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4th Platoon Sec. D,
13th Company
Fort Thomas, Ky.
Feb. 1, 1918

Dear Mrs. Nelson:-

I received your letter and I shall be more than grateful to receive the books. It is more than a pleasure to miss the mid-years but this soldiering is different from the kind we were doing in "The Starry Flag".

I am glad to hear that Stewart is coming to Chillicothe. There are for the most part a very decent bunch of fellows in the Signal Corps and Engineers but there are some here for I find most of them come from small unknown, unheard of schools in the far South who are

positively unbearable. I hardly think they will last, I may not if I don't work hard, but these fellows won't do.

The Ohio river is doing a great deal of damage and it is a common ~~bane~~ right to see houses and every other thing in the ice floes.

I hope none of the boys in school take any notions to go to the army unless they are sure they know what they're doing. It's more than putting on a uniform and walking around. There's plenty of work to do and there's none of that "I'll do that after a while." I've shovelled coal, snow, patched

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boilers, laid bricks, mixed mortar and worked in the Quartermaster's since I'd been here and I didn't tell anyone I was a radio operator either. Naturally it's different at Sherman.

The entertainment must be dramatic and I would surely like to drop in but a drop like that is ridiculous. We are told we will be in France in a few months but I doubt it. I expect to come home in about two months if I am at Sherman.

If you send the books I would advise getting my troop number from my mother because I may go to Sherman and I

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may go to Camp Funston, Kansas.

There are many very interesting phases of this life that I might write about but these quarters are not suited for writing.

I already have a frosted ear but I got it before I drew a uniform.

Please remember me to everyone and I shall be glad to hear from them all. Please tell Lawrence to write.

Respectfully

Ernest L. Jones

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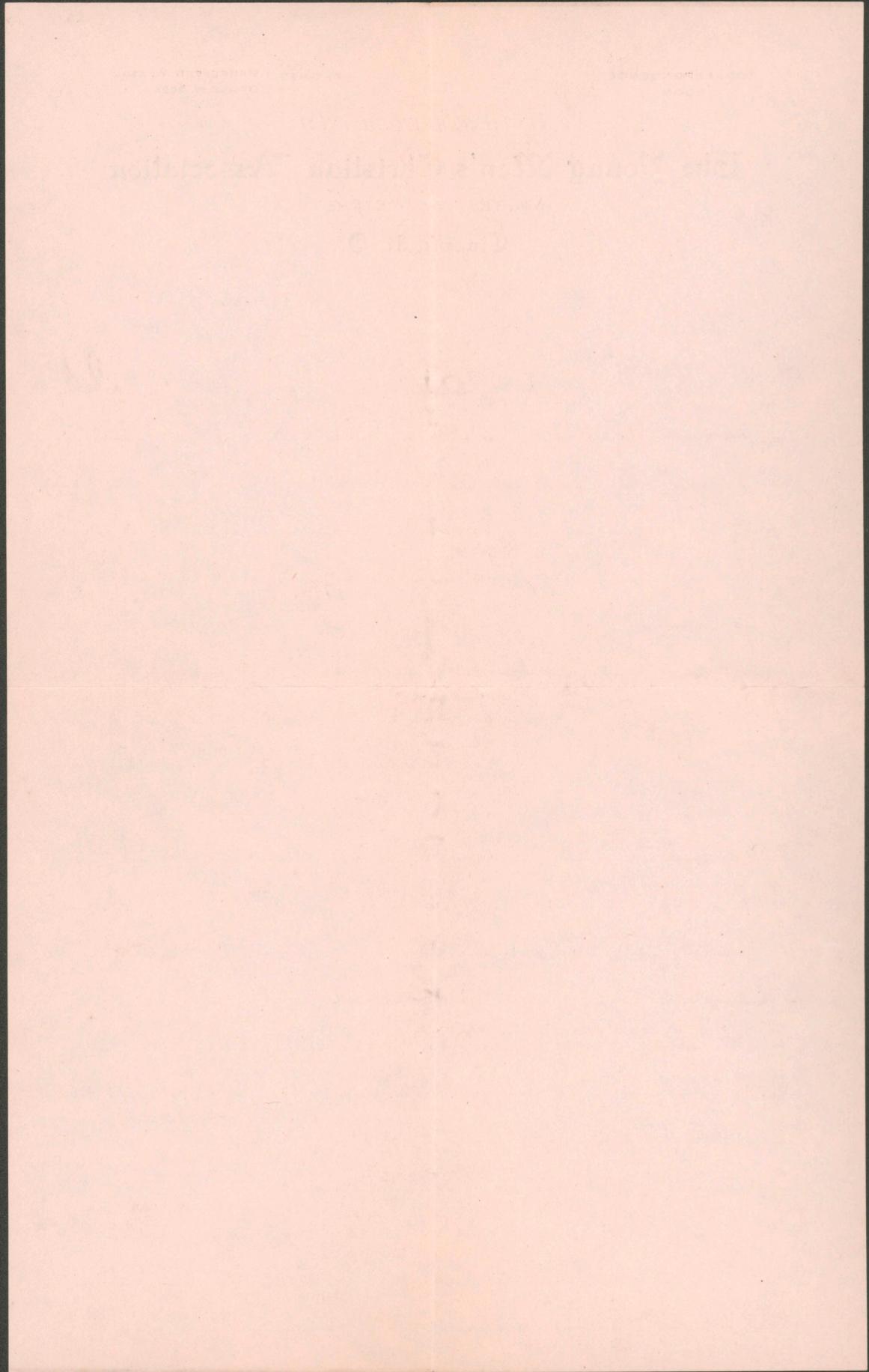
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Dear Mrs Nelson:-

I received your letter to-day. I have not yet received the package but I guess I will get it to-morrow. I read about the entertainment in the "Sunday Star". The colored Y. M. C. A. is a very fine building and very cozy. It is our only chance to enjoy real life and see colored citizens.

It is just like spring here and out on the post the mud is ~~the~~ knee deep. The trenches can't have much on this place. As soon as the quarantine is lifted on the adjoining shack we will leave here. That will be next week sometime I am told.

I think if some of the boys who were so passionate to go "over there" knew about the preliminaries they would not be so anxious. I know the three



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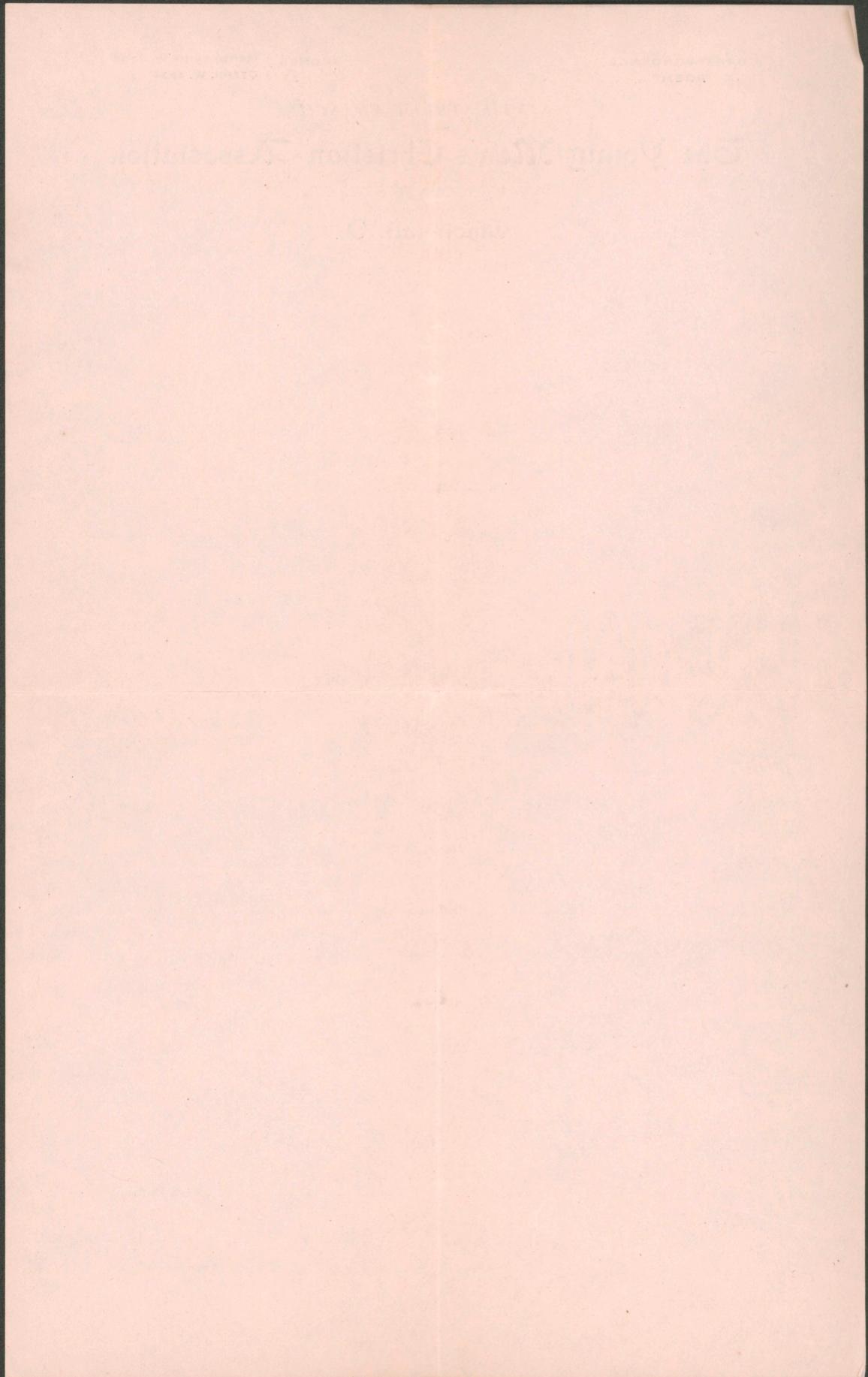
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antitoxin inoculations alone would see to that. We have to take one hypodermic-antitoxin (I think that is what it is) ^{injection} in our left arm and two in the right arm at intervals of seven days. They do wonders for the system but they surely make a person sick. It would be a good thing for as many of the boys that would like to, to take engineering as more engineers will be needed in the reconstruction work that can be obtained. I did not know Morris Brooks was in France. This thing is past the joking stage.

I had occasion to see a real sunrise the other morning up among these hills. We have a very good view of the Ohio valley and with the winding river the steep hills and the almost purple sun rising among the hills a very ~~so~~ awe inspiring scene was afforded



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We have about every day for Reathers day but its quite warm, of course we have fire at night. We had to get up at one o'clock the other morning and carry a sick boy a mile on his cot to the hospital and spinal meningitis is very bad around here. Very bad. There are more of cases of that disease than of measles and other minor diseases.

I am very glad to hear that Aubrey Pat and the rest are coming in. I don't think they'll mind it. Training near home isn't like training out here.

I hope by the next time you hear from me I will be in Chillicothe. I trust I shall be there. With best wishes to all

Respectfully
Ernest D. Jones.

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February 12, 1918.

Miss Alice M. Dunbar-Nelson
916 French Street
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My dear Miss Dunbar-Nelson:

Miss Bowles has asked me to reply to your letter because at this time the Secretarial Conference is being held which necessitates Miss Bowles' absence from her desk almost all of the time.

I have inquired about colored women being sent to France to do work there, taking for granted that you are a colored woman since you have written Miss Bowles, and find that there has been no call for colored workers as yet. At the present time we are in great need of women for the hostess houses in the camps and cantonments in America, and if you have a knowledge of domestic science and have had experience in the management of a cafeteria you will be in much demand. I am enclosing a registration card which I hope you will fill out and return to us for future reference. Of course, there are demands for other work in hostess houses besides cafeteria work, but at the present time we need cafeteria managers who are willing to take a certain amount of training before being sent to take up a specific piece of work in any one of our camps.

Very sincerely yours,

Ruth Gregling.

Department of Method Office.

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"WITH THE COLORS"



Feb. 13, 1918.

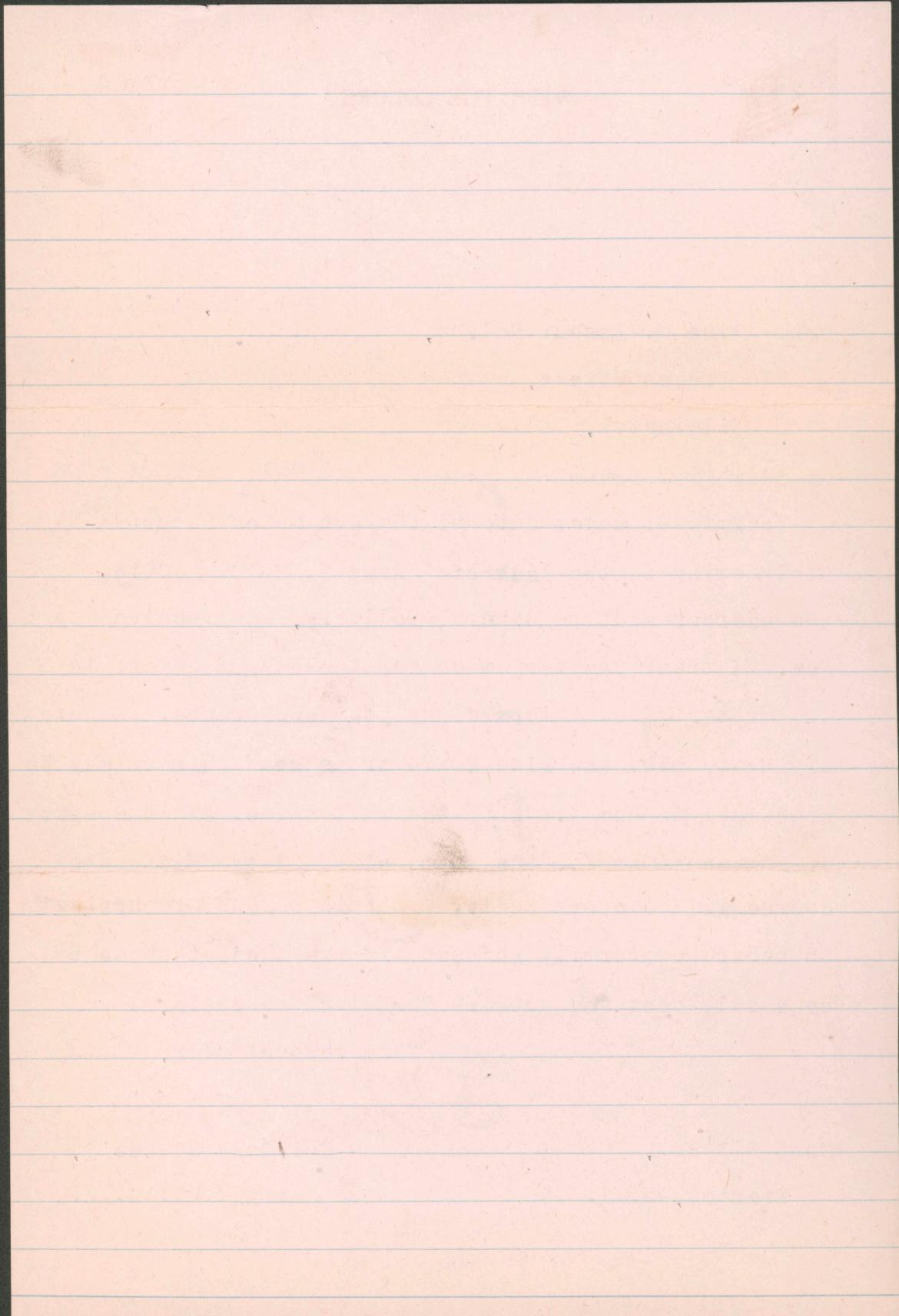
Mrs. Alice M. Dunbar Nelson,
916 French Street,
Wilmington, Del.

My dear Mrs. Nelson:

Your favor under date of the 4th which unfortunately owing to the lack of "Army Y. M. C. A." in the address went to General Delivery, was received to day. I thank you very much for the encouragement in the matter of the picture and your appearance. We are trying to make the size 20x24 or as near this as may be practical to comport with the wall space. This measure of course refers to the frame size and the picture of course will conform to it. In this way we are hoping to secure conformity and set off the subject so as to be easily seen and noted. Thanking you again, I am

Very respectfully,

Shelly Donigan
Camp Dix Br.,
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February 20th, 1918.

Mrs. Alice Dunbar Nelson
916-French Street
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My dear Mrs. Nelson:

I am very glad to have your letter of February thirteenth and to know that you will start a Unit there for us.

We call the separate groups that unite with us "Units" instead of branches or chapters and the National Organization which has its headquarters at this office is called the "Circle". You see the idea is that little groups over the country join together forming one big National Organization whose symbol is the circle. Now the Unit may be affiliated as a club or simply as individuals.

This is the method of procedure for forming a Unit. We like to have at least twenty-five members pay one dollar membership each. This entitles the Unit to a Charter which you may have ~~right away~~ if you will send this application blank in with the membership fees of at least twenty-five people. Just as soon as you let us hear from you I will be glad to put you down as Unit Number-- You see each Unit is given a number instead of a name as it comes in. You will perhaps be interested to know that Unit Number One which was started here in New York City is working for an ambulance which they shall present to one the Colored Companies. The others are doing different things. If a Unit is started there it will be agreeable to us for you to work at any special project which seems to attract your members.

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conductor in particular,
and details from the
lives of the three
were summarized at
the end of the program.
The audience was
enthusiastic and
applauded the
three soloists
and the conductor
and the
orchestra.

Mrs. A.D.N.-2

We have on file here at our office a list of the special needs of the different Camps and shall be glad to tell you just where your efforts will be most appreciated. Some of the Colored men in the Western Camps are especially in need of things.

I note what you say about being interested in going "Over There" and really before many more moons we may need someone for just that sort of thing. Now in the meantime however perhaps you would be running up to New York or I will be down in your vicinity and we can talk this all over. I hope to write you a personal letter some of these days. There is much that I would like to talk over with you but for the present I am very happy indeed that you are going to do your bit for us in this way.

Very cordially yours,

[Caroline Bond]

P.S.-I am sending you a Collection Box, twenty-five buttons, twenty-five receipt blanks and some pledge cards and some literature and also a list of instructions for the Unit.

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS FOR UNITS

1. ALL MEMBERSHIP FEES whether regular \$1.00 memberships or contributing memberships of \$10.00 or sustaining memberships of \$25.00 or contributions are to be sent in to the headquarters office. While the number of members required for a Unit is 25 to secure a Charter the number is not restricted to 25. One of the Units has one hundred paid up members and it is desired to have many others equally as strong. No further assessment of members is made after payment of the annual fee of \$1.00.
2. BUTTONS may be procured at the headquarters office at five cents each as many as desired. Money from the sale of buttons is to be returned in every case to the headquarters office. While the buttons are ordinarily sold to members there is no reason why they should not be sold more generally if desired. If the chairman of any Unit thinks that it would be more advantageous to give the buttons to the members of her Units it is suggested that she might do this and then deduct the money from the treasury of the Unit.
3. BOXES As soon as a Unit is formed and received its Charter the Circle gives each Unit one Collection Box which is thereafter the property of the Unit. The funds collected in it may be for the treasury of the Unit. Additional boxes of the same design may be purchased by the Unit from the Circle at \$2.00 each.
4. TO INCREASE THEIR OWN TREASURY the privilege of raising money in whatever way they see fit is accorded each Unit in the hope that at least some percentage of the proceeds from entertainments and benefits will be sent in to the headquarters office.
5. There is NO REGALIA OR SPECIAL STYLE OF DRESS which members of the Circle wear when soliciting aside from the buttons. At this time we think it wise to suggest nothing in this direction more elaborate perhaps than a White Arm Band with a Blue Circle like the one of the button on it. This of course is optional with the Unit.
6. LITERATURE IN LARGE QUANTITIES may be ordered upon payment of a small sum. This is necessitated by the high cost of paper and printing.

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*Scope and Aim of a Plan of Relief to Meet Emergencies of the War—
How it Proposes to Promote the Comfort and Health of the Colored Soldiers in the U. S. Army and Care for their Dependent Families at Home.*

WHEN the United States entered the European War and began the mobilization of an army of 1,000,000, or probably 2,000,000, relief work took on proportions hitherto unknown in this country. Up to that time the American people had been giving millions of dollars to relieve suffering among the war victims of every nation involved in the world conflict.

As the work of enlistment began, Americans, with their accustomed forethought, concentrated their activities and their wealth upon relief work calculated to meet the emergencies affecting our own soldiers and their families. In a general way the Red Cross is looked to as the great administrator of war relief, and it has been and will continue to be endowed with millions of dollars for the furtherance of its noble mission.

But, the necessity of specializing in this matter of war relief became apparent. Every crack regiment of the old National Guard held a fair, or a bazaar, and raised funds, all for its own use to meet emergencies. Admirably equipped as the United States Army is, and well paid as the soldiers are when compared with the soldiers of other countries these regiments foresaw the necessity of supplying their members with "extras," such as sweaters, socks, gloves and other articles of use to be found among the contents of a "comfie" bag.

Churches took up the work. Each denomination ascertained how many of its creed and faith were enlisted, so that they might be reached in a special effort of relief, supplemental to the Red Cross. The Catholic church, for instance, found that more than 300,000 of its members were in the field, or in cantonments, and began its work to offset calamities that may befall these men, or their families at home during the period of the war. The Jews, likewise, have organized a special charity for their soldiers and the families of these Jewish soldiers.

Necessity for Negro Relief.

It seems particularly important that there should be a special organization to care for colored soldiers and their dependent families. Of the millions of troops the United States will send to Europe a great percentage will be negroes. They have already fallen into line by companies, regiments and divisions. Many of them have given up lucrative positions in the cities, while a great many more have been drawn from the cabin homes of the tenants of the Cotton Belt.

In all cases, the negro soldier's absence will be felt more keenly by those at home than can possibly result from the service of any other soldiers in ranks, for it must be admitted that the colored troops represent the most impoverished class in the United States.

Out of a careful consideration of these peculiar necessities "The Circle for Negro War Relief, Inc." was formed in the minds of its founders as a most needed war measure. This organization has been chartered under the laws of New York State as one of the regular institutions to meet the emergencies of the war. It has the endorsement of Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, Governor Whitman of New York, George Foster Peabody, the philanthropist, and others of prominence.

In the furtherance of its objects it proposes to co-operate with the Red Cross and all other workers so as to avoid duplicating relief, but to specialize and concentrate its charity work for the Negro soldier and his dependents until its humane influences are felt by the "unreached."

What It Proposes To Do.

"The Circle For Negro War Relief, Inc." has for its object the general welfare of the Negro soldier while actually in the service, and the care of his family if reduced to want by the emergencies of war.

Whatever the Red Cross shall do in its broad field for the general army and for the cause of humanity at large, this "Circle for Negro War Relief" will do specifically for the colored people of the United States, as they may be affected by the world war.

It proposes to initiate a vigorous campaign as soon as its financial support warrants, which will first aim to make a comprehensive survey of the sufferings brought to the individual Negro soldier and his dependents by being drafted in the army and navy.

With a view to bringing this much needed movement to the firesides of the colored people of the United States

and enlisting their individual co-operation and support it is proposed by the "Circle for Negro War Relief, Inc." to appeal to every pastor of a colored church in the United States whose name may be furnished by the Bishop or head of the several religious denominations, to keep in direct communication with these pastors, urging them to organize among their congregations a patriotic circle to hold fairs, or benefit entertainments, raise funds for buying material and keeping members of the congregation at work knitting and sewing for the colored soldiers, the products of their labor to be forwarded to "The Circle for Negro War Relief, Inc." which is arranging for a positive distribution of such articles among the negro troops at the front and in cantonments.

It is also proposed to get the colored school teachers of the country interested. They will be informed of the scope and aim of this war relief for their own race, and will be asked to organize among the children of each school, be it a city public school or a remote rural institution, little bands of "Junior Colored Patriots" whose leisure hours will be spent working for the Negro troops.

It will co-operate with all existing agencies to bring immediate relief to obviate these conditions and will, as far as possible, inaugurate new agencies where the existing ones are insufficient; always aiming to avoid waste thru duplication of effort, it will organize units in various towns and neighborhoods of the country so that local conditions may be investigated at any time concerning the families of Negro soldiers.

It will render aid to the medical corps by supplying bandages, drugs, instruments, canes, crutches, etc., for the special relief and requirements of the Negro regiments.

It will furnish material for the making of garments and ship them direct on Red Cross vessels to the officers commanding the colored regiments for distribution.

It will collect and distribute Bibles, books and other literature among the Negro troops.

It will buy woolen thread and organize knitting clubs particularly among the Negro women of the country with a view to supplying the colored soldier with extra comforts at the front.

It will instil pride in the hearts of Negro troops and relieve their minds from worry over their dependent ones at home.

It proposes not only to furnish material aid, but to encourage recreational activities and to take preventative measures to check the unfortunate conditions which necessarily follow in the wake of all war activities.

Name

Application for Charter

Organization

Membership
Fee Paid

Organization Meeting

APPLICATION FOR CHARTER

OF

WE, the undersigned, herein fully and freely disclaim all the rights and responsibilities
of the Circle for Negro War Relief,
439 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

OF THE

Circle for Negro War Relief, Inc.

Name

Occupation

Address

Name

Fee Paid

(Not to be filled out by Unit)

Date of Organization Meeting

Received at National Offices

Executive Authorization Granted

Charter Forwarded

Total membership has been counted herewith

Application for Charter

Date of Organization Meeting.....

To the Board of Directors,
CIRCLE FOR NEGRO WAR RELIEF,
489 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

WE, the undersigned, having fully and freely discussed the aims and accomplishments of the Circle for Negro War Relief, and believing that our interests coincide with its efforts for the help of colored soldiers, do hereby apply for a charter as the

Unit,

with the object of carrying out in and vicinity, the purposes of the Association, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws for Branches approved by the Board of Directors, January 8, 1917.

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2 Vice President			
3 Secretary			
4 Treasurer			
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Date of Corporation Meeting

To the Board of Directors

CIRCLE FOR NEGRO

489 Fifth Avenue New York City

Executive Authorization

Authority is hereby conferred upon the members of the C. N. W. R. whose names are subscribed herein, to undertake all activities which are proper to a Unit of this Circle, subject to the approval of the Chairman of the Board of Directors.

CIRCLE FOR NEGRO WAR RELIEF, Inc.

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EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

February 20, 1918.

Mrs. Alice Dumbar-Nelson,
916 French Street,
Wilmington, Delaware.

Dear Madam:

We have examined the manuscript of your book designed as a supplementary reader for the 7th and 8th grades of colored schools. There is doubtless a need for a book for such use, and for this reason on your inquiry we became interested to see your manuscript, and we examined what you sent us with great care.

Our decision to return the manuscript to you has been based upon two considerations: In the first place, the book contains entirely too much poetry for the amount of prose presented. In the second place, as far as prose is concerned, the book should contain a great deal more material of the character of that selection you have given from Booker T. Washington to the exclusion of quite a number of selections you have made. Your own examination of this material in the light of the comparison we have drawn will show you very clearly what we mean.

We thank you for letting us see your manuscript and regret very sincerely that we did not find it acceptable for publication.

Yours very truly,

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Dear Madam:

It would be impossible for this newspaper to assume the responsibility of another correspondent in France. We are already represented there and in addition it would be impossible to secure further credentials from the Government at Washington.

Yours very truly,

John E. Springer

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YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

"WITH THE COLORS"

Fort Thomas, Ky.

February 20

1918

Dear Mrs Nelson:-

I received the books last Friday and was surprised to receive as many. Our barracks were quarantined last Friday afternoon for spinal meningitis.

The weather has been very good for over a week but it has gotten cold. I would surely like to see moving pictures or some other evidences of civilization. I have seen one auto and one street car in two weeks.

I heard Razzle was confirmed. I have been trying to get him to come in with me but he is not as anxious as he was when I was home. I don't know where they are going to put the drafted.

1-4-39 I should like to be present at the oratoricals, I prefer this to partic-

inating tho.

I hadn't record about the picture. I am willing to give a dollar but I will have to write home for the money, I do not draw any money while I am here. My allotment money isn't home tho.

Money is scarce as hen's teeth but stamps are scarcer. I have a plenty of stamps. I should like to see the portrait and when I get home I shall make it a point to visit the old alma mater. I suppose everything will be changed.

I was reading in the ~~S~~ Sunday Star that the N.H.S. was going to have a 200 star service flag for all their students and ex-students in service. I guess the draft got about six or eight of our students.

I hope we get out of quarantine soon because this is worse than prison and for twenty one days. I'll

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WAR WORK COUNCIL



ARMY AND NAVY
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"WITH THE COLORS"

1917

be wild when I get out of this. All we do is drill, eat and sleep. I wish I could get some copies of the Crisis, I hasn't seen one for about five months. I read one of last year's issue up here and every one wanted it at once.

I hope you will get the money in time, I don't know but it takes mail four and five days to get to us but I will write home at once for it.

Sincerely
Ernest W. Jones

