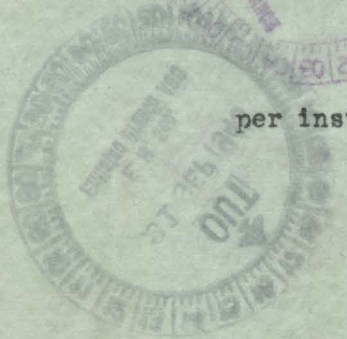
W. H. Johnson Jr.

Adjutant General.

W. H. JOHNSON JR.
Enl. Br. Ext 79098



per instr Lt. Col. Ulmer



*File 4106
mjw
21 Sept 45*

ADPT-4 301 Barrow, Joe L.
(15 Sep 48)

31 September 1948

Furlough of Enlisted Man.

Commanding Officer

Camp Banks, New York

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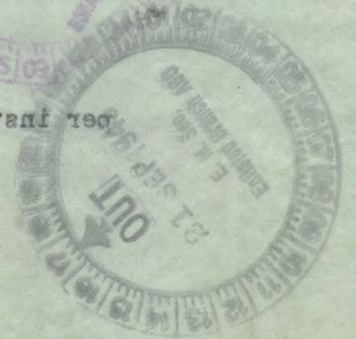
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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

Adjutant General

Wm. H. Johnson Jr.
Maj. Br. Ext 7908

per instr Lt. Col. Uimer



Joesph L. Barrow
555 Edgecombe Ave.
Apt. 8-E
New York, N. Y.



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The President
Washington, D. C.

PLEASE FULLY REFER
FOR CONSIDERATION
AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT
William D. Russell
Secretary to the President

Sir:

An item has come to attention, that focuses particular and general trends of racial discrimination into a moment for a deed of kindness. Such a deed as can help reverberate beyond our scope of vision, as small deeds of true kindness have an inescapable way of doing.

It has been noted that former boxing champions, who have participated in our national defence welfare, have been commissioned as officers, in regard for their work and worth as morale builders. They were men of our race. Mr. Joe Louis served, but he has not been so recognized.

Last night at Madison Square Garden, New York City, thousands witnessed Mr. Louis repeatedly prove himself a most excellent type of gentleman, in his regard for his opponent. Three times they saw that quality particularly expressed.

It is no small thing to be faithful to one's own view of himself as a true gentleman in everyday life; much less in an atmosphere of extreme excitement and activity. Certainly it is no small thing to do, when one is of a race not generally and it seems very rarely admitted, to be capable of the qualities they so often actually express.

Booker T. Washington once said, "The highest test of the civilization of a race is its willingness to extend a helping hand to the less fortunate." A worthwhile recognition to Mr. Joe Louis, especially if made at your suggestion, would encourage millions, who are now struggling for higher views of themselves and with other's erroneous views of them. I have confidence that you are such a man to know that a little kindness is no small thing, when dropped in the heart's deep well, that you will gladly act upon it in this case.

I have the honor to remain, sir,

Yours faithfully,

Harold Gilbert

208-16 34th Avenue
Bayside, Long Island, New York

June 20, 1946.

(13) copy to Gilbert, Harold

(20 pages)





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AGPRA 201 Louis, Joe
(1 Jul 46)

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Oct 45
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Barrow, Joe L.
Apr 10
Barrow

1 July 1946

Mr. Harold Gilbert
208-16 34th Avenue
Bayside, Long Island, New York

Dear Mr. Gilbert:

I refer to your recent letter concerning a commission in the Officers' Reserve Corps for Mr. Joe Louis, a former enlisted man in the Army.

At the present time appointments in the Officers' Reserve Corps are restricted to recent Reserve Officers' Training Corps graduates and certain commissioned officers who are now being relieved from active duty and are physically qualified for military service.

Army regulations governing the Officers' Reserve Corps necessarily will be revised to conform with such statutes as may be enacted to govern the postwar Army. The revised regulations and other information concerning the Officers' Reserve Corps will be given wide publicity throughout the Army and in the press. However, until such time as final determination is made, there is no provision for the consideration of applicants other than as outlined in the preceding paragraph.

Sincerely yours,

EDWARD F. WITSELL
Major General **V. E. Colombicki**
The Adjutant General

[Signature]

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Your 49/15 Sep for Miller Prec and

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Joe Louis Barron 32 193 789 was assigned to Camp Shanks New York on 29 Nov 1944 until discharge 1 Oct 1945

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ARCEN Form 213
1 Apr 57

Replaces ARCEN Form 213, 1 Oct 56,
which may be used.

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BARROW, JOE L

32 193 789

M/R's of Det CMP #2 Cp Shanks NY ~~under Det 135~~
28 Nov 44 to 31 Jan 45 :

2 Dec 44

Above 2 EMI atchd & fd for QRA
eff 29 Nov 44 pp 23 SO 326 ASF
NYPE Cp Shanks NY

13 Dec 44

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BARROW, JOE L 32193789

M/R: 9201 TSU-TC MP Det 23 T NYPE Cp Shank NY
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BARROW, JOE L 32193789

11 Mar 45

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13 Mar 45

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28 Mar 45

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NY approx 10 days



BARROW, JOE L 32193789

2 Apr 45

CORRECTION (30 MAR 45)

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Staten Island NY approx 10 days

SHOULD BE

Revoked par 8 SO86 ASF NYPE Cp
Shanks NY

Dy to temp dy Fox Hills Terminal
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NYPE Cp Shanks NY approx 10 days

9 Apr 45

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eff 7 Apr 45 par 17 SO93 ASF NYPE
Camp Shanks NY

11 Apr 45

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NYPE Camp Shanks NY



Barrow, Joe L.

32 193 89

25 Apr 45

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Great Falls Mont to dy 23 Apr 45

7 May 45

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NYPE Brooklyn NY approx 30 days

15 May 45

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Unit AAB (East Base) Great Falls
Montana per I SO 120 ASF NYPE
Cp Shanks NY

6 Jul 45

NS 1455 AAF Base Unit AAB (East
Base) Great Falls Montana to dy
5 July 45 per I SO 120 ASF
NYPE Cp Shanks NY

12 Jul 45

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Barrow, Joe L

32 195 789

2 Aug 45

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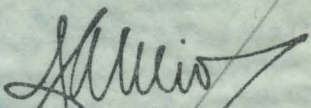
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War Department, A. G. O.

TO: State Director, Selective Service,

Remark and recommendation are requested as to whether or not the discharge of this soldier from active military service by reason of should be effected. This soldier was inducted through Local Board

It is requested that this correspondence be returned to the Commanding


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

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