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AMERICAN EMBASSY
OFFICE OF THE MILITARY ATTACHE
5, RUE DE CHAILLOT
PARIS

November 6, 1916.

My dear dear Friend Allen:

Haven't written you much, have I, but I feel rather in touch with you because of the recent exchange of cables. After sending you the cable about Oneal I neither enjoyed my dinner nor slept well. It's true that I did not know the boy but you remember that I read his letter while at your Long Island home and I heard you speak of him so often that I felt as if I really had known him. Many brave boys have given their lives for what I hope and believe is possible, namely, the league of nations that I refused to let you explain to me. It is never too late to change one's opinion, is it. In fact it is only the fool who never changes his opinion. Some men see more quickly and farther than others. I hope you are right; in fact I believe you are.

Your letter was waiting for me upon my arrival. Am so glad you saw General Churchill. I feel certain that he was as much impressed with your unselfish patriotism and greatness as MIG. Sometimes I wonder what kind of a section I should have created without such men as you to lean upon. I never tire of picturing your office with its snap. It is always an inspiration to me.

I have had many occasions to talk to big men in France. I have had the honor of having a private discussion with M. Pichon, Minister for Foreign Affairs. It is all very interesting and Washington seems to think that I have ~~xxx~~ all right.

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The men you selected for GHQ are doing excellent work. They are the best men that we sent across. You have many many reasons to be proud of what you have done for Uncle Sam during this war. We certainly did give you some tough jobs, didn't we!

I really can't write much of what is going on (I'm going to save that so that you will invite me to that wondrous home of yours again!), but perhaps you will be interested in the little things that cross one's path here. If so, here goes:

I didn't like Paris when I first arrived. I felt lost. I couldn't say a word of French nor could I understand. But I have been putting about six hours a day on it and can carry on a conversation now. I take an hour's conversation every morning before breakfast and practice on all occasions. Now that I understand a bit and am familiar with Paris, I love it.

The French are very amusing sometimes. They absolutely refuse to drink water. They are really afraid of it. To be sure now and then they weaken their wine with water because they believe that if water has a little alcohol in it, it is harmless. The other night one Frenchman was bold enough to wash out his mouth with water but he was careful not to swallow it!

When you tell them that the United States will soon be dry they look at you in amazement. They can no better understand why wines should be prohibited than coffee. They do not drink for the effect, but because they like it. It is unfortunate that we cannot learn to do the same.

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And then the American must get used to paying a bit more for his wine or beer than the Frenchman who occupies the adjoining table. It is forbidden, but such laws are made to be broken here.

But we must learn from the French and British how to move people in a big city. Their underground system is truly marvelous. One can reach any point in Paris within a few minutes by taking the underground.

There is no traffic on the streets and the taxis which are no more than wrecks go like mad, driven by old men who cannot see fifty feet in front of them. I always reach my destination with a gasp of relief.

And as for the war, it looks like it is all over. It certainly was one grand finish. I am wondering how long it will be after the armistice ^{until} when the final peace is signed.

I was sent over for three months but as I have already written my orders are now indefinite--as long as I am successful or prospectively so. I can't say when I shall leave here, but letters addressed to this office will always reach me.

Please remember me to the shorthand subsection; if it were over here it would be called the puzzle department.

Hazel writes that she has heard from Mrs. Allen. Please tell Mrs. Allen: "Make that husband of yours bring you over here after the war; you will love it." Please also remember me to her.

Sincerely yours,

Kay

M. I. D.
J. M. M.

October 4, 1918

Mrs. H. O. Yardley,
542 Shepard St., N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Yardley:

On Friday or Saturday evening of last week I tried to find you to deliver three letters from Captain Yardley, which had arrived in the diplomatic pouch. As you were not at home I left the letters under the door for you. I hope you found them.

Yesterday I had a cable from Captain Yardley, saying that he was on the point of going to Paris with Colonel Van Deman and Secretary Baker. He expects to return to London in about two weeks, and will then go to Paris again. Mail will reach him at either London or Paris, if addressed in care of the Military Attache, American Embassy.

You will be glad to know that Captain Yardley has been very successful in his mission, and that General Churchill, General March, and Mr. Harrison have said very complimentary things about him.

He has asked me to keep you informed of his movements, and you may depend upon my doing so.

Sincerely yours,

John M. Manly
Captain, U. S. A.

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HEADQUARTERS AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES,
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF,
INTELLIGENCE SECTION.

Chaumont,
November 27th, 1918.

Dear Allen:

Just got orders from Chmu hill to make a flying trip to London before reporting to General Bliss. Leave tomorrow at 2:18 p. m. for Paris. Am going to try to get to London via aeroplane.

Churchill outlines my job at Versailles. It's going to be fine and I'm happy again. I must have work and lots of it; otherwise I get the blues.

Manly tells me by cable ~~that~~ MI8 will be continued and that he will hang on until I get back. Of course you know by now that Churchill is coming over.

All the boys that you sent to Washington for training are doing well. It was the best bunch that we sent over. And now most of them if not all of them are going with the 3rd Army. It will be a great experience for them. Every man who speaks German is needed badly.

I have just told them that I am writing to you and all ask that they be remembered to you.

Please continue to send all my mail to American Military Attache, Paris, until further notice.

This letter is short and sweet and does not contain much news but I'm in an awful whirl. Have to get to London and back before the 10th and before leaving Paris must cable answers to about 50 questions- more or less.

Give Mrs. A. my regards.

Most sincerely,

A. G. Bradley

December 2, 1918.

John M. Manly, Captain, U.D.A.,
Military Intelligence Division, General Staff,
1330 F Street, Washington, D.C.

Dear Captain Manly:-

I enjoyed meeting Captain Prince, who presented your letter today and found him a likeable man and I think he must be a very capable one too. I told him that I hoped to be able to go to Washington this week and to call upon you during my stay there, as there are several things I would like to talk with you about in relation to the work we are doing over here.

Sincerely yours,

FVA.MHA

December 2, 1918.

H. O. Yardley, Captain, U. S. A.,
c/o Military Attache, American Embassy,
Paris, France.

Dear Yardley:

Captain Prince called this morning with a letter from Captain Manly, to see if I knew of any after the war work that he might drop into. He stated that General Churchill has recommended to the Chief of Staff that M. I. S be retained in toto but that he does not expect a future there big enough to satisfy him and he is not interested in the prospects of a transfer to service, as a military attache, or back to the diplomatic service, because his experience indicates that a man must have a considerable private income to satisfactorily maintain such a position.

I do not know what your plans are for him and wish you would drop me a line of suggestion; I can conceive that you may have work in mind, that he does not know about, on which you might need him for a year or longer.

He seems a capable and likeable man and a good opening could easily be found for him. It is possible we could give him something in the Legislative Department of the Law Reporting Company that would be permanent and give him a better income than he has now but whether it would have as large a future as he would want I cannot say, because I am not sure how that work will develop.

We had a pleasant letter from you at home last Saturday evening which I shall reply to, from there, within a day or so. It was good to hear from you.

There has been quite a little work coming through lately but we are not far behind and have done a lot of work on the shorthand frequency tables, a good part of which are completed. I hope to send *you* report on this before the end of the week.

Col. Biddle telephoned last week that he was considering plans for demobilizing and wanted to know what we expected to do. I told him I thought that unless you had something in mind for us, that in a month I could probably dispense with Mr. Noriega and in another month with Miss Norman, assuming that work dropped off as we expect it to do with the discontinuance of the censorship but that I did not know your wishes and

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had not talked with Captain Manly about it; I also said that I expected to be in Washington this week and would talk with Captain Manly about it and let him hear from me further.

If you have any wishes or directions, will you kindly communicate them?

Sincerely yours,

FWA/MHA

Chaumont, France, Nov. 23, 1918.

Dear Allen:

After writing my last letter to you in Paris, I received two of your letters, forwarded to me from G. H. O. Poor Captain Spencer seems to be having a hard time. I am glad that you forwarded his letter because it keeps me in touch with the situation at home though it does make me feel rather badly. You, of course, know that I can do nothing from this side. I think, however, if Spencer can gain Manly's confidence, he will have clear sailing before him.

I arrived at G. H. O. day before yesterday and have to-day dug up a letter from you written August the 17th enclosing a letter of introduction to Jimmy O'Neale. You can very well imagine how it made me feel. It is characteristically kind of you to offer your assistance. I have, however, repeatedly warned you that I usually take advantage of such offers; as for example, two or three of the jobs I wished on you while I was in Washington!

Just before I left Paris, I received a cablegram stating that the Secretary of War directs me to report to General Bliss, Supreme War Council, for special duty, not later than December 10. I shall be there, I presume, until peace is signed, and if I am lucky, shall see you again in July or August. I think the Peace Conference will be something like the Congress of Vienna where the great men of the world assemble to settle all the future questions of the world, will talk about it five or six months, and at last in despair sign something. Others think that it will only take six weeks; so there you are.

I have written you several personal letters, but in none of your letters do you mention having received them. I have forwarded all of them to Saint James, New York.

I expect to have a very profitable and interesting experience at Versailles, and though I should like to be back to help organize M. I. S. on a peace basis, I cannot but feel that it is no small honor to be attached to the Staff at Versailles. You can, I presume, surmise the nature of my work. I just heard that Colonel Van Deman, on his way to Rome, was stopped and ordered to report to General Bliss; so you see I shall have someone there whom I know.

Please remember me to Mrs. Allen, and ask her, if she sees Hazel to let me know how she looks.

Very sincerely,

A. C. Yantley

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WASHINGTON.

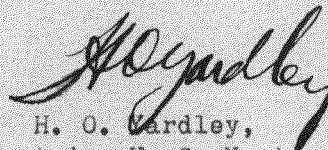
July 22, 1918.

Mr. F. W. Allen,
244 Madison Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Allen:

Enclosed herewith are four letters
which have been returned to this office. It is suggest-
ed that your envelopes bear your return card.

Yours very truly,



H. O. Wardley,
Captain, U. S. N. A.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF
WASHINGTON.

July 20, 1918.

Mr. F. W. Allen,
244 Madison Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Allen:

Referring to your weekly report of July 18th,
in which you raise a question about the library of the Gabels-
berger Shorthand Society, I would say that unless this is
voluntarily surrendered, an effort will be made to secure it
for the use of the Shorthand Sub-Section.

Yours very truly,

H. O. Yardley
H. O. Yardley
Captain, U. S. N. A.

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In replying refer to

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF

WASHINGTON, July 19, 1918.

Mr. F. W. Allen,
344- Madison Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Allen:

I have your letter of July 17, regarding Mr. Fred Schrader, C/O Washington Post, and Mr. Wm. Ohm, C/O Smithsonian Institution. These names recall an amusing experience I had while searching for the first time for the writers of the Gabelsberger system who could transcribe the Werner Dismar letter.

While searching the records of the Congressional Library I found two testimonials written in 1898, one by Schrader, and the other by Ohm, as to what they thought of the Gabelsberger short-hand system.

Inquiry about Schrader developed the fact he was in Germany. I found Wm. Ohm's address in the city directory, and got him immediately by telephone. He was rather mystified when I asked him if he could write Gabelsberger, but finally remembered that in 1898 he had taken a few lessons, but was interrupted by the Spanish-American war, and enlisted.

It is curious how the search for people takes us in a circle.

Very sincerely yours,

H. O. Yardley
H. O. Yardley,
Captain, U. S. N. A.

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July 19th 1918.

From: F.W.Allen.
To: H.O.Yardley, Captain U.S.N.A. 1330 F Street,
Washington D.C.
Subject: Stationary.

1. Will you please supply me with at least thousand War Department (legal size) envelopes, the same as that in which this letter is enclosed. I have only one package left and will appreciate an early delivery.

C/N.

Respectfully Yours,

July 18, 1918.

H.O. Yardley, Captain, U.S.N.A.,

Military Intelligence Branch, General Staff,

1330 F Street, Washington, D.C.

Dear Captain Yardley:-

Please accept my thanks for your letter of July 15, enclosing Gabelberger shorthand text books, which we are very glad indeed to have, especially as some of the German stenographers we are getting, have not used their shorthand actively for a few years and want to practice and brush up, and our supply of Gabelberger books has been rapidly diminished through supplying them copies to work with.

Yours very truly,

FWA.MHA

ARMY WAR COLLEGE
WASHINGTON

August 22nd, (918)

Dear Mrs Allen:

Your letter was another delightful surprise. I tried to get here to visit Indiana before leaving, but had no luck. I was told instead to get ready as soon as possible to such as Army life.

Mrs Gaskley & I leave for New York next Thursday night. We plan to see a few things together in New York.

I tried to get Mrs Y to go with me on my last trip, but had no success; when I told her what a delightful time I had at St James she was rather disappointed.

I wonder if you have had any more midnight parties & am looking forward to another before I leave.

With best regards
 H. J. G. J. G.

I want to see your beautiful home before I leave & want both you and Mrs Allen to see what a very good little girl I have for a wife.

If entirely convenient we should very much like to come out to St James Saturday afternoon of next week & remain over Sunday returning to New York Monday a.m. Mrs Y. will take a train to Washington sometime Monday morning & I shall report to her Monday afternoon.

AMERICAN EMBASSY
OFFICE OF THE MILITARY ATTACHE
LONDON

Sept 16/18

My dear friends:

There is no record of 2nd Lt
Richard C. Brunaugh in England when
I arrive in Paris I shall cable you, if
I can learn anything of him & and I'm
very sure I can.

As you must know by now,
I landed safely in Liverpool and after
a night's stay then came directly to
London.

I tried the Ritz for 3 days,
but it was so like a grass yard
that I moved & I am now stopping
with an American friend when I there
in Washington he is married to
an English woman.

you should, I am very sure,
grant your wish if you come in
my place. Before getting down
to business, there must of course be
a series of lunches, dinners, clubs, etc
if you are after those well liked
every thing is lovely - if not -
God help you.

However I have had but one
failure and even that at least
~~was~~ by the Colonel insisting
that he have a machine meet me
at the pier in France to drive me
to Bristol 9th 9 before going to
Paris. And so it goes.

Al Stearn, our Military Attaché
has been most kind to me -
I have a desk, a stenographer, one
of the punch and cable, and privilege
of his cars.

I met a delightful surprise when
I found Col Van Rensselaer here -
after touring Holland, Spain,
Portugal and Italy. He hopes to
return to USA which should be
sometime in January.

I am trying to keep MIB in
close touch with what I am
accomplishing, personally I feel
that I am succeeding in what
MIB thinks I of course cannot
say.

All in all I find London
a great deal like an American city &
of course the streets are dark at night and
the taxi drivers are old men & but
one gets around some way. The whiskey
is weak, but one needs no cold
drinks the next morning. The

"hair dressing parlors" are faintly draped
in black, the takers have long whitebeards,
white aprons, and trembling hands,
but after all one can show one's
self, and being bald-headed I do not
need to get my hair cut.

Seriously I like it and am
only longing for an air raid.

AMERICAN EMBASSY
OFFICE OF THE MILITARY ATTACHE
LONDON.

Do you hear from Hazel & if
so Jerry you for I have not
had a scratch from her till
the truth, though I am having a
wonderful experience, I am getting
heart sick for her. She is well
as I had a wonderful experience
in New York & we shall never
forget your kindness.

The English officers whom I had
I come in contact with wanted
to know & I at first tried to
explain that in America we believe
that a man can think at 29 -
but I no longer am as uneducated -

There is a section in New York
that can touch anything.
It would be good to do something
that our cause had failed
on, wouldn't it? Please remember
me to your staff.

I am getting a bigger view
of my subject. The British human
rights law is one of the most powerful
institutions in England.

Mrs Allen has been equal,
then at the Ballman & I'm getting
the habit too! Please remember me
to that secret section and baby of yours.
You must be a real golf expert by now
you might excite me to spend the
week end at St James! To tell the

instead I pose a being
35 - This seems to satisfy
them.

I am wondering if you are
still as busy as when I left
and if you have seen general
Churchill yet.

Much to my surprise I learn
that the British have had several
documents written in shorthand
that they have been unable to
read. They haven't been able to
find them but promise that they
will pay if they cannot solve
they will send to Washington. I
have assured them that

truth, though I have been quite
a few places since my arrival.
in London, I have not had such
a delightful time as I had with you
& Mr Allen, & after all they can
hit show here. Tell me how Hazel
is and if you ever hear from her.

Sincerely
Joyce Kilmer

Just a month yesterday since
I left you at the deck gates
Key

I'm sending a souvenir for you

ADRESSE TÉLÉGRAPHIQUE
CONTENTAL PARIS

Mr. Embassy
HÔTEL CONTINENTAL
3, RUE CASTIGLIONE
PARIS

My dear friend,
Rec'd the correspondence between
you & Capt. Nally regarding German
steno-graphers - Many thanks - It rather
puts me in touch again with the subject -
You see I'm all out of touch with everything,
but one subject - I receive and send
cables every day but I feel a bit lost -
Wish I could get back for 24 hours and
put my nose in everything again!!
Those German steno-graphers will be very
useful to the Army of Occupation, won't
they - That Army will need every man
who can speak German

Also just rec'd Spencer's letter to you
which you forwarded without comment -
Presume more information on the subject
is in your letter that you state ^{you sent} to
G.H. G. I wrote Col Cox to forward
it, but as I got no response, have
today wired the Post Office to forward
here - Hope I get it - for I feel that
you must have written me something
about the situation etc in M18 that
Spencer speaks of.

I hereby make an obli (I guess what
the situation is), for like Spencer, I wish
to retain your good impression of me -
That I built a machine that would not
run by itself proves, I suppose, that I'm

ADRESSE TÉLÉGRAPHIQUE
CONTENTAL - PARIS

HÔTEL CONTINENTAL
3, RUE CASTIGLIONE
PARIS

a few executives. I make two
excuses: (1) The machine was a new
model, after the style of no other, several
parts were missing when I left and I alone
had the plans, plans of such a design that
I could not turn them over to another. However
I'm sure that up to date I have done more
for M.I. (which abroad) than I could have
done in America. I am absolutely sure of this.

Yes, I wish I had your letter!

I'm anxious to get back but am not
through yet.

Looking at the clock just now
reminded me of something that may be

of interest to you. In order to save coal
all automatic clocks stop at 8 Pm and
start at 8 am. - Twelve hours work and
twelve hours sleep - Drill - Eli

It suddenly turned cold - and began
to snow. And no coal - no fire - I sleep
in my bath robe. I wrote my wife that
there were four things that I wanted when
I get back to America - wanted in the
order named - and demand had to be: (1) My
arms around my wife (2) a hot wood fire
(3) something sweet to eat (4) some beautiful
music. And I'll add a 5th but I'll put
it in second place: talk things over with
you

By the way, Van Dusen tells me to
tell Churchill personally that M.I. 8 must continue,
etc. - Marley's ideas and Churchill's ideas are
the same and as our State Dept's, but I wish

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CONTENTAL - PARIS

HÔTEL CONTINENTAL

3, RUE CASTIGLIONE

PARIS

Ask you a question. Have you
any idea whether the Anna Cole
Casper thinks that's its name anyway
it compiles hundreds of codes, and secret
enciphering tables, etc. - could use someone
with my qualifications, and if not what
salary - have been in the game since 1912.
Give my best to Queen and Mrs. Allen
and let me have some news

Most sincerely
Kdy

Of course I'd like to stay with
MIB but I don't know what they
will do about me.
Have you been receiving my
letters?

July 17, 1918.

H.O. Yardley, Captain, U.S.N.A.,
Military Intelligence Branch, General Staff,
1330 F Street, Washington, D.C.

Dear Captain Yardley:-

The records of the Gabelsberger Shorthand Society give the names of the following, with residence in Washington, as writers of the Gabelsberger shorthand and speaking German:-

Fred D. Schrader, C/o Washington Post,
Washington, D.C.

Wm. Ohm, C/o Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D.C.

I have no other information about them but I presume that you will want to communicate with them to see whether they are eligible and willing to go as field clerks for the German stenographic work.

Yours very truly,

FWA.MHA

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MILITARY INTELLIGENCE BRANCH

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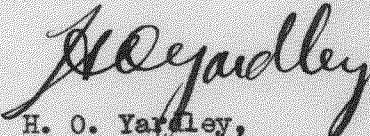
July 17, 1918.

Mr. F. W. Allen,
244 Madison Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Allen:

The four letters enclosed, written by you, were returned to this office as the envelope bore the Military Intelligence Branch imprint. The envelopes themselves are respectively stamped with the reasons for their non-delivery, and they and the letters belonging to them are returned to you for your disposition.

Very sincerely,


H. O. Yardley,
Captain, U. S. N. A.

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MILITARY INTELLIGENCE BRANCH

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF
WASHINGTON.

July 16, 1918.

Mr. F. W. Allen,
244 Madison Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Allen:

I am very much obliged to you for the suggestion conveyed in your letter of July 13 that I thank Professor Wilkins for releasing the Spanish teachers from his organization. I have written him on this subject by this mail, over Colonel Coxe's signature, and am enclosing herewith a copy of my letter for your information.

I shall be very glad to avail myself of your other suggestion if the need for a man of Professor Wilkin's attainments arises. To that end I am making a note of his name and qualifications.

Very sincerely,

M. CHURCHILL,
Colonel, General Staff,
Chief, Military Intelligence Branch,
Executive Division.

By:

H. O. Vardley
H. O. Vardley,
Captain, U. S. N. A.

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July 16, 1918.

Professor Lawrence A. Wilkins,
Head of the Division of Modern Languages,
Board of Education,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Sir:

Through Mr. F. W. Allen of 244 Madison Ave., New York City, you have recently rendered to the Military Intelligence Branch of the War Department a considerable service by releasing several Spanish teachers from your organization for work in Washington.

It is only proper that I should express my sense of appreciation for this action on your part, involving as it does, a loss to your own organization of a valued personnel.

I might add that the self-denying patriotism of those who have entered this service at a personal sacrifice, in the matter of smaller salaries, is a highly gratifying feature, none the less gratifying from the fact that such action is now quite frequently in evidence.

A willingness to assist the government in the present emergency, such as you yourself and these teachers have displayed, deserves an acknowledgement on my part which I am happy to have occasion to convey to you.

Very sincerely,

M. CHURCHILL,
Colonel, General Staff,
Chief, Military Intelligence Branch,
Executive Division.

By:

A. B. Cox, Jr.,
Lt. Colonel, General Staff.

July 16, 1918.

H.O. Yardley, Captain, U.S.N.A.,
Military Intelligence Branch, General Staff,
1330 F Street, Washington, D.C.

Dear Captain Yardley:-

I enclose herewith the application of Jacob Bleibtreu, a very high class man in the employ of Speyer & Company, to which I have attached letters of recommendation. I am not attaching physical examination report yet as Mr. Bleibtreu underwent an operation for hernia about six weeks ago and it will be four to six weeks yet before his physician and the physician of the Draft Board think he should sail. He is an excellent man and ought to get ahead fast after he gets to France.

Yours very truly,

FWA.MHA

July 16, 1918.

H.O. Yardley, Captain, U.S.N.A.,

Military Intelligence Branch, General Staff,

1330 F Street, Washington, D.C.

Dear Captain Yardley:-

I enclose a copy of a letter from Major
Biddle, copy of statement enclosed, copy of my reply and enclosure,
all for your information.

Yours very truly,

FWA.MHA

July 13, 1918.

H.O. Yardley, Captain, U.S.N.A.,
Military Intelligence Branch, General Staff,
1330 F Street, Washington, D.C.

Dear Captain Yardley:-

In reply to your letter of July 11, I am retaining the application of Hyman Lieberman, which should not have been sent to you, as he was an applicant for the Spanish work.

I dictated the letter with which, the Lomer and Lieberman statements were enclosed, when at home ill and the statements were enclosed at the office and in the case of Lieberman, the wrong statement was enclosed.

Captain Curtis, of Major Biddle's office, who examined Lieberman and Lomer, confused their names, in reporting to you, and should have reported that Lieberman did not know much German and only wrote Gregg shorthand.

I have told Lieberman that if he receives instructions to take physical examination, it will be as a result of this mistake and to disregard it. He is well qualified, I think, for the Spanish work if you need him later.

Yours very truly,

FWA.MHA

July 13, 1918.

H.O. Yardley, Captain, U.S.N.A.,
Military Intelligence Branch, General Staff,
1330 F Street, Washington, D.C.

Dear Captain Yardley:-

May I suggest, for your consideration, the propriety of the letter thanking Professor Lawrence A. Wilkins, head of the Division of Modern Languages in the Board of Education of the City of New York, for his assistance and for contributing some of the best Spanish teachers in his own organization, who are much needed in the schools at present, as the teaching of Spanish has had a great impetus, owing to the discontinuance of German.

If you ever need a very high class man, to put at the head of a Spanish organization, Wilkins himself might possibly be induced to come. He is President of the "American Association of Teachers of Spanish", comprising about 700 members, is a trained executive, is the head of the Modern Language Division in the Board of Education and, if you later need a man of his calibre, he ought to be the best obtainable.

Sincerely yours,

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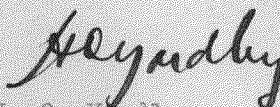
July 12, 1918.

Mr. F. W. Allen,
244 Madison Ave.,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Allen:

I have your letter of July 8 concerning Miss Alida Hamilton. I need some more people but, at the present time, I am obliged to take them off the Civil Service rolls. If, at some future time, there is authority to appoint clerks not on the Civil Service rolls, I shall take advantage of her desire to come to Washington.

Yours very truly,



H. O. Yardley
Captain, U. S. N. A.

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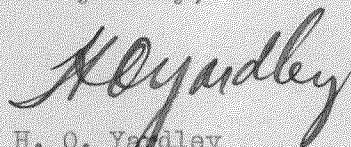
Mr. F. W. Allen,
244 Madison Ave.,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Allen:

I have your letter of July 11. Major Biddle's office is entirely wrong when it states that my telegraphic request merely asked to investigate the fitness of Lieberman and Lomer.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the telegram.

Yours very truly,



H. O. Yardley
Captain, U. S. N. A.

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Office of Chief of Staff

Captain H. O. Yardley

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July 8, 1918.

Major Nicholas Biddle,
302 Broadway,
New York City.

Fifteen Field Clerks for duty in France, capable of taking down verbatim in shorthand examination of German prisoners, desired. Hyman Lieberman, 9 Sterling Street, Newark, N. J., and Frank Henry Lomer, 523 East 156th Street, New York, seem qualified. Ascertain loyalty and report by telegraph.

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July 11, 1918.

H.O. Yardley, Captain, U.S.N.A.,
Military Intelligence Branch, General Staff,
1330 F Street, Washington, D.C.

Dear Captain Yardley:-

Dr. Howard W. Church called on me today and presented the attached letter. I gave him a letter of introduction to you which he will present tomorrow afternoon, as he preferred to talk with you as to the probability of there being work in the future. I think his rather unusual knowledge of German acquired through his four years residence in Germany, where he says he resided next door to the Krupp works, ought to be made use of and, perhaps, if you have no need for him, you can help him on the way to get into the Interpreters Corps, where he ought to be useful in examining German prisoners.

Yours very truly,

FWA.MHA

July 10, 1918.

H. O. Yardley, Captain, U.S.N.A.,
Military Intelligence Branch, General Staff,
1330 F Street, Washington, D.C.

Dear Captain Yardley:-

I have your letter of July 9 in regard to the German stenographers and will be prepared to send people to Washington who can give them a thorough examination as soon as they are ready.

In reference to our own work along this line, I wish to report progress, as follows:

(1) Our investigation has developed the names of 14 Lutheran and Catholic schools and colleges where German systems of shorthand have been taught and we have written to each of them as follows:-

"We are informed that instruction in the Gabelsberger system of stenography has been given in recent years in your institution. Please advise us, under franked cover enclosed, the nature and length of the courses of study, during what years instruction was given, by whom the classes were taught and the names and addresses of the pupils who received instruction and the length of time each was under instruction.

Thanking you for prompt attention, I am,
Respectfully yours."

(2) We have procured from the Secretary of the Gabelsberger Shorthand Society, whom our investigation leads us

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to think is loyal and can be depended upon, for reliable aid, the names of all members and former members of that society and also the names of 102 writers of German shorthand of his acquaintances . We are undertaking to secure the information shown on the blank attached from each of the 36 members of the Gabelsberger Shorthand Society and from each of the 102 other German shorthand reporters. You will note that in each case, we shall ask the names and addresses of all other German shorthand writers known to the individuals in question and we shall in turn make the same interrogation of each person whom we learn is a German shorthand writer.

For those who are of draft age and now in the service, we shall send you information as to the organizations with which they are connected so you can arrange for their examination and transfer if found satisfactory.

For those of draft age and not in the service, we will have personal history statements filled out on your usual blanks and, unless there is objection, we shall also ask them to answer the additional questions we have typed on the blank enclosed and forward such statements to you with a statement as to their inclination to enter the service as field clerk.

For those who are not of draft age, whom

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we think qualified and we are able to induce to enter the service as field clerks, we will send you personal history statements.

Please let me know if these plans all meet with your approval.

Yours very truly,

FWA.MHA

July 11, 1918.

H.O. Yardley, Captain, U.S.N.A.,
Military Intelligence Branch, General Staff,
1330 F Street, Washington, D.C.

Dear Captain Yardley:-

In reply to your letter of July 10, in regard to Mr. Lieberman and Mr. Lomer.

My recollection in regard to Mr. Lieberman is inadequate and we retained no copy of his personal history statement or other record in regard to him and I therefore ask that you return his personal history statement so I can check up and make a further investigation.

In regard to Mr. Lomer, I gave much more attention to his case; saw him a number of times and had him tested thoroughly, both on German and shorthand, by Miss Norman. One of the principal reasons I asked that a further investigation, as to his loyalty be conducted was because his personal history statement showed that he had lived in Germany until 1917, as I recall and had only been naturalized recently. There could be no possible question about his German or shorthand.

I do not recall much about Lieberman but will have him come in and give him a thorough test and, with your permission, will have some further investigation made as to Lomer's loyalty. As it seems to me that when we want to determine the loyalty of an applicant, a better way can be found than to send

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for him and say "we are investigating your fitness for this position. Are you a loyal citizen." It is only fair to Major Biddle's office, however, to say that, as they recall it this evening, the tele-graphic request from you asked them to investigate the "fitness" of these men for this particular position and they did not understand that your request had special reference to their loyalty or that language and shorthand qualifications had previously been ascertained.

I enclose a report signed by Miss Norman covering the test given Mr. Lomer.

Yours very truly,

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WASHINGTON.

July 11, 1918.

Mr. F. W. Allen,

244 Madison Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Allen:

Under separate cover I am sending about 100 copies of a revised "personal history" statement for applicants for positions as German stencographers, to be appointed as Army Field Clerks. I am sending also six copies of Hitt's Manual.

We have cabled General Pershing concerning Leonard M. Mayer, who is in France.

I have written letters to Sigmund E. Mayer, 511 W. ~~Mad~~ 138th St., N.Y., and to Hyman Lieberman, 9 Stirling St., Newark, N.J., instructing them to take their physical examinations. I understand from your letter that both are capable of doing the work outlined for them. If I do not hear from you to the contrary, and if they pass their physical examinations, I shall then appoint them as Army Field Clerks.

While this letter was in the machine, I heard from you about Lomer. I shall send him instructions to take his physical examination.

With many thanks for the interest you have displayed in furnishing us with this information, I am

Sincerely yours,

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Captain, U.S.N.A.

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July 10, 1918.

Mr. F. V. Allen,
244 Madison Ave.,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Allen:

all Referring to Lieberman and Lomer, I have a telegram from Major Biddle stating that they are right so far as their loyalty is concerned, but that Lomer knows little German and not much shorthand. It may, therefore, be well to try out Lomer before we ask that he be appointed.

Very truly yours,

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H. O. Haydley
Captain, U. S. N. A.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF
WASHINGTON.

July 9, 1918.

Mr. F. W. Allen,
244 Madison Ave.,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Allen:

I have telegraphed Major Biddle to look up Lieberman and Lomer. If they are alright, we will have them report to The Adjutant General to be sworn in as field clerks.

Following your suggestion, I interviewed several men in The Adjutant General's Office. The following plan has been outlined in a memorandum for the Chief of Staff. The cantonments throughout the country will be searched for men qualified to take down German dictation. Those who qualify will be ordered to Washington Barracks to report to the Chief, Military Intelligence Branch, Executive Division, for final examination. Those who qualify will be discharged from the army and sworn in as field clerks. Those who do not qualify will be ordered back to their divisions. Memorandum will be drafted in such a way as to make possible the selecting from civil life those who qualify. When the men from the different cantonments reach Washington, I plan to ask you to send, at government expense, someone who is qualified to examine them.


Yours very truly,

M. CHURCHILL
Colonel, General Staff
Chief, Military Intelligence Branch
Executive Division

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H. O. Yardley
Captain, U. S. N. A.

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July 8, 1918.

H. O. Yardley, Captain, U.S.N.A.,

1156--15th St., N.W.,

Washington, D.C.

Dear Captain Yardley:-

Referring to our conversation about the difficulty of getting and keeping clerical help, in Washington, Miss Alida Hamilton was a classmate of my wife, at the College of New Rochelle; through her we secured Miss Florence Martin, for your work in German. Miss Hamilton is willing to go to Washington and enter the service if she can be used. She has been teaching English in the New York High Schools since she graduated from college, has a little knowledge of French but does not know either German or Spanish.

If you need her services, at any time and will let me know, I will arrange to have her come over.

Sincerely yours,

FWA.MHA

July 9, 1918.

H. O. Yardley, Captain, U.S.N.A.,
Military Intelligence Branch, General Staff,
1330 F Street, Washington, D.C.

Dear Captain Yardley:-

I regret because of my illness and absence last week, the usual weekly report was overlooked and am sending the information herewith which covers the work done for the week ending Saturday, July 6 and beg to express my regret at the delay.

Yours very truly,

FWA.MHA

July 9, 1918.

H.O.Yardley, Captain, U.S.N.A.,
Military Intelligence Branch, General Staff,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Captain Yardley:-

We shall need some more copies of the personal history statements in connection with the German stenographers. We gave out all of our copies of the "Hitt Manual for the Solution of Military Ciphers" except one, to those who were going to Washington for the German and Spanish work so that we need four more for our regular people and would be obliged if you would forward both of these to us.

Yours very truly,

FWA.MHA

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF
WASHINGTON.

July 3, 1918.


Mr. F. W. Allen,
244 Madison Ave.,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Allen:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of Mr. A. B. Bielaski's personal answer to Colonel Churchill, in reply to my letter of June 21, a copy of which was sent you on that date.

The letter is self-explanatory.

Very sincerely,


H. O. Yardley
Captain, U. S. N. A.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
Bureau of Investigation,
WASHINGTON.

June 28th, 1918.

Lieut. Col. Marlborough Churchill,
Chief, Military Intelligence Branch,
War Department.

Dear Col. Churchill:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 21st, 4131-415-m.i.8, in regard to your force of short-hand experts, under the management of Mr. F. W. Allen, 244 Madison Avenue, New York City.

I wish to thank you for your kind offer of the services of this Bureau, in connection with work in this office, and to state that I shall be glad to send all short-hand matter to Mr. Allen for examination.

Very truly yours,

A. B. BIELASKI

Chief.

July 3 1918.

H. O. Yardley, Captain, U.S.N.A.

1156 15th Street, N.W.

Washington, D. C.

Dear Captain Yardley:

Referring to request for expert stenographers to take down "verbatim examination of prisoners in German", after careful consideration, I have come to the following conclusions:-

(1) There are a few men, of American birth, who can do this work; one way to locate them is by communicating with reporters throughout the country, so I wrote representative men and the larger reporting firms throughout the country as follows:-

"I have been asked by the Intelligence Branch of the General Staff to locate a number of 'expert stenographers capable of taking down verbatim examination of our prisoners in German', who are either now in the army, or are of draft age, and who can be inducted into the army, in the corps of interpreters.

"Will you please consider carefully whom you know, and ask other reporters, whose opinion you value, whom they know, who are qualified for this work and wire me, night letter, their names and, for those now in the army, designations of the military units with which they are connected, whether they are now in France or in a camp and which camp, and the names and addresses of those who are of draft age, but not already inducted into the army, and write me, special delivery, as full information as you can regarding their qualifications.

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"Will you also give separately the names of persons whom you know or learn of, otherwise qualified for this work, but over draft age, who are willing to enter the army and serve in France, as field clerks, at \$1200 per annum."

Most of their replies are not encouraging, but I am getting some which are giving me good leads, and I am corresponding with those whose names are suggested, to learn whether they have the proper qualifications and whether they are willing to go. There seems to be some hope of getting a number from the Pennsylvania Dutch settlements, where most of the local reporters know German.

(2) There are a number of loyal naturalized citizens, of German birth, who are willing and able to do this work, mostly men between 45 and 55 years of age. Investigation would probably show that most of them who had been naturalized from 20 to 30 years, could be depended upon, particularly those who now have sons in the service. I therefore communicated with several employment agencies, who handle German stenographers and out of many persons interviewed, two have already expressed willingness to go. I have had these fill out personal history statements, to give you detailed information, and enclose them herewith.

*St. Lorenz
Kirkman*

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I would suggest that you request Major Biddle to make an examination as to the loyalty of these persons, and any others in this particular class whose papers I ~~am~~^{may} ~~send~~ you, before they are accepted.

(3) It may be difficult to get the number requested, who are fully qualified, and I suggest that you have the card records in the cantonments inspected carefully to locate young men who speak German, and write any German or English system of shorthand, because, although there may be a few who can take down "verbatim" examination there will be some who can do it satisfactorily if not too fast at the start, and I am convinced that it is possible for a person who knows German and writes either Pitman or Gregg (English) systems of shorthand, to satisfactorily take down examinations in German.

Yours very truly,

FWA/ABC

June 29, 1918.

H.O.Yardley, Captain, U.S.N.A.,
1156--15th St., N.W.,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Captain Yardley:-

I am enclosing statement of Mr. Robert H. Keener, recommended by Professor Wilkins, who has been Chairman of the Modern Language Department of the Evander Childs High School, for the last eight years. He has the language qualification unquestionably and also executive experience. His ancestry has been American for several generations and he impresses me as a high class man who will be one of the very best that I have been able to send you.

Mr. Klotz is coming to Washington tomorrow morning, leaving on the B. & O at 9:55. Mr. Campagnoli and Mr. Skinner have made arrangements to be there Monday. Mr. Austin W. Works is leaving Boston Sunday night and will arrive in Washington Monday morning. Miss Jachens, I understand, is already in Washington and Miss Martin expects to go today or tomorrow so both will report to you Monday.

I have written you before about Mr. Cawley and Mr. Lieder, both Harvard men, with whom I had a further conference this morning together with Mr. Frank Vogel, who is the head of

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the Department of German in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and which is the technical department of Harvard and I have been very much impressed by the scholarship of each of these three men and the impression I have of their personal characters is of the highest.

Mr. Cawley is a young man, not yet married, who is willing to go to France. Mr. Lieder is also willing to go to France. Mr. Vogel is an older man and has been their superior for some years, has a family and wants to go into the service but, I think, would prefer to stay in Washington, if you can use him there. As to their loyalty, there seems to be no question. Mr. Cawley is a Minnesota man of American ancestry all the way back. Mr. Lieder, while having German ancestors away back, they have been in this country since about 1840. Mr. Vogel is apparently of more recent German^{9x} extraction but he, with his two younger assistants have already been engaged on important work for the Government in connection with the German Steamships which were seized by the Government in the Boston harbor and he has been chairman ~~for~~⁷ the War Saving Committee for persons of German ancestry in New England. I have not questioned him as closely in regard to his ancestry as I have the others and I have not taken history statements from any one of them. I think they are three good men, each of them

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fully equal to any that we have sent and probably superior. I am glad that you are to have a full day with them tomorrow to get acquainted and size them up. As it stands, when they left here today, they are willing to go into the service immediately. I think Mr. Cawley expects to go back to Boston tomorrow night but can arrange to be in Washington again either Tuesday or Wednesday morning. Mr. Lieder, I believe, can arrange to be there by Wednesday. The same thing, I think, is true of Mr.

Yours very truly,

FWA.MHA

June 28, 1918.

H. O. Yardley, Captain, U.S.N.A.,
1156--15th St., N.W.,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Captain Yardley:-

Confirming telephone conversation today, I hand you herewith the statements of Miss Case and Miss Thomas, who were recommended by Professor Wilkins for the Spanish work. I also enclose the statements of Mr. Works and Mr. Jackson, who were recommended by Professor Wilkins for the German work.

I today had a conference with Mr. Robert Keener, who is at the head of the German Department in the Evander Childs High School, a man of about 40 years of age, who I think is unusually qualified for this work and with Mr. Frank Stanton Cawley, Assistant Professor of German in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, a Harvard graduate who taught German in the Harvard Collegiate Department for some years and has for the last four or five years been in the "Massachusetts Tech." and who is, I think, very highly qualified for this work.

I have also talked with Professor Frederick W.C. Linder, who is also an assistant professor of German in Harvard and

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and who I think is extremely qualified for the work. Tomorrow morning, I am to have a conference with Mr. Robert M. Masvin who is most highly recommended, ^{by Prof. Hillier} and who is the head of the German Department in the Commercial High School in Brooklyn. I have good hopes of securing the consent of Mr. Keener and Mr. Cawley, both of whom I think are at least equal in every qualification to Mr. Schreiber and if I can induce them to come, I shall get them to go to Washington as early next week as possible for a final conference with you and to take the course of instruction if you get together. If they consent to go, I shall send you their statements tomorrow.

Yours very truly,

June 27 1918.

From: A.B.Coigne; office of F.W.Allen.

To: Captain H.O.Yardley, 1156 15th Street, N.W. Washington, DC

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Respectfully yours,

C/MEM

June 29 1918.

Memorandum for Captain Yardley

Subject: Activities of M.I.S - Alien Shorthand Sub-Section week ending June 29.

B. ALIEN SHORTHAND SUB SECTION

RECEIVED FROM EXECUTIVE POSTAL CENSORSHIP COMMITTEE.

45996-B
E.P.C.C.

Letter from Carmela Fernandez, from Havana, Cuba, dated May 9, 1918, addressed to Luisa Sanchez, with 2 pages of shorthand notes enclosed, written in English (Sloan Dupleyan system). Having received a new photostat from E.P.C.C. a transcript was furnished to E.P.C.C. on June 26th with a copy to M.I.S.

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These letters, containing no shorthand, were returned with 45996-B, to E.P.C.C.

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F.A.Hill, Cuba, to L.L.Norton, Mt. Hermon School, Mt. Hermon, Mass. A report from the investigator sent to Massachusetts is awaited. Meanwhile the Sub-Section has been working upon it, but thus far without satisfactory results.

45996-E
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RECEIVED FROM M.I.B.

FRITZ MALITZ

Shorthand notes written on a telegram blank. The transcription of these notes is being subjected to check. It is expected that they will be forwarded by the end of the week.

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M.I.B.

Three shorthand note books containing correspondence of the People's Council for Democracy and Peace. A number of additional pages have been transcribed. The work may probably be finished during the following week.

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FRITZ MAIWALD.

This work is still being deferred for more important work.

June 27 1918.

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H. O. Yardley, Captain, U.S.N.A.,

1156--15th St., N.W.,

Washington, D.C.

Dear Captain Yardley:-

Practically all day yesterday and today, I have been talking to the people recommended by Mr. Wilkins for the German and Spanish units. I think I have the other two men for German who can arrange to be in Washington on Monday. I expected to come to Washington tonight but am staying over until tomorrow night to see one or two others and to see some more of the stenographers. So, I will call on you early Friday morning, if that is convenient for you.

Sincerely yours,

FWA.MHA

June 26 1918.

Captain H. O. Yardley, U.S.N.A.

1156 15th Street N.W.

Washington, D. C.

Dear Captain Yardley:

I enclose copy of letter from Major
Biddle with copy of my reply and copy of transcript and
translation furnished.

Yours truly,

FWA/ABC

June 34, 1918.

H. O. Yardley, Captain, U.S.N.A.,
1156--15th Street, N.W.,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Captain Yardley:-

I am returning the memorandum dated June 8,
which was enclosed with your letter of June 12.

Yours very truly,

FWA.MHA

June 24, 1913.

H. O. Yardley, Captain U. S. N. A.,
1158--15th Street, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Captain Yardley:-

I enclose a copy of a letter which I received from Miss Carmen Garcia this morning, together with a copy of my reply. I anticipate that you will have a communication from Miss Celestina Garcia or from Mrs. Rita Ring and her daughter, who are mentioned in Miss Garcia's letter.

Yours very truly,

FWA.MHA

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MILITARY INTELLIGENCE BRANCH

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF
WASHINGTON.

June 22, 1918.

Mr. F. W. Allen,
214 Madison Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Allen:

I take pleasure in enclosing herewith
a paraphrase of a cablegram from Paris regarding short-
hand.

Very sincerely,

M. CHURCHILL,
Colonel, General Staff,
Chief, Military Intelligence Branch,
Executive Division.

By:

H. O. Yardley
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Captain, U. S. N. A.

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Paraphrase of Cable.

From Military Attache,
Paris, France.

Letters written in shorthand which have been examined by the committee postal control on frontier prove to be principally love letters and are rare.

Interesting information, from a military standpoint, has been found on German prisoners, written in shorthand in pocketbooks, part of which are put to immediate use. Shorthand notes not generally found on suspects.

Gabelsberger is the principal German system and is also used in Scandinavia and English speaking countries. Stolze-Schrey is second.

Notes in shorthand are always transcribed.

In France Prevost-Belaunay and duploye systems are used.

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MILITARY INTELLIGENCE BRANCH

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF
WASHINGTON.

June 21, 1918.

Mr. F. H. Allen,
244 Madison Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

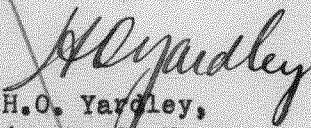
I am sending you herewith a carbon copy of a letter mailed today to Mr. Bielaski, Chief, of the Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice.

Mr. Bielaski and the Military Intelligence Branch are in close co-operation, and the offer to place the services of our shorthand experts at his command is a reciprocal service, which I am very glad to be able to render.

In case he sends for any papers direct with a request for their transcription, you are authorized to deal directly with him and to render any service requested.

Yours very truly,

M. CHURCHILL
Colonel, General Staff,
Chief, Military Intelligence Branch,
Executive Division .

By 
H.O. Yardley,
Captain, U. S. N. A.

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June 21, 1918.

Mr. A. Bruce Bielaski,
Chief, Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Bielaski:

I am writing to bring to your attention the fact that the Military Intelligence Branch has organized a force of shorthand experts who are prepared to read and transcribe notes in practically any known system in use in any modern language. This staff is under the direct management of Mr. F. W. Allen, of the Firm of Hulse & Allen, Shorthand Experts, 244 Madison Ave., New York.

In case your department comes at any time into the possession of shorthand notes, in any form whatever, I hope you will feel entirely free to avail yourself of the services of our staff by sending the papers direct to Mr. Allen for transcription and translation. Mr. Allen has been informed that you may have occasion to send such material to him in the future, and will be very glad to render you any service possible, on behalf of the Military Intelligence Branch.

You may rely on the utmost discretion and secrecy being observed in this work, each of the operators having been thoroughly investigated before having been sworn in.

Very sincerely,

M. CHURCHILL,
Colonel, General Staff,
Chief, Military Intelligence Branch,
Executive Division.

By:

H. O. Yardley,
Captain, U. S. N. A.

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8/9/18

Spanish

I should like to have one of the girls knowing both Portugese and Spanish; this is not absolutely necessary, inasmuch as Weisekopf- who is now with us - speaks Portugese?

german

I shall need a few more officers. It is important to get all applications in Washington on July the first, so that they can all start their course at the same time.

Spanish

I can use three persons speaking Spanish at a maximum.

Specimen, -
Campuzano
Alto

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H.O. Yardley, Captain, U.S.N.A.,
Military Intelligence Branch, General Staff,
1330 F Street, Washington, D.C.

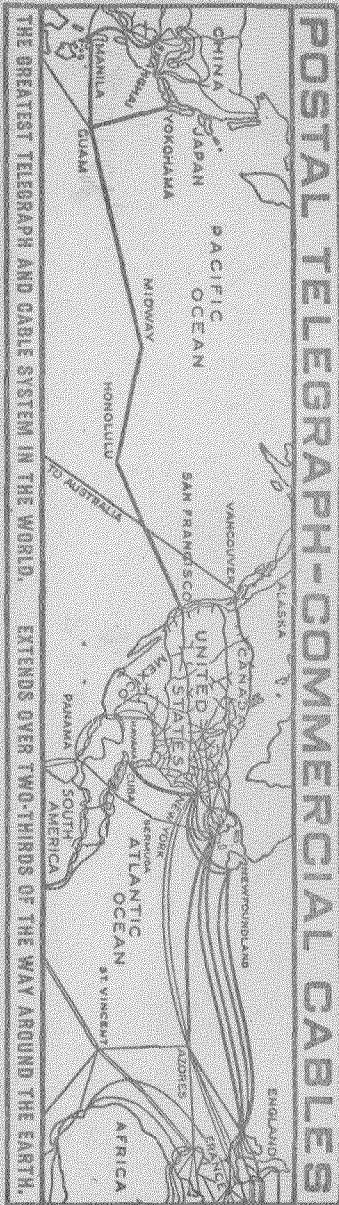
Letter received from Professor Wilkins this morning. Advises he cannot come but will suggest names for leader in Spanish if desired. Forwarding my letter and his reply.

F.W.Allen

Allen

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THE FASTEST TELEGRAPH SERVICE IN THE WORLD

American Commission to Negotiate Peace,
C 17, 4 Place de la Concorde,
Paris,

December 25, 1918.

Dear Allen:

Xmas it seemed was going to be a dull day for me until your letter concerning Prince showed up. Your letter helped like the very devil.

Prince as you probably know had charge of compiling codes. If I had it in my power to keep him I should do so, and I should continue the work that he has been doing. But what the General Staff will approve I can not say. I gather from Capt. Manly's cables to me and from officers from MID on the Peace Commission that General Churchill asked Manly for a recommendation for the reorganization of MIB on a peace basis, and that Manly included Prince's section, which of course would include Prince. I can give you nothing definite for even General Churchill with whom I have talked several times since he came abroad knows nothing definite.

As a matter of fact I am not at all sure what will happen to me. Manly cables that he recommended a large permanent organization, and added that he wanted to get back to Chicago University as soon as possible but would hold on until I got back. He also recommended that I be retained as Chief of MIB. Churchill wants to keep MIB, and Harrison of the State Department tells me that Secretary Lansing wants to take it over. There are many many questions to decide about the matter, Congress is in Washington and both Van Deman and Churchill are on the Peace Conference. Personally I feel that one of these men should be in Washington - so there you are. I of course can do nothing at all.

The situation is so uncertain that I have already written you about getting some sort of a job with the American Code Company. I have been in the hospital with the "flu" which left me in a depressed frame of mind, which has not been helped any by seeing Majors running around over here, men from Washington, who when I left were holding secondary positions. As you know neither Manly nor I was promoted. I have never mentioned the subject but Churchill left a bit put out I think and took pity on me and told me that when the armistice was signed the recommendation for my promotion was in the hands of the Chief of Staff. I should have preferred not to have been recommended. Of course there is something in knowing that I would have been promoted had the war lasted another two or three days, but what I mean is that I wish Churchill hadn't told me. It makes me all the madder when I see the above-mentioned Majors running around over here. And to tell the truth I feel especially bad over the fact that Manly was not promoted. He deserved it so much more than these men. Of course he is a poor executive but he has done some very fine work and is today the best code specialist in an American uniform. But enough of this - it is merely that it is Xmas and

and the ill effects of the "flu."

Regarding your organization: personally I should like to see at least one man or woman kept on the rolls of M18 who could do shorthand. I do not feel that M18 would be complete if it could not decipher shorthand notes. Of course Noriega and Miss Norman are not Americans, a fact that complicates the situation. What I mean is that we will need some very high class clerks for code and cipher work and if one or two of them could do shorthand our organization would be all the more complete. Why not talk the matter over with Capt. Manly? These shorthand frequencies I should like to have very much in *dr* files. I am pleased that you are going ahead and complete them.

The work that I am doing for the Commission is M18 work only of course my organization is very small - small yes but every man can do the work. I selected the best and the most experienced men on this side. I have three officers, three field clerks, one sgt., and three privates. We are a happy family and the people here seem to think our work entirely worth-while.

We are getting out some very good stuff.

All officers and civilians on the Mission are being quartered at the Crillon, one of the best hotels in Paris. All expenses are paid. The rooms are very nice but the food so rich that I do not believe that I can stand it much longer. I am trying to get an allowance. If I succeed another officer and I will take an apartment, turn the money over to some French woman and let her manage for us. We will be much more independent, and it will seem more like a home.

Paris is brightening up a bit but things are still dull. The weather is not cold but it rains now every day. I haven't been here very long, have I, but to tell the truth if I cannot get an apartment I shall get very tired of Paris and wish heartily that I were home. But perhaps when the Peace Conference actually begins things will liven up a bit. And of course I am learning French which makes my stay here for no other reason highly desirable.

I am not having much luck at typeing this letter. I let my stenographer celebrate Xmas today.

In your letter that I have before me you mention writing again in a few days. I shall look forward to it with impatience.

Please give my regards to Mrs. Allen and Remember me to Nan.

Very sincerely yours,

Boydley

P.S.

In reading over this letter I felt a sense of shame that I should have written anything about my not being promoted and wish to modify my statements, or excuse them, by adding that I have at least six personal letters from Churchill congratulating me on my work over here, and several cables from Capt. Manly that Churchill had talked to the Chief of Staff and the Secretary of War, both of whom were pleased. I suppose therefore that it was not unnatural that I should have looked forward to a promotion that never developed !

I hear frequently from Hazel. Poor kid is getting frightfully lonesome and talks of going home. I have written her several times, telling her that that is what I think she should do, but she still stays in Washn. Of course she felt that I should be home by Xmas, and if not then, at least by January. One of the things that makes it worth while to stay here is thinking of how nice it will be to telephone her from your office that I have arrived !

HOY

July 23, 1918.

H.O. Yardley, Captain, U.S.N.A.,
Military Intelligence Branch, General Staff,
1330 F Street, Washington, D.C.

Dear Captain Yardley:-

I have your letter of July 18 and am sending copy of your memorandum to Colonel Pakenham, in regard to Mr. Bruno Lasker, to Major Biddle and will await with interest its results.

Yours very truly,

FWA, MHA

July 23, 1918.

H.O. Yardley, Captain, U.S.M.A.,
Military Intelligence Branch, General Staff,
1330 F Street, Washington, D.C.

Dear Captain Yardley:-

Referring to your letter of July 18, in which you stated that "it is impossible under the regulations, for any Officer in the army of the United States who was born in enemy territory to be sent overseas."

I understand that there are in this country about 200,000 persons who were born in Alsace-Lorraine, a large number of whom are of French parentage and were citizens of France prior to 1870. The French Government and the English Government have specially recognized ^{this} class and many of them have been admitted into the French army. The Association Generale des Alsaciens-Lorrains d'Amerique, has a large membership consisting of this class (See letter attached).

Please advise whether persons of this class are included, by the regulation referred to, as "born in enemy territory".

Yours very truly,

FWA.MHA

August 1st 1918

From: F.W.Allen.

To: H.O.Yardley, Captain U.S.N.A. 1330 F Street
Washington D.C.

Subject: Stationary.

Will you please send us at your earliest convenience about 1000 envelopes; we have only about thirty left.

C/W.

Respectfully Yours,

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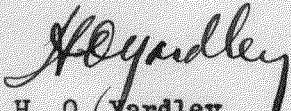
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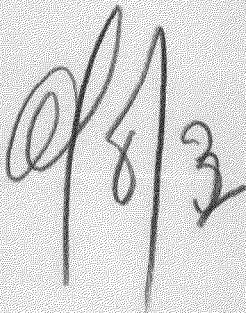
My dear Mr. Allen:

I shall leave for New York the latter part of next week on my way to London. Are you going to be in Washington before that time?

Very truly yours,


H. O. Yardley
Captain, U. S. N. A.

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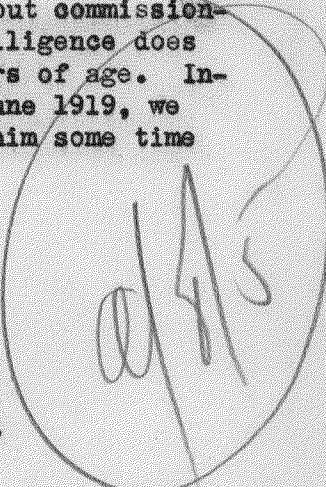
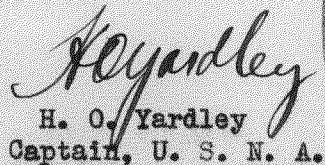
August 1, 1918.

Mr. F. W. Allen,
244 Madison Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Allen:

I talked with Colonel Coxe about commissioning Mr. Coigne. He tells me that Military Intelligence does not commission men who are below twenty-one years of age. Inasmuch as Coigne will not be registered until June 1919, we can very well determine what we are to do with him some time next spring.

Very truly yours,



H. O. Yardley
Captain, U. S. N. A.

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August 3, 1918.

H.O. Yardley, Captain, U.S.N.A.,
Military Intelligence Branch, General Staff,
1330 F Street, Washington, D.C.

Dear Captain Yardley:-

I enclose copy of a letter which I wrote to Professor Wilkins on July 30, when I ascertained that he could not be reached by telephone and was not expected back until September, and also a copy of his reply received this morning.

He also telegraphed me yesterday in regard to the leaves of absence, as follows:-

"Consult Acting Supt. MacAndrew about leaves of absence letter following."

In accordance with his suggestion, I shall take up the matter with Mr. MacAndrew either today or tomorrow.

Yours very truly,

FWA.MHA

August 3, 1918.

H.O. Yardley, Captain, U.S.N.A.,
Military Intelligence Branch, General Staff,
1330 F Street, Washington, D.C.

Dear Captain Yardley:-

In reply to your letter of August 1, the Consolidated Classification case begins in New York on Monday and will last through the week. There are many things of importance that I want to look after in Washington and I hope to get away by Tuesday night so that I can be in Washington Wednesday but it is not at all certain.

Yours very truly,

FWA.MHA

August 2, 1918.

H.O. Yardley, Captain, U.S.N.A.,
Military Intelligence Branch, General Staff,
1330 F Street, Washington, D.C.

Dear Captain Yardley:-

If you ever need an experienced office executive and organizer, I think Mr. Herbert S. Spencer, who is the Office Manager of the Continental Guaranty Corporation could be induced to go into the service. He is over the draft age now, but subject to call, if the age is raised. He is not yet married but is engaged. I have seen a good deal of him during recent months and think he is a high class man.

Sincerely yours, ,

FWA.M.A

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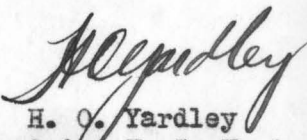
My dear Mr. Allen:

Following up my conversation with you today re-
garding four field clerks with a thorough knowledge of Russian and
German, I am sending you herewith some application blanks to be
signed by the candidates.

Please have them filled out, and attach to them
the usual medical certificate for each candidate.

I need not add how thoroughly I appreciate your
cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,


H. O. Yardley
Captain, U. S. N. A.

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April 18 1918.

Captain H. O. Yardley U.S.M.A.
1156 15th Street N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Yardley:

Enclosed herewith please find the photo-
stats of the front and back of envelope numbered 10516-1142
mentioned in the last paragraph of the letter just sent to
you, and which was inadvertently omitted.

Yours truly,

Official Reporter

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M. I. 8

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF
WASHINGTON

February 18, 1918.

Mr. F. W. Allen,
Hulse & Allen,
165 Broadway,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Allen:

Referring to yours of the sixteenth instant,
the copy of our letter to Major Biddle was omitted
through an oversight, in our letter of February 14.

I am enclosing herewith the above mentioned
copy.

Very sincerely,



1st Lieutenant, U. S. R.

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H O Y

February 14, 1918.

From: Chief, Intelligence Branch, Executive Division.
To: Major Nicholas Biddle, 302 Broadway, New York City.
Subject: F. W. Allen, official stenographer.

1. Some of the more difficult shorthand notes picked up from various sources and submitted to the Cipher Bureau for transcription and translation have been sent to Mr. F. W. Allen of Hulse & Allen, 165 Broadway, official stenographer to the Interstate Commerce Commission and Federal Trade Commission, one of the largest associations in America, for solution. Mr. Allen without any compensation other than our deep gratitude has been kind enough to give this matter his personal attention and has now collected an extensive library on all known systems as well as indexed names of people who are familiar with foreign and obscure shorthand systems.

2. He is also training a girl to read Gabelsberger and Stolze-Schrey, both German systems, and has personally expressed his willingness to turn her over to the Cipher Bureau when she is thoroughly trained, if your investigation of her history proves to be favorable.

3. Mr. Allen feels, as do we, that if at some future time a rigid censorship is established, the Cipher Bureau will be flooded with letters written in shorthand and that the enemy agents may resort, or have already resorted, so far as we know, to ciphers written in German or obscure shorthand systems. In such an event, his extensive library and indexed information will be at the disposal of the Cipher Bureau.

4. I have suggested to Mr. Allen the desirability of his calling on you. If he does call, please show him every consideration.

R. H. VAN DEMAN,

Colonel, General Staff,
Chief, Intelligence Branch, Executive Division.

By

H. O. Yardley
1st Lieutenant, U. S. R.

July 30 1918.

H. O. Yardley, Captain, U.S.N.A.
1330 F Street
Washington, D. C.

Dear Captain Yardley:

Referring to our telephone conversation yesterday in regard to the three German teachers, who are holding themselves in readiness to answer your call, they are as follows:

Professor Robert B. Marvin, head of the Department of German in the Commercial High School, Brooklyn, New York, recommended by Professor Wilkins and said by him to be a man of great executive ability, about 46 years of age. I have not taken his personal history statement previously, but have sent him blank to-night and expect to be able to forward it to you either to-morrow night or the next morning. He has experience in handling other men and ought to be a good leader, and is older than most of the men sent you. Mr. Kenner knows him intimately.

H. W. Church, teacher of German at Phillips Academy, Andover, Mass., recommended by Professor Corwin of the Sheffield Scientific School, age 37, lived in Germany from 1908 to 1912. I have not taken his personal history statement previously but have sent him blank to-day and expect to be able to forward it to you to-morrow night.

Eugene Jackson, teacher of German in the DeWitt Clinton High School, in New York City, recommended by Professor Wilkins. His personal history statement was sent you June 28, and the three letters of recommendation were forwarded with my letter of July 9th.

Yours sincerely,

FWA/ABC

244 MADISON AVENUE

NEW YORK

July 29, 1918.

H.O. Yardley, Captain, U.S.N.A.,
Military Intelligence Branch, General Staff,
1330 F Street, Washington, D.C.

Dear Captain Yardley:-

I enclose a draft of a letter which, if you approve, I propose sending to 732 members of the National Association of Shorthand Reporters, which I have not previously written. Will you kindly advise if it is all right or if there are any changes or suggestions that you think will improve it.

Yours very truly,

FWA.MHA

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*Dear Mr Allen
This note with my
approach I believe
you should get some
good results from this
H.D.G.*

John [unclear]

Memorandum for the Chief of Staff.

Subject: ^{request} Fifteen German Stenographers.

1. Cablegram No. _____, dated _____, from General Pershing, requesting ~~fifteen men~~ capable of taking down in shorthand verbatim examination of German prisoners, has been referred to Chief M.I.B. for action.

2. A memorandum dated _____, file No. _____, approved _____, directing The Adjutant General of the Army to select thirty men from the enlisted personnel of the army capable of doing this work and to direct them to report to the Chief of M.I.B. for final examination disclosed the fact that there are not enough men in the army capable of doing this work to fill the request.

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3. The Shorthand Sub-Section of M.I.B., in an effort to find men in civil life capable of doing this work, with a view to appointing them as army field clerks, after a careful investigation, has concluded (a) that ^{very few} writers of Pitmanic and other English systems of shorthand who ~~thoroughly~~ know German can only take down ^{and then find who do} examination of German prisoners ~~satisfactorily~~ after a considerable period of study and practice in adapting their systems to German, and (b) that the present available supply of German stenographers capable of taking down ^{verbatim} examination of German prisoners is confined to writers of the two principal German shorthand systems, Gabelsbürger and Stolze-Schrey.

4. A list of ~~approximately~~ ^{for} ~~for~~ hundred stenographers writing these

~~systems was~~

systems was compiled from the following sources:

(a) from correspondence with members and officials of ~~the~~ National *and Shorthand* Association of Shorthand reporters and ^{with} court and official shorthand reporters.

(b) From the records and correspondence of the Gabelsburger Shorthand Society, which contained lists of members and former members and stenographers of which the Society had a record or with whom it had correspondence.

(c) From advertising for German stenographers, in the names of and English private business concerns, in German newspapers.

(d) From correspondence with schools and colleges in the United States (principally Lutheran and Catholic Divinity schools) in which Gabelsburger Shorthand has been taught.

(e) From private teachers of German shorthand systems.

(f) From teachers of English shorthand systems.

(g) From inquiry of each writer of these systems, ^{as rapidly as listed,} for names and address of all persons of his acquaintance who write German shorthand.

(H.) From the records of ~~the~~ German employment agencies.

§ 5. To procure sufficient information to determine the availability of ^{each of} the individuals listed for this work, a census is being taken to show, age, place of birth, whether naturalized, period of study and practice, ~~present~~ occupation, ~~and~~ income, dependents, etc.

6. Of the persons already examined in taking this census, only 16 per cent were born in the United States and less than one half of these know German and write shorthand well enough to take down ~~examination~~ ^{verbatim} examination of German prisoners. Of the remaining 84 per cent, born in enemy countries, 60 per cent have been naturalized, and nearly all of these know German and write shorthand well enough to do the work satisfactorily, but most of them have families and hold responsible positions with banking and commercial houses doing a foreign business and have incomes of from \$3000. to \$10000. per annum.

7. It is therefore very clear that, if ^{a sufficient number of} men capable of taking down in shorthand verbatim examination of German prisoners, are to be obtained, the rule that naturalized citizens, if born in enemy countries, will not be appointed as army field clerks, must be waived; and that their compensation must be at least ^{2500.} \$1800. per annum.

8. Authority therefore is requested to appoint, as army field clerks at a compensation of ^{2500.} \$1800. per annum, as many naturalized citizens born in enemy countries, as may be necessary to fill a quota of fifteen men, capable of taking down verbatim examination of German prisoners, if investigation clearly shows that they are loyal citizens of the United States.

~~Handwritten notes and signatures, including a circled '5' and various illegible scribbles.~~

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(2) Ordinary stenographers, such as can be obtained for \$1,200 per annum, cannot take down verbatim examination of prisoners in German and men capable of doing this work must not only be expert stenographers, with reporting speed and experience, but they must have a better knowledge of German than the best translators require, their work being done at speed instead of at leisure, and they ought to have a broad familiarity with the ^{German} language and the several dialects spoken throughout the German Empire.

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MILITARY INTELLIGENCE BRANCH

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF
WASHINGTON.

July 24, 1918.

Mr. F. W. Allen,
244 Madison Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

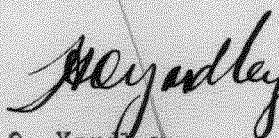
Dear Mr. Allen:

Referring to your letter of July 23, in which you ask regarding the status of natives of Alsace-Lorraine under the regulation that officers cannot be commissioned who were born in enemy territory, I have found on inquiry that in one case a commission was given to a native of Alsace who was born of French parents--that is, of parents who at the time of his birth were citizens of France, not of that part of Alsace which was under German rule. I am advised that no general rule can be made in the case of all natives of Alsace-Lorraine, as that would let down the bars too wide. However, every case can be taken up on its own merits, and decided on the basis of a memorandum. From the case which has been decided, however, it is of course possible to appoint field clerks who may conform to the requirements in the decided case. Other cases which may not quite strictly conform may also be taken up one at a time.

I have furthermore discovered that The Adjutant General of the Army has appointed some field clerks of German birth who came to the United States before they were five years of age. If applicants of this sort come to your attention, and if their loyalty record is absolutely clear, there is no reason to reject them.

I am enclosing some literature which comes from The Adjutant General's Office regarding the qualifications and status of Army Field Clerks, which I think you will find useful. I am informed that the minimum pay is \$1200 per annum, but that promotion is rapid in France if a man proves worthy of it.

Very truly yours,


H. O. Yardley,
Captain, U. S. N. A.

1 encl.

Absence, Leave of- Each applicant write a letter to the Superintendent of Schools, stating facts involved and describing what ~~action~~ ^{case} has been already taken in his ~~place~~ if any such as- arrangement with Mr. Wilkins of the office of the Supt. of High Schools. State beginning of leave, ^{Sept 1, 1918} whether this is under the Fenner Law or not, termination of leave to be at close of the war and ^{thereafter} until discharged from the service of the United States.

If accompanying this letter there is a manifold copy of a brief statement of the Department of the Government requiring the applicant's service, this will expedite the action of the Board of Education and save trouble of its writing to Washington to get the necessary protection for letting the applicant go.

Board of Education meets August 14- applications should be filed at once in order that cases may be ready for the Board for that time.

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such as - arrangement with Mr. Wilkins of the office of the State of High Schools. *Dr. Wm L. Eddins, Dept of Schools*
500 P. O. Box
N. Y.

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by the undersigned
Sept 1
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until discharged from the
military service of the United States
and - duties. Branch of the General
staff of the U S War Department,

NAME	HIGH SCHOOL	SALARY
✓ Skinner	High School of Commerce	
✓ Robert H. Keener	Evander Childs High School	\$3150.00
Austin Works 0	2750, De Witt Clinton High School	\$2500.00
John Norris 0	2750, Stuyvesant High School	\$2500.00
Robert M. Marvin 0	Commercial High School	\$3150.00
Eugene Jackson	De Witt Clinton High School	\$2050.00
✓ Anne F. Carter	Morris High School	
✓ Ruth Willson	Bushwick High School	\$1400.00
Juanita Case	0 <u>Murray</u> Bryant High School	\$1750.00
✓ Anita Thomas	High School of Commerce	\$2050.00

August 5 1918.

Dr. Wm. L. Ettinger

Superintendent of Schools

500 Park Avenue, New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:-

Referring to conversation of Mr. F. W. Allen with President Summers on August 5, the following teachers of German and Spanish in the High Schools of the City of New York have been trained as Cryptographers in the Cipher and Code Section of the Military Intelligence Branch of the General Staff and each has applied to the Superintendent of Schools of the City of New York for leave of absence and compensation under the Act of May 10, 1917, for the duration of the war and thereafter until discharged from the service of the United States

(Insert names of teachers)

As the Act referred to provides that employees of the City who enter the Federal service after its effective date shall obtain the consent of the Mayor before receiving from the City the excess, if any, of the compensation paid by the United States, and as these persons all have special knowledge of German and Spanish and have been especially trained by us as cryptographers and their services are essential to the work of this Division, and, as the compensation which some of them have received from the City of New York is in excess of

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the compensation which they will receive from the United States, we request that leaves of absence be granted to all of them, as requested in the enclosed applications and that ~~an~~ excess of compensation be paid to those who receive higher compensation from the City of New York than they will receive from the United States.

Respectfully yours,

Chief, Military Intelligence Branch
Executive Division
General Staff

August 5, 1918.

H.O. Yardley, Captain, U.S. N.A.,

Military Intelligence Branch, General Staff,

1330 F Street, Washington, D.C.

Dear Captain Yardley:-

Referring to the requests for leave of absence for the German and Spanish teachers whose services were procured through the New York Board of Education, I had a long conference today with President Somers of the Board of Education and members of his staff in reference to the same, and President Somers requests that each individual whose compensation from the United States, including allowances, is to be less than his present compensation from the City of New York, shall fill out and sign (1) an application on Board of Education Form 29 enclosed and (2) a letter to the Superintendent of Schools in the form enclosed marked "B".

The individuals whose compensation from the United States, including allowances, will be as much as or more than their present compensation from the City of New York should omit, in the letter to the Superintendent of Schools the words "with compensation as provided under the Act of May 10, 1917", and need not sign Form 29.

The individuals who are not to be commissioned should substitute the words "Military Intelligence Branch of the General Staff" for the words "Military service of the United States"

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A copy of the Fenner Law (Chapter 435, New York Laws of 1917) may be found on page 1163 of the enclosed extract of the Minutes of the Board of Education.

As the Board of Education has a meeting on August 14, at which these applications can be acted upon and as it is necessary to have the requests for the benefit of the Fenner Law approved by the Mayor before that time, I suggest that you have the applications signed and sent to me with the request from Colonel Churchill as soon as possible so, that I may personally take them directly to President Somers and arrange to have them put right through.

It will encourage your people to know that President Somers was very much interested in the work they are undertaking and assured me that he would personally take up with the Mayor the matter of the approval of these applications and that if, by any chance, any of them were not approved that the Board of Education had the power, outside of the Fenner Law, and would exercise the right to grant leave of absence and a special allowance of the difference in pay to these particular persons for the duration of the War, in view of the special nature of the services which they are required to perform.

Sincerely yours,

FWA.MHA

I also enclose a draft of a suggested form of letter from Colonel Churchill, the original of which need only to be signed but of which we should have as many copies with typewritten signature as there are applications, one to be

August 6, 1918

Chief, Military Intelligence Branch,
Executive Division
General Staff,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

I have known Mr. Herbert S. Spencer in a business way since April 1918, and have come to the belief that he has unusual ability and valuable experience as an office organizer and executive. I know of nothing affecting him unfavorably either in a business way, or as regards his loyalty, and I believe him to be an able, energetic and loyal American.

Yours truly,

FWA/ABC

8/15/18

Captain Yardley's Address:-

- August 15--Sept. 1 C/o American Military Attaché, American Embassy, London.
- Sept. 1--Sept. 15 American Military Attaché, American Embassy, Paris.
- Sept. 15--Nov. 15 American Headquarters, American Expeditionary Forces, France.

If I go to Rome or
~~any other~~ ^{some} place in France
my mail will be forwarded
from Headquarters

NOTE FOR MRS. YARDLEY

M.I.B. at Washington will notify you of the time of my arrival at different points. Please send the information that M.I.B. furnishes you, to the following:

R.K.Yardley, Vincennes, Ind.

Mrs. C. K. Austin, Bedford, Ind.

Richard Yardley, Washington, D. C., Cherrydale Station.

^{Mrs.}
Mr. F. W. Allen, 244¹/₂ Madison Avenue.

Copy

August 6, 1918.

H.O. Yardley, Captain, U. S. N. A.,
Military Intelligence Branch, General Staff,
1330 F Street, Washington, D. C.

Dear Captain Yardley:-

Replying to your letter of August 1, in regard to Mr. Coigne, if General Crowder's recommendation is adopted, as it will probably be within 30 days, he will be subject to draft and from what I know of him, I do not think he will wait to be called but will enlist immediately, unless we take steps that will hold him to his present work, in which he is badly needed because of the special training he has received in recent months.

He will be especially needed, if the draft age goes to 45, which will include me, as I know of no sufficient reason why I should not enter active service.

Sincerely,

FWA.MHA

EXECUTIVE DIVISION
MILITARY INTELLIGENCE BRANCH

In replying refer to

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF
WASHINGTON.

August 7, 1918.

Mr. F. W. Allen,
244 Madison Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Allen:

I have your letter of August 6, regarding Mr. Coigne. I recognize how very necessary it is to keep Coigne, but I have not as yet discovered a way of doing so.

I shall talk the matter over with you personally when I arrive in New York.

Very sincerely,

H. C. Gardley
Captain, U. S. N. A.

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EXECUTIVE DIVISION
MILITARY INTELLIGENCE BRANCH

In replying refer to

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF
WASHINGTON.

August 8, 1918.

Mr. F. W. Allen,
244 Madison Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Allen:

I am enclosing copy of the memorandum to the Chief of Staff, and to The Adjutant General, regarding appointing German stenographers at \$1800 per annum, waiving when necessary the rule that men born in enemy country cannot be appointed field clerks. It does not read much like the draft we made during my visit in New York, but I take pleasure in informing you that it has been approved. We can now proceed to appoint those you recommend.

M. I. 8 will resume immediately the recommendation for appointment of Mr. Frank Lomer and Mr. Otto Milbauer, both at the rate of compensation of \$1800 per annum.

M. I. 8 is now in a position to secure the transfer of Private Sigmond E. Mayer from his present post to Intelligence duty in France, according to the plans originally discussed.

Yours very truly,

M. CHURCHILL
Colonel, General Staff

By *Hoyudley*
H. O. Yardley
Captain, U. S. N. A.

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*OK to Capt
Mayer*

8/14/18

Felix H. ...

will make special effort on these cases; but do not send them in all at once; send them in individually - just as soon as each case is completed.

MEMORANDUM FOR CAPTAIN YARDLEY.

Loyalty Examination of German Stenographers.

Increase Miss Norman to \$1500. beginning August 1st. *route letter*

Replace May with another man August 15th. *same*

All cases of promotions must now be sent to Washington; write Biddle letter outlining her case and he will try to get her raised.

Simply let him go and inform Biddle by letter. Make new appointment if desired fill his place ~~at~~ and inform Biddle by mail.

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Port/Control

Capt Whyte to
Capt Potter - 30
Sullivan

Customs Office
Capt J. J. D.
Times Square

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August 17, 1918.

H.O. Yardley, Captain, N.A.,
C/o American Military Attaché,
American Embassy, London, England.

Dear Yardley:-

I enclose a letter of introduction to Jimmy O'Neale, which I forgot to give you before you left.

Mr. Brunaugh has received word from the Department that his son's wounds are not as severe as first reported and he is getting along all right so you need not make any inquiries in regard to him. Thank you for your willingness.

I hope you had a pleasant voyage and I am sure that you are having a very interesting experience.

Mrs. Allen is writing Mrs. Yardley asking that she try to spend a week or two with us in September or October, whichever she finds most convenient and we will look her up when we go to Washington.

If I can be of any assistance to you in any way, here or Washington or any where else in this country, please command me.

Very sincerely,

FWA, MHA

September 13 1918.

H. O. Yardley, Capt. U.S.A.
c/o American Military Attache
American Embassy, Paris France.

Dear Captain Yardley:

In regard to the Army Field Clerks, those we have appointed have been refused allowance of subsistence (at the rate of \$4. per day,) which I have promised them, as per conversation with you. Captain Manly writes me in regard to this matter this morning as follows:

"We have conducted a thorough search through The Adjutant General's office and the Quartermaster General's office, and have consulted everybody who is supposed to know anything about the compensation of Army Field Clerks. The following information is an epitome of what seem to be the facts:

- "1. They pay of these Army Field Clerks is \$1800. per annum, plus 10% for service abroad.
- "2. When serving in this country, if they occupy permanent barracks, they receive no commutation for quarters, light and heat. If in the field or occupying a tent, or in an office but rooming outside, they receive \$24. a month.
- "3. When serving abroad, if they have dependents in this country they receive commutation of \$24 per month.
- "4. They pay their own railroad fare to Washington.
- "5. In traveling from Washington to New York, they receive mileage at seven cents per mile.
- "6. They receive no per diem.
- "7. They receive no rations.
- "8. If they have dependents, they must make a compulsory allotment of \$15. per month to a wife, \$7.50 to the first child, and \$5.00 for additional children. The War Risk Insurance Bureau pays an allowance amounting to as much more.

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"9. They may make an additional allotment, but the War Risk Bureau pays only as above.

"10. They pay for their own uniform and equipment."

I have replied as per copy attached. I am sure that there must have been some authority somewhere for the subsistence and the \$4. a day commutation, and if you can suggest any way by which the rulings referred to in Captain Manly's letter may be found not to apply in these cases, I should be glad.

Sincerely yours,

FWA/ABC/

F. W. ALLEN

Shorthand Sub-Section
Military Intelligence Division
General Staff.

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

August 30, 1918.

H.O. Yardley, Captain, U.S.A.,
C/o American Military Attaché,
American Embassy, Paris, France.

Dear Captain Yardley:-

I enclose a letter marked "Confidential" postmarked Washington, August 24 and received here on August 27. I immediately telephoned Captain Manly that a letter had been received for you as I could not imagine whom in the M.I. could have sent it as I thought they all knew you had sailed. Captain Manly said he would try to find out who had forwarded it and would give me directions in regard to it but as I have heard nothing, I am sending it on to you.

From a letter received from Captain Manly this morning, I notice that M.I. has become a Division.

When I was in Washington on last Saturday, principally to attend the funeral of Mr. H.S. Milstead, who has been my manager there for the last six years, I spent about an hour and a half at M.I. with Captain Manly, Colonel Cox and General Churchill.

As my trip to Washington was unexpected, I did not have the personal letter for Captain Manly with enclosure for General Churchill but while we were waiting to talk with Colonel Cox about the executive for the Spanish Section, Captain Manly suggested that we talk with General Churchill and we spent about a half hour discussing the German stenographers and the Cipher and Code men. I feel sure that General Churchill is quite the right man for the place; he made an excellent impression upon me.

I presume that you have all the gossip from the office, including General Churchill's, Colonel Cox's and Lieutenant Colonel Biddle's promotions.

We finished up the work on the People's Council correspondence and sent five copies to Captain Manly and one to Colonel Biddle yesterday. Colonel Biddle called me up this morning and told me that the Department of Justice here had been working with him on the People's Council matter for some time and asked for any additional information I had about the notebooks and I sent him down copies of the correspondence which were attached to your letter of transmittal and an additional office copy of the transcript.

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We seem to have more Spanish work on hand than anything else and it has all been put back some what in the effort to clear up the People's Council job which consisted of nearly 400 pages. We shall concentrate on the Spanish work from now on and make every effort to clear it up by the end of next week, when I hope to be able to let at least two of your people have a couple of weeks vacation.

About another week, I think, will see us with the quota of German stenographers filled.

I hope you have had a pleasant crossing and I feel sure that you will have a pleasant fall in England and France for, as I understand it, this is their best season.

Sincerely yours,

FWA.MHA

October 18, 1918.

H. O. Yardley, Captain, U.S.A.,
C/o Military Attache,
American Embassy, Paris, France.

Dear Captain Yardley:-

I am sending herewith copies of some correspondence, which I should have sent you some time ago. My last letter to you from St. James, enclosing a letter from Captain Spencer was directed to you in care of Headquarters, A.E.F. France, but I have just seen a copy of a letter from Captain Manly to your wife stating that letters should be addressed to you care Military Attache, Paris, so am suggesting that if you have not received my previous letter, you take the necessary steps to have it forwarded to you.

Sincerely yours,

FWA.MHA

April 21 1918.

Captain H. C. Yardley U.S.N.A.

1156 15th Street N. W.

Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Yardley:

Referring to your letter of January 11th 1918, enclosing four sheets of shorthand which we have been working on for a long time, will you, if you can do so consistently, give us information regarding the writer of these sheets, or the person in whose possession they were found. We are having a hard time with it but have not given up hope yet, and it may be that some information which you have may give us some clue.

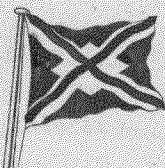
Yours truly,

Official Reporter.

FWA/AEC

On Board

UNION-CASTLE LINE



Aug 25/8

Dear Mr & Mrs Allen:

Give my best
 wishes if you should be
 close to me - no news, as the
 wireless remains tuned for distress
 signals. I felt very happy
 the day of departure, & then
 immediately preaching, at the station
 put me in it is the first time anyone
 ever made much of a fuss over
 my leaving! Yet my happiness
 was darkened with a bit of
 reserve. Had my mission been
 one of danger, as is that of the
 home fellows abroad, few of whom
 I fear will ever return, I should

It has so far been a
wonderful voyage - the sea so calm
as the Hudson, with red sunsets and
marvellous nights.

It has some times had our
moments of uneasiness - but only because
of our ignorance. Yesterday at
submarine drill the boats began
to change their course and sound
their horns. One woman fainted -
we learned later that the course
was merely practising fog signals!

There is a visit to the engine room
and watch the ~~and~~ grumpy faced
stokers feed their red devils. By
on the boat deck what I observed my

have been found indeed. But
it is not a but merely a pleasure
excursion. And as to become myself,
in order to be the happier, I
visualized myself really starting
an adventure of scientific, danger -
a mission to perform. So you
see my dear mother when I have a
very good imagination.

See here I am getting coffee
in bed at 6 am, luncheon at 1, tea
at 4 and dinner at 8:30; playing
chess, checkers, and poker; sleeping
two hours a day; indeed, having
a wonderful vacation - no worries,
no questions to answer - my only
companion my life belt!

face! had one of the general
demonstrated his gun might be beyond
picking at the shell with a knife -
I beat a hasty retreat then!

In fact & that I have seen all
there is to see, as am speaking the
last days of the voyage making,
studying and writing letters.

God tell you what a perfect
visit I had with the Allen's. It has
been one of the finest things of my life
I met, ^{then} and know, ^{then} and seen myself
in their perfect hospitality.

Angel, perfect, I wonder did she
arrive in such safety. I have begun
to miss her terribly.

Oh remember me to my little sweetheart
Queen, and the beautiful Mrs, too; thought I
fear she hardly know me.

Capt. H.O. Youdley, USA
Military Observer
of American Military Attaché
London

Most sincerely
H. Youdley

June 14th 1918.

From: F.W.Allen,

To: H.O. Yardley, Captain U.S.N.A. 1156 15th Street N.W.
Washington D.C.

Subject: Employment of persons speaking Spanish.

1. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 10th and am endeavoring to find three men or women with a thorough knowledge of Spanish for the work referred to.

2. I am getting in touch with Captain Day in regard to the people who may be released from the Censorship.

C/W.

Respectfully Yours,

June 14th 1918.

From: F.W.Allen,
To: H.O.Yardley, Captain U.S.N.A., 1156 15th Street N.W.
Washington D.C.
Subject: Instruction of employees regarding Military Ciphers.

1. I have supplied each member of our staff with a copy of the "Manual for the solution of Military Ciphers" and explained to them that it is desirable that they shall become acquainted with the underlying principles of the simplest forms of ciphers, so that they may more easily recognize those ciphers which come into their hands, particularly those received direct from I.P.C.C. and which do not come through M.I.8.

G/N.

Respectfully Yours,

EXECUTIVE DIVISION
MILITARY INTELLIGENCE BRANCH

In replying refer to

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF
WASHINGTON.

June 12, 1918.

Person to Confidential

Mr. F. W. Allen,
244 Madison Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Allen:

Last Saturday at noon Colonel Churchill sent word to the Chief of each section of M. I. B., that he wanted on his desk by nine o'clock Monday morning, a memorandum from each section setting forth in concrete form the work done during the week.

You may very well understand that our report was not quite as good as we should have liked to have had; this, because of the short notice. Without consulting you, I have put in as a sub-section of M. I. B. under paragraph 2, "Alien Shorthand Sub-Section". If you have no objection, I shall continue this form and ask that, by Friday noon, I have a paragraph from you stating the work done. In this connection, I think it would be very interesting in each case to mention both the language and shorthand system. Owing to the short notice, I was unable to do the shorthand sub-section justice. I shall leave it to you in the future to indicate what we shall put under paragraph 2.

In order that you may get a comprehensive view of the form this memorandum will take, I am sending you a copy of last week's herewith. If you have a safe place to keep it, you may do so, otherwise, kindly see that it is destroyed.

I was also asked to give the sub-sections of M. I. B. and the officer in charge of each. Not having time to consult you, I took the liberty of inserting as a sub-section of M. I. B. the Short-hand Sub-section, stating that it is now located in New York in charge of Mr. F. W. Allen.

I am also enclosing two pages of notes dealing with the procedure of reporting work covered.

Sincerely,

H. O. Yardley
H. O. Yardley,
Captain, U. S. N. A.

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EXECUTIVE DIVISION
MILITARY INTELLIGENCE BRANCH

In replying refer to

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF
WASHINGTON.

June 10, 1918.


Mr. F. W. Allen,
244 Madison Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Allen:


Please refer to my letter of recent date asking that you find three men or women who could think in German. I want also three women or men above draft age who will work for \$1400.00 per annum who have a thorough knowledge of Spanish.

We just had a report that the personnel of the Censorship in New York is to be reduced 20%. If you will get in touch with Captain Day, you may be able to pick up some of the examiners that are being let go.

Sincerely,


H. O. Zardley,
Captain, U. S. N. A.

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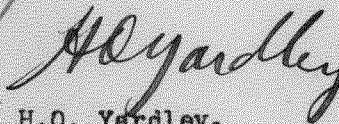
Mr. F. W. Allen,
c/o Hulse & Allen,
244 Madison Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Allen:

Herewith one copy each for your short hand
experts. You can now have the one I gave you for yourself.

Tell your staff that this is the best book
in the English language and well worth studying. It covers
very well, except Chapter V, the underlying principles of
the simpler forms of cipher.

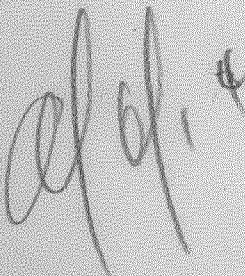
Most sincerely,



H.O. Yardley.

Captain, U. S. N. A.

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EXECUTIVE DIVISION
MILITARY INTELLIGENCE BRANCH

In replying refer to

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF
WASHINGTON.

June 4, 1918.

Mr. F. W. Allen,
244 Madison Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Allen:

While you were in Washington, you said that if you could do anything for me not to hesitate in calling on you. You remember at the time I replied that I might take you at your word.

Colonel Van Deman has ordered me to start on a certain class of work that both the British and French have failed on, namely, the breaking of the German four-letter code. To start the work, I need three men above draft age that can think in German and will work for \$1400.00 a year. Women will do, if you can find the right type. I should hesitate about employing a naturalized German. The work is too vital to take a chance with him.

You understand, of course, that I have not the time to direct their efforts and will, therefore, want a man who can think in German, who has your energy and power of analysis; one who can keep up the clerks' enthusiasm even when the thing seems hopeless. If this man is educated and makes a good appearance or, better, if he is exactly the man I want, I can get a Captain's commission for him. The reputation of M. I. 8 rests upon the success of this work. You may very well understand that I want a man who will put his heart into it.

This is rather a big job to give you, but you will recall that I warned you at the time you offered your services.

Very sincerely,

Woyardley
Captain, U. S. N. A.

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May 31st 1918.

R.H. Van Deusan,
Colonel, General Staff,
Chief, Military Intelligence Branch,
Executive Division,
Washington, D.C.

Attention: Captain H.O. Yardley.

Dear Mr. Yardley:-

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 28th, regarding your letter of May 1st (10130-83, M.I.8) being papers found in the waste paper basket in Fabela's room.

I am pleased to report that we have identified the language and the system and are progressing with the transcription of the notes.

Yours very truly,

Official Reporter.

C/N.

10130-83

EXECUTIVE DIVISION
MILITARY INTELLIGENCE BRANCH

in replying refer to

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M. I. 8

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF
WASHINGTON.

May 28, 1918.

Mr. F. W. Allen,
c/o Hulse & Allen,
244 Madison Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Allen:

Enclosed herewith please find paraphrase of a cable from London, in answer to our inquiry regarding shorthand systems. If you have no books on Gurney, Script, or Pont, I shall gladly cable London for them.

Very sincerely,

R. H. VAN DEMAN,
Colonel, General Staff,
Chief, Military Intelligence Branch,
Executive Division.

By:

H. O. Yardley
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Captain, U. S. N. A.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF
WAR COLLEGE DIVISION
WASHINGTON

May 25/18

Dear Mr. Allen:

Thursday was a full day for me, doing the odd things that I had neglected - indeed to full, for I rec'd another telegram from Col. Van Deman. Thursday too was rather disappointing in view rather of you; and then it was my last day - you see both of you had made New York so very attractive that leaving truly hurt.

I shall not now write how very kind you were to me - you surely must know that if I did not make you

can have a quiet dinner &
 make believe that the Follies
 will soon appear!

Cordially & sincerely yours
 H. G. Wells

you understand it was because
 I could not - not because I
 was not deeply grateful.

We who only read of but
 never see New York have thought
 that companionship inspiration
 love between married people were
 quite out of date. I have seen
 & know now that we were wholly
 wrong.

How do I wonder that you
 love and are proud of each other!

May I not hope to see both
 of you when you come to Washington.
 There is nothing to see, but one

London,
May 24, 1918.
Received May 24, 4:11 P. M.

Milstaff,
Washington.

It is reported that the principal systems which have been found on the persons and effects of German prisoners are Gabelsberger and Stolze-Schrey. Also letters in national stenographic have been received. English shorthand systems most used are Gregg, Pitman, Sloan, Duployan. Gurney and Script are more rarely used. In Dutch, Pont, is used. In French Vost, deLauney, and Sloan Duployee systems. These letters have given mainly small details of conditions in Germany or question the prisoner as to his treatment. German prisoners of war have had some very interesting diaries written in shorthand.

It has been found by the Censorship that German shorthand is used as a cipher - a sign used for letter and each word of the message or letter spelt out separately letter for letter, in much the same way as cipher or cryptogram. Shorthand signs have been introduced in ordinary handwriting to evade censorship.

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WAR COLLECTOR DIVISIONWAR DEPARTMENT
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WASHINGTON

May 6, 1918

Mr. F. W. Allen,
c/o Hulse & Allen,
244 Madison Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Allen:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 4th inst., and have noted your change of address.

Complying with your request, please find enclosed a supply of War Department envelopes. We shall be glad to furnish more envelopes for you when these have been exhausted.

Thanking you for past favors, I am

Very sincerely,

Hayden
Captain, U. S. N. A.

erl Have rec'd your three letters
and enclosures. I am hoping that
the sort of thing will not be so
heavy in the future. ^{gold keys}
Major Biddle told me of a ^{shoulders}
maker and I asked him to fore you.
You have probably heard from him
by now
Sincerely,
Hayden

April 22, 1918.

H. O. Yardley, Capt.,
U.S.N.A., Army War College,
1156 - 15th Street, N.W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Yardley:

Replying to your letter of April 20th, your photo-stat enclosure is written in Pitman shorthand in English. The matter is important, as you surmise, but we have not been able to complete it tonight. We have about half of it worked out and we may have it completed by morning and will send it to you then, or if you deem the matter sufficiently important and telegraph me to that effect we can read the transcript to one of your stenographers over the telephone.

Yours sincerely,

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