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NATIONAL NEGRO CONGRESS

National Office  
717 Florida Avenue, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

October 6, 1941

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

Dear Sir:

Press reports quote champion Joe Louis as expressing his full determination to do his bit in the army to beat Hitler.

The National Negro Congress regards this statement by the champion as an important contribution to building national unity in support of the President's program of defense.

May we urge you, therefore, to see to it that Joe Louis has an opportunity to exercise his fine talents in the armed forces of our country in a way commensurate with the position he occupies in the hearts of the Negro people and all the American people.

Joe Louis is a champion whose high type of sportsmanship has won for him the love and respect of the entire American people. More than any other single individual in the history of American sports, Joe Louis represents the highest expression of our country's democratic tradition. Throughout his ring career his great ability as a fighter has been matched by a characteristic modesty and insistence on fair play that has made him the idol of American youth regardless of race, creed or color.

At the end of his bout with Lou Nova, which marked his nineteenth victory in defense of his crown, he voiced the anti-Hitler sentiment of the entire Negro people when he said, "Maybe my next fight will be against Max Schmeling somewhere in no-man's land, and I won't be pulling punches."

In this statement, we believe that the champion voiced the Negro people's full understanding of the menace of Hitler slavery which faces our country today, and their determination to give the fullest support to President Roosevelt's program calling for the military defeat of Hitler fascism.

The National Negro Congress believes that America's armed forces will have in Joe Louis a champion of democracy, whose great influence among white as well as Negro troops, can become a key factor in building National Unity, in giving America the strength to administer a knockout blow to the forces of Hitlerism.

We shall appreciate receiving from you an expression of your sentiment on this matter.

Cordially yours,

/s/ George B. Murphy, Jr.  
Administrative Secretary

GEM:c  
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Rec'd A.G.O.  
10/8/41

WAR DEPARTMENT

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THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

IN REPLY

REFER TO AG 201 Barrow, Joe Louis  
(1-11-42)RE

WASHINGTON

January 24, 1942.

MEMORANDUM for The Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1.

Subject: Appointment in the Army of the  
United States.

1. Attention is invited to the attached letter from  
Walter Green Post, American Legion, Baltimore, Maryland,  
concerning the commissioning of Joe Louis Barrow.

2. In view of the prominence of Louis and the publicity  
surrounding his induction, the request is submitted to your  
office for appropriate action.

3. I recommend favorable action, *upon completion*  
*of training period*

*E. H. Adams*

Major General,  
The Adjutant General.

1 Inclosure:  
Let. of 1-11-42.

REC'D - G-1 JAN 26 1942

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THE WALTER GREEN POST  
NO. FOURTEEN

American Legion

Department of Maryland

1308 McCULLOH ST., BALTIMORE, MD.

OFFICE OF: Post Commander

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January 11, 1942

From: Walter T. Webb, former Captain  
O.R.C. U.S.A.



WAR DEPARTMENT  
SECRETARY'S OFFICE

To: Secretary of War, Washington



Subject: Commission for Joseph Louis  
heavy weight Boxing Champion of the World.

Joe Louis the heavy weight boxing  
Champion of the world will soon be inducted  
into the military service of the United States.  
When this takes place, this post is asking that  
he be given a commission for the following  
reasons:

1. That he has shown a spirit of sportsmanship that can not be excelled.
2. His spirit of patriotism can not be denied
3. He is held in the highest esteem by all races, creeds, and colors for his high morals and unselfish attitude in meeting all comers.

we feel that if he is commissioned and attached to the morale department of the Army and sent to the various camps throughout the country his presence will lift the morale of our men.

Thanking you for your earnest consideration  
Walter T. Webb,  
Post Commander.

55 A G O  
JAN 14 1942  
Received

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JAN 14 1942



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WAR DEPARTMENT  
WAR DEPARTMENT GENERAL STAFF  
PERSONNEL DIVISION G-1  
WASHINGTON

G-1/16455-136

February 5, 1942.

*AG 201  
M/T  
45/m  
R/G*

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL:

Subject: Appointment of Joe Louis Barrow.

The Secretary of War directs that a letter substantially as follows be sent Mr. Walter T. Webb, Post Commander, The Walter Green Post, American Legion, Baltimore, Maryland.

Although recognizing Mr. <sup>Joe Louis</sup> Barrow's outstanding qualities and the high regard in which he is held throughout the country, it is not believed that this justifies his appointment as a commissioned officer without the essential minimum military training. The War Department is convinced that a commission earned in the manner prescribed for all enlisted men of the Army will be of far greater satisfaction to Mr. Barrow, and to his friends, than an appointment presented in the manner you suggest.

As soon as his three months' basic training is completed, Joe Louis may make application to attend an Officer Candidate School. Upon successful graduation from such a school, he will be appointed an officer of the Army of the United States.

The War Department sincerely hopes that Joe Louis Barrow will make application to attend an Officer Candidate School, and obtain a commission in the normal manner.

*J. H. Hilldring*

J. H. HILLDRING,  
Brigadier General,  
Assistant Chief of Staff.

*Barrow, Joe Louis 1-11-42*



*A.G.O.*

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AG 201 Barrow, Joe Louis  
(1-11-42)RE-A

February 7, 1942.

Mr. Walter T. Webb,  
Post Commander,  
The Walter Green Post,  
Baltimore, Maryland.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 11, 1942, requesting that Mr. Joe Louis Barrow be tendered a commission in the Army of the United States upon his induction into Federal Service.

Although recognizing Joe Louis' outstanding qualities and the high regard in which he is held throughout the country, it is not believed that this justifies his appointment as a commissioned officer without the essential minimum military training. The War Department is convinced that a commission earned in the manner prescribed for all enlisted men of the Army will be of far greater satisfaction to Joe Louis and to his friends, than an appointment presented in the manner you suggest.

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Very truly yours,

E. S. ADAMS

Major General,  
The Adjutant General.

By J. H. Lowell

Based on staff directive  
G-1/16455-136, Feb. 5, 1942.

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2-7-42



61 E. 35th St.  
Chicago, Illinois  
January 12, 1942

President Franklin D. Roosevelt,  
Washington, D. C.  
Mr. President:

Just now I finished reading in the Morning Tribune of a fight between the draft boards of New York City and Chicago as to which should induct Joe Louis Barrow into our armed service. A trend of thought concerning Joe Louis, his background, his history, his conduct as champion, his conduct as a citizen, and his conduct in answer to his Country in time of need, enveloped my mind. In proportion to his background and position in life,

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date 2-4-42  
amh



*W. M. McGuire*  
Secretary to the President





considering his virtues of conduct, of modesty, of sincerity, and of patriotism, I honestly believe he compares favorably with Lincoln, Washington, and all other great men of Our Country, including yourself, who I believe history will bear out.

Since Joe Louis Barrow has displayed such patriotism, risking his greatest civilian possession, and standing now ready to risk his life upon whatever battlefield you might choose to send him, do you not believe him, even now, ranking with our greatest heroes?

Such an example as Joe Louis Barrow cannot help but affect the feelings of every patriot of this Country of ours.

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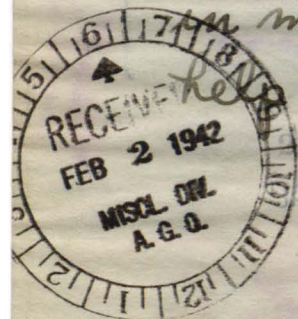


to such displayed patriotism, do you not think it fitting that you, as the President of these United States, should accord some response to such patriotism such as a citation, an acclamation or decoration of some sort? I think how such an act would not only affect the future acts of Joe Louis Barrow but how it would affect the feelings of all the citizens of this country and especially at a time when such intense feeling is needed most.

I therefore, Mr. President, I beseech thee to search your mind for some befitting response to such patriotism as has been displayed by Joe Louis Barrow keeping in mind just how such an act will solidify a unity within our country.

Yours patriotly,

(Mr.) Marion Machen



A.G.O.  
JAN 28 1942  
Received



1942 JAN 22 PM 2:13

WAR DEPARTMENT  
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT



FROM	WAR DEPARTMENT
BUREAU	AGO
MARCH 7 1942	

# TELEGRAM

OFFICIAL BUSINESS—GOVERNMENT RATES

AG 201 Barrow, Joseph Louis  
(2-21-42) EC

TELETYPE OR RADIOGRAM

COMMANDING GENERAL

CAMP LEE VIRGINIA

IN REPLY CITE AGEC COLON REFERENCE YOUR LETTER FEBRUARY TWENTY FIRST  
 REQUESTING REFEREE SERVICES OF PRIVATE JOSEPH LOUIS BARROW AT CAMP  
 LEE DURING WEEK MARCH NINTH COMMA WAR DEPARTMENT HAS NO OBJECTION STOP  
 CONTACT COMMANDING GENERAL SECOND CORPS AREA AS TO TIME AND TRAVEL  
 ARRANGEMENTS

ULIO  
 OFFICIAL: *[Signature]*  
 ADJUTANT GENERAL

Copies furnished:

- Commanding General, Second Corps Area.
- Commanding General, Third Corps Area.
- Colonel John T. Taylor, Asst. Director, Bureau of Public Relations.

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Return to Replacement  
 Section, Enlisted Div.  
*Rm 3825*  
*3-7-42*  
*JB*



(3-22-42)EA

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

RECORD OF COMMUNICATION RECEIVED

*From:* Mr. Frentz Jemine, Morningside Ave., New York City. *Dated:* March 22, 1942.  
*To:* Mr. President. *Rec'd A. G. O.* April 1, 1942.

*Subject:* Promotion:

My Dearly Beloved President,

Kindly accept my fondest love for you, sincerely hoping, this little revelation, will find you, and relatives family, in perfect state of health. Trusting firmly in our one great Spiritude, and material objective;--In God we trust. Also I pray, that our National family,--Congress and the mass of our American family, North and South, may stand by you, holding your hands high. Like unto Jashua who prayed that the sun may stand still, and the sun stood, making it a perfect day for the sons of God, that love, peace, and righteousness. That was a victory. The same will be for us. The sentiament of my heart is to implore thee, besiege thee, that thou in thy good pleasure, with thy good will, as the father of a nation, of all color, races, and creed, grant my request. According to the desire, and constructive inspiration of our colored brothers, in various groups of our young peoples in Harlem, N. Y. C., and other sections, of various states. I am asking thy greatest pleasure in sending words to your comandars, in the various parts of the U. S. Army.--That the colored boys, who are eligible, professionally, or, otherwise, be given a title in what ever position thou seeth fit. This is for the building of the morale of the colored peoples and through-out the world, especially of our land. My duty is to report to you the tentions of good, or bad, present, feelings, of my people in my comlixity:--Our parament ambition, is that you will demand it, of your supporters, that Joe Louis, in his contribution to the Army, by his next fight, will be announced in the ring a little something more than a private. My dear President, that would make the world of peoples, colored and whites, have the greatest night of their lives, because he is beloved by all races.

Obediantly, your servant,



IMMEDIATE ACTION

AG 201 Barrow, Joe L.  
(3-22-42)EA

1st Ind.

jew

War Department, A. G. O., April 18, 1942. To the Commanding General,  
Second Corps Area, Governors Island, New York.

For consideration and direct reply to Mr. Jemine, who has been  
advised of this reference.

By order of the Secretary of War:

~~George F. Commins~~

*gpc*  
Adjutant General.

*Jew*

1 Incl. (copy of letter to Mr. Jemine)

FILE  
(3-22-42)  
jew Room 408

IMMEDIATE ACTION



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AG 201 Barrow, Joe, L.  
(3-22-42)EA

AG 201 Barrow, Joe L.  
(3-22-42)EA

1st Ed.

April 18, 1942.

*Handwritten initials*

Mr. Frenz Jemine,  
98 Morningside Avenue,  
New York, New York.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of recent date addressed to the President and referred to the War Department for consideration and acknowledgment, relative to the promotion of Private Joe L. Barrow, Company L, 1222nd Corps Area Service Unit, Reception Center, Camp Upton, New York.

Since the promotion of this soldier is a matter under the jurisdiction of the local military authorities, I have referred your letter to the Commanding General, Second Corps Area, Governors Island, New York, for consideration and direct reply to you.

Very truly yours,

*Handwritten signature*

J. A. BLIQ

Major General,  
The Adjutant General.

By: *JPC*  
George F. Campbell

*Handwritten initials*

Copy to Commanding General, Second Corps Area,  
Governors Island, New York.

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(4-18-42)  
jew Room 408

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(3-28-42)EA

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

RECORD OF COMMUNICATION RECEIVED

*From:* Miss Marie B. Adderley, 425 W. 154th. St., *Dated:* March 26, 1942.  
New York City.

*To:* Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

*Rec'd A. G. O.* April 1, 1942.

*Subject:* Promotion.

Dear Sir:

Joe Louis has given his all when are you  
going to give him something.

I am



AG 201 Barrow, Joe L.  
(3-28-42)EA

April 18, 1942.

*apc*

Miss Marie B. Adderley,  
425 W. 154th. Street,  
New York, New York.

Dear Madam:

I have your letter of recent date addressed to the President and referred to the War Department for consideration and acknowledgment, relative to the promotion of Private Joe L. Barrow, Company L, 1222nd Corps Area Service Unit, Reception Center, Camp Upton, New York.

Since the promotion of this soldier is a matter under the jurisdiction of the local military authorities, I have referred your letter to the Commanding General, Second Corps Area, Governors Island, New York, for consideration and direct reply to you.

Very truly yours,

*[Handwritten signature]*

**J. A. ULIO**

Major General,  
The Adjutant General.

By: *gpc*  
**George F. Cunningham**

*[Handwritten initials]*

Copy to Commanding General, Second Corps Area,  
Governors Island, New York.

FILE  
(4-18-42)  
jew Room 408

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IMMEDIATE ACTION

AG 201 Barrow, Joe L.  
(3-28-42)EA

1st Ind.

jew

War Department, A. G. O., April 18, 1942. To the Commanding General,  
Second Corps Area, Governors Island, New York.

*Handwritten initials*

For consideration and direct reply to Miss Adderley, who has been  
advised of this reference.

By order of the Secretary of War:

*Large handwritten signature*

George F. Cummings

*Handwritten initials*  
Adjutant General.

1 Incl. (Copy of ltr. to Miss Adderley)

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(4-18-42)  
jew--Room 408

*Handwritten initials*

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A. N. WILLIAMS  
PRESIDENT

NEWCOMB CARLTON  
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

J. C. WILLEVER  
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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SECRETARY OF WAR WASHDC=

PRIVATE JOSEPH LOUIS BARBOW KNOWN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC OF THE UNITED STATES AS JOE LOUIS HEAVYWEIGHT BOXING CHAMPION OF THE WORLD HAS GIVEN IN OUR JUDGMENT TO THE AMERICAN PUBLIC THE MOST PROFOUND INSPIRATION FOR THE DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES FOR WHICH THE REPUBLIC STANDS. ON JANUARY 9 1942 HE RISKED HIS TITLE AND ALL THAT IT STANDS FOR FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE UNITED STATES NAVY RELIEF FUND. HIS AGREEMENT TO GIVE HIS SHARE OF THE PROCEEDS OF THIS FIGHT TO THIS FUND WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN GIVING TO THIS WORTHY ENTERPRISE \$89,092.00 OF WHICH JOE LOUIS CONTRIBUTED MORE THAN \$47,000. THIS CONTRIBUTION CAME AT A TIME WHEN THIS FUND WAS LESS THAN FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND WAS THE LARGEST CONTRIBUTION EVER MADE BY AN INDIVIDUAL TO THE FUND. THE VERY NEXT DAY JOE LOUIS ENLISTED AS A VOLUNTEER IN THE-

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1942 APR 10 AM 9:07

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SECRETARY'S OFFICE

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CONNECTED BY TELEPHONE TO THE UNITED STATES ARMY. IN MAKING HIS CONTRIBUTION TO THE NAVY RELIEF FUND HE ASSISTED AN AGENCY WHICH SERVICES THE DEPENDENTS OF THE UNITED STATES NAVY PERSONNEL KNOWING FULL WELL THAT HE JOE LOUIS A NEGRO COULD NOT JOIN THE UNITED STATES NAVY EXCEPT IN THE CAPACITY OF A MESSMAN. THE PATRIOTIC SPIRIT OF JOE LOUIS IN THIS INSTANCE SHOWS THE HIGHEST TYPE OF PATRIOTISM YET TO BE EXHIBITED ON THE AMERICAN SCENE. ON MARCH 27 1942 PRIVATE JOSEPH LOUIS BARROW A SOLDIER IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY AGAIN RISKED HIS TITLE AND ALL OF ITS EMOLUMENTS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY RELIEF FUND. OUT OF THIS FIGHT THIS ARMY AGENCY RECEIVED \$64,980. WITH PRIVATE BARROW GIVING AGAIN ALL OF HIS SHARE OF THE PROCEEDS. IT IS THE CONSIDERED OPINION OF THE CHICAGO DEFENDER WHICH HAS FOR 37 YEARS=

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27 1942 \$64,980 37.

THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE



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CORRECTLY REFLECTED THE OPINION OF THE AMERICANS WHO ARE CALLED NEGROES THAT THESE TWO PATRIOTIC GESTURES OF JOE LOUIS BARROW SHOULD BE OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZED BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT. WE RESPECTFULLY SUGGEST THAT YOU THE SECRETARY OF WAR TAKE IMMEDIATE STEPS TO GIVE PRIVATE JOSEPH LOUIS BARROW A DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL FOR HIS CONTRIBUTION TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY AND GENERAL CIVILIAN MORALE. THIS REQUEST COMES TO YOU IN THE NAME OF ALL THE CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES AND ESPECIALLY THE THIRTEEN MILLION NEGROES WHO FEEL THAT DEMOCRACY MUST APPLY TO ALL CITIZENS IF THE NATION IS TO HAVE A FULL AND COMPLETE CONFIDENCE IN THE DEMOCRATIC WAY OF LIFE. WE RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT YOU INDICATE IF YOU WILL PROCEED TO MAKE SUCH A RECOMMENDATION FOR A MEDAL FOR PRIVATE JOSEPH LOUIS BARROW TO THE PROPER AUTHORITIES. WE SHALL BE PLEASED TO ADVISE THIRTEEN MILLION AMERICANS WHO ARE CALLED NEGROES OF YOUR ATTITUDE. RESPECTFULLY=

CHICAGO DEFENDER A C MACNEAL MANAGING EDITOR.

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APR 10 1942

Received

THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE



WD 201, Barrow, Joe Louis  
(4-9-42) LG

April 11, 1942

Mr. A. C. MacNeal,  
Managing Editor,  
Chicago Defender,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. MacNeal:

Relative your telegram of April 9th, the law prescribing the conditions under which the award for the Distinguished Service Medal is bestowed does not permit the award of this decoration for the service rendered by Private Joe Louis Barrow.

Like yourself we in the Armed Services are 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 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.

Sincerely yours,

John W. Martyn

JOHN W. MARTIN  
Administrative Assistant.

Copy made for the Administrative Assistant.

*Handwritten:*  
Under file  
4/23/42  
E.W.



WAR DEPARTMENT  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

File No. AG 201 - Barrow,  
Joe Louis

INFORMAL ACTION SHEET

Date 3-10-42

From: Replacement Section - Enlisted Division  
Subject: Appearance of Joe Louis at Defense Rally

<p>To:</p> <input type="checkbox"/> The Adjutant General. <input type="checkbox"/> General Ulio. <input type="checkbox"/> General Carter. <input type="checkbox"/> General Rose. <input type="checkbox"/> Executive Officer. <input type="checkbox"/> Plans and Training Officer. <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative Assistant, A. G. O. <input type="checkbox"/> Officers' Division. <input type="checkbox"/> Reserve Division. <input type="checkbox"/> Enlisted Division. <input type="checkbox"/> -----	<p>To:</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Miscellaneous Division. <input type="checkbox"/> Publication Division. <input type="checkbox"/> C. C. C. Division. <input type="checkbox"/> World War Division. <input type="checkbox"/> Old Records Division. <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative Assistant, W. D. <input type="checkbox"/> Executive Officer, Office of Under Secretary of War. <input type="checkbox"/> Executive Officer, Office of Assistant Secretary of War. <input type="checkbox"/> -----	<p>To:</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Executive Officer, Office of Assistant Secretary of War for Air. <input type="checkbox"/> Chief of the Morale Branch. <input type="checkbox"/> Chief of the Air Corps. <input type="checkbox"/> Chief of Cavalry. <input type="checkbox"/> Chief of Chaplains. <input type="checkbox"/> Chief of the Chemical Warfare Service. <input type="checkbox"/> Chief of Coast Artillery. <input type="checkbox"/> Chief of Engineers. <input type="checkbox"/> Chief of Field Artillery. <input type="checkbox"/> -----	<p>To:</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Chief of Finance. <input type="checkbox"/> Chief of Infantry. <input type="checkbox"/> The Inspector General. <input type="checkbox"/> The Judge Advocate General. <input type="checkbox"/> Chief of the National Guard Bureau. <input type="checkbox"/> Chief of Ordnance. <input type="checkbox"/> The Quartermaster General. <input type="checkbox"/> Chief Signal Officer. <input type="checkbox"/> The Surgeon General. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Chief of Special Services</b> <input type="checkbox"/> -----
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<p>For:</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Approval or disapproval. <input type="checkbox"/> Instructions as to action desired. <input type="checkbox"/> Your information. <input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate action. <input type="checkbox"/> -----	<p>For:</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Remark and recommendation. <input type="checkbox"/> Comment or concurrence. <input type="checkbox"/> Data on which to base reply. <input type="checkbox"/> Preparation of draft of reply. <input type="checkbox"/> -----	<p>For:</p> <input type="checkbox"/> File. <input type="checkbox"/> Issuance of orders. <input type="checkbox"/> Publication. <input type="checkbox"/> Signature. <input type="checkbox"/> -----
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Remarks: **This is the second request received for this soldier's presence, and more requests will probably be received. Attention is invited to 3rd Indorsement AG 201 - Barrow, Joseph L. (2-21-42)EC dated March 7, 1942.**

*4 Incls - letters from Mr Travis*

(Signature or initials)

(Informal reply in this space and on reverse side, turning bottom edge up)

To: -----

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

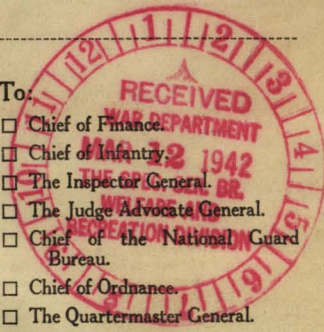
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Remarks: This is the second request received for this soldier's presence, and more requests will probably be received. Attention is invited to 3rd Indorsement AG 201 - Barrow, Joseph L. (2-21-42)EC dated March 7, 1942.  
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*J. R. W.*  
(Signature or initials)

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The Adjutant General

To: MAR 1 March 14, 1942.  
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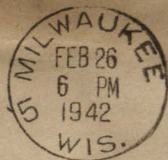
Not a matter pertaining to The Special Services Branch. The activities of Joe Louis Barrow are under the jurisdiction of the Commanding General, Second Corps Area, therefore it is recommended that all future communications of this nature be referred to that headquarters.

For the Chief of The Special Services Branch:

5 Inclosures. **MAR 16 1942**  
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*George R. Capp*  
George R. Capp  
Lt. Col., A. G. O.  
Assistant Executive Officer.

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Mr. Stephen Early  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

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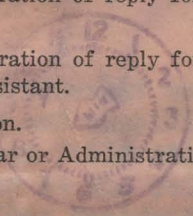
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  - Under Sec. of War. ----- Dir. Personnel.
  - Asst. Sec. of War. ----- Chief, Air Corps.
  - Asst. Sec. of War (Air). ----- Chief of Finance.
  - Asst. Chief Clerk. ----- Q. M. General.
  - C. & R. Div. ----- Judge Advocate Gen.
  - Chief of Staff. ----- Public Relations.
  - Chief of Engrs. ----- Chief Signal Corps.
  - Chief of Ord. ----- Proc. & Accts. Div.
  - Surg. 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.
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- Mark "Personal attention of Administrative Asst."
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- Remarks: -----

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR

By direction of the Secretary of War:

JOHN W. MARTYN,  
Administrative Assistant.

Form No. 2



VETERANS ADMINISTRATION  
WOOD, WIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

February 26, 1942

1942 MAR 9 PM 2:10

Mr. Stephen Early  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Early:

I am writing you at this time to see if it would be possible for you to get Joe Louis a furlough so that he could appear at Milwaukee on Sunday, March 29, 1942, at 3 P. M. I am holding a Joe Louis Day in order to stimulate the sale of Defense Bonds and Stamps.

The citizens of Milwaukee and the rest of Wisconsin would like to have Joe Louis here for the Sunday in March. The National Advancement of Colored People Organization of Chicago said that if we could possibly have Mr. Louis here we could do a tremendous job at selling bonds and stamps. The people in Milwaukee are in the right spirit and I am sure will cooperate.

I understand that Joe Louis is fighting for the Army Fund on March 27th but I thought this could be arranged so as not to interfere with the fight.

I know that a letter from you to Joe Louis would be very influential in getting Joe here to Milwaukee.

I would your doing anything you can for me in this regard. If necessary, kindly take the matter up with the proper sources.

Kindly write me as soon as possible in regard to the above so that I may complete my plans for this Joe Louis Day.

At my Defense Rally on February 22nd I sold \$1250 worth of Bonds and Stamps. Prior to this time the Negroes in Milwaukee had purchased \$3300 worth of the same.

Keep them flying, Mr. Early, and my blessings to all at the White House.

Sincerely,

*Dan Travis*  
DAN TRAVIS

Box 10

In Milwaukee

HOTEL MEDFORD

March 1, 1942.

Mr. Stephen Early  
White House  
Washington, D. C.

My Dear Mr. Early:

I am writing you with further reference to my airmail letter of a few days ago with the possibility of having you secure Joe Louis' appearance for me for a defense rally program for Milwaukee Sunday afternoon, March 29, at 3 p.m.

I would appreciate hearing from you at your earliest convenience regarding this matter so I may complete my plans. If you turned this matter over to some one else I would appreciate your following it up. I can sell a lot of defense bonds with Joe Louis here. I have broken the record already for Wisconsin.

Thanking you for past consideration extended to me with kindly best regards I am,

/s/ Dan Travis

Wood, Wis.

Post Office box 10

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VETRANS ADMINISTRATION

WOOD. WIS.

March 2nd 1942,

DAN TRAVIS  
POST OFFICE BOX 10  
Wood Wis.

Miss Ruthjane Rumelt --

My dear Miss Rumelt:

Your letter of February 26th was received. Regret that Mr. Early is out of the City, but I would appreciate your bringing my letters to his attention with further reference of a possibility of Joe Louis appearing for Defense Rally Program in Milwaukee Sunday Afternoon March 29th at 3:00 P.M.

We are looking forward to between 4000 and 5000 to attend, and we want to drive the sales on the Defense Bonds in this City and the Area of Milwaukee and vicinity to \$100,000. from the 29th of March to the 31st of March, and I am sure that I can do this by having my good friend Joe Louis appear, so I trust that Mr. Early may do his utmost to secure Joe Louis for this appearance.

I would appreciate of Mr. Early contacting Joe Louis immediately at this Training Camp. I have written him a couple of letters air mail regarding this appearance, but as therefore, stated in my previous letter, a letter from Mr. Early would give a better impression and I feel that Joe will accept the invitation. We are praying that you and the War Department will let us have Joe for this good worthy cause. I await your reply with much interest. KEEP THEM FLYING.

Very truly yours,

/s/ DAN TRAVIS

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

LA SALLE HOTEL

1942 MAR 17 PM 1:50

LA SALLE STREET AT MADISON  
TELEPHONE FRANKLIN 0700

CHICAGO

RESPECTFULLY REFERRED  
FOR AGREEMENT AND  
APPROPRIATE ACTION  
W. H. ...  
Secretary to the President

3/3/42

My Dear Mr. Early:  
I would appreciate an  
early reply with a possibility  
of Joe Louis appearing at  
Milwaukee for March 29th  
for a "Defense Rally program"  
and wait your reply with  
much interest.

Sincerely Yours,  
Dan Travis  
Wood, Wis  
Post Office Box #

27 AGO  
MAR 19 1942  
Received



LA SALLE HOTEL

CHICAGO

March 31, 1942

My Dear Mr. President:

I am writing you at this time to see if you could use your influence in assisting me to obtain Joe Louis to appear at Milwaukee on Sunday evening March 29 at 3 P.M. where we are holding a big defense program rally.

Mr. President I am doing fine with these defense program rallies in the Middle West. If I could assure the appearance of Joe Louis March 29 at Milwaukee, I feel I could sell a hundred thousand dollars of Defense Bonds.

Mr. Stephen Early your Secretary has details, awaiting your reply with much interest. With blessing and continued success.

Sincerely yours

/s/ Dan Travis,  
Wood, Wisconsin  
Veterans Administration P.O. Box 10

COPY INCL. #3



Wood, Wisconsin, Box 10  
March 5, 1942

My dear Mr. Early:

I am writing you at this time to inform you that I have been in Chicago ever since Monday, March 2, making plans for the Defense Rally Program and the Joe Lewis' Day for March 29 for Milwaukee.

I am sure that you have received my communication with the possibility of obtaining Joe Lewis to appear in Milwaukee March 29 for this worthy cause.

The National Advancement of Colored People of Chicago as well as many other specific groups sends best regards to you and the President. I have been getting fine cooperation from the Defense Savings Staff office of Chicago since I have been here.

This will also acknowledge with thanks Miss Ruthjane Rumelt's note of February 26 informing me of your absence from Washington.

With best regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Dan Travis

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TD MILWAUKEE WIS MARCH 6 1942

MR STEPHEN EARLY

SECY TO THE PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON DC

ADVISE ME VIA POSTALTELEGRAPH IMMEDIATELY IF JOE LOUIS  
CAN APPEAR MILWAUKEE MARCH 29TH FOR DEFENSE RALLY THUS  
ENABLING ME TO COMPLETE PLANS

DAN TRAVIS VETERANS ADMINISTRATION WOOD  
WIS.

29TH

707A MARCH 7

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THE WHITE HOUSE

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WIS.

29TH

707A March 7

Received  
March 10, 1942  
Enlisted Div.  
A.G.O.



IMMEDIATE ACTION

AG: 201 Barrow, Joe Louis  
(3-6-42) EC

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MEM:LN

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War Department, A. G. O., March 19, 1942. To the Commanding General,  
Second Corps Area.

For appropriate action and direct reply to Mr. Travis, who has  
been informed of this reference.

By order of the Secretary of War:

5 Incls.  
4 Letters  
Copy letter 3-19-42.

**John B. Whelan**  
Adjutant General.

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IMMEDIATE ACTION

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**Return to Replacement  
Section, Enlisted Division**

3825  
L. N.  
3-19-42.



MEN:RLC

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AG 201 Barrow, Joe Louis  
(3-6-42) EC

March 19, 1942.

Mr. Dan Travis,  
Veterans Administration,  
Wood, Wisconsin.

Dear Sir:

Your telegram and letters addressed to the President and Mr. Stephen Early, regarding appearance of Private Joe Louis Barrow at a defense rally to be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, March 29, 1942, have been referred to the War Department for consideration.

Inasmuch as this matter comes under the jurisdiction of the Commanding General, Second Corps Area, Governors Island, New York, your telegram and letters have been transmitted to that officer for appropriate action and direct reply to you.

Very truly yours,

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

By **John R. Wicks**

*[Handwritten signature]*

*file 3/21/42*  
*J. K. Y.*  
Return to Replacement  
Section, Enlisted Division  
3825  
3/19-42  
*[Signature]*



WAR DEPARTMENT  
ASSISTANT  
AG 201 Barrow, Joe Louis  
(3-3-42) EA.

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March 26, 1942.

Mr. Dan Travis,  
Post Office Box 10,  
Wood, Wisconsin.

Dear Sir:

Your letters of recent date, addressed to the President, relative to obtaining a furlough for Private Joe Louis Barrow, 1222nd Reception Center, New York, has been referred to the War Department for acknowledgment and consideration.

If this soldier desires a furlough he should submit application therefor to his immediate commanding officer, who will give the matter careful consideration.

It should be stated that the Commanding General, Second Corps Area, Governors Island, New York, under whose jurisdiction this soldier is serving has full authority to grant a furlough upon receipt of this soldier's application therefor, provided there are no military reasons to the contrary.

Very truly yours,

*Handwritten signature: JW*

**J. A. ULIO**

Major General,  
The Adjutant General.

By: **J. W. Bogg**

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SECRETARY'S OFFICE

1942 APR 27 AM 8:24

24  
5 Cottage Grove  
Chicago, Illinois  
April 21, 1942

To Secretary of War  
Honorable Lee Simpson,

As a true American citizen I stand and ask, "Why hasn't Joe Louis received one of the honorary medals given to men serving and working for the American way of living?" Truly you realize the risk he so unselfishly underwent in defending his title in order that the funds be given to the Navy. Not only is Joe the only Negro that has defended his title for such a patriotic cause, but he's the only man of any race to do so. No one had to urge and write to Joe asking Louis



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to fight and donate the money to the Navy so why should Joe's public have to write to you asking that you present him with an honorary medal? No one had to write or urge you to accept the money. I would have written sooner but I was just waiting to see if you were big enough, democratic enough to give the medal of Honor to a young Negro. Sure there are white boys shooting down two or three or even four Jap planes and receiving medals for it too. It's the first time they've done it just as this is the first time a champion has defended his title and given the funds Navy and Army. I know there are citizens who have donated large sums of money for their country's needs, but that isn't the principal thing to look at. They didn't have



a tithe to defend and they may have made their fortune in an easier way than prize fighting where you have to be hurt physically in order to get money. What about the Negro boys that helped so outstandingly in the Phillipine raid? They haven't received any honorary mention, no medal, have been awarded them. How do you think the millions of Negroes feel when they read in the paper or hear on the radio honorable mention of white boys in service and nothing about their sons who are serving so gallantly in the armed forces? A mother is a mother no matter what race, creed, or color and all their hearts go out to every son serving in the armed forces. This is a country of democracy where everyone is



expect to get equal rights and even  
 I say equal. I mean that you  
 and every American citizens know  
 that Joe Louis deserves a medal  
 as the first champion of our  
 nationality to defend his title for the  
 cause of America. God bless America  
 and may there be life, liberty, and  
 the pursuit of happiness to stand  
 and ring throughout America and  
 all the world after this war, when  
 we pray some of our sons will  
 come back home.

Very truly yours,  
 Dorothy Hudson  
 3254 Cottage Grove Ave  
 Chicago, Illinois

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AG 201 Barrow, Joe Louis  
(4-21-42) LO

May 4, 1942.

Miss Dorothy Hudson,  
3254 Cottage Grove Avenue,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Madam:

Your letter of April 21, 1942, addressed to the Secretary of War, concerning the matter of obtaining appropriate recognition for Joe Louis and other colored soldiers, has been referred to this office for consideration and reply.

Under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved July 9, 1918, the Medal of Honor may be awarded for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity; the Distinguished Service Cross, for extraordinary heroism; the Distinguished Service Medal, for exceptionally meritorious service and the Silver Star, for gallantry in action. In addition there are the Purple Heart which may be awarded for wounds received in action; the Soldier's Medal, for heroism not involving actual conflict with an enemy, and the Distinguished Flying Cross which may be awarded for distinguished heroism or extraordinary achievement while participating in an aerial flight.

Information is of record showing that awards of the Medal of Honor, the Distinguished Service Cross, the Distinguished Service Medal, the Silver Star, the Purple Heart and the Distinguished Flying Cross have already been made to members of our fighting forces. Most of these awards have been made to members of the Regular Army and Filipino Troops who happened to be serving in the Far East. No doubt the colored soldier will give a good account of himself when he participates in active operations against the enemy and awards of decorations will be made in accordance with existing regulations.

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. ULIO**

Major General,  
The Adjutant General.  
By:

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WAR DEPARTMENT

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

File No. AG 210.69-Philadelphia, Pa.

(4-21-42) OF.

INFORMAL ACTION SHEET

Date April 24, 1942.

From: Officers' Division, Miller, Room 1505

Subject: Presentation of Loving Cup to Joe Louis

<p>To:</p> <input type="checkbox"/> The Adjutant General. <input type="checkbox"/> General Ulio. <input type="checkbox"/> General Carter. <input type="checkbox"/> General Rose. <input type="checkbox"/> Executive Officer. <input type="checkbox"/> Plans and Training Officer. <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative Assistant, A. G. O. <input type="checkbox"/> Officers' Division. <input type="checkbox"/> Reserve Division. <input type="checkbox"/> Enlisted Division. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>Director, Bureau of Public Relations</u>	<p>To:</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Miscellaneous Division. <input type="checkbox"/> Publication Division. <input type="checkbox"/> C. C. C. Division. <input type="checkbox"/> World War Division. <input type="checkbox"/> Old Records Division. <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative Assistant, W. D. <input type="checkbox"/> Executive Officer, Office of Under Secretary of War. <input type="checkbox"/> Executive Officer, Office of Assistant Secretary of War.	<p>To:</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Executive Officer, Office of Assistant Secretary of War for Air. <input type="checkbox"/> Chief of the Morale Branch. <input type="checkbox"/> Chief of the Air Corps. <input type="checkbox"/> Chief of Cavalry. <input type="checkbox"/> Chief of Chaplains. <input type="checkbox"/> Chief of the Chemical Warfare Service. <input type="checkbox"/> Chief of Coast Artillery. <input type="checkbox"/> Chief of Engineers. <input type="checkbox"/> Chief of Field Artillery.	<p>To:</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Chief of Finance. <input type="checkbox"/> Chief of Infantry. <input type="checkbox"/> The Inspector General. <input type="checkbox"/> The Judge Advocate General. <input type="checkbox"/> Chief of the National Guard Bureau. <input type="checkbox"/> Chief of Ordnance. <input type="checkbox"/> The Quartermaster General. <input type="checkbox"/> Chief Signal Officer. <input type="checkbox"/> The Surgeon General. <input type="checkbox"/> ----- <input type="checkbox"/> -----
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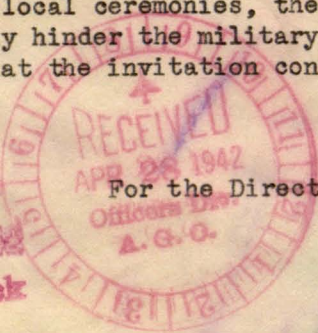
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To: <sup>Enlisted</sup> ~~Officers'~~ Division O/TAG, April 25, 1942  
 From: Bureau of Public Relations, War Department.

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In view of the many requests from various groups for Private Joe Louis to attend local ceremonies, the acceptance of any or all of which would seriously hinder the military training of Private Louis, it is recommended that the invitation contained in the attached communication be declined.



For the Director:



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*[Handwritten Signature]*  
for R. B. LOVETT  
Colonel, G. S. C.  
Assistant to the Director



AG 210.69 Philadelphia, Pa.  
(14-21-12)0

May 2, 1942.

AG 201 604 The John Brown Memorial Association,  
Attention: Dr. J. W. Shirley, President,  
617 So. Sixteenth Street,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

DR JOHN W SHIRLEY MD  
617 SOUTH 16th STREET  
PHILADELPHIA PENNSYLVANIA

Dear Doctor Shirley:

REFERENCE: General Davis wishes me to express his appreciation  
for the invitation to present a loving cup to Private Joe  
ATTENDANCE: Louis on May 10th in Philadelphia, and his sincere re-  
gret that important duties will prevent his attendance.

General Davis wishes to convey to your Association  
and its members his appreciation of the good work you  
are doing.

The Commanding Officer of Private Joe Louis has  
been advised by radio of your invitation to be in Phil-  
adelphia on May 10th and has been directed to grant the  
necessary furlough to Private Louis, providing there is  
no military reason for not doing so, and to communicate  
with you at your Philadelphia address with regard to  
other details.

Very truly yours,

J. A. ULIO

Major General,  
The Adjutant General.

Copy for: Enlisted Division (Attention Col. Cavander)

*Copy sent to*

*CO. Camp Upton N.Y.  
C4 2nd CA*

# Signal Corps, United States Army

Received at

War Department Message Center,  
Room 3441, Munitions Building,  
Washington, D. C.

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