December fourth.

Dear Mrs. Straight:

May I break in upon your deep sorrow by expressing my heartfelt sympathy with you at the untimely death of your husband, for whom I had the highest admiration and respect. Major Straight was very kind to me on several occasions, and I am very much grieved at his loss. It was a great honour to have known him.

Yours very sincerely,
A. E. Baurert.

Mrs. Willard Straight.

Wednesday.

Sincerely, a month ago my young cousin— who had failed admission into very active branch of the service because of his extraordinary short sightedness— died of influenza in a camp hospital— her—
As a private in the quartermaster's corps
Across his papers was found his last
Form which I am sending you
With the hope that it may bring
You some comfort in your darkest hour.

The wonderful spirit of living, that
has urged on toward that hope,
The man who needs not so is
something to brighten our darkest hour.
"Limited Service Only"

I am not one of those the gods' decision
Has chosen for that highest gift of all -
The sacrifice, the splendor, and the vision -
To fight and nobly fall:

And yet I know - what though it be but dreaming!
Should the day hang on some one last desperate hope,
I - I - could lead one reckless column streaming
Down some shell-tortured slope.
To face the shadow-hell of Death's own Valley
With eyes unclouded and unlowered head -
Know, for an instant, one ecstatic rally
And then be cleanly dead.

Kenneth Rand
Q.M.C.
Dear Daddy,

Many thoughts have been with you constantly since I heard of the tragic news of your husband's death, and no words of sympathy can express how deeply I feel for you in your great loss. That such a wonderful career as your husband showed so early in life when men of his ability can meet so sadly is very difficult to understand and words are so very inadequate but my heart aches for you in your suffering, and I long so to be of help and yet I know there is nothing that can lessen the sense of utter loneliness.

I realize how brave you are and you will be good and unselfish in your grief, but that only

Wednesday

120 East Seventieth Street
make them that can for your sympathy are
the more deeply.

With a great deal of love

Affectionately yours
Lydia F. Blagden

My dear Mrs. Straight:

I know that your sorrow is so great
that no words of mine
can be of any comfort,
but I trust let you
know how my heart
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December 4, 198

The Rectory of Trinity Church
Roslyn, Long Island

My dear Mrs. Straight,

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that no words of mine
can be of any comfort,
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1902 - 21st Feb.
Washington, D.C. Wednesday

My dear Mrs. Straight,

I want to add a few words of sympathy to the many you will have for the loss of your husband. I was so shocked and distressed to read of it in the paper, and my heart ached for you in what
It was a wonderful way to die, but the real sacrifice is for those who are left behind, and I know how awful it must be for you. But I think of you often, and I pray for you. You must be going through. I know there is nothing that I can make such a loss any easier to bear, unless it is the pride you must feel in what he has done for his country, for every one will consider that he gave the supreme sacrifice as much as any man who was killed in the trenches.
December 4th

31 Nassau Street
New York

My dear Mrs. Straight

I was unprepared almost at the news of the tragic toll struck by the war and in your sad major straight case. In such a loss words of sympathy seem so wholly inadequate as to amount almost to an intrusion. I have written such signed letters in different quarters, to have "done his bit" to society and
forcefully, to have seen the
harm finally rise up in a
world at peace, and then —
with reconstruction labor calling
him — and you with him —
somewhere the tragedy, unless
more poignant than ever.

It must been your comfort
in your sorrow to know that
the hearts of others too are bleeding,
and such little fortitude as
that knowledge begets is
December 4

1014 Fifth Avenue

Dear Mrs. Straight,

I want to offer you my deepest and most heartfelt sympathy in your trouble and heartbreaking sorrow. Perhaps as a comparative stranger I have no right to intrude on you even in writing at this time.

Sincerely yours,

Frank D. Colem

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like this, but I have felt for you so deeply and sincerely that I simply cannot help offering you my sympathy. A loss like yours is too sacred to speak of, and there is nothing that I can say or do to help or relieve you, for I know how much your sorrow has saddened us and how long we suffer with you.

Sympathy and prayers are all we can offer you, and I for one, do so with an understanding heart.

[signature]

Willa Clark
To well in his brief period of life. It will be a privilege, however, to remember that I knew him and had felt his singular charm.

Sincerely yours,

Shrmaanday

December 4th

My dear Mrs. Straight,

I want to tell you of my very profound sorrow. It is indeed a most cruel blow to you and a reprovable loss to the country he had served.

6 East Forty-fourth Street.
4 West Hill Place
Boston
December 4th, 1918

Dorothy dearest,

My heart is full to over-flowing with sympathy and sorrow for you. If there were only something that I could do or

always made him a man apart to me. I don’t think that anyone among his host of friends loved & appreciated him more than we did.

7 Can’t bear to think that he has gone out of our lives forever. Dorothy, please God bless and help you through this terrible time.

Deepest love from

Beatrice [da Presco]
I say to help you, dear.
It is all so sudden and terrible, so hard to understand why the best and finest and most useful she's be taken.
Dorothy dear, I can never tell you how we loved and admired dear Willard and what he meant to us.

He stood for the very best and highest our country produces, and I know no one who combined so many rare qualities and gifts, his chivalry and quixotic sense of honour and his unwavering adherence to his ideals, of what he thought was right.
Dec. 7, 1918
Headquarters
Camp Bectus Va.

Dear Mrs. Straight,

Gwendolyn wrote me that Willard had succumbed to pneumonia in Paris. It is very sad to have to face the fact that his earth will be broken up every day should be cut off at this time. You have my very deepest sympathy.

I shall always remember with pleasure the few times I saw him in France. It was at the little town of Troyes. My Reg. was on the move from St. Michiel to the Argonne. I came ahead to this town to try to get a map of our route for the night. Passing a window I saw Willard with several other officers pouring over maps. He gave me some fine maps & information which made our nights work much easier. I saw him twice after that in the same town and dined with him on both occasions. That was in the middle of Oct.

you can always carry with you the thought that his work both in civil life & in the army was not only brilliant but not in vain. He was liked and respected by all with whom he came in contact with.

most sincerely yours,

David Bowe.
Dear Dorothy,

I just want you to know that I am thinking of you in your sorrow and wishing that there were something I could do to help you—You have my love and my deepest sympathy. Always sincerely yours,

Marie Koff Farnum.
Dear Mrs. Straight:

I tried to telephone you this afternoon for the purpose of offering my services at any time. I beg of you not to hesitate to call upon me for any will I will consider it an honor and great privilege to render any assistance or service that I am able.

My office phone is - Murray Hill 4203

Most sincerely,

[Signature]

December 4th, 1918

American International Corporation
120, Broadway, New York.

J. Grant Foreman
London Representative.
Teletype, Central 2721.

18, Birchin Lane,
Lombard Street,

December 4th, 1918

Dear Mrs. Straight:

Forgive me for intruding on your grief, but it may help a little to bear it, to hear how deep in the sense of personal loss is all those who were privileged to know Willard.

I knew of Willard first through my intimate friend and former schoolmate who died in Switzerland, and had followed his career with interest, but it was many years later before I met him.

From the very first I fell under the charm of his keen intellect, of his dynamic energy, of his kindheartedness. I am sorry he makes friends easily, but I was proud to count him as one of my friends.

It was through him that I joined the American International Corporation, and it was because he was there that I had looked forward with great enthusiasm to working out together the problems of the future. His loss to us in the Corporation is incalculable.

Everywhere I hear the same thing - the sense of bereavement among the friends and...
The feeling that the world is poorer for losing one of those rare brains which combine imagination, sense of proportion, and aesthetic power.

It is a cruel feeling that has taken him from us in his prime, at a time when his gifts were so much needed.

Yours very sincerely,

J. Grant Forbes

Dec 4th, 1918

Dear Miss Wright,

I have just read of Willard's death with that burning of the heart that comes with the knowledge of the loss of a dear friend and of the passing of a great man. We seem to have lost a making good in a very big way on this and long letter. Have received for Peter's Comment on it - Carl also
my heart goes out to you and to the dear children when the time comes that you will bid us see no more. i only wish it will be in some very helpful way. most sincerely william ammen flowers

it is hardest where the fighting is立体... and we are all so conscious of the part the rest has been. the task of being worthy of the sacrifices remains too deep to speak of.

very truly yours

robert classic

three hundred and forty-seven high street

dec. 4th 1918

dear mr. willard straight,

please accept my sincere sympathy in this loss.

we mean to make our men...
Straight Papers at

In Tudor times the

Henry VIII.

He took 8 wives

The last was Anne Boleyn.

The good is young,

Dear Miss Smith,

Of Mr. E. Smith.

Your truly,

Robert Smith
Dear Dorothy—my sympathy goes to you in these sad days. I heard yesterday of your terrible loss. We have lived so much in fear of separation from those we love in the last four years.

My dearest Straight,

It is impossible for me to tell you the sympathy I feel for you in your great loss. What comfort there is in the knowledge that it is a nation's loss as well as your own. For no man I have ever known, or known of, embodied more completely what to me he always was—the promise and the hope of American democracy. His great, kind, friendly spirit was an inspiration to know. Such a spirit cannot really die.

Sincerely yours,
Robert Havemeyer.

Grace Memorial House
Fourth Avenue
December

My dear Christian,

I am sending this note to you. You may be thinking of me every day and I would be grateful to you if you would be thinking of me every day. I know that you are doing and by doing it with my most affection.

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Three Madame,

Je tiens à apprendre
la terrible malheure
que vous faites, et
je tiens à vous dire
quant à nous plairais.

With deepest sympathy,

Yours,

[Signature]

[Signature]

[Signature]
Avec tout mon cœur —

J'ai gardé un excellent et le sympathique souvenir de votre hospitalité et de l'atmosphère intime de votre humble et je fais que tellement les grandes affections peuvent
Chère de tels foyers...

Joyez-tu, chère.

Madame, de nos maints émois et profondiments.

Sachelle Sills

5/4/50 tt

BROAD HOLLOW FARM.
WESTBURY STATION, L.I.

Dear Dorothy:

I have been thinking of you a great deal. Do you remember a talk we had in Southampton about Paity? You said how hard it was for her that she had to go to bed and wash on. Nobody can take away from you the memory of wonderful years together—just half and bless you Dorothy. It is very you do all there who know you affectionately. Helen Whittemore

Wednesday
December 10, 1914

At noon I kept thinking of things that had been told me. Repre, billiard because delicious he had read of before but you as the children. After the delicious cause he was

thought as I broke you. Then he was at the front. The last connected because he ever spoke to me.

... was to do it but when I got to Paris the heart time to Cable to you his love. He told me that to send it that day but that the heart morning he would tell you. More where the heart day came he was too ill to concentrate long enough to tell me that to Cable.

Every time I saw him before his illness he used to set me to tell...
Dear Sirs,

I am writing to inquire about the condition of the children at Southampton. I have discussed the possibility of visiting them soon.

It may be a comfort to you to know that Billard has been left in the care of the Reverend Mr. Upham, who has taken care of them at the Giallo and has been faithful and attentive.

The Reverend has been very kind andBillard has been very happy. Before his departure, I told him that either the children or Billard could be happier, but he said "No, they are both splendid."

After consultation with Mr. Upham, I have been assured that the children will be well cared for.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Date: [Date]

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And Miss H. Reale's $25. to keep presents from you. Remember gave me the money from Willard's account.
Miss Lewis - the height - was taken ill with influenza so Miss H. replaced her for the end of the three. The latter was so lonely looking so wonderful the way she did everything that last night.

Dorothy dear, I don't know if you want to hear all these details, but I write them in case you do. You may want to think only of his beautiful spirit that never faltered and through all the vicissitudes of the past days was always uplifted, cheered up.

Oenevour: Willard - His life, laid down for his country, just as truly as if he had fallen at the front, will be an inspiration and guide to many.
Far m it is hard to thin. 

t of going on without him, 

but Sherry, since I left him, 

I have thought Sherry quite 

nothing matters now. But 

Dorothy, may she find 

some comfort? Peace — 

wish more than I can 

t say that I might go home, 

as writing is easier an 

nusatis facraing thing v 

I would like to be able to 

tell you of every minute 

of the time. Every hard 

i — Always. I thought of 

how you would want 

things, but it is hard to 

set for another, and I 

fear that in many way 
you would have chosen 
differently — bulk. I did 

and all your friends did 
try to carry out what seemed 
to the best would be your 

brother 

I went to see Bennett 

of Dr. Pelham’s hospital 

the night before the funeral. 

Poor boy! I have never 

been such ails, and he kept saying that if 

only he might have been 

with him. Willard would 

never have caught cold.

He begged to be taken to 

the funeral on a cot, 

but of course that couldn’t 

be allowed. He is badly 

paralyzed, but I haven’t 

had a chance yet to 

visit the doctors what 

they think? 

Joe & Pember are 

goin home with Capti 

Perrine. — Poor Joe 

had the grippe too. 

So dear Dorothy let me 

hear from some one. 

how you are —
All my love to you,
Danny [Harriman]

I realize that
Willard

I am sorry that
Willard

December 4th 1947

My dear [Name]
Willard

Coo Coo Conn.

My dear [Name]. I am very glad that [Name] is coming to visit. I met [Name] in China on

[Name] and the

[Name] was a

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New York, Dec. 4th, 1917

My dear Mrs. Straight:

Please accept my deepest sympathy in your great loss.

As you know my intimacy with your dear husband began upon his arrival in Peking in 1902 as Secretary to Sir Robert Hart. From the first he was of great interest to me and this soon became a friendship and admiration for him which has never ended.

Sincerely,
Alvin Johnson
His strong dominant personality - the belief and confidence he had in himself - the power to impress his ideas upon the great men of our country - and the watching his growth until he became one of that few great men - has added much to the joy in my life.

He was always a dear and true friend to me and as such I feel his loss much.

I am home from China after nearly eighteen months in the hospital and am improving, hopefully in this place.

Any services which I may ever be able to do for you - while they can never repay the past kindness of yourself and Willard to me - will always give me the greatest pleasure.

Most sincerely yours,

[Signature]
Dear Dorothy:

It is perfectly impossible for me to express the depth of my feeling of sympathy & sorrow for you in your great grief. Percy & I have always had such a great admiration for you, your husband, & for what you both have always stood for. He will feel just as I do. He has been in Paris for the past year in the
Air Service Department, and
if there is any possible way
in which he could be of any
service to you - please don't
fail to call on him by cable
of letter - his address is
Major: Plumer. A. Stephenson, A.S.
54 Morgan Street
31 Boulevard Haussman
Paris, France.

It would only give him hap-
iness to be of service to you,
and I have written him, and
shall send you his address.

With much loving sympathy,
Jam, affectionately yours, 
Willard.

My dear Mrs. Straight:
We met to-day at your
word to you, after failing
yesterday to get a message
deep into the Teutonic
that prophesied leap to the
Cross of Triumph, and regard
by the little military Beacon
place outside the walls of
Paris. For the Major was
sent to a place near the
end of the town.

Late in September, I was
serving for a few days at his
home in England when the
telegram came that I be
commissioned in thought
the message came to the
business table and be
thought, too, the officers.
My dear Mr. Straight,

As the rendering the greatness and the fecundity of the life whose passing has all mourn deeply, every man who saw the songs yesterday paused and raised his hat in reverence.

I did not know Major Straight long, but I feel that I knew him well. Working with him was an

Dear Miss Bogue,

Please express my deep sympathy to Mr. Straight in this terrible

Sincerely yours,

Raphael Hayes

[December 2, 1910]
inspiration to further and better effort and close contact with
him was an experience the influence
of which is a continuing one.
Your selfgram showed
that you have the same restless
spirit we loved and admired
in him. Many feel with you a
great personal loss. Among this
family it is yours sincerely,
William J. Welch.

Dear Madame,
Je ne sais si vous avez
reçu mon précédente lettre,
mais je vous écris pour vous dire
que je suis venue en
France. Je suis pleine de
grand malheur qui
vous frappe et vous
tendrignez. Ma lettre
tient écrire à mon moment.

Sincerely yours,
Helen L. Richards
Englewood, N.J.

13 C. de Coucallees
4 Decembre

Chère Madame,
Je ne sais si vous avez
reçu mon précédent
lettre, mais je vous écris pour vous dire
que je suis venue en
France. Je suis pleine de
grand malheur qui
vous frappe et vous
tendrignez. Ma lettre
tient écrire à mon moment.

Sincerely yours,
Helen L. Richards
Englewood, N.J.
Cher [nom],

Pour vous faire partager cette terreur, je m'empresse de vous écrire. L'horreur est indescriptible, elle dépasse nos capacités les plus troublées. Vous m'avez si souvent exprimé votre affection, et je suis convaincu que vous êtes une victime de cette horrible guerre.

Je ne peux que partager votre souffrance et mon intime conviction que votre sacrifice est grand. Votre courage est admirable. Je suis là pour vous aider et vous soutenir.

Je vous prie de recevoir, cher [nom], mon amitié et ma bienveillance.

[Signature]

Le [date]
One of them has asked me to convey his in his personal condition and sympathy.

Sincerely yours

[Signature]

December 4, 1918.

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Dear Mr. Straight:

It was the wish of each one of the student trustees of Wades College who were present at the funeral service of Mr. Andrews that an expression of their profound sympathy be extended to you in your great bereavement.

With hearts saddened, they realize how great the sorrow which came to you upon the same day—such
May you be given the courage to go on in faith, life and love.

Affectually yours,

Ruth Montague

Dear dear Dorothy,

I wish that I might say just to you all that is in my heart but I know only too well the inadequacy of words at such a time. I know the darkness that surrounds and every step of the road you must travel.

Dec. 4th
but this is clear light
ahead in your children
and these precious
memories that none can
be taken from you.
That they should have
must be in the thought
come to you dear Dorothy
that he gave his best.
you who much the tragin-
thing through suffering.
This world is too young
so little is not understand
without him but how
I grieve for you and much richer the life to
My dear Mr. Straight

In the midst of your great loss and sorrow may I just say one word of remembrance. Your loss is our loss of knowledge.
Dear Dorothy:

I was astounded to learn from the New York papers last night that Willard has made the great sacrifice.

My heart ached for you.

I wanted him to go, but I did hope that he would come back still better able to bear his part in the great days to come. I dreamed of the work he would do in the reorganisation of the whole world, including our own country, which must inevitably fall into fellow. He died good together.
But he has stepped into another sphere of action and we may at least hope that there he will find also opportunity to do his own humanity.

And upon your brave shoulders rests the responsibility of bearing about the burdens of being both father and mother to your children. I hope you are equal to it, but I also know that with your help you will bear it. I shall always have you in my heart and will always be thinking of you.
My dearest Dorothy,

How am I going to tell you how deeply my children and friends feel for you, and also for your husband, who arrived here yesterday. I sent you a cable which I regret arrived in a dream. It was a terrible shock to me as I knew nothing of your Willard’s illness and the first I heard

In my sorrow to Sophie and I will want you to know how much I love you. Sophie sends her love.

Your affectionate old friend,

[Handwritten signature]

Dec. 4, 1918

39, Berkeley Square.
London W1.
was at noon yesterday.

Mr. Nisbett's health

Bank. He was not very well;

know of his illness but

failed to tell me, as if he

had I should have

attempted, which means

I should probably have

succeeded, in going to him

to do what I could.

It was too late for me

to go to bank service today

but I was not able to have

a wreath sent and

therefore sent a letter

through

the time.

All his dear worthy

in an adequate way of

expressing my feelings, but

in no more one of my thought.

I was very fine of him

and his work and he

would have been a loving

man in whatever he undertook

and he was a truly friend

in every letter which

he wrote to me which you all take

will show. It is too early

now I received from him

but I was always happy

and expecting to see him live

in his way back and

was looking forward to meeting

All my love and sympathy

to you and yours

as two affected

Almelle
December 4, 1911

82, RUE D'ASSAS

Dear Mr. Straight,

I cannot tell you how greatly I regret Willard's death. The three months that we were in the Staff College together, I had a chance to enjoy his charm. He was much of the life of our little group. Willard, Stanmore, Hughes and myself. And he was a principal attraction for guests. He talked and planned many things at the mess. I looked forward to the day when all the men in our group together accomplished them. Willard was essential to our doing it. And the ideals that had come to us in our mature years we were all the more driven by in the years that we must now to give the life of drive them along. There were few men in our country who had the outlook for usefulness that Willard had. To me can fill...
The place that I really was to go, with the scheme of purpose that would have been his.

This is an older matter than the Staff College, for which it is not clear, my influence, none of that is the Santa Clara College. I asked me to join this board. I looked at the picture it decided me of the work, and the most interesting thing was the activities.

From a distance, I looked forward to having time in the 42nd Division. I thought he had been asked for, but there had been some delay.

I heard him at Figi, a new division where I was going up in early April, the American experience fighting. I then determined to get him to the division, either as an assistant to the Adjutant in the staff or in command of a battalion. But it was clear that as things had evolved there was not a chance for him, or for the battalion, as concerned, no weapons into the battle.

The people were pleased in the preliminary association, training, and so on. The works that we expected La Mancha to finish himself on the road I was glad later that it had been. For we attacked in many weather, in addition to the shell and machine gunning, battalion commander, had the elements to meet, there were no dugouts, and sheltered. I don't believe that could have stood it. I know I could not have. I am pretty hardy. He could have had a battalion earlier, fought it in the early fighting. I am sure he would have distinguished himself.

You have my warmest sympathy, and feel his sympathy. I know what a hard job it will be, but must be for you. The children have a new inheritance in my life as an American. I have thought of it as a useful career.

Faithfully yours,

[Signature]
if there is and you will let me know I shall be only too ready. I fear there is not and that there is nothing I can do but send you this line of sympathy which is such an empty thing. Please don't bother to acknowledge this with my deepest sympathy.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas M. Brighto.

Dear Mr. Straight,

This with a deep sense of personal loss that I write to send you my very sincere sympathy.

I have come to very fond of Willard in what after all was a comparatively short time and he brought into my life so much.

Tel. Osborn B.

Dec. 4th, 1918

Westwood, Massachusetts.
induced that I am from some
faint idea of what it means to
you. I have spent many hours
thinking of Willard and my trip
and planning things that I felt
might materialize after the war
in which he and I might work
together. I shall never forget the
trip nor shall I ever forget what
I owe Willard. His knowledge of
outside of the world in which I had
lived, his vision and enthusiasm
gave me a new point of view which
made my life infinitely more
interesting than it ever would
have been. And more than all
there was his individual personal
quality that gave him so many
friends and made and made us
tall for him. What could do
something to help you. Of course...
other women who are called upon to give up what you have given. So many men would have accepted the offer from the side of true friends, so many would have relented to have the body remain if their dear one thought back here. Thinking first of their own comfort. But you will have any shadow of hesitation thought beyond, you escaped.
more closely together, than human limitations allow. The more freely and generally we give the temporal, the more freely do we receive the spiritual. The eternal part of it is, this paradox of giving in order to receive. So as great as your heart, so great is your portion. The valley of the Shadow is darker a time for them who have more supreme tests to face than others, the valley of the Shadow is darker and lonelier for them.

The human is the spiritual play of what the world stands for. How you battle stands for, how you pray, how you believe. That having been chosen the spirit, a spiritual reward will be given. You will grow to feel the nearness of the world, of the spirit, of the world, of the spirit. Where part of you loves, and where part of you hates, you will know that you shall still work together, even as you did here, for the same ideals.
To go through, but the reward is beyond anything we others can dream of.

Dear Dorothy, you know how much we wish there were any thing that he could do, but you should let us if there were, because your one thought is for his happiness & others. Perhaps you will feel like seeing us when we are in New York next week? If so, do not be dull, we will surely come.
Dear Dorothy,

May an old friend of school days tell you how her heart goes out to you in affection and sympathy? As all say - as all think - as I feel. And if we are called upon to make the sacrifice, we can. But, oh, the loneliness.

Love always,

[Signature]

[Handwritten note on the right side]

[Signature]

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Must be almost unbearable. Great as must be your pride in your husband's splendid career, and death, I am afraid it does not help much... It would not help me.

...Hope with all my heart that you have the blessing of a faith that will sustain you. May that and your children's love help you through these heart-breaking days.

Believe me, with deepest sympathy.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Woodbury, N.Y.

Dec. 14
While camping it seems so nice

no. No. skeleton needs. To

think and eat the highest

in love and companionship

he should be taken and you two

responded. I don't think it makes

him become removal to it. Left

comfort a sense to have little

to offer for this moment, except

the thought of how pruse your

children and come sleep will re

tain when Gunten went out there

and took his chance.

when dear

This night causes this

notion of Willard to clench in this

paper, and for some reason a

just as though some one in this

former home gone - not because

a reason held in and were of some

but a sense in scents of yours

and thought to particularly con

founden friendship, which makes

a sense near close to me -
To have reason of what and in all, we
were he dead and not to be able to
for to him! it needs mending. in a
major speech, were being demanded
of this generation.
That you will never forgive me this
tragedy but because I have not a chance
until you must never forget that
host at younger. Women and girls
look for an inspiration. if you
cut off the influence you have
here in girls just younger them yourself
in this part. it is impossible for you
for no one, now that they are all
tripping of you in your own, and
wishing they were all in some were there
they invented and understanding.
After all - this was and all connected
with it is a matter in spirituality, and
will come true God and helps you can use
of us can.
Affectionately, Mrs. Warren G. Miller

December 9, 1918

It can't be

I know that you will
take received many many letters and
so I told to rather you will another.
But I can not keep sending you
quotes or how that of saying
thing comes up that you could do for
you, to help you in any way we can.
Now single that you will not
derelate to and use as it would be
a privilege to do so.

In times such as these
we can not offer sympathy to those
who have lost some one of long, it is
not worthy of them, and so in doing

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I send you my love and tell you how truly you are an inspiration to all of us who know you.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

December 1718

My dear Willard,

My dear Polly, and I are both of the District 4.

We have been busy in the past few days and I am sure that my time will be remembered.

We hope some day your future may end if at any time we can be of any use to you.
Childhood friends in Deerey and.
With all this, I ask them from
her. Enchanted as their earliest
with loving intent. This will
read your name in my heart. If you,
my deepest sympathies.

Dorothy.

Marion. Addie

Dorothy

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me or I have the sense that much is one for me any way but with you and I know Willard you once a type that lent itself to your vital process of life your life was such a splendid mutual enterprise shared in the most fulfilled way. I have often wondered if you knew how happy it made me to see you Glen nearer to dear M. Each other, bigger of more useful for the world as years went on in for it was always
A letter from Monroe at the Hotel, saying that Willard had been there and he had seen him and that he wasn't just fine. Mother— I loved her dearly. I was so proud to be in Peking.

Mr. Robinson and I in Peking had such happy hours, for we loved the land things, would steal away to the old Buddhist temples, or become specially quaint on T'oussui, and revel in picturesque old time romance.
Missful, satisfied home, I spent in his declining home, which had such a special charm for me, where his lingering years had glorified the national scene of hope, with all the green America's quality in his own heart.

Dear, dear Dorothy, there is only one comfort you have had the big thing, never. Death can not take it away. What we have had, none can be denied me. I still honor Stewart, as you said.
My dear Miss Bogue...
I wish you to express to them through my sincere sympathy
at any time source of any service to help in any way
please call upon me. In everything of my straight estate
be desired or severe thing of that kind whose
I could be free.
Grave Martyr,
---
December 1st, 1914.

Dear Dorothy:
I don't know how to write
and tell you all I've been
feeling for you in the last three
days.
Your husband's going in
a flood to the whole country,
and I know that your pride in
him, and in the service in which
he gave his life will help you

December 4th, 1914
5 East 66th Street.
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[Text on the page is not legible]
December 14th

My Mrs. Straight,

I feel I know you sufficiently well to ask you to let me sympathize with you - as you always have me into a serene home.

One morning, I heard Mr. Straight say to me: "Be good to yourself and then he added "Promise me not to forget that now is the time to find comfort in his former words. Let his heartfeltrequest lighten some of the sadness of to-day."

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

and America is very proud of his record. But I cannot bear to think of the scenes that have come to you and to our children, and I only wish there were some thing to do or say that would help - but I realize that I do as the bottom of my heart - with my sincere love and my prayers.

[Signature]
Dear Dorothy,

You are so much in my thoughts that I want you to know how deeply I feel for you in your great sorrow...
forced to leave L. H. for need -
as you all can do, do send
inside your circle some funds,

to make you an outgoing lends
for life, kind as it always is

for us, care full it need,
you at this time will understand

consequences while representation

can never know.

his words correct - but you cannot
Convince me that you are honored
by an admiring effort for future,

knew you would not love but
never your courage but the

Mary Schurman

[Sympathetical]
Dear Dorothy,

Even since I read of Willard's death yesterday I have been trying to find words that would express in some slight degree the sympathy I have for you. But it is no use. They won't come.

To understand fully one must have suffered deeply and so far nothing has come to make us suffer one little of what you are going through. I'm
however it is any help to know
not one who loves you very
much indeed so I'm thinking if
you might and say then I
want you to know it - that all
I can't get it out of my mind.
The picture of you all by your-
self in that great big house-
loving every living thing in-
side and going your pure, proud way
all alone. It haunts me, and I
wish the so much. That might help.

Good night dear Dorothy and
God keep you - your devoted

P.S. Fured.
Mr. Dear Mr. Straight
May I express to you and my husband, and my dear his sympathy in your great sorrow. I have always been great admirers of your husband, and though I have not seen him for some years, I always remember...
Dec. 4, 1916

My dear Mrs. Straight,

Please accept my heartfelt sympathy in the great loss of your husband, may God strengthen you to bear it.

He was a hero and worked for the defense of his home and country during what he thought best and doubtless his patriotic duty and honor.

Please accept the sincere sympathy of our organization.

With love and respect,

Fannie McCutchen

Pres. & Sec. Daughters of America
sympathy & tell you how deeply I feel for you. You have been so much in my thoughts these past days & I only wish I could help you. With a great deal of love, I am
Affectionately, Cyril Whittemore

Dear Dorothy, There is very little I can say at a time like this, but I want to send you a few lines of love.

Dec 4
125 East 12th Street
Dear Dorothy,

I have just heard that your dear friend is very ill and that you are being left behind. I feel for you tremendously. With a great deal of love,

Affectionately yours,

Walter B. Whitney

WESTBURY,
LONG ISLAND.

Dear Brother, Abe,

Abe stay is To teach in very best life. Abe very much miss our.

With love, Abe.
Dear Mr. Straight,

This carries my love and sympathy to you in your great loss.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

[Handwritten note:]

Nothing but feel that you will be able to do all for Mary - Would love to see you. Miss Weeks

[Signature]

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So much I must say. So much. It seems so unjust that these gold things should be taken while there is no extra money. We do not understand these things. We have accepted sympathy and comfort. From one.

Dear Mr. Straight:
I am greatly pleased to hear that you have accepted the loss of the dogs and the death of the bird and the other death. It is much as we can do to say to you in your pain. I am very well thought.

132 East 45 1/2 St.
New York
Dec. 4 1/2
My dear Ben Straight,

May I take the liberty of telling you of my personal view of the deep sympathy which is universally yours.

Last Sunday,

Ruth Adler

December fifteenth.

My dear Ben Straight:

You have my deepest sympathy and you have had it since I knew that Willard could not live. Your quiet courage and faith have excited the profound admiration in all.

I knew Willard well for only a few days but even in that time I had gotten to love him. During the plays just preceding the beginning of the armistice he telephoned me frequently...
I feel the loss in.

Faithfully yours,

[Signature]

[Address]

Dec. 5th, 1918

You have heard all about his sickness from others and you must feel very happy knowing that through it all he was always cheerful, courteous — a splendid fighting gentleman to the last. I think I have never been to a more beautiful service than that held for him at the American Church where they sang the Battle Hymn of the Republic which we all thought of Willard.

Can't tell you how personal.
from Ford's headquarters and it was
the, at 5.15 in the morning of the day the
armistice was signed, who gave me the
news of the signing fifteen minutes
before and I passed on the message to
the President by cable on a wire that
had been held clear for an hour before.

He joined us the next day and
spared with him almost all the time till
Wednesday morning when he appeared at
his desk most serene and I saw that
he had a high fever. It was all I could
do to rush him up to bed and each
day he telephoned several times until it was

My dear Mrs. Straight:

I did not know
our husband well, although we had
met a few times and I had a few
minutes with him late in March when
he was studying at Langres. It was at
the American Church of the Holy Trinity, where
I have but lately become Pastor. However where
his funeral Service was held, where we
prayed and thanked God for him, where we
prayed for you and your children and from
which his comrades in arms bore him to
the Military Cemetery at Langres. Amongst others
who prayed with him at his bedside and I assisted
Bishop B presidential, so I send you this line of sympathy.
you who have such a superb and beautiful man
in presence and which no one can take from you.
I hope that you have been told of Bishop B's last
words at the grave. There was no one of us who would
not have been happy if they could sometimes be said
My dear Miss Straight,
I was deeply shocked to read the news of Willard Straight’s death for his country in Paris only a few days before I had been consoled congratulating myself that he was far away the number of my friends whose lives had been claimed as a sacrifice for victory, and I had been looking forward to congratulating you in person on his safe return. Coming when it did the blow must be a terrible one for you and I ask to be allowed to express my deepest sympathy to...
you for your children.

I have always looked back on the happy voyage to England on the "Adriatic" in October 1914 when I was privileged to form a real friendship with Willy, which I had hoped would have lasted long into the years of peace as one of the pleasantest memories of this terrible war-time. It has been a heavy blow to me too that this friendship has been cut short by Willy's premature death. I can only once again express my deep sorrow and sympathy.

Yours very sincerely,

[Signature] Bessie Blake
Syracuse, N.Y.
December 5th, 1918

My dear Mrs. Straight,

I wish to convey to you my deepest sympathy in your bereavement. I am most sorry that it was deemed wise that Major Straight be summoned.

He was the man I was proudest to say I knew. He did for me what no other man would do. Sometimes, if you were to learn of it, Mr. Freddell can
Let us call the roll. He
sent us a judgment of
injustice and made possible
our things of today.

With more than just
sympathy for you in your
sorrow, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Frank E. Polkway

My dear Dorothy:

After a month's
absence of news, it was an awful
shock to read of Willard's
death in the former paper I had
received for many days.

This morning, after
thinking that our
inquiries had been
fruitless, we had
heard of death of
individuals - the whole
thing was so tremendous
and full of sorrow suddenly
strikes me in the absence of
those we care for. And
then we feel so far away,
and so utterly unable to
see of itself.

All we can do is to
immediately offer our
sincere sympathy and to
trust in the future
we can do of service.

Please, dear, dear
Dorothy, that for you young
I am always to remember.

Always,

[Signature]
write - I feel so much that I am dumb. But dear Dorothy I can only send you my deepest love and sympathy and hope someday I may be privileged to help you in any way in my power.

your friend

Peter. [Boeditch]

AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

12/5

Dear dear Dorothy,

I leave Paris and find it quite easy to write to you and express to you some of the deep love and sympathy I feel for you. A bright light has gone from my life. I dare hardly think of what these days are to you - still, it was not entirely new and strong. But his memory and the memory of his kindly thoughts and deeds are deep in the hearts of all of us. So I can't
Dear Willard

I received your letter, which to be frank, I am not sure I understand. However, it is easy to wish you in terms of success or triumph, not in terms of failure or defeat. If this is what you mean as 'true victory', it would apply to the trust placed in the skill of our equipped and trained experience and was, to some, once it not for the fact that death is its own defeat always. The super-heated becomes a paper-triumph.
In awe I know that love is stronger than death or both sides. He is no more defeated than you are. As he was, he is. It is fitting that he is in the place called Paradise, some great departed of the Holy City, rather than in France or in America. To one who knows love at last, it can be no change that the required went a river of the spec- onal & the celestial are now at least as spiritual.

The file is in his own place, where all his true qualities will have full play. Such disciplines & refining forces as he needed will be brought to bear on him so that the truth that is in him will become clear. His tale is best. He knows the meaning of a human life as never before.

[12-5-18]

For his soul is at peace. His Love for you is all that he has ever been sure. You can never be loyal, to complete a life as he must have been as your permanent possession. Therefore, his children will always speak for him even though his body for eternity is quiet. For an among the great group of various women who is living their husbands' stories this cease have given something more precious than any self. She will not feel if an adequate reward.

[Signature]
[Signature]
In the Army when a comrade is taken, it is the common custom to speak of him in terms of farewell before his body is laid in its last resting-place.

In speaking of Willard D. Straight, I speak of one who lived a long life in a few years. His native gifts and varied experience equipped him to render distinguished service to the cause and country for which he spent his powers without stint. His organizing genius was exactly what the moment needed. We had thought of him as one of those destined and prepared to make a valuable contribution to the reconstruction of life in the new era that is at its dawn. But it had been ordered otherwise; and he has carried into a sphere beyond this world a personality which will operate there in building up the permanent order for which this world is the training school.

It would be a lack of faith to think of him in terms of loss only. We shall surely miss the courtly presence of our comrade. But his disappearance from our midst does not mean that a superior force has conquered him. Death is powerless to defeat so knightly a man as he was. It has set him free to operate in wider fields, and the vitality which flowed from his well-directed efforts among men will forever course through the veins of his country. Even though it was not the hissing bullet or the angry steel that closed his eyes in death; even though it was not in the turmoil of battle that he died; he has done the greatest thing that God or man can do - he has laid down his life for his friends, than which there is no greater act of love or service.

He strove in all he did to reach excellence, and far more than most men he achieved his aim. Those who knew him intimately felt the force of his leadership. We had thought and planned to work by his side when we donned the uniform and returned to the homeland. This may not be, nor shall we disguise our sense of loss, but we will not on that account lower our aim or decrease our effort. On the contrary, we will by added purpose and activity endeavor to make up what has been lost to us by his going and, like him, will make excellence our watchword. This is our best tribute to our gifted and gallant comrade. With confidence that all is well, we now commit his body to mother earth, and his soul to the high and loving God from Whom he came and to Whom he goes.

(Address given by Bishop Brent at the cemetery at Suresnes (Paris) at the burial of Major Willard D. Straight on December 3, 1918).
My dear Mrs. Straight:-

I have just learned from Mrs. Charles Lindley your address, or I would have written you sooner.

I was last week in one of the cold mornings at Dalny in the spring of 1907. I had heard much of him through Whittaker and others who knew him, and so we at once became acquainted. He was then, as you know, Consul General at Hakodate, while I was in charge of the Consulate at Dalny; so we were thrown much on mutual social problems. In August of that year I visited him at Hakodate and was with him for nearly a week. I shall always treasure the photographs and sketches he made during that visit, which gave me a good opportunity of becoming well acquainted with William; for after that he was always called by our first names.

What at once impressed me with him was his intense flexibility; and soon I noticed that he had another rare trait, the intense power of omitting the useless things from his mind, or, as he once expressed it, "dumping out the mental night-bag every now and then." This faculty of elimination, combined with the that of concentrating on matters in which he was interested, was of great value to him, and many of his friends considered him remarkable for these two qualities alone, not to mention many others, which we all know.

He was never satisfied; this quality impressed many who only had a casual acquaintance with him. When he was forming the National Foreign Trade Council in 1906 he went with him to see an official of one of our largest business corporations, a man of few words. It did not take long for Willard to secure his cooperation and to arouse his interest. Afterward the man said: "Well, your friend Straight not merely gets what he wants, but he also seems to look beyond what merely exists today."

That reminded me of a remark that Willard made to me once when I was very discouraged, in Japan, and thinking black and back. He wrote me a letter in which he said: "You must never be discouraged, simply because you think people don't like you. You should look ahead more, and learn to eliminate the disagreeable things that may happen to be happening." On another occasion, when I was in Nanking with him, he said to me: "Strange as it may seem, I would like to be a Student Interpreter instead of a Consul General; I want to learn something. I want to get one thing thoroughly into my head at one time." He had a great faculty of giving explicit directions about what he wanted done, so that whoever carried them out knew exactly what he was supposed to do. He always liked to cooperate with people, and I noticed he was never dictatorial, or overbearing. The Chinese liked this, and it was one of the many qualities he possessed which enabled him to get on with them as well, and win their confidence.

His Foreign experience was a very important part of his career, but to my mind they were not his greatest achievement. The most important thing he accomplished in his life, taking it by and large, was the creation of the National Foreign Trade Council, and India House.

For the Foreign work was preparatory, as it were, for even broader things. He conceived it his duty to rouse up the whole country to have a broader outlook, to make contacts everywhere to his ideals, and in this he most certainly succeeded.

If Mr. Herbert Croly is to write a Memoir, I should be only too glad to contribute to it some account of what I remember of Willard at Hakodate, and shall be glad to undertake that task at your request.
Her 5718.
The City Club of New York.

My dear Mr. Straight,

I beg you to accept my sympathy in your grief at the loss of your gallant husband.

Sincerely yours,

James W. Colt

Sorrow will be tempered by the pride that36.3's death was an honor to himself and a great cause. Though I knew him only slightly, I had a profound admiration for his great qualities.

I have always looked on him as an example of the finest type of man that has been produced in this country or any other. I have a very distinct sense of personal loss.

I should not consider it justifiable if you felt called

Metropolitan Club
Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. Doty,

It seems perhaps an intention to write to you at this time. I have some experience that there are some corners of comfort to be found in the fact of human sympathy. This is the only available means of expressing what I feel.

I am glad to think that you...
Upon the author it is found anything in it but such comfort as may be had from the sympathy for one which exists among the many who know him.

Sincerely yours,

John...
Dear Mrs. Straight,

Please accept my deepest and most sincere sympathy in your great sorrows.

Helen B. Dew.

Dear Mrs. Straight,

I have just heard of the death of your dear friend yesterday.

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Dear Dorothy,

I had the pleasure of receiving your letter & would love to attend our next St. John's event. We are all very much looking forward to seeing each other again.

33 Park St.

Walter H. Straight

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ever hear Fleece and we shall all meet again when this foolish business is over. The heart is not broken. I mean to see it all, and it has lost more than half its beauty. It is just going through the door, and its loss I am sure. Remember us in the other world and the can pray and unite with them. I feel as if I must give my last sigh. All his friends must be so. It is the prayer.

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This is a line to tell you how I feel for you in your great sorrow. Please take my deepest sympathy.

Very Sincerely yours,

Janet Fish

Ambulance 3/8
Letters 236
France
My dear Mr. Straight:

Sincere sympathy for your great loss.

I admired Mr. Straight more than I can say.

Very sincerely yours,

Douglas Dickinson

My dear Mr. Straight,

At such a time, words seem silly. But I hope you will feel my deepest sympathy for your loss. With all hope that you may be given

Strength to bear so grievous a blow.

Your sincerely,

[Signature]
Dear Mrs. Straight,

With our letters came

than a very real sympathy

and a hearty mention

of a few days,

some thirty odd years

ago when and which your

base of arms forgotten

at the Clare place in

April. 

And America had that

summer, I am meeting

to tell you how Dunahill

I see you in the Ours

doesn't know her.

We have accomplished

the very much of thirty

eight years that seemed

to pass us with wide

when once we are

making college for others

and seemed to promise

to Dunahill in the

future that has been offered.
to a truly terrible waste and
tragedy to lose me both myself
and you. I am sorry I can
not write to him of.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

5th December 1918

Norwalk, Conn.
Dec. 5, 1918

My dear Mrs. Straight,

Although I have not
seen you in many years,
I want you to know
too deeply I sympathize
with you in your great
grief... I have often
touched of you and heard of
your great happiness through
mutual friends, and
now this terrible sorrow
has come. I hope it
will be some comfort
to know that your dear
My dear Mrs. Straight,

few men have lived such vitally full lives in thirty eight years - as did Maj. Straight. His work has been to spread - so effective and so great in its results that humanity for all time will feel its benefit.

Thursday -

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my sympathy for you and your children is so great that I must give it some expression. There are no words of comfort - only sympathy. Yours cordially,

Mary Turner Jones
(Rev. M. Ashley Jones)

2050 Wilhelma Ave., Washington D.C.

Dear Mrs. Straight,

In behalf of the Junior League of the city of Washington, as well as on my own, I am writing to express and to assure you of our deep and heartfelt sympathy in—
Your great affliction and your husband's brilliant career and his generous service to his country will not soon be forgotten and must remain an inspiration to his children and to the men of his generation. The love you have just expressed to the most regret that a woman can suffer and may a kind Providence give you the strength necessary to bear with resignation the blow it has inflicted. With renewed assurances of our deepest sympathy.
December 6th, 1918.

Mrs. Willard D. Straight,
1130-5th Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mrs. Straight:-

I am directed by the League of Foreign Born Citizens to state that a special committee has been appointed to be present at the Memorial Services to be held at Grace Church.

Again expressing our very deep grief, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

[Signature]

President,
League of Foreign Born Citizens.
and the spiritual communion being
for myself in the
and the memory of all the
wonderful life means
for all time.
Sincerely yours
Edith C. Tracy.

Dear Mrs. Straight
Please not let another
day go by without
sending love this
inadequate word
of my deep sympathy.
Yours ever
Your husband love ever given as generously of yourself for others that and when the supreme sacrifice has been made by him and for the great cause we can understand, and by his silence, our hearts through in sympathy and appreciation.

Such a glorious heritage he has left his children and his loved ones may the veil be often lifted.
Dear Mrs. Straight,

As a neighbor I am one who witnessed your liberal spirit to the tenement poor in your profound gift to the Tuberculosis Prevention for Children, as well as because I knew your husband in this splendid self-sacrificing public service, may I tender you my warmest sympathy in your sad bereavement.

My wife joins me in wishing you strength in your sad need.

Sincerely yours,

Marcia N. Marks
to greet you in your sufferings
and bring you nearer.
How little I knew!

I have just this moment come from
the Junior League meeting and
my heart is very full of thanks-

gratitude for your wonderful example
and presence among us. That
you in your great kindness
would so freely share your
joy and come eagerly to the
service of us all with your
light and hope and firmness,
has more than anything
left expression. There is then anyone
who can be to you the helper and
inspiring spirit that you were to
all of us tonight — you who
above all should crown this
blessing that you are so marvel-
ously able to give to others?

I hope this I do know that nothing
eve than the Great Spirit would
so sustain and give you this
courage. I made good that you
are able to feel it and make
it yours as many few in all
time have ever done. I shall
never forget this evening and I
know now that if I can accept
the 15 meet the great inevitable
Dear [Recipient],

I am sorry for the ao quing, and have accomplished so great deal in his short life. I knew you were always very proud of him. In a very direct letter, you wrote me after returning from your grandmother's funeral. You said you should always be glad you were a Whitney.

I think you are very much like the Whittmms and have the

[Signature]

Postmark: Dec 5, 1918

30 St. Paul Street
Brookline
December 5, 1918

My dear Dorothy:

Here is the message from Paris about which I telephoned you today; I know you will be glad to see it. I can’t tell you what we all think about you.

Affectionately,

[Signature]

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done so splendidly and asked so earnestly for the advancement of all that is best in the lives of those about you should be referred.

I cannot but feel that there is no separation for your splendid friendship will go on through the years not only in the progress

16, WEST TENTH STREET.

[12.21.1927]

My dear Dorothy:

I cannot begin to tell you how deeply

Madeline and I symph.

Age with you because of Willard's death not how constantly you and he are in our thoughts.

It is hard that you two so brave
his name. He lived
serenely and died bravely.
His work is done but
your is the harder part.
So far as the love of
dedicated friends can
accompany you, you will
never feel alone. Even
in missing Willard you
must never be lonely
for he too made
of the work Willard's
Endless enthusiasm and
devotion did so much
to include and imbue
in the hearts and minds
of your devoted friends.
I can foresee how
bravely you will carry
on the work and how
strong you will keep his
memory in the high places
to which you will

gave him.

16, WEST TENNETH STREET.

his work and the
kindness in the hearts
of his friends will
be a companion to your
sadness.
Believe me, my dear
Daddy,
Your affectionate friend
George. Wether.
Dated December 4th, 1918.
Reed 1030 P. M

Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

For Miles from Sterling. Please send Mrs. Straight heartfelt condolences from all members seventeen eighteen overseas, also following from Mc Coy, "Dear Dorothy. Our only solace is that nothing that could be thought of by Willard's best friends best surgeons and Mrs. Harriman was left undone, with constant loving thought of you and the children mort pour la patrie."

SHARP.

CSS.
character, such gift and such charm are not often united. At one of the most interesting moments of his development he was as intimate as two men could be and though in the later phases circumstances have not allowed me to be near him I was conscious, when I was at home two years ago, that the point was as firm as the bowers. Was not the influence a the successor to having been passed and did not weaklings, which were inherited from both his parents, give way under a double strain, when the newspapers arrive I shall learn whether my suggestion is true.

Perhaps it is too early to consider the matter but when the summer arrives will you not superintend the preparation...
of a memoir. Willard wrote such delightful letters, full of impressions, self-revelation and humor. In my boxes at Aurora there are many which show the man as he really was. It would be part of the children's inheritance which as they grew older they would treasure as indicating what an example they should take as their guide. You have probably already thought of this.

I hope you will allow me to transfer to you and the children the reservoir of affection which we have to command and to add it to the store of appreciation and admiration which are already yours. If we can not transfer with accumulation to those who are entitled to them the gain of loving becomes so severe to bear when the object which has renewed our love as kept us from a sense...
With every affectionate thought,

we are dear friends, and an ex-

pression of the hope that

strength may be given you
to endure and consecrate

your sorrow. Yours
faithfully yours
Elsie A. Morgan

December 8th

777 Madison Avenue

My dear Mrs. Straight,

I think of you with

tender respect and

admiration, and I

cannot refrain from

letting you know at

this time how deep

and real a sympathy

I feel for you in your

great sorrow.

Sincerely yours,

Alice Phillips.

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My dear Mrs. Straight,

There is so much to express in my sympathy and my feeling for you - for others around you responsible to write. I feel so sorry with them. And now when the passage of a little time has enabled

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Here. How can we not think of him as facing winning the war—a thing that God would not do. How can we not think of him with his ability and energy who will ride as Millard Fillmore have done against the enemies and doubts that confront the world? He had the highest purpose: The most unselfish cause that there is. From the heart of a true man under what the faced life—his was a splendid in his attitude to the war. He did not think that anyone will ever fully know what he contributed. His first work has been invaluable and the development of the vital principles of America so essential to our combat troops has adapted in practically the standard for our daimon. I talked to him just after the Armistice of the war with Colonel House—and the whole beautiful conception of the possibility of a true and righteous peace was such that from then on he did not fail to have a deep influence in forcing the influence of America into the right channels. The not only the feeling of personal grief but the moral uplift of the loss of the country and the world—of that man and great
The spirit that he joins you. It has only been more truly in those who lent their duties fighting at the front for the things we all believe in. But he is brave - and will do with us the right thing. I am not told you letters - but I know that - but like - about William - you have given William the cause for which he was willing to give his life if necessary. Do necessary. You must now move and get I have that William you. I do not know whether our army is that for you. The children can do any service. But if you can meet with the if he goes on well - you could do it to greater honor than it comes to me that many were William's wife or children. as he would have passed Mine - they got to comfort you and give you strength.

Sincerely yours -

[Signature]

[Penmanship]

Charlottesville.

[Address]

[Penmanship]

I wish that there were some little thing that I might do now. I feel very much that I have been in the army and I have known continuing my work, as I have been, not only for what a help your generous friendship has been to me in these days.
to stress. I am wearing the fur again this winter and expect to for many a day to come and I think of you very often when I put them on.

Please accept my love and deepest sympathy again and if there is anything that I can do please let me do it for you.

Sincerely

Ann From Peyton

(from Philo B. Peyton)

Dec. 21, 1916 -
Knowledge that you have grown enough to live up to his ideal of you. His friends' admiration for you is beyond words. As I told him this is to them. They couldn't realize it yet but I wish that you could hear the wonderful things they say of him. Much love to Millie from your friend. I hope this is a letter you'll read sympathetically.

Sincerely, W.S.
Which has been to great benefit of service. May you join and be there in the thankful heart for all that your life has been to your country.

Yours affectionately,

M. Harriet Straight

My dear Mr. Duryea,

Our hearts and warm sympathy are with you forever. No words can express how deeply we feel for you in your most beloved home.

Dec. 5
The prayer that a
near circle of the
Psalm of God
may be near you.
He has your near
earth safe in His
keeps, not far
away, but where
hears.
The best for which
surrounds you —

The love of God,
that of your
friends, be your
prosperity as the
days go by.
Be join in
the best gratitude
for your husbands
and virtuous lives.
And write to me
— a life

Dear Brother
I need you
to hear your voice.
My deepest sympathy
and love in your regard
forever. I only wish I
could also have these
for you —
Affectionately yours

Calhoun Kendall
244 EAST 61ST STREET

Dear Dorothy,

I know that words are

quite inadequate at

this time of your heart-

breaking sorrow. But

I want you to feel that

you have earned and

my very deepest

sympathy.

Sincerely yours,

Wendell Willard

M.R.W.

December 5, 1918

38 EAST 37TH STREET

Dear Dorothy,

Weakened as I am,

I want to tell you our

heartfelt sympathy,

and our deepest love.

Your husband died

in the service of his

country, and as such

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can die a noble death, example to all about you. I know how you
He was a man of such exceptional ability and
tough, clear mind. I think that even in poor
I am proud of your record. I feel in your heart.
Your interest is all that he undertook, and
Your unfailing devotion have made you an

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Dear Dorothy,

There is so little here. I can say to you any help or comfort. I have been there with Mrs. Harrison. Though Willard's illness and though death was not far then at all was in his room adjoining, constantly during the last days of his illness there at the Crittens.

We were all watching and praying and hoping against hope. Then he rallied, rallied and pulled through somehow and is spared for you. He made such a splendid fight. With his great vitality, the odds were against him from the start with the terrible form of pneumonia which no one seemed able to cure when once it started. All his friends were there near him ready to be called upon.
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fact we divided the work of our section, he taking practically complete charge of all the administrative phases and leaving me free for field work, which was vital at the time.

On the morning of September 25th we went together to the hills overlooking Beaumont-en-Arrouaise and for an hour before dawn watched the artillery preparation. After daylight we went forward of the road to Beaumesnil, and followed one of the attacking regiments for a time. It was all very impressive and moving, it with Major Straight who appreciated every experience so thoroughly was a real privilege. Later we often spoke of that morning. — I first became well acquainted with your husband while, as it happened, we both made our first visits to the front line trenches in February. I re-

My dear Mrs. Straight — I trust that a word from those who came to know and admire your husband here in France will be welcome to you at this time when all his friends are mourning his loss and feeling for you and the other members of his family. They feel deeply by inability. — Major Straight was one of the very few who could appreciate and kindly consider all the difficulties in our administrative work, a fact which naturally tended his constant desire to be closer to the front. I saw a great deal of him during the St. Mihiel and Meuse Argonne operations — in
WHEREAS, by the death of Major Willard Straight, in the service of his country, the community has suffered the untimely loss of a citizen whose best endeavor has been devoted to affairs of the highest importance to the public welfare, and whose nobility of character and earnestness of purpose has been exemplary and stimulating; and

WHEREAS, this Company has lost in Major Straight a stockholder whose interest and confidence in the enterprise has been evidenced by large investment of money and counsel, continuing at times of financial strain, and in particular throughout the difficult period of the war, when he was giving the best of his life to the world, NOW, THEREFORE,

RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of Brown Spin-Wright Company does hereby express its sense of the irreparable loss suffered by the community and by this Company in the death of Major Willard Straight, and that this resolution be spread upon the minutes and a copy thereof be sent to Mrs. Willard Straight, in token of the deep sympathy of the Directors with the family of Major Straight in their bereavement.

ATTEST: Alexander C. Bronfman
Secretary.
I trust as to help you, but I know that there
in the - I am do they. They

Mary T. Need

[May 24]
TELEGRAMME.

Paris, 5 Dec. 1918.

Consul Général FRANCE, NEW YORK.

Pour Mr. BLOCH, de la part de Mr. Octave Homberg.

Veuillez exprimer Mme Straight notre profonde douleur.
Dec. 6th, 1918.

Mr. Willard D. Straight,
1130 Fifth Avenue,
New York City,

My dear Mr. Straight:

There were many expressions of sympathy
and sorrow in our High School Choral Organizations when the sad
news of your husband's death reached the young people. He was
one of the first to send them substantial encouragement, and al-
though they had never had the pleasure of seeing their benefactor,
their feelings were, nevertheless, deeply moved.

I am requested, therefore, by Committees,
from the various members of the organizations, by personal calls,
and even over the 'phone, to send an expression of condolence to
you over the great loss and grief that you are now sustaining.

Allow me to add my personal expression of
sympathy to you at this moment of your deep affliction.

I am,

very sincerely,

Henry P. Fleck
Acting President.
111 BROADWAY

Dec. 6th '1915

My dear Dorothy,

It was a sad shock to hear of the passing of an old friend, but it has come to you. May I offer you my very deepest sympathy?

Affectionately,

Mary Cantfield

Dec. 6th
At a meeting of the Lowell District Committee, on December fifth, Nineteen Hundred and Eighteen, the following resolution was adopted by its members:

**RESOLVED:** That the Lowell District Committee of the Charity Organization Society extend to Mrs. Straight, who has shown such a deep and helpful interest in the work of this Committee, its heartfelt sympathy in the great loss that has come to her through the untimely death of her husband, Major Willard Straight, who had been such an important place in the Nation.

Ruth Minturn
District Chairman.

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**By dear Colonel:**

It is all too terrible about Major Straight's death and it is hard even yet to believe it is really a fact that we are to see him no more.

Straight kept right on directing his affairs with the Peace Committee after he was taken ill which was quite characteristic of him. Double Pneumonia developed and then there was no hope. I was told however, his vitality made it possible for him to fight the battle for life longer than ordinarily would have been possible.

On Thursday night November 26th I arrived at Paris from G.M.W. enroute to Tours and in the morning before catching the early train I called at the Orillon to find out how Major Straight was and they told me then that he was a very sick man but they hoped, because of his great vitality, that he would live. I had Captain Remick catch the Friday night train for Paris in order that he might be with Straight in the hope that his presence might tend to make Straight feel somewhat more comfortable and foe, if Straight wanted any personal things attended to, Remick would be just the man to take care of them. On Saturday Remick telephoned that Straight was no better and that his condition was very serious indeed. On Sunday morning Remick telephoned the terrible news that Straight had died during the night.

This sad news spread very quickly throughout France and it seemed that nearly everyone was speaking of it.

I went over to see General Connor and asked permission to have some of the original War Risk crew go to Paris to attend the Services. General Connor said that while in the military they were not accustomed to this sort of thing, he would take it up with General Harbord and advise me at their luncheon. Later when I saw him at the house for lunch (the regular Sunday Luncheon) he told me that General Harbord agreed that six from the War Risk could go.

Remick was already in Paris and I was sending his also Sergeant Major Olson to help in attending to the many details necessary in settling up Major Straight's affairs. Captain Eykisson and Lt. Jenko arrived in Paris enroute to one of the Divisions, as they also attended the Services. The six from the War Risk Section were Major Remick, Sergeant Major Jensen, Sergeant Major Ireland, Sergeant Major Clark, Sergeant Major Gruber and myself. Stuart Senecon was there and so was D.ace and McPherson.

About thirty officers and civilians met at the Orillon and marched behind the caisson from the Orillon up the Champs-Elysees to the American church, where the Services were held. The church was almost completely filled and the Services which were read by Bishop Beaud were very impressive. After the Services quite a number including the entire War Risk went to the...
The flowers which I had sent from the War Memorial Section were given the position of honor. I returned to Tours on the Tuesday evening train, leaving Kemwick and Olsen in Paris in order that Captain Kemwick might attend to many of the important details in settling up Major Straight's affairs and in taking care of his effects.

Again I say it is all too terrible.

Col. Henry D. Lindsley,
635 Park Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

Dec. 6, 1918

59 Wall Street.

Dear Dorothy,

This is just a word of deepest sympathy.

I had for Willard a great admiration. His ability, courage, self-sacrifice, honesty and frankness appealed to me deeply.

With as much to love as any human being could have at stake and with...
everything to win for he went forward bravely with a smiling face to the
unpremeditated sacrifice
I trust it for you and the children the
memory he has left will be a great con-
soolation. Many friends
mourn with you, which I
hope will make the loss
a little easier to bear.
Most sincerely yours
Alice Henry Hoadsworth

December 6, 1916

You have been so constantly
in my mind the last few days
Dear Brent - dear William
how I feel I know almost and
for my loss I shall feel
sympathy - The sad como-
I did not wish to come but
and I felt it would be a
pleasure to have a while with
brother, a little farther for

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AMERICAN EMBASSY
PARIS

My dear Brother:

You can never

know how much

I love you. I

cannot say it

enough.

Yours affectionately,

[Signature]
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\[ \text{No. 4440} \]

\[ \text{My dear Miss Wright:} \]

\[ \text{Dec. 6, 1918} \]

\[ \text{I wish to express my deep gratitude for your warm association with your husband during his imprisonment.} \]

\[ \text{I am very much impressed by the\ldots} \]

\[ \text{Sincerely\ldots} \]
I am deeply impressed by your military ability. I express you my sincere sympathy.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Colonel E.J.
much me in thought + purpose. I can not bear to think of you separated from each other.

And I am not going to - for I feel with all my heart, that Willard is alive and loving you and pour on in some "adventure flar and near" with the same book, I inteligent words, that he is to bold able to do, and that you are so well able to help their work. And that you will both be working for

My dear Dorothy,

My heart is broken for you, with sorrow and duty. I have thought of

Waiting here since I heard Sunday of Willard's death. I do not think I knew of any two people who received quite as happy fortune, as you + Willard - quite as
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Dear Mrs. Straight,

It was with genuine regret that I learned of your husband's death. I met him nearly twenty years ago in Jamestown and continued our friendship at Cornell while we were undergraduates. While he was in the Far East, I heard from him occasionally but of late years, have not seen as much of him as I would have wished.

He was a splendid man, a charming companion. His death is most untimely and

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

NEW YORK

4th December, 1918
Graves me greatly. He died
in a noble cause which
must be a comfort to you
I am going this afternoon
to the memorial service.
Please be assured of my
depest sympathy for my
sake I have lost one of my
best friends.

Sincerely yours,
Howard L. Lake

New Willard Straight
City

1735 M STREET

Dear Mr. My:
There is no
way in trying to tell you how
very, very sad I am. Willard
has a dear, a true friend and
his death is a deep personal
suffering. I wish there were something
I might do, but I have no
means to help you in any way. I can only
say how well you all my love and sympathy.

Alice.
thought for yourself and the wonderfull gilbert heart--you know about willard--will be an inspiration thru all my life! frank poet says that the whole state department advises you so that they would do anything in the world for you--and i feel that we all feel--i shall never forget those letters and telegrams and the

Toothy dear--you will never know how i hurried to leave you yesterday. i have been thinking if you every moment and i cannot seem to put my mind on anything but you. i consider the time i spent with you as one of the real privileges of my life. the little click of
Uncere, ringing tribute paid
to Willard by people all over
the world that feel that
they have lost a real friend.
Their number is legion and
Charlie and I are among
them. We feel as if a great deaf
of sunshine had gone out of
our lives and our one thought
is the of service to Willard's
wife and children.

Willard with his combination
of keenness and modestness was
so alive that his spirit will
be with us all—forever.
A real inspiration in our London
lives and why should we waver
when we know that the wonderful
vision and courage that he brought
into work here he is carrying
on to its real fulfillment.
God bless you. Godspeed.

[Signature: Lindley]

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will find least comfort in doing for others as you have always done. It inspires those around you.

Those who are blessed in their task will feel very humble before their blessing, and their thank will always be specially tender to those whose sacrifices have been supreme.

I know you believe in the sincerity and depth of my gratitude. Yours as always,

Charlotte Eaton

December 6th

Rutland, Ca.
by action of our Board, for remembrance of him in the years to come.

Others will write to you. I know, of the expressions of appreciation I have on all sides of many other generous acts of Willard Straight for his fellow townsmen. His many friends here hold him in most affectionate regard and have much pride in this most brilliant career of one of our members. The sad news of his death is a real grief to us. It is hard to realize that a

My dear Mrs. Straight,

I feel that it is my privilege, without the formality of an introduction, to extend to you my very real sympathy and to express something of the admiration and grateful appreciation I must always have of Willard Straight's memory.

In a very true and substantial sense it may be said of his life: 'The good men do live after them.' You are being overwhelmed with worldwide testimonials from men in
high place of the high regard they held for the big thing Ulilard Straight did around the globe. I want to speak of what to me personally was a big thing in his doing. I can never forget what his friendly confidence and effective support meant to me in starting the little enterprise I promoted in 1916 which was for me a mighty undertaking and is now the Oswego Iron Mills, a substantial industry of a sort much needed for the prospering of our town.

You see, he and I are both natives of this soil, with a fellow feeling for our old Oswego. At the critical beginning of what was then a rather forlorn hope, for me a man practically without capital, he not only took a liberal amount of stock, but also volunteered to supply a director, adding much to the strength of our organization, and aiding much in disposing of the remainder of our stock.

I am sorry to ask if you will kindly let me have a picture of Willard Straight for our little office—this, together with a tribute to him to be placed in our records.

James G. Merriman
Osweo, N. Y.

Man so mild & so vital could be snuffed out in that way. That he should have succumbed to the teraherous epidemic which came in the war's wake, gives evidence of the strain he had been under of how unmercifully Major Straight had given his splendid energies to his country, and to all Canada in this most tremendous
of world war.


Truly, Mrs. Straight,
We mourn with you.

Sincerely yours,
James G. Merriman

December sixtieth
Nineteen eighteen

To
Mrs. Willard Straight
New York City

Dear Dorothy,
Having just come
from the beautiful
memorial service, I
was moved by the usual
note of sympathy seems
utterly out of place.
To know that he is happy
now and that he has
done his duty is so
Dear Mrs. Straight,

I hear you are attending to your numerous duties just as a soldier would—let permitting your just personal grief to bring confusion to important work. I admire you if possible more than ever, and can only say God bless you!

Dec. 6th

66 East 7th Street
New York

I was delighted that you should not go to Paris—luck rather than wisdom was missed and made excuses and stayed here.

I am sure you who have given all you could and done all you could are comforted by the knowledge that your husband's death, so that of a man in an affectionately yours Truly yours

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Dear Miss Straight

I must say as

I would do it if I had a very real affection

for the Willard, to send you my deepest

sympathy.

Only those who knew him can

appreciate the extent of your

loss, but all those who did

share your grief,

few people have had a finer or

more generous character, and a

greater capacity for usefulness and

willingness to give his best to

his friends and country.

His whole record and career was

one of public service and must

be shown to you and

your children the source of the

greatest possible pride.

There is so much I could add

to it, but for the helpless

feeling of the ineffectiveness of

words to express what I feel

they share these straight

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My dear Mrs. Straight:

I returned from the South a couple of days ago, but have not been able to write you before, and now that I am able to do so I cannot find words to express to you the sorrow that is in our hearts. We were all so attached to Willard that we feel a very deep sense of personal loss. His conspicuous ability in many lines and his forceful and charming personality won him friends on every side, and we are constantly hearing eulogies of him and intense regret expressed at his death, which seems so untimely. I shall always remember him with great admiration, and shall feel extreme sorrow for the loss of such a dear friend.

Mrs. Porter joins me in assurances
of our deepest sympathy with you and your children. We can partially appreciate what it means, as we have just lost our only son, who was killed in action in France.

Sincerely and sorrowfully yours,

[Signature]

Mrs. Willard B. Straight,
1100 Fifth avenue,
N.Y. City.

P.S. I regret that the condition of my arm does not permit of my sending you an autograph letter.

24 West 48th Street

Dear Dorothy —

It would be hard to tell you how deeply I feel for you in this great sorrow that has come to you. Deep sympathy to my least stepfather, Mrs. Straight.

This has been a terribly hard, bad year for so many, and it is difficult to believe that some are in the best when people whose lives are given up to doing for others are called upon to make such sacrifices. Those of us who have worked under O.W.

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you, must feel this especially—I know
to do with appreciation of your leadership
and example, and renewed sympathy.

Ever sincerely yours

Beatrix Gordon Batt

Sixth December
Friday

Dear [Name],

This is just a line to say good night. I haven't had a chance to write to you, but I hope things are going well.

I'm feeling a little down lately, and I've been struggling with some personal issues. I would appreciate it if you could give me some advice or just listen if you have time.

Please stay safe and take care of yourself.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]
Willard Straight

July 31, 1878

My dear Willard,

This note is to tell you of the exciting turn of events that has occurred. I have just received word that you will be coming here soon. I am writing to let you know that you will be welcomed with open arms. Your presence is greatly anticipated.

Willard, you have always been a source of inspiration and encouragement. This visit will be especially meaningful after the recent difficulties we have faced. I am confident that we will be able to overcome these challenges together.

Come here for as long as you will. You and I know so well that Willard's spirit is nearer than ever before, a very real Presence which we can feel all the time. I did not know before that this was

Sincerely,

Willard Straight
Dear Dearest Dorothy:

I wish I could say something that would be a comfort and help you in your hour of grief and sorrow. It is really too tragic that your dear husband should have died so far away from you and those he loved. I know how devoted you were to each other and what a terrible loss it is to you.

I have been ill all summer but feel better.
Dear Mrs. Straight,

The members of the Board of Directors of Stony Wold Sanatorium desire to offer the deep sympathy they feel for you on the death of your husband.

Always sincerely yours,

Mary Louise Coffin
Corresponding Secretary

December 6, 1918
To my own just to say may I wish a speed and may I wish you all well and may I wish you health. Let your love and sympathy can help and your love and sympathy can help.

Since your last visit when you and Willard have been far away, we've missed you and feel you close to us. 

To the best of my life together, as well. I feel and hope you feel happy and as well. You will feel happy. 

If you have all you need to give. 

Just a note to say we are all well, all glad and all to hear from you. 

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Just a note to say we are all well, all glad and all to hear from you.
have been very much pleased in your all for two years. That you and Willard love each other is merely more than once. You have
and I am told you both so clearly. Could have
found it for you. And that now you have
called in together to make the
front express themselves, and you,
 haven't invited either of you to
come all that your life has been
of service and usefulness and
development by their last great gift.

Dr. Scribner clearly believes that
Willard has gone out of your life
in any but the most correct interpre-
tation. I am sure that he is near
you, and that you must feel him
so. Since last time, all, with the
many long hours to spend of other
things, and at times, is remiss near
the trader with money. Adela has
come to be anything, but beautiful
to me, it is all open doors and a

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Acknowledgment of the means of communication, and absence of all to hear, and perhaps will not exist for you. Someday, I want to talk to you of these things, of what I have thought and read, and learned to believe, to make you understand a little. I only wish I could think in simple things, some little things, but perhaps God is present with your beautiful heart and the inspiration of these minds.

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My dear [Name],

I am writing to express my gratitude for your service to the war effort. Your dedication and commitment have not gone unnoticed.

I have beenThrough the letters, I have learned to see the world through a different lens. Through all the trials and tribulations, there is something about your correspondence that brings me solace. I am grateful for the chance to write to you and to share my thoughts and feelings with you.

May your heart and loved ones be well this holiday season. It is a time of joy and peace, and I hope that you find comfort in these words.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

December 6.
who in a real sense suffer with you. If it can be of any relief to know that I pray are with you every kind and sympathetic thought at the time, you should have that which comfort.

I am

Very sincerely yours,

Ordway Tead

December eightt

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loss. I had only known your husband slightly—on the occasion of meetings with Bob Valentine. But I knew him strongly, and I know enough of your common pain, to feel keenly the loss that we all share with you.

There is little that can be said of such untoward events. I only wanted you to know that in addition to those who have been personally close to you, there are many others—who myself among them—
My dear Dorothea,

I have thought of you very often, often in deep sorrow, and want to send you my heart-felt sympathy and love.

Affectionately yours,

Natalie H. Blair

[283 Lexington Avenue, New York]

I must hold out to you a head of friendship, free of all tenderest sympathy. My heart has been free of you since I saw your brave face at the Thanksgiving service. You were a gallant sufferer, sharing the dread misery of so many women, but I longed to take you in my arms, as I saw your mother do, when she showed you to me as a nice baby.

Forgive me for treating even a note upon
you—and take no notice of it I beg only feel the pressure of one more friend are being offered for you, that you may be given continued strength to wage the battle with resilience and sorrow as superbly as you have thus far—

With love to you.

Julia Whitman

December 6th 1918
Syosset
Long Island, New York

My dear Mrs. Straight,

I can not adequately express to you my sympathy for you in your terrible loss. It is a loss to the whole community that a woman should be cut short while promising to be so brilliant and useful. Of one the terrible losses that this war has caused, there can be more create a
Indian than that of Mr. Straight. It seems almost too much that you should have been exonerated. I am

With sincere sympathy,

Yours sincerely

[Signature]

[Note on back:]

Friday.

My dear Mrs. Straight,

I just wanted to write you a line to tell you how much I have been thinking about you and to offer my deepest sympathy.
Il seems almost impossible to believe that such a wonderful man could be taken. With a great deal of love and a thousand thanks for all you have done for us in so many ways.

Sincerely,
N. E. Whatridge.

My dear Will Straight,

May I introduce myself as the friend of a man, to express my deep sympathy. Although I did not know Mr. Straight personally, all the world knew of his constructive work. This

Dec. 1st
and I have always admired you for being on the side of right —

Mrs. Sincerely

Harristead Lady

Of Eighth Ave. Park.

19 West 55 Street
New York

My dear Mrs. Straight—
When I read in this issue of the New Republic of the loss which has come to you, I was inexpressibly saddened. As I was not a great enough man in itself — these next
Dear Mrs. Straight,

Please permit me to express my deepest sympathy when he came down from Newport together, I felt how very much larger it was, how much of it had had it suffer but how it is too tragic.

Yours truly,

Saturday, December 28th

(Handwritten note:)

[Handwritten note on the right side of the page:] [12-28-19]

Sixty-two West Forty-ninth Street
Telephone, Morris: The Josephine 2840.

[Handwritten note on the left side of the page:]

[Handwritten note on the left side of the page:] years need so vividly strong man with a vision like your husband.

[Handwritten note on the left side of the page:] I knew you only when I came to you with a note from Felix Frankfurter about going abroad, but I feel so sincerely this great loss to Americans everywhere, that I am writing to tell you that I grieve with you as do all who look to our big man to guide our country in this time.

[Handwritten note on the left side of the page:] Very sincerely,

Saturday, December 28th

[Handwritten note on the left side of the page:] (Handwritten note:)

The Willard Straight Papers at Cornell University

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Dec 7, 1918
Ritz-Carlton Hotel
Madison Avenue & Forty Sixth Street
New York.

Dear Mrs. Straight,

The death of our husband has griefed more than words can convey— for I had known him for long years, ever

Sincerely yours,

Alice Charles
Since he came to Delhi in 1901 - and I had for him the warmest friendship - there never was a finer man, a truer gentleman than Willard Straight - and his memory will always remain green in my heart. Pray accept my heartfelt expressions of sympathy in your deep sorrow and believe me, as always, most sincerely yours,

E. de Carteret
Dear Mr. Straight

At the point I am writing I wish to tell you, Mr. B. has checked myself with the feeling that there was really no personal relation of us at all, that the time passed without my notice, and that I must please it that all please me. The fact is, I am not able to say all I have to say, for the reason that I have not the time to do so. I am obliged to make an effort to express myself, and I think it is necessary for me to do so in order to make known the facts. I am not able to do so, but I am obliged to do so. The fact is, I am not able to do so, but I am obliged to do so. The fact is, I am not able to do so, but I am obliged to do so. The fact is, I am not able to do so, but I am obliged to do so. The fact is, I am not able to do so, but I am obliged to do so.
Willard

Dear Sir, this I write to you

and I can only feel what it is to

my thing. The "P" in my mind makes

life firm with a boat endwise.

My life is all up - that

then an me sudden by

in a constant progression and

the in go in meaning when

my life. The mean, this is

in time. May the might that

my people bring - the 35 years

in the magnitude and the

be it so. Here and there,

in the last 35 years shall

it be like any of the

and in regard to that in the

and there - in that I love.

and there - in there.

May the end - in there

and there.


The Finch School
Sixty-one East Seventy-seventh Street
New York

So here: I hope to write this

the past year with

a hundred. - The for you

when in mean must by

to him - everlasting.

You, my friend

James T. Esmon
Dear Doris,

This letter I read in the notices the terrible news that the

object for money. I have thought of it

constantly - so now I must write to

the son of my deep sympathy.

Nearly eleven years have gone by since those days felt so new.

yet it is as great now as then.

and I do indeed learn what it

are asked upon to bear - it is

merely the way of the cross. and

the burden is lightened only by
I have been reading

May all the best. Stating all to

beautifully... talking about

Mr. Straight, and one knows

how true it is to. Your heart

is filled with pride in his

splendid life and his sacrifices

to the... to the need. I, the

Cowardly. It is to such a he

that we all turn. I believe

that you see the... Freedom,

I am for honor,

love... Dorothy and my deep

heartfelt sympathy.

Your love affectionately,

Oliveira. W. Guittard

[Signature]

[Date]

My dear love, Straight,

you must read... express my

very deep sympathy to you in

your loss.

My brother died last night,

and I know what it means to

love the one, as it devotes to you.

My love to them. Little Straight
I know what a comfort he will be to you.

Very sincerely,
Charlotte F. Janvier.

The passing of his infirmities mark years, but our lives are long, it seems. There is no going anywhere with these old friends and room with time, though they have never been, prices and faults well-shown but now with patience.

These men of today remember have you to them with two eyes of truth and honor. They stand in the sunshine with God's order there.

Cambridge, N.Y.
June 4.

My dear Tom,

Please set me among the steps in this bright setting you have created so many may share.

A new may be at your right, but in this light of candles, may as in the sunshine in the shell. In infinity the question is not.

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This so fully expresses in words your splendid husband and son.
Please accept with deepest love and sympathy this small token.
Sincerely yours
Julia Fairchild

Dear Trotty,
My heart aches for you. I know how much you must have loved your splendid loving husband - and I did.

127 East Seventy-Third Street

[Date: 12-7-18]
I

in many ways. I
remember keep-

let the real ter-

all the more.

I might be

to something

You at such

Your friend.

127 East Seventy-third Street

Much Too endless

are too thankful

Dear Mise in

three 

Dunphy

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Dec 9 20.D
December 7th, 1918.

Mrs. Willard D. Straight,
1130 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

My dear Mrs. Straight:—

The following letter was sent to Mr. Thomas W. Lamont. Please accept my condolences for the great loss you and all of us have incurred.

"I was deeply grieved by the demise of my dear friend, Major Willard Dickerman Straight. The tribute paid to his memory at the Grace Church while beautiful in itself, is by far not adequate. I hold that my dear dead friend was worthy of a national tribute and should you agree with me on this point, I stand ready to do all in my power to make such a ceremony possible and impressive."

Sincerely yours,

HG:F8

Henry Green

Dear Dorothy,

I am so very, very sorry for you, that I want to read you these few lines with my
I have just heard that your husband died. I am very sorry for you.

I never knew him personally, but have heard so many fine things about him. What it must be to have lost a husband in such a way. I am sorry for you.

Sympathy in the loss of your husband.
Much I was thinking of you.

Sincerely yours,

Alice Hay

Dec. 7, 1918

356 East 139 Street, N.Y.
December 7, 1918.

Mrs. W. D. Straight
Old Westbury, L. I.

Dear Madame:

It was with deep sorrow that I learned of the death of Major W. D. Straight while in the service of his country, and I have

with deepest sympathy in your bereavement.

Cordially yours,

W. Anna Kettenger
(Sister of Lucina Weinman)
My dear Dorothy -
Can only tell you that I am thinking constantly of your recovery - I trust always be proud to have known your husband so well - it is clear - there are times when one is obliged to suffer. Truly, but I can only think that the wise and strong are the ones chosen to that. They can help some of the weaker ones.

Dear Dorothy, I do work three more hours, anything in the world.

[End of letter]
I could do a lighter some part of it for you. for I do sympathize but for you from the bottom of my heart.

Affectionately,

Elizabeth Jay

Dec. 7th, 1818

United States Ship George Washington

My dear Mrs. Straight,

It is with the deepest
torment & sympathy that I
learned of your loss.

I want to tell you how
our thoughts & hearts for one
are in your grief.

Sincerely

Willard Straight

Given to me also among his
many acquaintances, counted
only friends.
My dear Dorothy - I want & tell you how deeply I have felt for you in these last hot weeks & that I have earnestly prayed for your husband's recovery. He seemed to feel of life & rigor but the pain was too much for anyone & of course. I have been living at the Chillon & it was such a pleasure, I saw Mayor Straight come in always with an officer on his bus but and went in this business but always having time to stop by a word of greeting to see - to the hospital where I sent one of your patients, a valet & your husband to. I forgot what he said & in the midst of a hasty turning - for such a humble man - he was as fine a gentleman as ever lived. Straight remain in his life. The spark...
...in his own sphere of life. Perhaps you would like to know that Mr. Straight went out to see them here. The flowers were still fresh, and there is something wonderful about taking them with all those sellers' ones. Mostly by very young. Who also gave them all in Their Country's service. A message of Courage & Faith seems to come from there. I believe it has reached you. I will give you strength & comfort. The best to you and your children, & the friend of all the poor & lucky. That you have always been. Believe me the always yours affectionately. - Anna B. Straight.
December 7

Dear Dorothy,

I want to send to you my love, and very deepest heartfelt sympathy, for the great sorrow which has come to you from words can help at such a time, but if anything can help you it will be the wonderful life you lead, always thinking of them.

With sincere regard,

Alice Hobbs Todd.
We have just had a letter from you both since our last. Together in making
these reminiscences and our great admiration for your two beautiful characters
have made us always love you both and I really think I have
meant here to Phil there.

Phil wanted me to tell

My dear Dolley—

Our hearts have been very full of you
this past week, and

Phil and I both have

served with you near

than almost ever before

in our lives—because

One—now even though
you a little of how he felt because
he had to go with his Peace mission
and he felt that it would be
too soon for him to see you
before leaving.

Threw to his beautiful service
yesterday it was like made it
fell back a glorious feeling and
his work is much worth while.
We all think that you are the
bravest person though it all that
we ever knew.

With love, Polly Patchett

I received a little note which my
mother wrote you the morning we
heard the rough. Because she
wouldn't have it if she
had so let you all would be well.
She is quite old and her eyes light
not good so she read even. Write or
read as you can. But she lived long
and was kind. Fear some how all

F.P. 1926
Dear Dorsey,

My heart is so full of joy and happiness today that I want to share it with you. I was so thrilled to receive your letter from the States. Your news of the asylum and the plans for the future brought a smile to my face. I feel so grateful for your support and encouragement.

I can't begin to express how much it means to me. Your kindness and friendship are a true blessing. I am looking forward to our next meeting, and I will certainly write to you soon to keep you updated on my own plans.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

1221 Connecticut Ave
Washington, D.C.
Inexpressible how he is to you
and his children. I know that
you will be so brave as you can face this.
The heartfelt sympathy of your friends & Willa
are with you.
Very Aff. yours,
Alice M. Rodger
[Mrs. Raymond Rodger]
Dear Lord Have
bless down their
lives from the
good of mankind

Sincerely yours

Polly Patchin

[encl. by Polly Patchin]

23 East 26th St.
New York, Dec 7, 1918.

Mrs. Willard S. Straight
New York City,

My dear Mrs. Straight,

It was with a shock that
I learned of the final departure of
your husband, Major Straight.

I desire to extend my sympathy,
also that of my family, to you in
this great loss.

He was such a true friend of

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ours, always coming into our home
we're always in the city for a
day only, that we feel still free with
genuine personal freedom.
He was proud of him in our
home, because of his personality
and of the talents and ability which
gave promise of a marked future.
Few young men have achieved
the position which held in the
work of the world.
With a prayer for you to the Father
who comforts so gently and tenderly

Towards those who are in sorrow, I remain,
Sincerely yours,
Cornelius S. Savage.
My dear Dorothy,

My husband and I are both so shocked at the loss of your great sorrow. And I know you will accept our heartfelt sympathy and most think it sad in me to address you as I have. By your sad news, oh although it recent years I

have not had the chance of seeing anything of you. Yet it seems only yesterday that I was enjoying the hospitality of your splendid mother and you here a young girl. No doubt miss Jane from your character for will be able to lead the great. Woman with patience but to give up one thousand and throw this country taken. Courage indeed!
Will you kindly allow the Rev. Dr. Henry H. Stimson who knew her
jovial and graceless manner
in the days of the early years.
read life in New York, and
who lived side by side with
her father in his brilliant
and beautiful days at Yale,
and who is the Board of Trustees
of Mt. Holyoke College, to 
express his deep sympathy 
with Miss Straight in the hour 
of her great sorrow, and to 
say that her husband's death 
was as truly warful and 
patriotic as if he had died on the 
battlefield, and that the part 
we are giving him to the Service 
is as truly her bit and 
equally sacrificial.

New York Dec 7th 1918

Dec 7th 1918

My Dear Mr. Straight,

May I offer you my heart 
felt sympathy in the 
loss of your dear husband. 

May 1st 1918

I travelled to join him at 
the same point where 
I was to join the Chinese 
on this ship. I have 
not been able to 
speak to him since he 
left me for a great 
part of the voyage. I 
do not feel 
for you now.
Married in New York on the 27th last and left for Shanghai on the 29th. Was left behind in Shanghai. There were no reports of your arrival at Shangai. Consequently, you can receive this message. I believe you have received mail by now. Writing about the news from Shanghai. Good luck on your journey. 

Sincerely,

John
SIX HUNDRED AND NINETY
PARK AVENUE

Dear Mr. Straight,

I have thought of you very often

thoughts of you even last few days

and it is a great

meeting of the family

at last when you are

and some other anecdotes told

thought of you yesterday, but could

not answer it. I am sure we all thought of Straight

at that time, but the

same with feelings of

depest sympathy for you.

So thought expressed of

Willard.

We are all proud of the

record he made in life.

Pride and I wanted so

much to be at the

Union yesterday but could

not answer it. I am sure we all thought of Straight.

at that time, but the

same with feelings of

depest sympathy for you.

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and music set off
ourselves.
Please do not fail to
answer this. I just wanted
to send a personal word
and say that I am
deeply sorry.
Always your friend
Willard Straight

December 7, 1918

Dear Dorothy,
In these the
hardest days of your life
it seems to me that
you are still the won-
derful example to those
who have the privilege
of knowing you, of all
that is best & most to
be desired in this world.
It seems difficult
to understand that this
great success has come to you & I only wish it were possible to make it less hard.
with much love
Ellie B. Wilson
December 7th

Fork Riley
Dec. 7th 1918

My dear Mr. Straight,

My husband.

I am writing you from the hospital in a doctor's car. I feel splendid but much distressed. This is just a line to add to a careless statement. I am very much pleased to hear from you. I desire to hear from you at once.

Mrs. Straight
With my deepest sympathy for my dear friend, your children, and those who love them.

With love,

[Signature]

[Note on the right side of the paper:]

Dear Dorothy,

May I tell you how sad I feel for you in your recent loss, and express my tender sympathy. Thank you for the blessed hope of immortality, and may you be comforted in your grief.

[Signature]
Comfort - surely you must feel there trying to help you now.

Please don't think I am thanking this. I just wanted to tell you that I sympathised with you in your sorrow and thank you for your pride and long love most sincerely.

Helen Morgan Wood

2100 Florida Avenue N.W.
Washington, D.C.
December 27, 1934

Dear Mr. Straight -

There are so few words to say how deeply I sympathise with you in all these hard days. If the constant things can be known and valued until you can be a
Sympathy and much love,

Life does seem to come to

less the happy people

then he separated and

the others remain. You

must feel so proud to

know he did so

superbly.

Tuxedo Park, New York

Dec. 8

[Writing in the margin]

My dear boy, they

I've been thinking of you

so much all this

week, and want to

just write you a line

to offer my deepest
you know how dear Mr. Willard

collectively, Paul

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Mrs. Susan B. Anthony

Dear Sir,

We have received with deep regret the news of the

loss of your esteemed father. We are aware of the
destiny of the family and the sorrow that

will forever mark the passing of a beloved

family member. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to you and your family in this

time of grief. 

Sincerely,

The Consumers' League of the City of New York

July 8th, 1911.
my dear Mrs. Straight:

how rich the enclosed clipping will express what those who have been called upon to make the supreme sacrifice have done for the world?

with kindest sympathy,

mary a. faulkner.
1728 raynolds arn.
brooklyn, n.y.
dec. 7, 1918.

 dear dorothy - dear

ience been 5 a wonderful service to the

friend who had the privilege of being there and who loved the country and the

lives of the heroes who had made the supreme sacrifice.

the new your husband
I must be of you! I can imagine no greater tribute than the unreserved way you can relate your life again without a thought of yourself. I can only think that your example is breaking through those who know you and love you. Even of the Feminine Institute girls said the other day, "She's been raised right, you know, more so than any man in the world."

If I feel like seeing you any time, you'll please let me know? Other letters were so many of your friends. Have been trying to find you that I thought the kinder thing for me to do was to stay away a few days. John & I will always have the deepest admiration for Willard. Few men of his age have accomplished that much, & he has left a rich heritage to your children.
Dear Dorothy:

I found something I wanted to tell you, that I wrote down a while ago. I knew how hard it is to lose one's own—my own because I lost what I could trust in all the world, my little fan. And though nothing came
This is wonderful stuff of Uncle
Alger. I'm still here.

What lovely days at Throgs
Point made me more

Dear, lovely Helen,
Many people have

This made thought after
Willard to you.

An American.

These days
is fine.

And to it I had

Always dreamed I had.

Willard was essentially
me. Such a life.

I don't know.

Sunday.

I have started

Second time I want you.

Each time I've felt

Anything that would

At any time. How my love

of you is for you in

any way. How of help

to the point that you

sent me down again.

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Dear I thought the service at First Church beautiful. 
Your Church in my own life is bound up with so much beauty, a tragedy that I always want to go there. 

I hope to see you very often. 

Your loving friend, 

Edith F. Funches.

Twenty-one East Eighty-first Street 
Dec. 8, 1912

My dear Dorothy—

No words of mine can make you understand how much sympathy and love I have for you in this sorrowful time. 

I can only say that you know constantly I am in my thoughts, and that I meet it in my every way, whatever to lighten your heavy load.

With sincere yours, 

Reynolds Funches.
Dear Dorothy,

I realize how your heart is broken & I want you to know that mine is echoing for you.

With all my love & sympathy,

Sincerely,

Josephine Straight

My dear Joe Straight,

You can hear I dear friends. I hope you will be first to express your love and sympathy in your recent sorrow. So I have been able to write you. But I want you to know very much love gone with you. And I fear indeed, I could not make any help to lessen your grief. But no one can do that.

You have always impressed me with your courage & strength.

783 Park Avenue

Saturday

TWO WEST EIGHTY-SIXTH STREET
NEW YORK CITY
and yet to know your friends are thinking of you may be a help. 

I have had one remedy for sorrow that comes from loss of 

Good once. Work and their 

more work—and I imagine 
you have learned that lesson 
also— you are always doing 
something to lighten the burden 

of some one, or to help make 
the world better. And I am 
glad for your sake your 

hands are full now, learn 
be careful of yourself.

The world needs women 
like you—bright, health 

and clear headed—and your 
children need you. First of all 

Words are idle—shout—but 
I only want you to know. I am 
thinking of you, with all your 
many friends, and praying 
the Good Lord to comfort and 

strengthen you.

With love and sympathy 
your friend and counselor 

Mary E. Hay.

Sunday Evening 
December Eighth, 1915.
My dear Miss Straight:

May I

convey upon you my first, most cordial compliments in your memory. I

Most cordially,

W. W. Mackintosh

Atlanta, Dec. 5, 1918

My dear Miss Straight:

As a fellow officer with Mr. Straight of the American International Corporation I desire to express to you my heartfelt appreciation of his character and abilities, as well as my deep sorrow at learning of his untimely death.

With his qualifications of personality and mind, and with the place he had already won for himself in the work of international finance and politics, I
do not know of any one who had a 
more brilliant future, or who more 
generously deserved me. But this future 
could not be granted him as a 
free gift from himself, his family, 
and friends, but more than all from 
the world at large, which now, more than 
ever, needs men of his initiative, judg-
ment, experience and insight.

I trust that I am not unduly 
upset your grief, but I could not refrain 
from lending my testimony to that of 
many others, and, after all, that is in-
clusion in knowing that our loved ones 
have been appreciated by others as well as 
by ourselves. Sincerely yours,

Philip K. Henry

My dear Mrs. Straight...

I was not 
prepared for the sad news 
from Paris and even now 
cannot realize that Mr. 
Straight has passed from 
us.

It seems only yesterday 
that he took you to Peking 
where he was a moving 
pupil in the 
land American things. The 
American of our American 
story, then seen around the 
home again, so left. Though it 
was not my privilege to claim
any degree for so great a loss.

Mrs. Junger joins me in deep and heartfelt sympathy in your trying hour of bereavement.

Most sincerely yours,

Walter J. Junger

December Eight

Mr. Straight as an intimate friend, yet circumstances gave me peculiarly exceptional opportunities for observing his work in the State and appreciating his pronounced talents and personality. How proud we were of his rifle achievements.

Though I never saw him after his departure from Peking, I followed his career with the keenest interest. That he finally gave his life for his country cannot be even, an incident in his life's conception of duty, and this must afford you some consolation if there can be consolation in
in this your time of need and affliction.
Praying that the God of all comfort may give you the courage to bravely bear your burden of sorrow, and remembering how you have helped other mothers and children, that He may strengthen you and enable you to perform your doubled precious duty to your own little ones.

Believe me,
Very faithfully yours,

Lucy C. Kellogg.

The Creek, Englewood,
December 24, 1918.

Dear Mrs. Straight,
The Trustees of the Creek wish me to try to express to you our deep and heartfelt sympathy, and our keen appreciation of the great sorrow which you are called upon to bear. You have been one of the most helpful friends the Creek has ever had, and we greatly regret our inability to help you...
that the weather was nice there, but his were not like this. He was a nice man, in a nice house, in a nice town, in a nice state. His friends were nice, too. I saw him once, and I saw him again, and I saw him again. I saw him many times, and I saw him many times again. I saw him many times, and I saw him many times again.

The Best of All Time

The Best of All Time

The Best of All Time

The Best of All Time
I return this with my best wishes.

I hope you are well and happy.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

December 8
to our known who were associates with him. He was the centre of life where he knew all.
With deep and tender sympathy Believe me -
Affectionately yours,
W. H. Willard C. Oll
The Everglades
2189 Florida Ave

3 West Eaton Pl.
December 8

Darling Aunt Dorothy,
I am so very sad to hear about dear Uncle Willard. I cannot tell you how sorry I am for you. I wish you
were over here so that I could see...
you. It seems specially soon as we were all rec
coining over the ammunition you must do that
Moony was still here. Please give my love to
my cousins. With lots of
love your loving [Paget]
Dear Mrs. Straight,

You have been on my mind during the past few weeks. True how I cannot find expression for all that I would like to say to you.

Bill Moore.

December 8, 1918

15 Cedar Place
Yonkers, N.Y.
Could help you, and how above all else
I admire your splendor spirit.
Your presence at the meeting on Thursday
night was an expression of the noble
independence, which I have been, and
which is an inspiration to me all and in an
experience in my life, which I shall
never forget.

Very truly yours,

Alice Logan

[Stamp]

I write close just a moment to give you this impression as
I can.

The meaning is, that

while wars, wars, wars, wars, wars,

in my mind at the

beautifying moments,

justice for Willard Straight

minds may dwell at the

word may dwell at the

breaking of people,

full of noble purposes,

the argument, I went alone—

my heart most tender as

your husband,

Your friend,

James B. Weldon

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as words are so empty.
you must be very proud
of the tributes that have
been paid Willard's
memory and you have
the satisfaction of knowing
that all that was
paid and more was
fairly his due. A
charming personality
would be hard to find
and I know few were more
alive to his responsibility.

2622 SIXTEENTH STREET

My dear Bartley

You have been so
continuously in my thoughts
and my heart goes
out to you in your great
sorrow. I wish I could
say something to make
it a little easier but
I know that is hopeless.
to his country, society and his friends - He led a useful life and set an example for many. I have been so brave through it all. If I can be of any service, please give me the pleasure of doing something for you.

Yours Affectionately,

[Signature]

Dec 8 -

[Address]

The Willard Straight Papers at Cornell University
The American Expedition was considered an opportunity much better there. I was again with him at the Headquarters, the 1st Army, just behind Verdun as late as the 15th October. In fact until he was called to Paris. The piece was more than Commanding General to the officers and men association with him, he was their advice and friend in every sense that and his place can never be filled with his how few he is the taken. After it's all over, just at a time when he is most needed is beyond me. To understand. There was no position too big for Major Straight, and we had set no limit to what he would do when we returned home. I have thought of you many times since the passing of the Major and submit you to know you have the heartfelt sympathy of his friends near here.

Most sincerely, Hugh Thompson Stedall
Columbia, South Carolina.
Dear Alice,

I hope this card finds you well and that you are enjoying your studies and your new surroundings. I am glad to hear that you are playing pool again. It is a fun activity that I enjoy as well. I hope you have managed to stay in touch with your friends and that you are making new ones.

Best regards,

[Signature]
The Willard Straight Papers at Cornell University

New York, N.Y.

265 Henry Street.

Dec. 15

Also send you the data I mention.

Willard.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

265 Henry Street.
knowledge of far reaching this loving tribute to all
significant, social development of his
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The Willard Straight Papers at Cornell University
Dear Mr. Straight,

I have been thinking of you and your family and was so sorry to hear of your father's illness. It is so difficult to know what to do in such a situation. I hope you are managing to take care of yourself as much as possible.

In the meantime, I would like to express my sympathy in the passing of your father. He was a wonderful man and will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

If you need anything, please do not hesitate to ask. I am here for you.

Yours sincerely,

[Date]

[Name]
He was in my mind constantly, and almost every hour during those days I prayed for his recovery. At five o'clock on Sunday morning I woke, and he came into my mind. We must have been needing prayer just then. You will be glad to know that there were people who were directing earnest thoughts toward him. During those days when we could gather in some way.

His interest in the Parker folks was always amiable, and after a long illness he was a personal loss to me.

Mr. Vanderlip joins with me in sending you affectionate sympathy.

Faithfully,

[Signature]

[Note]

Extrait from a letter of William P. Wendell fromParis.

Willard Straight died last Sunday after an illness of about two weeks. He had every possible care from the best doctors and nurses and had a wonderful constitution, but the pitiless form of the disease gradually sapped his vitality. It is pitiful because there was hardly a man in America of greater natural talent on the possibility of achievements through wealth and position, and we who knew him would have made good use of his ambitions. His funeral in Tuesday was very dignified and solemn. Bishop Brent officiated assisted by Dean Beckman, who is temporarily in charge of the
American church, and the Billings of Tishom. The church was well filled mostly with officers. I have never seen in such beautiful flowers. The coffin was carried by eight enlisted men and was wrapped in the flag. On the top were his cap and his sword. I regret him very much. Though I did not know him well, and I feel for the agony which his wife must have endured though the daily cables, the final tragic message. Here are lots of things in life which we had to understand and Willard Straight was among those who should have lived.

Extract from a letter from Major Thune G. Appleton Jr. Headquaters 21st Army.

Since then poor Willard Straight has died. Everyone felt terribly about it. He had made a great many friends in the Army and had done exceedingly well, and he was universally admired.
Sunday, December 3rd, 1917

Dear [Name],

I was very happy to hear from you. I have been extremely busy recently and have not had much time for writing. However, I am writing to you now to express my deep appreciation for your letter and your kind words.

I am currently working on a project that has been consuming a lot of my time. I have been working long hours, but I am making progress. I am hoping to complete it soon.

I have been thinking about you often and I hope that you are doing well. Please keep me updated on your activities.

Best regards,

[Signature]
Last letter was dated one in August. advances & suggestions as though he were of life immediate families. He was a nice & kindly man at heart. Pellenc - & remembered the mail was runt in both names in his types.

Since the August letter, there was no news whatever. In a long time since I write, I think I am a great year that he was dead. Must drop these into very

Wm. de Leon & Phillips.

The Willard Straight Papers at Cornell University
My dear Mr. Straight,

While nothing that I can say as a civilian can mitigate or lessen the inestimable loss which you have sustained in the loss of your gallant husband, it is possible that you may be momentarily interested in a line from a relic saved nearby of him near here, and which is intended to deeply admire his splendid character and achievements. His work was often under my observation and control, and he was a frequent and always welcome guest at our Mars.

To leave Mars associated with him at all was to lose any admire him, and his untimely death was a real loss to the Army, and a great one to me particularly. I trust you will accept this as an humble tribute to the memory of a true friend and splendid poet.

Very sincerely,

[Signature]

Benjamin Franklin, Assistant Chief of Staff
will me a keen memory of all your many kindnesses. I want to
leave with you, for your future, a real heartfelt Godspeed
Your sincere friend
Herman Angell

420 W 116th St.
Monday.

My dear Mr. Straight,

I cannot leave America without telling you how deeply I
feel for you. Those of us who knew your husband even a little
knew him enough to find in him a very rare and precious combination: a
"human man of action & movement," a
work-a-day who had yet a real &
genrous & strong & most appreciation of
idealistic aims —

It was to him I had given
my introduction to the red republic

The Willard Straight Papers at Cornell University
and all that I have only to
remind you how he found me up
in London. It is disturbing that I am
upon him. I must take care to
come to New York.

This soldier spirit will
help you over the rough going. And
his immediate ahead of you. For
you are, I think, have that spirit:
"He who doubts must be taken," where
fall. These are far better be
equipped for their place
in the enemy's fate, and have
remain all the big things for which
you stand to be carried well through.
You are part of them, I belong to them.
They claim you as the army claimed
your husband. As a soldier, he put it
before his work. As a soldier of virtue,
and you will put your work before
your grief. It is a hard work well will find
an example. And never did the real
need to much as now, to the mind of help
that you have given in the past. Real
help is in your wealth; it is wealth more
need; it is wisdom means work, I thought
of preoccupation.

This does not need to say, if I think
you will appreciate why. It is the
unbelievable I happen to have
found my blood friendship in this war. I like you
just at the end of it. In leaving
for Paris on Saturday, I will carry

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VIA CASSIA ANTICA 17
TEL 10529
ROMA

Dec 9

Dear Myra,

These seem to be two wrong letters. Can you see my name at the top? Can you see for you? Can you see for you? It is your name. But in this thing.

Cordially,

The Willard Straight Papers at Cornell University
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New York after a year served with the Red Cross in Washington, and I feel such a debt of profound love, that I know what it must mean to you and ask you to accept my deepest sympathy.

His faithful, kind and always mindful service to this country will always be remembered, and the memory of our friendship always cherished.

Sincerely,

Charles Blair

Monday

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My dear Mrs. Straight:

There is little one can say and almost nothing helpful. It is sometimes a slight comfort to know that those we love most often are those that are nearest to us.

You can't hear it, but I want you to know that on all sides and from many reaches of life I have shown expression of the real...
Dear Dorothy:

I can't tell you how awfully sorry I am for you. I know only too well what a loss like this means and how utterly useless words are to help. It is some small
Dear Mrs. Straight:

On my return I learn of the homegoing of your dear husband. I wish to assure you of my sincere heartfelt and prayerful sympathy. May the Heavenly Father of all comfort greatly strengthen you and sustain you in this great loss. I shall never cease to be grateful that I had the privilege of knowing your husband. I valued him as a friend and as a leader. His highly efficient and influential cooperation in various parts of our expanding work at home and abroad was a tower of strength to us. In his life and influence he constituted an inspiring example to young men. I love to remember him as I saw him last when I was at the General Headquarters in France a few months ago — abounding in vitality and hopefulness and confidence in the outcome of the great struggle. How we shall miss him with his wonderful capacities for friendship and leadership. It greatly increases the responsibility resting upon those of us who remain.

If I can ever be of the slightest service to you in any way in my power, I beg of you to command me.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Willard Straight,
1130 Fifth Avenue,
New York City
The members of the NEW YORK CITY WOMAN SUFFRAGE PARTY feel that they have met a great loss in the death of Major Willard Straight and wish to express to you their sorrow. The feeling manifested by so democratic a group is a genuine tribute to your courageous and public spirited husband. They wish also to assure you of their deepest sympathy for the grief and loss that has come to you whom they have learned to value, trust and love.

NEW YORK Dec 9th, 1918.

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The Imperial Hotel
Tokio, Japan, Dec. 6, 18

My Dear Mrs. Straight,

How can I express the sympathy I feel for you and your beloved in the war was much of my thoughts always but some how I never thought of his not coming back—There was no much for him to do that he could do better than any one else—and so, when the Department cable came to me in Yokohama just when I had begun to get a

courage could be nothing but the best example to many who have to will have their trials to bear. May I express to you my deepest sympathy and mention yours very sincerely,

Josephine Lee Murray
me upon a footing impossible had he not been so thoughtful
and considerate. The, I shall never
forget, but what most I shall
miss is the friend whose big imagin-
ation lighted up the things we thought
in common. Willard was a won-
derful man, no other could have
made so much of his life. I hope
the fact that this is realized by many
many persons will make your
sorrow a little the easier to bear.

But here is a message, wide-
spread regret. Many have told
me Willard's name is as well
known in the Far East as that of
many Americans. I send herewith
a clipping from the Japan
Adventurer, The largest newspaper
of the Far East preserved in the
English language. The American
Ambassador and Mr. Morris, Mr. and

Taste of the East and literally when I had been thinking how much he would be interested in some of the things I had learned, my sense of loss was almost unbearable.

Willard's friendship was one of the finest things that ever happened to me. Just to know a nature so generous was a great privilege. I loved him and will miss him more than I can say. And I owed to him a great deal in very many ways. When I came to New York he put me.

Miss Thompson Spencer, the parents of Willing Spencer, Professor Swift, Admiral Rodgers and many others have all spoken in the highest terms of all the younger men out here. He looked upon Willard as one who had done splendidly with his life and who, in his career, is to be envied and emulated. Baron Chibnall was most regretful and many of the Japanese.

No details came today, only a cable to me with the brief and news to
I know nothing more than my feeling that Willard gave his life to his country as he did his Strength and in this came to so many good causes and to his friendships — without thrift — and gallantly. To be so far away and able to convey my sympathy to you immediately only by cable and now only through this inadequate letter makes it all seem what harder France needs you heard at home. I know how grieved the war. I can say so.
more, so I never lost a friend whose going hurt so much.

Sincerely your friend,

Robert H. Patchin

Mrs. Willard Straight,
94th St. & Fifth Ave.,
New York City
WILLARD STRAIGHT
DEAD IN FRANCE

Man Who Did Much for Far East " Goes West" Serving Flag in Europe

NEWS CAME YESTERDAY

History of Deceased One of Service of Country Performed
Along Broad Lines

New that Major Willard Straight, U. S. A., was the most patriotic American
in the Far East. In this respect he was the most American of Ameri-
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TOKYO CLUB
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Dec. 9th 1918.

Dear Mrs. Straight:

I write, as well as cabled you as soon as the sad news came on the second. I tried to say something of what I felt in sympathy for you and my loss of my dear friend. I wish I could have put my thoughts better into words.

The mails are so irregular that it occurs to me that I

Robert M. Hutchins
My dear Mrs. Straight:

As one of the original members of the War Risk Expeditionary party directed by your late husband I feel that you will permit me to extend my heartfelt sympathy to you in your great bereavement.

To know Major Straight was to love and admire him. His thoughtfulness for both junior officer and enlisted man endeared him to every member of his party as it endeared him to many thousands of members of the A. E. F. since severing his connections with the War Risk contingent. He was an inspiration for good to all with whom he came in contact and was a high example to all his fellowmen.

In his last promotion America sustains a loss which she can ill afford in these critical times.

Very sincerely yours,

James E. Ryan,
Major U.S.A.

Mrs. Willard D. Straight,
New York City.
December 18th

My dear Miss Straight,

Words are entirely insufficient to express the deep sense of loss we all feel in the death of Major Straight. I know what a terrible blow it has been to you, and I should like to express to you the sincere sympathy I feel. It seems so if something had been taken out of life which cannot be replaced.

It was my privilege to be in Paris the last days and I have just returned here. Everything was most kind and helpful. It seemed that everyone who came in contact with the Major loved him, and there were many evidences of their thought and care.

I expect to be returning to the United States about the first of the year but if there is any way in which I can be of service here in the meantime I hope you will communicate.

Sincerely yours,

George Penwick

Capt. W. R. S. Penwick

On Board S.S. William Henry

C. 1. O. No. 719

American C. T.
My dear Dorothy,

Who are sufficient to find in a summer like this, health and to know and feel that Willard's love means to you, and what anguish you have had to suffer these recent days. We had hoped and prayed that he might be spared for you and your children and for our country which rightly expect these things from him. I know you will have the more courage to face this queer ordeal in...
The memorial which Mr. Straight erected to the memory of Henry Schoolcraft at Cornell and as well as the many other good deeds which he has done will make him always live in the hearts of all who knew him. Please accept my heartfelt sympathy for your great loss.

Sincerely yours,
Paul Schoolcraft

Dec. 9, 1918.

Dear Mr. Straight,

I trust I saw you this afternoon but I could not get away. I am sure that you know that.

[Signature]
Grace Church
thought of you
yesterday, so
I said a prayer
"In Memoriam"
at the close
of the Morning
Service.
I am sending
the words I
said at the Ser-
vice on Friday.
I wanted you to
have the very words
I read. I wanted
to say very much
more, but I
felt it would
be hard for you.
if there were many roads, and you knew the praises, which went up from our hearts to a life so holy, so selfish, so inquiring. And all I hope has come, but comes to your story, very nicely for you. Charles L. Person

A Prayer for Patience

O GOD, our Father, who bearest with us though we bitterly offend; Grant to us patience with one another, that we may cast away all fretfulness and complaining and whatsoever hinders the course of brotherly kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer to be Free from Worry

O LORD, who last pity for all our weakness; Put from us worry and all misgiving, that having done our best while it was day, we may, when night cometh, commit ourselves, our tasks, and all we love into thy keeping, so receiving, as from thee, the heavenly gift of sleep; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

To Grace Church

O HOUSE of God, which stands so calm and fair, Amid the turmoil and the noise and strife! Within thy doors are hope and peace and rest; Without, the struggle and the pain call'd life.

How wonderful it is to turn aside, And kneel before thine altar lost in prayer, Yet know that just outside lies tragedy, And strangely mingled laughter and despair.

Well art thou nam'd, thou stately Church of Grace, So calmly standing midst life's wild alarms. May we like those we trust in our place, May we be folded close in God's own arms.
A Prayer on Entering Church

O GOD, who makest thyself known in the stillness; Let me feel thy presence in this sacred place; make me to be of the company of brave saints who have worshipped here in spirit and in truth; through the voices of men and the instruments of praise give me to lift my heart to thee; and so, O Lord, purify my life that, going forth into the world, I may go in thy strength and in thy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer for Fearlessness to Christ

ALMIGHTY God, who hast sent thy Son into the world to be for ever the friend of mankind; Grant to us the consciousness of his presence, that, receiving his power, we may conquer temptations and troubles, and rise with strength to do thy will; through the same Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

A Prayer for Guidance in Uncertainty

ALMIGHTY God, grant that in times of uncertainty thy Holy Spirit may take from us all selfishness and compromise, and guide us to the choice that is right; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer for the Will to Believe

O GOD, who hast taught us to trust in thee as our loving Father; Open our hearts to share that most daring faith which thou hast revealed to thy servants in all ages, till the littleness of our knowledge is lost in the greatness of thy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
IN MEMORIAM

WILLARD STRAIGHT

We have gathered in this quiet church this afternoon to give thanks for a brave man who, in the presence of a supreme need, has taken no thought for his life and has made the most glorious gift which goodness and honour can make for the sake of man and for the sake of God.

Because I am sure that he would not wish to have his name separated from the names of all who have given their lives in this heroic year, I may not dwell upon the thought of him alone. I also know that you who love him have in your own hearts more grateful thoughts of him than can be uttered.

Let us then give thanks for the men of this Nation, who, all their lives long, have like him, been alert to the call of duty, have gone, as he went, to the ends of the earth to serve the weak and the oppressed, and in wearing the laurels which must be given to unselfish service, have, like him, worn them with modesty, with self-forgetfulness. And especially must we thank God that our Nation had such men to give when the call of the Great War came; for it was our joy that our best stood among the best of all the Nations.

As we think, in this December twilight, of the gallant men whose faces in this life we shall see no more, we feel bereft. But when we lift up our heads and see the light which shines before us, we know that they are alive in the wide spaces of God's universe, and that in the mysteries of unending life their gift for freedom and for righteousness is perpetually offered. Therefore with them as our unseen leaders we press forward to the inevitable victory.
My dear Mrs. Straight,

May I send my thoughts for you in your great hour of sorrow? I speak not only for myself, but for all the teachers of the Elementary School, as well. How we loved her in some small ways.

Miss Hamilton says that her illness has been splendid and seems to understand.

Sincerely yours,

Ida Lee Calk

December the 20th.

[12-4-15]

540 East 76 St.

My dear Mrs. Straight,

It was with a great grief that I learned you had been called upon to suffer a great trial. I am writing you because I know what a great comfort it is to hear that with friends. I am thinking of you with great sympathy, missing you. I am writing you of my limited in your letters.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

The Willard Straight Papers at Cornell University
Dear Dorothy,

I am taking this with a few flowers as a token of my deep affection for you very grief at your loss.

What consolation it must be to you to think of your husband's great strength of character such a face is never lost.

Yours ever,

Julia Volckman

Oct 9

118 East Fifty-sixth Street

Dear Dorothy,

You have been so much in my thoughts, I feel compelled to write you a few times to express my deep and sincere sympathy in your terrible bereavement.

Know that I will also feel deep regret in the death of your brilliant and lovable husband. And now—great loss and many sorrowful times. I know that words are...
As inadequate to express that one really feels, but it may be
some small comfort for you to know that his friends admired
and loved him—and also will miss him.

With deepest sympathy,
Affectionately, your friend

Romain de R. Poettrine

C. M. and G. V. Williamson
The Packard Auto Renting Station
204 West 43rd Street
New York, Dec. 9th, 1918

Miss A. P. Boyne
1130 Fifth Ave.
N.Y.

Dear Miss Boyne:

Enclosed please find bill for
auto renewal envelope for November which we will
ask you to take care of for us at the proper time.

It was with deep regret that we learned of Mr.
Straight's death for we, with all others who knew him,
respected him greatly and sincerely hoped he would re-
cover from his illness.

Our sympathy are with Mrs. Straight and all
who had the privilege of Mr. Straight intimate friendship.

Yours very truly,

R. M. G. V. Williamson
It must be a comfort to know that the trend of Willard's life is so sad that he could not have continued his brilliant career in this world instead of the one, which I am sure he has already begun. All my love and sympathy from Anna.

Lenox, Massachusetts

Tuesday, October 19, 1887

I was so sorry to hear of your dear brother's death. I have written to Mrs. Sidgwick about the memorial service as I certainly would have remained in the United States if my own health had permitted. I am sure the papers and society
was too late for me to get down in time, as there is only 8 o'clock and 9 o'clock trains. But I thought of you all through the whole of the day and wished I could have been there. You wrote me that your trip was very beautiful and impressive. I was, you do not know nearest what a wonderful courageous person you are and how much I admire and love you and which I could not express to you all I felt for you and what I feel for you in your great sorrow.
Dear Dorothy,

I cannot bear to think your sorrow. That you of all people, who are always living for others, should now have such a heavy cross to bear.

I know so well how utterly blank these days seem, or how impossible to realize that we must now go on alone.

Long ago, before

1115 F Avenue
Coronado, Cal.
10 2 Dec '18
That one instance of his example I affectionately cherish. His character was an example to us. Your kind, gentle, and loving spirit was ever present in our lives.

I was married, and I used to hear so much of your husband. Since Fairman Dick, he was in New Orleans with him, his love and adoration were boundless. I have always thought, just...
Brittany when you were engaged. I can never forget how he loved and admired you and how he was ever thoughtful of you and your comfort. I know how that continued throughout your life together.

It is a terrible grief that has come to you. You have given your greatest thing for your country. And he lost his life in its service. There is no finer death than that.

May you have every strength from Above to carry you through your affliction.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

[Clifford Bishop]

15 EAST SIXTY SEVENTH STREET

TenthDecember

My dear Dorothy:

I have felt so much for you these last days. I know that nothing that I can say or do will bring back what you have lost. It must be however some slight mitigation for you to see in what high esteem your husband was held by every one everywhere. Never have I read more feeling tributed than were paid to his memory. His record is one that you and his children can ever look back upon with pride.

My own relations with Willard are confined to that motor trip we made together in
December 10, 1918.

Dear Mrs. Straight:

I am enclosing a copy of a note received by Mr. Foord from Amos P. Wilder who was Consul General at Shanghai during some of the time Major Straight was in the East.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

Mrs. Willard Straight,
1150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Foord:

Sorrow in the death of dear Major Straight - a clean, fine, strong soul. It interested me to find that in his early days in banking, he left his mark - "We never had anyone like Straight." He knew everybody and no wholesome interest of the place escaped him, native or foreign.

Yours,

(Signed) Amos P. Wilder
but feel too keenly for you, Sam, so I wish all to prosper and seemed to end and may not. Only wish could make for feel all the love

Dear Fowley,

I haven't written you before. Though you have been constantly in my thoughts for I don't dare to write on you great events.
and sympathy of care for

We all have lost a father.

Scudder, with his wonderful

gift of conscientiousness united

to his idealism, he was
doubly needed at this critical
time of our history.

With my arms around

you in deep affection

Affection

Please don't bother to acknowledge

Mr. Straight,

I hardly know what to say in the face

of such devotion as you

have shown me.

I do not attempt to offer you

consideration; I only wish

to hold on to your hand.

Faithfully yours,

Constantine Kavadas

The Willard Straight Papers at Cornell University
Dear Mrs. Straight,

I am much grieved at the death of your husband in the service. Please believe that you have in a very real sense my sympathy, and, I hope, my understanding. I have thought of you often since I heard of it, and have tried to realize what it has been to you. Perhaps I got some intimation of what it would be a year ago when my wife was very desperately sick. At least that experience helps with imagination a little.

You have cause of time yet to hold, the memory of his courage, his loyalty, and his devotion to his country. His word in the war will be a pride to his children, they will have it for a high inheritance and an example. Perhaps that is the best thing he could have given them, firmly impressed by his example. I shall always remember the constancy under what he saw...
Wust have been trying proof, with
which he stood by my friends in
the New Republic, so I knew against
what the press was the better
cause. This was a high
quality; please believe that I
valued them for it and
understood that it cost them
much.

I think the new Shaw you
will show justice and
wisdom in your practical. I
know too that you will keep
a faith in life and in happier.
My belief in your capacity comes
perhaps from small personal
acquaintance, but it is absolute.

Sincerely yours

December 10, 1918.

W. H. H. Still

Drew, Pa.

November 16, 1918

Mrs. W. B. Straight

2 East 59th

Madam,

Mrs. Neil and

I wish to express to
you most sincere sympathy
in your bereavement.

W. H. H. Still

November 16, 1918

Mrs. Neil and

Sincerely yours.

W. H. H. Still
France —
December tenth.

My dear Mrs. Straight,

May one who is a stranger to you, but an old friend and comrade of your husband, and your sincere sympathizer in such sad circumstances, express the feelings of one's heart. London express do they cannot assuage your grief, but I hope you may be strengthened and fortified by them and in the realization that we, who were his comrades, share your loss.

For over ten years — in the Philippines, Washington, New York, and at the Staff College in France — I knew Willard Straight, and to know him was to love him as a friend and admire him as a man. From whose midst he has gone must seek some consolation in the feeling that he died a soldier — participant in the greatest Cause history has known. He will live upon the Nation's Honor Roll.

He was a Soldier and a Man — a priceless heritage he leaves to you and his children.

Sincerely,

Willard D. Straight
New York.

(Signed) Harry S. Truman
Forgive me for writing in pencil this way, but 3 am not yet
waked enough for the dignity of ink.

This needs no reply.

My thoughts and sympathy are with you.

Very sincerely,

Mary J. Garrison.

Tuesday.
not already mutter. I am utterly uncom-preised. This going is not
not quite the closest friend. Altho for the
past few years our
paths have separate.
that made no difference in the bond between us.

My dear Mr. Straight,
Willard need to say
that my son now
very facile but it
is not so now. For
what can I write for that husband and

Campbell N.Y.
12-10-18.
I want very much to see you and to see the children. I expect we will be in New York for a few days this week and will telegraph you. Please don't think we are utter strangers for not only do all my family and your husband always. Write the most affectionate regards.

Your friend sincerely,

Eve Tray

My dear Mrs. Straight:

John Brown first told me about the New Republic. I was very skeptical. I had met Willard once at lunch and he has written eloquent letters on the subject of the New Republic. It made an impression on me, but when I heard about the New Republic I was not so much of those who thought of his extraordinary energy and will and eloquence of character. But when I heard of the New Republic, I was very much interested. Could anybody close up to the spirit of the government administer a government which he was preparing to make. The New Republic is important to somebody, I hope.
The Willard Straight Papers at Cornell University

To me, Willard seemed like some man who was not deeply interested in the questions the people would have to talk about and take sides on. Least of all did I seem likely that Willard, whose convictions were obviously so strong, could possess a spirit of tolerance that would live through the coming and inevitable differences of opinion.

I am sorry he is not with you now. He was a man of great worth; his notes are good, his knowledge of human nature; and I am sure that the more could much good fighting years will make a deep-tended difference. Several times, as in his home's care, and when President Wilson's revolution, Willard put up the stiffest kind of fight for his side, but always, and immediately, after the battle, I had a sense of the advantage of the friendship and brotherhood which he brought, as he once a matter of course, to divorce, if the arrangement - unique in journalism, as far as I know - that he had made with us. You know, I can only guess, how many times he has made no sign when we said in the papers on less vital occasions, things which his mind rejected, or which led to his book. To "learn the right of man in rebellion, and that nothing good and valuable and determine can be together, is something I shall never forget, and shall always be grateful to Willard for giving me.

I wish now that I had told him this, for he would have understood what I was trying to say, just as I know that you will understand.
Dear Dorothy,

Edith has a light case of flu. She has not had a high temperature but her nerves seem to be badly tried so that a good long rest will probably be needed. I have an excellent doctor and a splendid nurse. I, too, am well.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Metropolitan Club
Washington, D.C.

Dec 10th
The Willard Straight Papers at Cornell University
NEW YORK, December 10, 1918

Mrs. Willard J. Straight
Near Madame:

The President and Board of Managers desire to convey to you their deep sympathy in the irreparable loss you have sustained. The passing of Mrs. Straight is felt as a public calamity in which all the people have a stake; but for you, it is beyond words — may it bring a little comfort to know how truly it warms unknown friends and members to think of you —

With repeated assurances of sympathy,

Yours very truly,

Emilie Van Heuvel Stege.

Dear Worship:

I am no doubt Willard's letter gave you very fully this varied story of France but fully his varied feelings. Since coming back from Paris I've been trying to get myself with the happy thoughts of our warships again and in the hopes of getting away, I may write you again.

My own year's record will be full of him. He found time to hunt in the field, to write home, to go abroad, to see friends and old men, to write long letters, and to give the rest of the world a good name.

I hope you will see the Willard Straight papers at Cornell University,

Dec. 10, 1918.

Jena, France.

The Willard Straight Papers at Cornell University
Husbands.

From that moment he never let me forget his determination to get into the fight as a line officer. It persisted in his letters and messages to Logan and me throughout the next year.

To get over was the first step, and in came with the holidays and with, bells. Logan and I found him at Abilene Chamberlain, on our return to lunch one day, surrounded by boxes and bags, full of home gifts, and he full of pleasant, gayest news and messages.

After dinner that night, he huddled round our anxious bit of a fire and outlined his plan for starting the War Risk machine in the way with the full intent of them turning away to help him, and getting to the front with troops.

The snow came with the mist cold, windy morning. For a ride round the sandhill hill he lashed out, a grand gallop

with Curt Williams scampering ahead on toching and painting his face, while I wrote local pride led him down the ways and up the stairs as we turned his thoughts of sketching into like an old world chapel under the hill, the old wills on the stairs and the Form d'Enter fremantle, as we wound up in the old walled town, and back to a gay 1718 breakfast with Larry Logan, and de Chamberlain before the fire. Already he had cast ahead and decided to take the hard road through England the long dispatch train to get the military expenditure and back ground but always on your ahead of the fighting front.

We went up to Paris to get our days leave and once more washed over the whole. We was still afraid of committing himself to confirmed state work but shortly after the Grayson musty was full of the coming course.
and insisted on my outlining a course of reading and preparation. When he found that few following, I can't imagine, for his plans and organization of the War Office in years and space and so successfully that finally in February, the C & C and E of S were so pleased and satisfied with his work, that they talked to me about it in order to that effect, c.d, didn't stop with ever to build. I think, E. General Wood was then and I had gone up to spend the last few days with him. But Willard went one off to his manners to show me a charming picture of a child on which he was very proud and some pictures of the children. I also I'm collection of fine prints he was almost to send home.

During January his work brought him to Paris several times, and once in over the front where he outlined the War Office work for the 1st Division,

always in high spirits and the best of health. Even with him and de Chaumont in gayest mood, the fair and late in April, she was worth 2/78 at its best. When Willard came to stay I should like to have been there. I was present with those over at the hotel to gather. During February, March and April we saw each other frequently. Of course he and Greyson Murphy made a happy family. But a very industrious studious one, and a very pleasant one.

Our Sunday, usually at Chaumont. One famous night after dinner and I had skipped into bed to get warm and read myself to sleep. Willard arrived from his charming cozy hole in an regimental line sleeping bag, sweater and tucked off by Edin's dressing gown, and held forth...
written us on cigars and steps, and
finished by a wonderful sketch of ancient
days in Longues, charmingly telling the
story of Sabine and his love and the
man of that ancient fortress, Violle-

Gene played possum about 1 A.M. and
when Willard got it out and gave his
opinion of such an audience, both the
possum and old dog sat up and begged
for more. The beauty songster set on a hill
will always mean Willard to me. May
Sabine might we gather round his producing
time for any and no expense. But
the good company. George, Murphy, Henry, Stein
Harold, Parsons, Gordon, Johnston, Blag, Jorg-

The Chanties and the Marches, and such similar
motions always gathered them.

Any other nights George and Willard expected
glazed from a long snuff table when
they fought hard and long on the map.
They were still hard at it when I left for
the front in early May, but took a night
off and came up to farewell dinner

sending me off on the lucky day, and
begging to be sent for the first chance
for him.

I didn't see him again until the end, but
as always the 1718 lunch kept us through lunch.
George, Charles, George Storm and any other
at the meeting of old friends. Several times, he
asked me if I had lunch. I dropped into P.C. but
by hard luck I dropped into the 1718 lunch also. I
was always out. We missed him in Champagne
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and later on in July when I was hard at it
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on the Vire. He tried to get in to me
as that
but was held up by the... 

Then August. I was out of touch with the 10th
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with August. Enid's (Margie) mother. Brad
in his neighborhood and in the fight between
the Argoins and George. The first Sunday
we were out of the line. I ran over to
surprise to see him but he had gone
and that same day George saw him
at 11:00 a.m. in Champagne. I always had
the family pride when I met any of his
chairs. General Byrnostadt sat at
made the best performance in his class
at Langres, while General Wright always
spoke of him with particular interest.

I shall always think of him with my
happy memories, Bayard of France and
Bayard of our cavalry, Sydney of England;
Douglas MacArthur and Blang and Blong
of our war.

I loved him better than a brother.
Gallantly and Appreciatively
Frank McCoy

December 29th 1918

For Mrs. Straight:
Words seem futile,
almost an affront, in the face
of sorrow so deep.

There is no comfort — unless
it lies in the knowledge that
others, too, feel that in this
Cutting off such a life the
world lost something rare.
already heard. It will carry you through the blackest hours ahead, I know, but I need with all my heart that you had not them to face.

Sincerely,
Alta Loff Phillips
The Willard Straight Papers at Cornell University

Dear Miss Straight,

A few days ago I read of your husband's death in France and have wanted to write to you and let you know how deeply I sympathize with you in this great trouble. Believe me, how truly I have suffered.

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My dear Mr. Straight,

I have just noticed in the Minneapolis Journal of the passing of Mr. Straight in Paris, and I want to take this opportunity to express my deepest sympathy to you and your family at this trying time.

I've since read Mr. Straight's position in the 1916 Presidential Campaign, as published in The New Republic, and the bibliography and treatment of the attitude of that paper when it expresses opposition to him and his views. I've had the greatest admiration for him, and have watched his career for him, and he's a rare man. The world is the better because he lived and the remains increment of his great influence will go on.

Sincerely, John F. Sinclair

1/20/10-1918
out in the east. We can
consequently take it for certain
that with you in your great
loss or one we expect to
be far away, there is nothing
we can do to help you in
your trouble. Only hope it
is a slight comfort to you
to think that your husband
died for his country, for he
died just as much as any
other in the field of battle.

Yours sincerely,
Mary Vetter

4, Avenue Malakoff
Tel: Eau Claire 13-85

Dear Dorothy,

Words mean little at a time
like this, when the less we
want you to know how truly
we feel for you in your sorrow.
I had not seen much of your
husband of late years but,
I can recall his kindness to
me in Winter just a short
time before your engagement
was announced to you.
Perhaps now he or my husband
have been friends for ages
Copenhagen 10 Dec 1918

Dear Mrs. Straight,

I cannot tell you how much regret I have just this afternoon learned of your husband's death. And how sincerely my sympathy goes out to you in your grief. It is many years since we

met in London but I have not forgotten those days.

Please accept my condolences which are offered with the deepest sincerity.

He was such a splendid fellow.

Very sincerely yours,

[Signature]

R. F. Grant Smith
My dear Mr. Straight,

As the last meeting of the Board of Managers of the Three Arts a resolution was passed expressing the sympathy of all the Managers in the loss of your husband.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Gilbert

December 10, 1912

Secretary

My dear Mr. Straight,

I have only just heard of your great loss, and I know only too well what little avail words are to bring you any comfort at such a time. The death of my dear one has taught me the necessity of such
attempt to console.
But I would like you
to know how very sorry
I am that such a
loss must be yours,
yet to believe one,
Yours in sincerest sympathy.
Philip de Young Tucker
December tenth.

No. 112, Los Angeles Ave.
Berkeley, California.

My dear Mrs. Straight:
We were shocked to read in the
newspaper this morning of the
death of your husband, and I
can not refrain from sending
a note just to tell you how
deply we sympathize with you
in this great bereavement.
I am here in Washington
shortly before he left for France.
to you well known, he went
full of enthusiasm, just as
he went about everything that
interaction lain
He has died in the service of
his country and that is a
splendid heritage to leave his
children.
I shall always remember with
pleasure many happy evenings
spent with him—in the Western
Hills and in your quaint and
beautiful Chinese home.
Mrs. Williams joins me in
sympathetic remembrances.
Very sincerely, [Signature]