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February 17, 1919.

My dear Sergeant Pahnke:

Although I have not written you, I am none the less appreciative of your thoughtful courtesy in sending the various copies of the European Edition of the New York Herald, the Chicago Tribune, the American Daily Mail, the Stars and Stripes, and various pamphlets. They will be given a permanent place in our historical collections, and will be marked as contributed by you. Other evidences of your interest will be welcome. There is hardly anything which will not be serviceable in such a collection as we are now making.

As I am dictating this Mr. Brannon suggests that you pick up for us post cards, illustrative of the different kinds of cards in use in Europe, particularly of historic subjects. Pamphlet material will also be welcome, particularly if such things have a military bearing. I leave the selection largely to you, however, with the general injunction that quite everything will be welcome.

It occurs to me here to ask if it will be possible for you to lay aside for us a collection of relics, such as helmets, guns, swords, bayonets, masks, shields, breastplates, or other things of this character. I assume that transportation difficulties would prevent their being forwarded now, although intended for a public museum collection. They could be stored with the goods of the Quartermaster's department, or with some other department of the service, and when all are ready for shipment, they could be forwarded direct to us, the freight to be prepaid, or to be paid by us at this end of the line. Do you not suppose that you could send some as frankable matter?

Things have been moving along about in the usual way with us at the Capitol. Since the location of Camp Sheridan here Montgomery has been unusually lively, and business has been very good. Demobilization is rapidly taking place however, and I note from the papers that Taylor Aviation Field has lost its post office. But it will be some time before Camp Sheridan is dismantled, since it is to be a point of demobilization for some months.

The Legislature is now in session. It convened

on January 14th, but will take a recess today, after twenty legislative days in session, until July 8 for the remainder of the period of fifty days. Governor Thomas E. Kilby was inaugurated on January 30th, 1919. Many new faces are to be seen about the Capitol, particularly among the clerical force in the various offices. Your friends here often speak of you, and I am happy to tell them of your good fortune, and all express the hope that you may soon be returned to us. There is much discussion of the reorganization of the National Guard, but nothing seems to have come of it as yet. When Adjutant General Hubbard retired, Major Evans of Birmingham succeeded him for a few months. I am told that he was planning considerable work in organizing new companies, but all of this was discontinued when he failed of reappointment. We all feel very proud of the designation of Major Hartley A. Moon as the new Adjutant General, and it is believed that he will make a fine official. Mr. Brannon and others in the office join me in regards and good wishes.

Faithfully yours,

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My Dear Dr. Owen:

Am getting up a collection of Menues for your Museum. I feel sure in the future these may be as interesting as war reliefs, maybe more so.

Now you must not work so hard and save some of your energy for the future as there is still much work to be done in your Department.

Best wishes.

Coblenz, Germany

6/27/19

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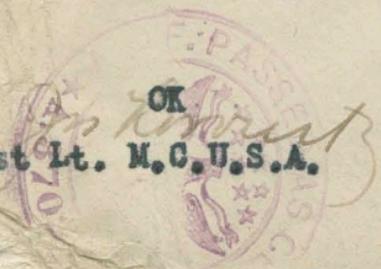
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