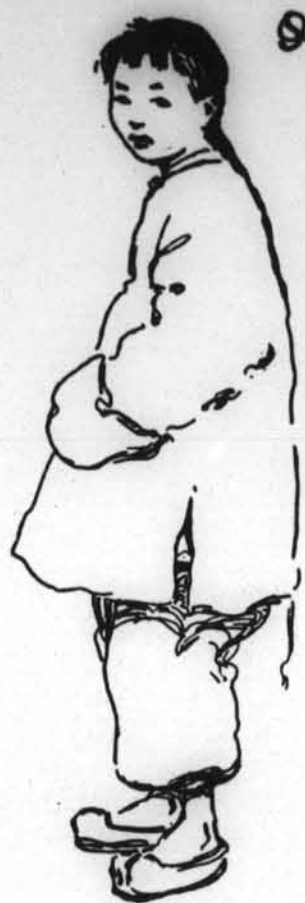


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Letters of condolence are in chronological order, with correspondents on the same day arranged alphabetically. Writers include Straight's army and business associates, his college friends, and many persons who had known him in the Far East. On the third Harold J. Laski wrote, "Willard seemed to me one of the half a dozen men of distinction in America who really found himself in the sheer joy of service," and on December fourth Emory Roy Buckner wrote, ". . . the sorrow is not confined to a few, but is shared by almost an army of people who knew and admired and loved him . . ." Daniel A. de Menocal, a Peking associate, wrote on the eleventh, "There is no man with whom I have ever come in contact for whose qualities of character I have such admiration. I feel that we have all lost from amongst us the best personal example that we had to follow." Some tributes from organizations are included among the letters. Some prominent persons represented on the reel are Norman Angell, William Cameron Forbes, Felix Frankfurter, Learned Hand, Florence Jaffray Harriman, Walter Lippmann, Charles Merz, Ernest Peixotto, Frances Perkins, Eleanor Roosevelt, and Henry L. Stimson.

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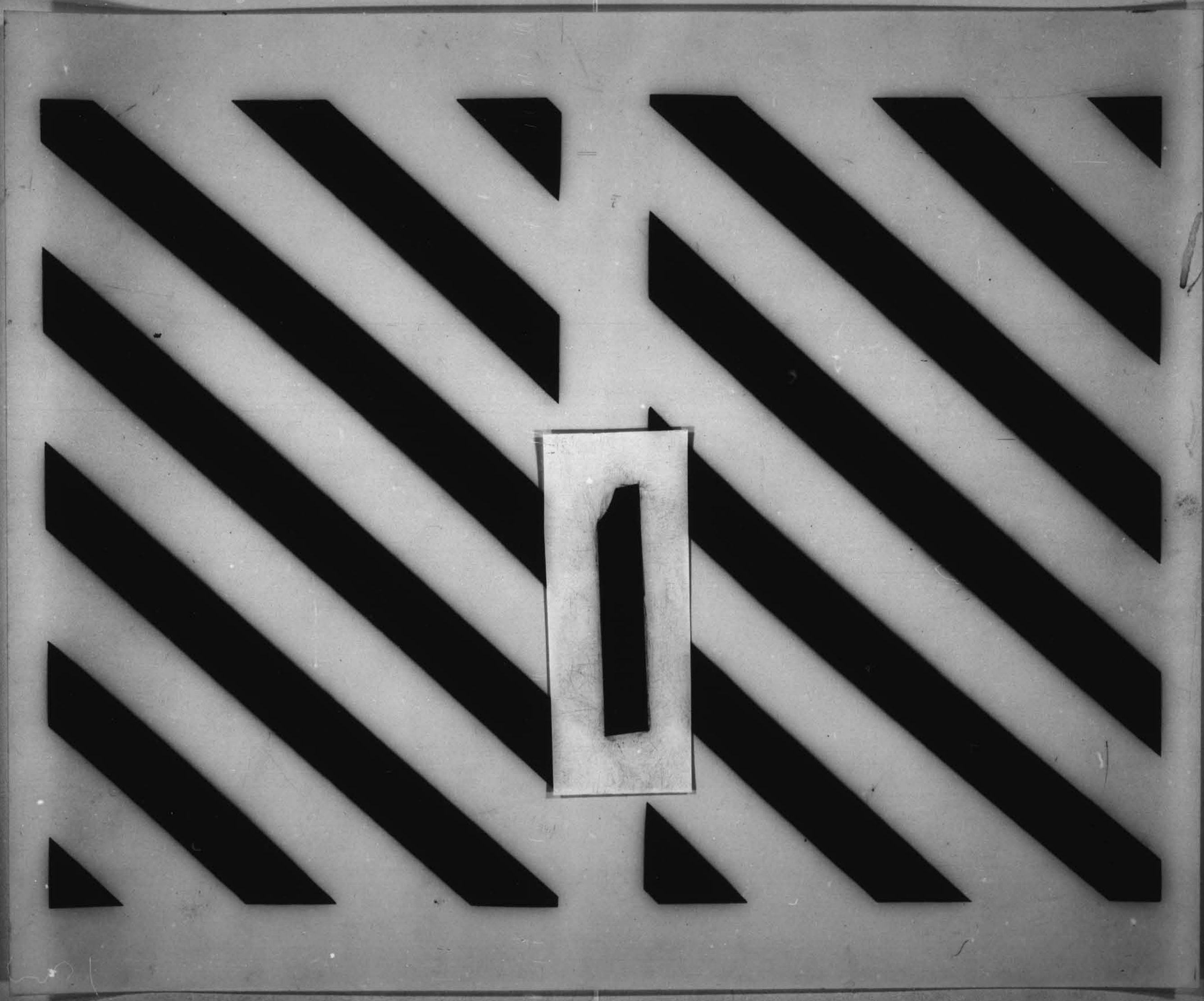
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25 BEAVER STREET

NEW YORK

December 2^d 1918.

Dear Mr. Straight—

May I as a friend of your husband join my condolences to the many expressions of sympathy & regret you have received in your bereavement— He was such a splendid man with a personality so winning & an enthusiasm so self-ignoring that his loss will be lamented by all those who had the privilege of coming in contact with him. He died "an champ de bataille" & as a Frenchman I wish to convey my deepest gratitude & admiration for all he did & all he might have done had God spared him.

Yours in profound sympathy

Richelieu.

[Duc de Richelieu]

302 WEST EIGHTY-SEVENTH STREET

Dec. 2nd 1918.

Dear Mrs. Straight:—
Will you please
count me among the
many who grieve with
& for you, in this supreme
hour.

2040 Eastern Parkway
Louisville Ky.

My dearest Dorothy—

My whole heart of love goes out
to you today— I can't put it all into
words dear— my devotion to you has
always been very great & now that
I know you are in trouble, I long
to be able to go to you & to be of some

May an all kind Father
 send you His blessing
 value soon, and give
 you the wisdom to out-
 stand why such thing
 must be. His counten-
 ance upon you & send
 peace unto your troubled
 soul. Faithfully, M. L. M. M.

Comfort- I am not going to write
 you all there is to tell of my own little
 life just now - I may be in New York in ten
 days & hope I can see you - Do not
 answer this - for I know you will have
 so many letters to answer - I wish I
 could better tell you all of the love &
 sympathy that is going out to you -
 Devotedly Anne
 Monday [Richardson]

[12-2-18]



304 LEXINGTON AVENUE.

Dear Dorothy -
 My heart goes out to
 you dear girl in the
 deepest sympathy -
 I feel so terribly for
 you, and wish I could
 make you know
 how much, by being
 able to do something
 for you -
 God give you strength
 and courage -
 Such a dauntless
 wonderful spirit
 as you. Love, Anne, M.

Will always be a
help and inspiration
in your life,
and an ideal for
your three lonely

Children

Dearest Love to you

From Edith Robbins

December 2, 1918.

THE DEANERY
CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

My dear Mrs. Straight:

Although
a stranger to him and almost
a stranger to you, will you let
me express to you the grief
with which I heard this
morning of your husband's death?
For a number of years I have
been watching his career
with keen interest, because
his character showed that
blending of idealism with
practical efficiency which
marks the true leader of men.

I counted him as one whose
leadership would be true,
and greatly to be trusted, in
the crucial years which lie
ahead.

Now in the very hour of
victory as is taken from us -
one of the costliest sacrifices
that the community has paid
for the triumph of the cause
which consecrates all sacrifice.
May God comfort you in your
deep loneliness. And may
He give you the strength, as I
know He is giving you the will,
to carry forward those

undertakings for the common
good in which you and your
husband have been so closely
associated, and which were the
true expression of his spirit.

I should count it a
privilege if some time you
would let me come and see you.

Yours faithfully,
Howard C. Robbins.

December 2,
1918.

43 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

Dear Dear Mrs. Straight,

My heart is aching
with and for you. God
be with you. God be with
you, - in all His infinite
-tenderness. He who gave
us the power to love
knows and understands
the heart's anguish
as well as the heart's
courage, and under-

neath are the Everlast-
ing Arms.

My heart goes out
to you in deepest
sympathy and tender-
ness. Is there any
little thing I can do
to be of service.

Faithfully
Margaret Driscoll Robins.

I knew you - and it seemed
a little like home to have
me with them - all at lunch -
He came to the little hotel
to ask us to come.

I have too much sympathy
in my heart to even try to
express it - Please believe

me most sincerely yours

Charles B. Rogers

Dec. 2^d 1910.

144 EAST SIXTY SECOND STREET

Dear Mrs Straight

I am thinking of you so
constantly and with such an
aching heart for your sorrow,
that I must write you to
express to you a little of
my deep sympathy.

It seems such a short time
ago - and yet it was last
Easter time - that I saw your
husband at Langre - and
he greeted me so warmly because

Notes to Marguerite
12 East 31st St.
Dec. 2nd 1910.

Dear Mrs Straight:

Though we have only
been met, I must send
you the word of deepest
sympathy. I was shocked
to read the sad announce-
ment in this morning's
"Times" - I had seen

that Mr. Thayer was
ill in Paris, but had
hoped that with his splendid
youth and high courage he
would pull through.
I have known him a long
time, though never, alas! very
intimately, and I knew his
wonderful charm and admired
so much his fresh ability
in all he undertook to do.
I know so well what his

loss means to you, and you
have all the much needed and
sympathy of one who has passed
that heavy burden long years ago. —
Believe me

Yours very sincerely
Frederick Stebbins

to lighten your sorrow,
even in the smallest
degree.

Very sincerely yours,
Theodore Rousseau.

ONE HUNDRED FORTY BROADWAY
NEW YORK

Dec. 2, 1918.

My dear Mrs. Straight:-

I am gen-
uinely grieved to learn
of your loss. Willard I
knew to be a real
friend and I should
be deeply honored if
I dared hope that
any word or act of
mine could serve

Dec 29/18

Dearest Dorothy,

My deepest and
tenderest sympathy goes out to
you in your heart-breaking
sorrow. Willard, gallant
loyal Willard, died for
his country exactly as
Quentin did; and therefore
I know both your high
pride and your bitter grief.

The United States had
no braver, better or braver
soldier, I mourn his
death.

With love,

your friend
Theodore Roosevelt



ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY
WASHINGTON

December 2, 1918.

Dear Mrs. Straight:

I want to assure you how deeply I share your grief at the sad loss that you have sustained. I feel stunned at the news published in this morning's papers. One cannot help repress a certain feeling of rebellion that his splendid career has been cut short at a time when it was reaching full fruition.

I shall always look back upon my association with Major Straight as one of the real privileges of my life. At a critical time in the organization of the Bureau of War Risk Insurance he performed a service which has placed every enlisted man, especially those of the American Expeditionary Force, under a debt of obligation to him. It must be a source of some consolation to you to realize how important his public services have been.

Most sincerely yours,

L. J. Rowe

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

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[12-2-18]

WHEATLEY HILLS
GLEN HEAD, L.I.

but it must be — No
all that gives one hope
to fight to live —

My heart is thinking of
you all the time — and
yet all I can say is
God bless & keep you —

All my love —

Harry

[Harriman Rumsey]

[c. Dec. 3, 1918]

WHEATLEY HILLS
GLEN HEAD, L.I.

Dorothy darling. It is
utterly impossible to express
in words what this terrible
news of Willard's death
is. That this should
come to you — in this way
is more than seems
possible to bear. My
mind fails to grasp it —
my heart cries out —

aches for you - though
I know I can only dimly
realize what it must be.
You & Willard always have
seemed to me very wonderful
human beings - greatly above
almost any one I knew -
and you have both been
an inspiration, and a
strength to me. I loved
you both so - that I can't
express to you what this
means - that he should

not have lived out his life -
in its great promise & fullness -
and that you - Dorothy -
should have this to bear.
May God give you strength -
Dorothy darling - and if
only I felt I could be of some
use to you - in some little
way. Life seems a very
small thing - when a thing
such as this can happen -
one must cling to what
is more than life - that
that is - I can't express

We have all lost
a real friend.

I beg you will
accept my most
heartfelt sympathy.

Sincerely yours
Frank D. Taylor

Dec. 2/18

ONE HUNDRED FORTY BROADWAY
NEW YORK

Dear Mrs. Straight

I was indeed
terribly shocked and
grieved to hear last
night of Willard's death.

He lived a most
active and keenly
interested life and
will be as sincerely
mourned and missed
by as large a number
of people as any
man in New York.

Dec. 2nd 1976

383 PARK AVENUE

Dearest Dorothy -

My heart aches
for you. it is impossible
to put in paper sympathy
for such a terrible grief. -
I only wish I could do
something for you -

Sally. -

Confirmation Copy

Western Union Day Letter

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
CORNELL UNIVERSITY
ITHACA, NEW YORK

December 2, 1918

To Mrs. Willard Straight
Old Westbury
Long Island, N.Y.

Please accept my deepest sympathy in your great bereavement. I knew your dear husband well when he was a student here and often had him at my house. We have been friends ever since and I greatly rejoiced in his successful career. He has many friends at Cornell who with me mourn his loss. My heartfelt sympathy goes out to you in your supreme sorrow. It will always be a consolation to you to remember that he died while rendering bravely a soldier's service to his country.

Jacob Gould Schurman

Dec. 2^d 1918.

The University Club
Fifth Avenue & 54th Street

Dear Dorothy -

I did not read the paper this morning & have just seen the dreadful news in the Club Bulletin Board. All the sunlight has gone out of the day. My heart is with you in your great sorrow. I can find no words in which to express my sympathy - nor my own deep personal feeling of loss. There have been very few men in

TWO, EAST EIGHTIETH STREET

2nd December, 1918.

My dear Mrs. Straight,

May I intrude upon your grief to say to you how great is my personal loss in the passing away of Major Straight. The years I have known him and the close association we had gave me the opportunity of appreciating his worth and of realizing his calibre. His life has been one of service and he has left a real impress upon the community.

my life whom I have
admired & loved as much
as I have Willard, Thank
God that he lived —
every one who knew him
is the better for it. And
if he had to die young
— almost at the beginning
of the splendid career that
was his — it was appro-
priate that it should
be while he was in the
service of the Country that
he lived so well & served
so faithfully —
Please let me know

~~know~~ if there is anything in the matter
that I can do for you — for him.

Very faithfully & respectfully yours

Herbert S. Allen

To —
Mrs. Willard Straight —

We are all the poorer for his going.
I extend to you my most heartfelt
sympathy and venture to hope that
you may find some consolation in your
great sorrow by knowing that all who
were privileged to know him feel deeply
with and for you and share your
grief with you.

Yours very sincerely,
Martin L. Schiff

for you.
This is a loss not
only to you but
to the country.

Yours sincerely
Anna Seaborn
Dec 22/18.

THE THREE ARTS CLUB
340 WEST 85TH STREET
NEW YORK

My dear Mr. Straight
I cannot tell you
how deeply and sincerely
my sympathy and
sorrow are with
you. You who have
been such a help
and comfort to many,
woud that we could
make it easier.

2. December. 1918.

My dear Mrs. Straight:-

May I send my words
of sympathy to you in your
great loss. I have lost a
good friend, too - for I
knew William as Cornell
and as business - and
his going leaves a great
void.

Very sincerely yours.

John W. Stevens

217 E. 7th Street.
Plainfield, N.J.

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Dec 2nd

Dear Mother

My whole heart goes out
to you in deep loving sympathy in
your terrible sorrow. It is hard
enough to lose a loved husband
in this our home but doubly so
when separated by the ocean as

My dear Mrs. Straight-

May I express as a
personal acquaintance and
sympathy to you my sincere and
heart felt sympathy in your
sorrow? -

I feel very keenly that those
of us who are left by this
tragic crisis, find our hearts

You have been. I hope you will
 let me see you soon for I long to
 tell you in person how truly I feel
 for you. You are constantly in
 my thoughts & prayers that God
 may help & comfort you through these
 sad trying days & give you His
 peace. Always affectionately yours
 Emily C. Greene

Circle broken, and whose only
 contribution, has been service at
 home, on to you and to each
 as you, a debt of obligation that
 can never be repaid.

That we may be more
 fully satisfied, is all we
 can ask.

Cordially yours -

May P. Peirce

Dec. 2nd 1915 (Mrs. Charles E. Peirce)

2 December 1915

GRACE CHURCH RECTORY
804 BROADWAY
NEW YORK

My dear Mr. Straight,
I want

to send you a
 letter which per-
 haps may reach
 you before you go
 barely tomorrow
 to your work. I
 know that you

will be comforted
as you go, in the
thought that you
are continuing the
work which you
self-sacrificing soldier
has done, - & is
now doing! For
we must believe
that God is
living him still

more to do for
the cause of right-
conscious freedom;
& in that clear
light he must
see the greater
Victory which we
are only beginning
to see here.

I am sure that
his gallant exam-

ple will be an
inspiration to us
all.

Your friends are
building about
you a wall of
prayer; & God,
I know, will keep
you brave & strong.

Very sincerely yours
Charles Lewis Slattery

Monday.

[Dec. 2, 1868]

23 WALL STREET

My dear Dr. Smith

How can I tell

you how terribly shocked
I am at the sad news
of William's death & how
deep & sincere I sym-
pathize with you - I
cannot realize that
any one so full of
life & energy & so
useful to the world

has passed away. It
does seem just under-
standing that a young
man like him, always
ready for a public
service, always ready
to sacrifice himself
for the good of his
fellow men, should be
taken away right in
the midst of an
active life, while other
fellows like ourselves
live within their measure.

and left to struggle on. I know
how you must grieve for him
but you must comfort yourself with
the thought of the many years he
has unselfishly devoted himself
to public duty & that he has
given his life for humanity just
as truly as if he had fallen
in the front line of battle.

My dearest love and sympathy
to you in your trouble may the
Almighty Father home you in his
keeping & help you to understand
& bear the burden that has
come upon you.

Affectionately & sincerely
Charles Steele

[Steele]

FACULTY CLUB
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

December 2, 1918.

My dear Dorothy Straight,

What can I write? Your telegram
of to-day struck me like a thunder-bolt. I
did not even know he was sick. I had been
hearing of him at intervals during the war.
I had a photograph of him taken by one of
my California boys at Camp Doniphan. In
it he looked splendidly well. Of all the
many boys I have had with me he was
the one I loved the best. He used laughing
at times to call himself my "son" and
no son ever was dearer to a father's heart.
In the crisis of my life, when I lay sick

I know that you are a brave woman
as I know you are a capable woman. I do
not try to send you vain words of
condolence. Your children had a splendid
father, of whom they will be worthy, and
whose example will be a tower of strength
to them. But you - your poor dear
lonely soul. I have been lonely many a
long year - but not with the loneliness
which will be yours. But you have his
children to comfort you - and they will
do so. I simply cannot write more. Do
not write to me - bless you for thinking of
telegraphing to me. Your devoted friend
H. Morse Stephens.

at your house in New York, and when you
two saved my life with your care I felt
like an old father cared for by loving
children. And now that very pneumonia
which spared me has taken him. It is
all too awful and mysterious.

Now, dear child, do not trouble to write to
me. It will be too much trouble for
you. But please regard me as your
children's grandfather. I keep the little
loved picture of the children, which you
gave me, ever on my writing table and
I am looking at it now. I am a pretty
feeble old man, but do remember that
I love your children dearly as your
children and his - and that I would
anything in the world for them.

Forty-two Park Avenue.

Dear Mrs. Straight:
 May I just
 say how deeply,
 deeply sorry I am
 for your great
 loss.

Faithfully yours,
 Claude Vottew

HEADQUARTERS
 THIRTY-FIRST FIELD ARTILLERY

Camp Meade, Md

Dec 2/18

My dear Mrs. Straight

I cannot tell you what the sad
 news of this morning meant to me. Willard
 has been in my mind all day and the home-
 coming of the troops and the reunions to which
 I have been looking forward have been robbed
 of one of my keenest anticipations. He gave
 my dear to me during our long association
 at Langres when I came to appreciate the
 sweetness of his character as never before.
 We were all proud of his brilliant work
 in the General Staff School, but we those who
 lived with him in the little mess in
 that old sheet treasure much more pre-
 cious memories. When any one of us was
 blue or lonely, or needed sister sympathy
 or cheering up, he was the one from

whom we always received it - always
in full measure and with exquisite
considerations. I shall never forget our
last luncheon together, when I, the first
one to go, was leaving for my regiment. It
was merely the last and best of many times
when he was promoter and life of the meeting.

I cannot tell you how I feel for you.

I only hope that in the lonely times to come
you will let me try to ~~show~~ return in
clumsy and inadequate fashion to you
and his children some of kindness and
affection which I have received from
him.

Very faithfully yours

Henry L. Stevenson

HOTEL GOTHAM
NEW YORK

December 2nd

My dear Mrs. Straight

Willard's many noble
and generous qualities endeared
him to all his friends. In
losing him I feel that something
which cannot be replaced has
gone out of my life.

Please feel that you
have the most sincere sympathy
of Mrs. Finley and myself.

Very truly,

Richard P. Finley

Who voluntarily gave up so much happiness
for his country will always be remembered &
help others to hold a higher ideal of
patriotism & love for their country. It is a
wonderful memory for his children to have &
to live up to -

Sincerely yours -

Augusta Mann Silbey.

[2-2-18]

281 Lexington Avenue

Monday.

My dear Stanley -

Although I have not seen you for a
long time - I want to send you a line of
sympathy & express to you my deep
admiration for your husband. I think his
career is one of the most splendid. I have
never known. His example as an American


The New
REPUBLIC
421 West 21st Street
New York City

Dear Mrs. Straight,

I can say nothing adequate. I have no right perhaps even to try to say anything for I did not know your husband. But from those who knew him here I have heard enough to realize how deep the loss is and how unpeakable your grief must be. They call him all that was fine and sincere, brave and wise - and I feel things for you which cannot be expressed in the columns of pen and paper.

Most sincerely yours
Signe Toking

December 2, 1918

Away -

I wish that sympathy
could do more than
simply express itself -
But I grieve for you in
your grief

Yours in sincere sympathy
Margaret S. Truesdale

DEC 2, 1918

M.S.T.

159 EAST EIGHTY-SECOND STREET

My dear Mr. Straight.

I must send you
just a line to tell you
of my deep and sincere
sympathy - My heart
aches for you in your
grief and the frightful
anxiety of being so far

[2-12-2-18]



Assistant Treasurer of the United States
New York

My dear Mrs. Straight

Permit me to extend my
heartfelt sympathy on the
loss of your dear husband.

Able, intelligent, a man of
ideals, character and soul
he was admired and
loved by all who knew him,
and his death is a loss to
our city, age to our country.

Sincerely yours
Martin Vogel

American Red Cross Hospital

44 Rue Chauveau

Neuilly

Dec 2, 1918.

Dear Mrs. Egan;

It was a great
shock to read of Major Straight's
death in this morning's paper.
Until yesterday I had no idea
that he was so seriously ill.

His going is a great
loss to his friends and to
his country. I am grieved
beyond words for the sorrow
it will cause Mrs. Straight.

It was fine that you
were able to be with him

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during his illness and it
must have been a great
comfort to him.

I am unable to express
the loss I feel personally
and know that his more
intimate friends must
feel this much more than I.

Sincerely yours

James B. Walker

358, Marlborough Street.

Boston

2 December, 1918.

My dear Mr. Straight:

Though I have been prevented on
from meeting you, your friendship with
my daughter, Mary Whitcomb, makes me
feel that I may rightly and for
this convey of heart-felt sympathy.
My memory of Straight will stay
among those which make the past
precious, and the future smothered
in darkness.

Sincerely yours.

Benjamin Wendell

[A-2-18]

GREENTREE
MANHASSET, L.I.

Dearest Dorothy:

Please let me say
how desperately sorry I
am - I know it's the
only thing in the world
there is to say, except
that if I can be of any
possible help to you in
Washington, I beg you
to let me know. With

Love and my deepest
sympathy, I am
yours always
Olin Wadsworth
Monday

I only wish there was
something I could do to help
you. But we are all helpless
except for the sympathy we
can give you.

With my dearest love
and my deepest, deepest
sympathy, I am

your very affectionate

Electra [Webb]

Dec. 2nd

THE BRICK HOUSE
SOUTHERN ACRES
SHELBURNE, VERMONT

Dearest Dorothy,

Words fail me, I feel so
deeply for you in your
great sorrow. I have thought
of you so often in these last
days and prayed that your
husband might be spared.

Life and justice are hard
to understand and life seems
so unfair as usually it
is the very noblest and
finest people who have the

Long Island & if we
shall miss & more than
what must his loss mean
to you -

I know the anxiety I have
felt for Nathan this last
month and now also, as I
know what life would be for
me without him and I am
sure I couldn't have the
courage you will have. You
have been so brave through
it all. We all love you

most to hear. I don't know
any one who is so dearly
loved and admired by
every one as you are. You
always think of others and
have done such wonderful
man work and now to
think of you with your
small children, all alone
is just too sad and too
dreadful -

Your husband certainly
was one of us all on



December 2, 1918.

Dear Mrs. Straight,

I cannot tell you how shocked and grieved I am. We all loved and admired Willard for his good comradeship and his nobility. All that any one can say means so little but I do hope that you will feel that I, and all of us, deeply sympathize with you in your loss.

Sincerely yours,
Walter E. Weyl

Mrs. Willard S. Straight.

[12-2-18]

Mindy

358, Marlborough Street.

My dear Mrs Straight,

I am so deeply grieved
to see the death of
your husband -
Oh, the terrible waste
of such a fine life
lost in the war!
I am so very sorry

Flora always felt the lack
a great intellectual justice
before him -
Yours sincerely
Willard Straight

for you -
I have known your
husband for many
years & can never
forget his kindness
to us when we
were in Peking.
He stood at the
head of all the
foreigners there -

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871 FIFTH AVENUE

Auntie, dear - I've been
thinking of you all the time.
I know there is nothing I can
say to help, but I do under-
stand & send more love &
sympathy than I can possibly
express - & I send a little
prayer somewhere for you every
night - If there is anything
I can do I just want you
to know you can count on me -

Devotedly Flora [Whitney]

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THE WYOMING
FIFTY-FIFTH STREET AND SEVENTH AVENUE

Dear Mrs. Straight:
My heart is with
you in your great sor-
row. I keenly share
your grief. America
has lost one of her
best sons. Your con-
solation must rest in
your pride in the dis-
tinguished service he
gave to the nation in
the most critical per-
iod of its history.
Very sincerely yours,
Louis Wiley

December second.

39 EAST SEVENTY-FIFTH STREET

My dear Mrs. Straight.
I think there is no
one, among the many
whom you and Mr. Straight
have made really devoted
friends, by your repeated kind-
ness, more deeply grieved
than I by the news that
reached me yesterday.

Altho I had little op-
portunity to know him well,
I have always had an ad-
miration for your husband,
perhaps out of proportion to
our acquaintance.

I wish that some op-
portunity for service might
give me a better means

than this to express all that
I feel of sympathy for
you and yours:

Very Sincerely yours
Hubert B. Hilcox

Dec 2. 1918

CENTURY CLUB
7 WEST FORTY-THIRD STREET

Dear Mrs. Straight:-

Permit me to
say in simplest sincerity that
if kindly and sympathetic
thoughts could ease the blow
which Willard's loss brings, you
would be mightily comforted.

We have all loved as well
as admired him and will
miss him more than I can
express.

In Cornell affairs, in this
Club and in the business
affairs we were jointly in-

terested in I have come to
value his friendship and re-
spect his judgment so highly
that the realization he will
not return is a sad fact
almost too difficult to face.

Please accept my most
heartfelt sympathy.

Faithfully,

Roger H. Williams

Dec. 2.
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Dec 2, 1918

My dear Mrs. Straight,

I can't tell you how terribly sorry I was to
hear of Willard's death. I feel that I have lost
a very considerate true friend, who never was
too busy in his own affairs to give aid and
good advice to his friends. His acquaintance
was a comparatively short one his kindly
thoughtfulness made me feel much nearer to him
than most men I had known much longer.
He was a man both his friends and the
whole country could ill afford to lose.

I feel very very sad for you. To lose
such a husband must be too terrible a blow
all the pride you feel at his dying for
such a cause. I see my youngest brother was

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[12-2-18] [2]

Killed, I know how great that blow can be
but I also know how little it allays the real
human sorrow. I am only writing this to let you
know that one who ~~was~~ is bound to feel that he
was a friend of Willard's to some slight degree is
feeling very sad on his own account and more
sorry than he can tell you for you and your
children.

Very sincerely,

William Woodward

Camp Johnston, Kansas
Dec 2 1818

Dear Mr. Straight;

The sad news of
your husband's death
has just reached me.
Please permit me to
extend my sincere
sympathy, in the great
loss and sorrow which has
come to you. I feel that
I have lost a good friend
and the country one of
the men it can ill
afford to lose. In these

days when men of
this type are needed
with renewed & genuine

of sympathy

Yours most truly
Leonard Wood

[Leonard Wood]

Mrs Willard Straight,

COSMOS CLUB
WASHINGTON, D.C.

My dear Mrs Straight:

Please accept
this assurance of my very
sincere sympathy.

Just a year
ago, the Major came to
Paris to relieve me — I
was then in charge of the
War Risk Bureau — and
his tact, his innate kindli-
ness and his charming
personality endeared him

to me as they did to all
with whom he came in
contact. You may recall
that I brought to you
some sketches he had made
on the "Adriatic" on his
way over. In his death, every
American citizen has suffered
a distinct loss.

Believe me to be

Very truly yours

S. H. Wolfe

(S. H. WOLFE
Colonel, U.S. A.)

December second

do for you!

In the sharing of your sorrow, I
don't believe I could feel much more
deeply for the loss of one of my own
dear ones, nor could I have prayed
more earnestly or fervently than I
did for you & for him, during the last week.
I tell you this so you may know
how earnestly, devoutly, and sincerely
I sympathize with you. But words
are so empty - I cannot tell you
how deeply I, and all the Y. M. C. A.
office feel - and our feeling is shared
by hundreds outside.

Please, please do not think of
answering this in any way - but I
just had to let you know how full
are our hearts & how deep our
sympathy. But please do let me
know if there is anything, no matter

1211 Madison Avenue
New York City

Dearest Mrs. Straight,

There is no use

trying to tell you how I, and all the
office, felt on receipt of your tragic
news, for no language could express our
sorrow and deep, deep sympathy.
And on every side we hear sung the
praises of Major Straight - what wonder-
ful work he had done, his charm of
personality, his gentleness etc. etc., for
all loved him dearly, and the spoken
desire everywhere is, "Oh, if there was
only something we could do for Mrs. Straight
- won't you let us know if there is
something we can do!" For when our
hearts are as full as they are for you,
nothing would be too hard or too big to

how small, that I can do ~~you~~ for you.

Ever most sincerely,

Nena S. Wright

(Mrs. Edward W. Wright)

December 2nd

NEW YORK YACHT CLUB
37 WEST 44TH STREET

December 2/18

My dear Mrs. Straight,

I was deeply shocked at the news from Paris this morning.

The Major was largely responsible for my being commissioned as a Captain in the Army and I went to France with him.

Not only the officers but all the men admired and respected him. His energy and enthusiasm inspired us all and we were much disappointed that he did not receive the promotion which he deserved but which went to the officer who succeeded him.

Just before we left last December, the detachment was photographed in Washington with the Secretary of War

and the Treasury. If you did not receive the two pictures I will be happy to send them to you.

With much sympathy, I am
Yours very sincerely
Chester Wykes

most enviable and one of which you and the kiddies may feel greatly proud.

I know that you will bear up bravely and be somewhat consoled by the fact that he gave up his life for the cause as much as if he had been killed in action.

It seems strange that he who had everything to live for was taken but he did his full duty to the last and that after all is the best that can be said of any one.

It will probably be some time before I return to the States but my first duty

Adams Express Co. A. E. L.

A. P. O. 759

12/2/18

My dear Mrs. Straight:

I have just received the sad news of Willard's death and am writing to express my deep sympathy in your very great loss.

Willard was my loyal friend and intimate adviser. I know no man who I trusted more or whose friendship I considered of more value. Moreover he had more than made good as a soldier. His record was a

will be to try to see you
and tell something of his
soldier life not here, of his
surrender, and of my last
chance meeting with him
about ten days ago.

You have every reason to
be proud and I know you
are brave.

Sincerely yours

[Major General Wright]

Wm. Wright

P.S. Jim Barney was with
him at the end. I think
he will be home within a
couple of months.

115 Broadway
New York

December third, 1918.

Dear Mrs. Straight:

In this sad hour, we of the Alumni Field Committee of Cornell University desire to express to you something of the sense of personal grief and loss that has come to us because of the untimely death of our fellow worker, your esteemed and beloved husband.

Always guided by high ideals and with a generous and sympathetic nature, he was gifted with a vision and a foresight regarding worthy things to be accomplished which, combined with his uncommon tenacity of purpose, made his active interest in any undertaking of the greatest value. All of those qualities he displayed in his association with us and in the many things he did to develop athletics at Cornell upon the highest plane.

Cornell University will always owe to his sound judgment and helpful co-operation, given with such modest self effacement, a debt of gratitude the memory of which will ever be a precious heritage to those who now mourn with you. Would we could be of some service to you as was he through us to the University which he honored.

With a keen and intimate sense of our own loss of a valued friend please accept our heartfelt sympathy.

Faithfully Yours

To

Mrs. Willard D. Straight,
1130 Fifth Avenue,
New York.

[Signature]
Pay. & check
Wm. Wright

R. T. Freeman
Charles H. Flood
H. M. Rowley

I like to think of these
men like the Crusaders of
old - For certainly men like
Will Straight went out with
a vision of justice & hope
for the future generations
that has made this whole
war seem like a religious
one to me. My heart
aches for you, dear Timothy, in
your loneliness and the
agonies of not being with
him at the end seems
doubly hard. One cannot
help wondering why you of

Boston Mass -

December 3, 1918.

323 BEACON STREET

My dear Timothy -

All day my thoughts
& my heart have been with
you, & though I know you
will be swamped with letters
I feel I do want to send
you a word of love. With
all that your husband has
achieved you must feel
that he gave his life for his
country as truly as though
he had died at the front, and

So many should be made to
suffer this sorrow of giving up one's
beloved husband, when all your
life you have done such good &
given so much joy & happiness & been
such an inspiration to all with
whom you came in contact — and
I can picture you now with such
spiritual bravery & courage and
may God send you all the
strength you will need.
Yours devotedly
Leonor C. Penney.

Dec. 3, 1918

30 EAST FIFTY-EIGHTH STREET

Dear Mr. Straight,

Willard was such a
fine fellow and you are such
a good citizen that I feel im-
pelled to tell you how sorry I
am that he should die and
that you should suffer.

There are consolations at this
time in these noble sacrifices
and I am sure you will have
courage to endure them.

With much sympathy

Yours very sincerely

Otto J. Barnard

which made him susceptible
to pneumonia. He made the
supreme sacrifice for our
country, & he is a hero whose
life will be an inspiration
not only to friends, family
& children, but to all his
countrymen who hear about
him.

And you must think
too of the perfect happiness
you have given him through
your complete understanding
sympathy & love. God has

THE GREENBRIER
WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS
WEST VIRGINIA

forcing himself into the
dangerous work that he
felt to be his duty without
having the love for the
excitement of it which
perhaps prompted many
others. And the fact that
it wasn't a shell which took
him away, makes no difference
whatever, because it was
that terrible time of strain

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other work for him to do, & so
 He has taken him for his own
 purposes, knowing that you
 have strength to face life & to
 reach out to him for the help
 you need, which He will give
 you. And I believe that Wilbur
 will always be with you in
 spirit & also in the lives of your
 children.

I hope too that great comfort
 may come to you from the wide
 wave of loving sympathy
 that is going to you now from
 everyone who knows you & from
 many more who do not but who
 feel for every woman who has
 given her husband & her best to
 the country deep sympathy and
 appreciation.
 With all my love
 yours affec.
 Anne.

Dec. 3rd, 1918.

AMERICAN RED CROSS

(CROIX-ROUGE AMÉRICAINE)

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ADRESSE TÉLÉGRAPHIQUE:
 "AMCROSS"

4, PLACE DE LA CONCORDE

PARIS, Dec 3rd 1918

Dear Mrs Straight

No words of sympathy are
 very helpful at some times as
 this but I want you to know
 that I have been thinking of
 you today & often during the
 last week.

I always liked Willard
 since the time I went home
 on a slow steamer with him
 after he had left you at
 Droume. I was always sorry

that our lives led us different ways.

After he came to Paris I saw him frequently for we were on the same floor at the Collon. I never saw him more full of energy & interest.

Throughout his illness under Mrs. Harman's direction I think he received the best of care. She was most devoted & very tactful in keeping him from seeing many people.

The service at the American church was very simple & dignified; the only singing were hymns 506 & 535, the

Battle Hymns of the Republic.

Some fifty people were at the cemetery where he is among soldiers which I know he would want & on the slopes of Mont Valerien.

Bishop Brent very simply bid farewell as to a companion.

It is hard for the women who have to remain home.

Very faithfully yours
Henry J. Barbey

I hope to be going home in about a month's time so please do not trouble to write me.

Willard had been taken
it seemed as if I could
get on the train that night
& go to you, & so I telephoned
hoping that you would
let me come. I realize
that it would be too con-
fusing for you to have
many friends around, &
that with Edith & May with
you now, any others might
only be in the way. However
if you find that there is
any way in which I could
help you or serve you,
writing letters, answering

Dec. 7, 1911

THE GREENBRIER
WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS
WEST VIRGINIA

My dearest Dorothy, -
How can I tell
you all that I am feeling!
That this terrible loss &
sorrow has come to you
is of the very deepest
sorrow to me, & my love
& thoughts are with you
continually. When I came
in yesterday from a
glorious walk up the
mountain & read the
bulletin board & saw that

the telephone - anything - ~~remember~~
I am doing nothing here & could come
any day - & if you don't want me
sooner I only hope that when I
get to New York next week there
may be ways in which I can be
useful to you then.

It is impossible I know for
me to half realize what your
feelings are - if it were ~~all~~, I
~~think~~ I should have no courage
or fortitude - but you have
so much strength & courage
that I know your brave spirit
is supporting you in a way
possible to very few. Darling
Dorothy, keep her before your
mind how brave Willard has been,
how splendidly he has seized every
opportunity for service that has
come to him; your whole heart
I know is, & rightly should be,
full of pride, ^{in his} righteous pride,
for the service ^{he has given} the example &
the sacrifice he has ^{made}. He
stands before the country today as
a hero - & you, who know ^{him} as no one
else does, you know better than anyone
else how real his heroism was,

TELEPHONE
MANHASSET, TWO-TWO-FOUR

NONESUCH HOUSE
MANHASSET, LONG ISLAND

Dear Dorothy

Katharine had written me of Willard's
serious illness but it was a great shock to
read of his death in the Harristburg paper yesterday
morning. Every one agrees the finest men in this
country were those who first went into the war
and Willard stood out in my mind as a man
who was and always would be among the very first
to volunteer in any service his country might need.
His record is a wonderful heritage for his family
and the inspiration of it cannot fail to make
finer men & women of his children.

I wish there was something I could do for you.
There is absolutely no one who holds the love and
sympathy of the entire community as you do so
that the offer to help of any one individual seems almost
superfluous but if the intensity of my love & admiration
for both of you gives me any special consideration please
use me. With heartfelt sympathy & devotion
Dec. 3. affectionately yours Louis Brandeis & Barnes.

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JOSEPH E. RAYCROFT

W. PRENTICE SANGER
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

WAR DEPARTMENT
COMMISSION ON TRAINING CAMP ACTIVITIES
WASHINGTON

December 3, 1918.

My dear Mrs. Straight,-

It was with deepest sorrow that I learned of the death of Major Straight, and my heart goes out to you and to your little ones in your bereavement.

The war has cost the lives of two men whose loss is great, not only to their personal friends, but to the whole nation. Major Straight was one, Major Mitchell the other. It was the privilege of some of us to know both of these extraordinary men, and I earnestly believe that as time goes on and men and events are seen in their true proportions, their lives, their work and their sacrifice will stand out among the great inspirations derived from the world war.

May this thought be some slight comfort to you in your sorrow.

Mrs. Willard S. Straight
1130 Fifth Avenue
New York.

Sincerely yours
George H. Bell

Dec. 3.

TELEPHONE
PLAZA 7268

171 EAST SIXTY-SECOND STREET

My dear Dorothy,

If human love and sympathy have any power to heal and comfort sorrowing hearts, surely you must be helped by all that is going out to you now.

I wanted you to know that mine is swelling the volume - that my heart is one of the many that is aching for you these dark days.

Although we saw so little
of Mr. Straight lately. There
I have always liked and
admired him tremendously
and feel a sense of great
loss. Of course, he is going
on to even greater achieve-
ments. I believe that,
don't you? If I could only
help you a little.

With ever so much love

Yours

David Bull

14 rue de Marignan
Paris, December 3, 1918

Dear Dorothy

It was all quite
beautiful today, and you
would have loved having
him come in, covered
with the flag, on the shoul-
ders of his men. It was
fine that Bishop Brent
could be there, with his
big understanding, and
it was fine that they
could sing for him the
Battle Hymn of the Re-
public. Every thing was

done as you would have
liked it, very simply, and
he was carried through
the streets on a Red Cross
caisson under the flag
which he had helped to
guard.

I wrote you on Sunday
to Old Westbury, so this is
just a postscript. Mrs.
Harriman was devoted
every moment and I am
sure no hands could have
been more capable than
hers. My dear love to you.

Anny Calhoun

are being exacted of us - more expression -
less than ever before. Where can I
find those that will tell our tender,
loving sympathy, our longing to help,
our pride in the sure knowledge that
you will carry this with head high
and a brave light in your eyes as
the women of our race have always
borne their sorrows?

My hope and prayer is that at
least something of the vision that
has apparently been flouted our men
omiseas of the oneness of all life

TELEGRAPH ADDRESS:
TELEPHONE FAIRMOUNT 1079
CLEVELAND, OHIO

FRANCHESTER
SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO

[12-3-18]

Dorothy dear -

Must we believe the word in the Times
that Willard isn't coming back to you?
You cannot know how our hearts go out
to you in utmost sympathy. We know
how splendidly brave you will be - how
equal to the bearing of your sorrow -
but we yearn quite indescribably to be
able to render some little service, to
be able to speak a word of comfort.
Words are so utterly inadequate these
days when such tremendous things

may be yours - and that your longing for him may be a little lessened by the sureness that the separation is but physical and temporary.

And I know how splendidly you will take up anew the burden of being both mother and father to your three little ones.

Father and Betty want me to add their love to my own - Chester is in camp in the south - but I know he joins with me in the feeling that Willard's going is a personal loss, slightly as we knew him -

With tenderest sympathies

Affectionately yours

Frances Byrne Bolton

December third 1918

My dear Mrs Strait:-

Mr Carey and I are overwhelmed with shock and grief at this sad news from France.

Although I never had the pleasure of knowing your dear husband, Mr Carey, and many of

It is impossible to understand why young men of such inestimable service to humanity should be taken away just when this old world seems most to need their guiding and steadying influence.

While the loss of Mr. Strait will be keenly felt by thousands it is not to be

our acquaintances, knew and esteemed him so highly, and I, at all times, heard him spoken of in such glowing terms, that I had grown to greatly admire the man whose sterling qualities and unusual ability compelled such universal admiration and affection.

compared to the great loss
sustained by you and the
children. I know how incon-
solable your grief is and
my deepest sympathy goes
out to you.

Most sincerely,

Ocean W. Carey.

Dec. 3rd 1918.

421 W. Highland Drive,
Seattle, Wash.

Long Island Col. Hosp.
Brooklyn, N.Y.,
Dec. 3, 1918.

Dear Mrs. Straight: -

I read in the
paper of your great
misfortune and wish
to express my sincere
sympathy.

Although it is

a great sorrow there
must be one solace
to know he died in
the service for his
country.

Most sincerely,
Edith K. Chambers

CHATEAU DE LATTAINVILLE
LATTAINVILLE (Oise)

TELEPHONE 111
New York 3 Dec.

My dear Mrs. Straight

I am almost a stranger
to you, but allow me to express
my deepest sympathies for the
great loss that befell you.

God and the love of your
dear children can alone give you strength
to support your deep sorrow.

I am many many years older than
you dear Madame and I see - that
is always - the best - who suffers the
most in this World. Your husband
left a World wide reputation and
went away so young, it must

be a great satisfaction in your ~~sadness~~
that your beloved Children can be very
proud of their famous Father.

You are young and have the power
to do great things by helping the un-
fortunates of this terrible war. as you
so noble heartedly did till now.

I can understand your suffering
having lost my husband, when I was
only 23 years old and was left all
alone with two children

God give you consolation in
your deep sorrow and kindly
accept once more my sympathies
dear Mrs. Straight

Very truly Yours

Aurelia de Tomaytharant

[12-3-18]

243 Beacon Street

My dear Mrs. Straight,

When I saw the
notice of your hus-
band's death, I felt
so much for you!

I hope you will
accept Louis and
my deep sympathy
Very Sincerely
Frances Stokes Clark.

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY UNION

IN EUROPE

CORNELL BUREAU

8, RUE DE RICHELIEU
(ROYAL PALACE HOTEL)

TELEPH. CENTRAL 05-03

CABLE ADDRESS:
"AMUNION-PARIS"

LONDON BRANCH:
16, PALL MALL EAST, S.W.1.

PARIS, December 3rd 1918

Capt. LIPPMANN,
Hotel Crillon,
Place de la Concorde,
PARIS.

Dear Sir,

Will you have the kindness to take
note of the enclosed letter of condolence and
forward it to the family of Major Willard D.
Straight.

With thanks in advance,

Very truly yours.
CORNELL BUREAU
A. D. Weil

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"AMUNION-PARIS"

LONDON BRANCH:
16, PALL MALL EAST, S.W.1.

PARIS, December 3rd 1918

The PARIS BUREAU of CORNELL

UNIVERSITY tenders its most sorrowful sympathy
to Mrs Straight and the family of Major Willard
D. Straight, Alumnus and Trustee of CORNELL
UNIVERSITY.

The announcement of his death
has been received by this Bureau with profound
regret.

CORNELL BUREAU

A. D. Weil

Willard so well — He
was so splendid, and
such an inspiration to us
all —

Please let me be of some
service or help to you —
and call on me when
you need me, — at
any time —

You'll be so brave and
fine, the rest of us will
have another example
of yours to try to follow,
in courage and bravery.
What a joy

Tuesday

GLEN COVE-LONG ISLAND

[12-3-18]

Dearest Dorothy

Of all people

I know I would rather have
had you spared than any.
My heart goes out to you
in this, your greatest
hour of need — and it
seems of little help
but I want to send you
my love and sympathy.
Both Jim and I are
proud to have known

time you would want to see
him, he would love to come and
be with you — don't bother
to answer this, just be
assured of my love and
heartfelt tenderness for you —
affectionately
Lana
[Curtis]

[Nov 26 or Dec 3, 1918]

55 EAST SIXTY-FIFTH STREET

Dear Mother: Tuesday morning
I wanted to say
something to you yesterday but
what I wanted to say I never
you were always saying to you.
see, I was thankful that
you had found out a woman you
could go for nourishment and
support. No distress is ever
intolerable as long as we
can keep marching on, and I
know you will not leave it

same. It is necessary to have
a tail, but it is not your fault
will carry you along. But answer
this.

Faithfully, yours
H.C.

[12-3-18]

48 East 61st Street.

E.M.D

Dear Dorothy.

I want to send you my
most sincere sympathy. There is
so very little that I can say or do, but I
do hope you realize how much I should
like to give you something more, than
my thoughts and sympathy - both of which
are yours.

I hoped all through the week
that you would have good news, and
it was a real shock when I heard of
your loss. I shall never forget our
kindness and thought for me, last
summer when I was worried, and I would
give so much more, to have you realize

how much I am with you - and how sincerely
I am your friend - I beg you not to ask us to
leave this - in any way, but perhaps later on
you will let us come and see you.

Sincerely,

Linda Dady.

Dec-3/18

My Dear Mrs. Straight
Will you please
permit me to express
my heart felt and
sincere sympathy
at the great loss you
have sustained. It
was my privilege to
have known him - and
his loss is mis-
may your children live
to be a continual
blessing to you -

Most sincerely and
Respectfully yours
J. H. Downing

good friends of mine - so
I feel as if I wanted to
write and tell you how
sorry I am.

It must comfort you
to know that he was a
patriot and gave himself
always for his country's
cause and that the men
who knew him - even some-
what casually as I did -
admired and respected
him for what he was -
and what we all expected
he would do -

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Hoffman

Dear Mrs. Straight

I hope you will send
my readers you a line of
sympathy though I scarcely
know you. However I
knew Willard and liked
him and admired his
many fine qualities and
he was a friend of many

Perhaps I saw as an occasional
 visitor in 1918 at Reed in Wash-
 ington better than most people -
 how much more his friends who
 had known him in the East and
 who had lived with him and
 done things with him - not by
 him - It is very fine to see
 such strong and sincere friend-
 ship - and somewhat rare -

That is why I wrote you
 these few lines - though I never
 knew Willard really well, or
 you at all - I thought it might
 comfort you to hear from an outsider
 what the strong impression the
 affection of Willard's friends for
 him made.

With deepest sympathy for you
 sincerely,

Reginald A. Derby

[Reginald A. Derby]

Dec 3-18

in the very prime of life
 by this cruel war and
 Willard could have ac-
 complished still so much
 had he been spared just
 a little longer! Your grief
 will be hard to bear but
 the thought of all you have
 been to him during your
 brief years together his
 great love and devotion
 to you and your adorable
 children should bring
 you comfort in this bitter
 hour. My poor Mother
 is very much broken by
 this shock - her life

[12-3-18]

My dear Dorothy,

We are all distressed and
 shocked beyond expression at
 Willard's sudden death. Poor
 Mother has worried incessantly
 ever since he went abroad
 for she feared she could
 never see him again and when
 peace was declared almost
 my first thought was that
 now he would soon return
 in safety. Just at this time
 our country needed him
 sorely - so many brilliant
 men have been cut down

has been so full of sor-
row and disappointment
I had hoped she might be
spared further suffering.
Her past few years have
been wonderfully brighten-
ed by the delicate atten-
tions and kindnesses shown
by you and Willard and
the visits she made you
brightened and cheered her
sad life amazingly. She
took more interest in your
babies and Hazel's than
anything else. I have
two charming photos of Wil-
lard as a child (one

taken in Japanese dress with Hazel
and I wanted so soon I have them
copied for you if you do not already
possess duplicates. Please let me
know when Dorothy - I could tell
you how better with my music
has deeply I trust that you - your
endless love with this world
here! With warmest regards

Ever Affly yrs
Vera Drake
Boston Dec 3rd 1918

contact and who have come to look upon you
as their ideal. When the moments of weakness
and despair come, as they humanly must, may
God be with you and may He give you the
solace of feeling His nearness and the nearness
of your beloved. The ideals for which he has
given his life are the same as those for which
we must continue to live and to live so
that "these dead shall not have died in vain".
And it is only under the leadership of such
as you that we can be made to realize the full
magnificence of these ideals.

Whenever you want to see me I am yours to
command, and my thoughts are with you

Dec. 3, 1918
52 West 49 Street

M.L.D.

Darling;

As the Doctor has decreed that I cannot
be at the meeting this morning, much as I had
hoped for his permission, I want to send these
few lines of love. All that you are doing is
so exactly what we all would do had we the
strength - that it only makes us wonder the
more at the splendor of YOU. It must be a
comfort to feel that in conquering oneself and
showing the world what true courage is, you are
lifting up with you, not yourself alone, but the
faith of those with whom you have come in

Always - Good-night, dear, and may you soon come
to know the "peace which passeth understanding" -

Louise

nature.

Nothing seems to me
to hold much like your
father, and the legacy
of three dear children
will be your comfort
and help.

Words seem so meaningless
in sorrow like yours, but
I would comfort you
in some way if I could.
Very tenderly & lovingly
Aunt Ella

33 Prince St. Mass.
West Newton
Dec. 3rd 1918

Dorothy dear I am so
sorry for the sorrow that
has come to you, and
sorry too, only to know
your husband by reputation
and find a little through
you. He certainly was a
man of rare ability
and best of all, sterling
inegrity and honor,
with a most lovable

LIBERTY LOAN COMMITTEE

PUBLICITY DEPARTMENT

120 BROADWAY

OFFICE OF
THE DIRECTOR

NEW YORK.

Dear Mr. Straight,

I should like very much to express to you my deep sympathy in your great loss.

I had the privilege of knowing Mr. Straight, in the way a younger man knows one a little older who will take the trouble to understand his problems and lend him a hand. When I first came to New York, with your friends and a pretty big and busy city to find my way about in, he took a friendly interest in my work, although he had no reason in the world for being so except the kindness of his heart. That sort of thing is awfully rare, and one never forgets it.

As a man, he stood for just the things we have been fighting for as a nation.

LIBERTY LOAN COMMITTEE

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NEW YORK.

He stood for the principles in this great community of ours for all the struggle, all the idealism, all the gallantry and fair-dealing which we have sought to establish as world principles.

In the finest and noblest sense of those words, he was a man and a gentleman. Not only for what he did but for what he was. It is well known his manner. It might be some small compensation to you if you could hear all the things that are said of him by the men who knew him, because all that is being said is so deeply and so sincerely felt.

I know, too, something of the work he did in France. He showed the same fine clear spirit there. I am sure you cannot help feeling a very real pride

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NEW YORK.

in the fact that he died as he lived,
splendidly, and that he gave his life
for his country just as greatly and
just as truly as if he had fallen
on the field of battle.

Sincerely yours

Guy Emerson

December 3, 1918

Dec. 3. 18.

Dear Dorothy -

The news of your
great sorrow is with me
all the time, with the hope
that Beatrice Fletcher
is with you because she
will understand & feel &
know how to keep you
better than anyone else.

It has been so splendid
to see the way you have
thrown yourself into

Your husband's life, keeping
him & going with him to
the realization of his
great promise - in his
absence, bravely "carrying on" -

I shall try to see you
later on, not only for myself
but to write to Mrs
Stephens of you, as he
loved your husband like his
own son - & was so proud of
him.

Affectionately yours,
Beauregard Farrand

London.

Dec 3.

Dear Mrs Straight.

Grayson Murphy came back from
Paris last night and brought the sad news that Willard
had died of influenza pneumonia.

It came as a great shock to us all who knew him,
and I want to send you my deepest sympathy.

I saw quite a lot of him in Washington after he had
come back from Fort Sill and before he went worse,
and I got to like him enormously.

He was one of the men who cannot be spared from
the work in the best interests of our country yet to be
done and his going leaves a place very hard to fill.

In the affection of his friends of whom I am very proud
to call myself one, he will always be remembered as
a very delightful gentleman.

Sincerely yours.

W. D. Folley

The service this morning was
very beautiful - very simple; just
what you & he would have wished.
You know how every one here did all
they could - no effort, no thought
was spared, in devotion to him
& to you.

It is a terrible
grief to me that I did not
know before - that I could
not have been of more use
from the beginning; my own
job often keeps me isolated -
& I knew nothing till those last
days. It has all carried
me back to those days twelve
years ago when Willard did
say things to my dear brother; no
words can express in gratitude
I & all of us have always felt -
& always will feel; I would give

3, CITÉ VANEAU Dec 3 1918

Dear Dorothy

I can't tell you how our
hearts go out to you in sympathy
& sorrow. I did not even know
of Willard's being ill till last
Thursday; both Edith & I went
at once to the Crillon then -
on Friday & on Saturday Billy
said there was still hope - the
end was a terrible shock - I
simply could not believe it. We
called you yesterday - but they
say ordinary croup takes six
days, & I'm afraid our word
will reach you very late.

any time I have been able to do
more for him now. His going is
another link broken with that
beloved past, & I feel that in
Willard I have lost a friend who
cannot be replaced. My life is
less for his leaving us - & I
share with you with all my
heart - but know that it
means I am. And I would
can so ill share men like
him. It is hard to understand
why it had to be.

We send you our love &
affection & our deepest & most
heartfelt sympathy
affectionately yours

Blair Fairchild

AMERICAN ASIATIC ASSOCIATION
627 LEXINGTON AVENUE
NEW YORK

Dec 3, 1918

Dear Mr. Straight -

The Asiatic Association
today adopted this resolution and
we wanted you to have it before
it appears in the newspapers tomorrow.
It will be quite a while before you
receive the engraved copy.

Mr. Ford wrote this
appreciation and he speaks with
simple eloquence out of the hearts
of the members. How inadequately
could anyone tell the story of his
life or express the tremendous feeling
of loss and sorrow that fills us. There
was none like him, there is none
to take his place. With much
sympathy.

Louis D. Fairchild

DEC. 3, 1918

AMERICAN ASIATIC ASSOCIATION
627 LEXINGTON AVENUE
NEW YORK

On behalf of the members of the American Asiatic Association the Executive Committee have to record their sense of the irreparable loss the Association has sustained by the untimely death of its former President and present member of the Committee, Major Willard Straight. Stricken in the midst of exacting duties performed in the service of his country, Major Straight died as he had lived, an earnest, devoted and self-sacrificing patriot. His associates on this Committee who have had ample occasion to appraise his value as a fellow-worker in the task of broadening the relations and deepening the sympathy between the United States and the peoples of Eastern Asia, can testify to the fact that in this field of effort Willard Straight had no peer. His preparation for the task, leading up through experience in the consular and diplomatic service to responsible initiative in financial negotiations and constructive enterprises of far-reaching import, was unique, equally in kind and degree. It is the simple truth that no man can fill the place in the work of Asiatic development and reconciliation which his death leaves vacant. Even in times like these, there is an exceptionally tragic pathos about the interruption of a career the brilliancy of whose past achievements was merely the earnest of services still more valuable to the immediate future of Asia and to the world at large. His associates have lost a resolute leader, a wise counselor and a well beloved friend. His country has lost a distinguished representative of the best type of Americanism, and an authoritative exponent of her obligations and her true policy toward Asiatic millions with whom her destiny is indissolubly bound. Those who knew him most intimately have lost the companionship of a man of rare personal charm, large-minded toleration and warm-hearted impulses whose generous expression was the characteristic note of a nature of exceptional fineness of temper.

Eugene P. Thomas,
Acting President

John Foord,
Secretary

304 East 20th St.

My dear Mr. Straight, Permit me
to extend to you my heartfelt
sympathy in this sad hour
of your bereavement. May be.

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Secretary

My dear Mrs. Straight:

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Possibly I may be permitted to add to the multitude of words of sympathy which you are receiving from all directions, just a word or two of my own.

While not knowing Mr. Straight intimately, on the occasions at which I met him, I could not fail to be impressed not merely with his ability but with his qualities as a man, and feel that a distinct loss is felt owing to his untimely but patriotic death.

With every sympathetic regard, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Samuel Graydon

TO MRS. WILLARD D. STRAIGHT
New York City



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*who is the giver of all patience
and consolation, strengthen and
help you to abide by His Holy
Will -*

Sincerely yours,

Walter L. Hopkins

Tuesday November 3rd.
occ.

My dear Dorothy -

I hope that you won't think me presuming if I say just a word to express my very deep sympathy for you.

Though Edith I have always had a very vivid picture of you and your husband, and your wonderful life together. I can't tell you how much I feel for you.
Affectionately yours
Katherine Green.

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TEL. BRYANT 2276
CHRISTINA MERRIMAN
Acting Secretary

Lhs 3/18

Dear Mrs. Straight:

I have been thinking of you -

great deal the last few days. I know

your husband enough to feel strongly his

ardent interest in good things, his wife

ability, and now he is taken away

from the country, and from you, where

in little time & energy are most needed. Two
deaths have come into my own family recently.
has different & thing life is when a big
part of it is taken away. For a time at
least everything loses its lustre. I know
it must be so with you, & I can
only hope for you that your high sense of
duty & generous care for the public welfare
will fill your life & keep you up, - in
addition to that best resource of all, those
near you who need you. I know many,
many, who perhaps do not even have a close

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Acting Secretary

personal acquaintance with you will be
feeling most sympathetically with you now!
for you have lived in a way that has
made for many friends, near & far.

Yours sincerely

Norman Hapgood

I have no other stationery here.

HOTEL VENDOME
1, PLACE VENDOME
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ADR. TÉLÉGRAPHIQUE: VENDOMOTEL
TÉLÉPHONE: CENTRAL 41-78

December 3rd

Soraster, dearest - I had to stop
writing yesterday / not
as I felt that I had only
begun to tell you about
every thing - Now the
simple, lovely, service
is over and dear Willard
is resting on the hillside
at Puresnes accompanied by
Comrades - I am enclosing

a list of the men who
came to the Crillon and
the order in which they
passed by the Champ d'Élyées
to the Church - I, and two
young lieutenants bringing
up the rear - We could not
get a Queen Carriage so
used the chassis of a
Cadillac car with the
flag thrown over the coffin
and Willard's Cap & Sword
on that -
In the Church the flowers

were beautiful and not
hearing from you, I chose
for the hymns - Forward
Christian Soldiers - Now
the day is over - The
Battle Hymn of the
Republic -

The men all wanted the
first, and I remembered
your liking & singing
with me at Gettysburg the
second -

My sister, Elsie, went to
the church and arranged

the flowers and made the
list for you -

Bishop Brent said some
prayers in Willard's room,
where he ^{had} ~~lay~~ ^{lain} for two days
with masses of lilies, that
I got for you, at his head,
a spray of pink roses
& palms from 1714 ~~at~~ on
the foot of the coffin and
6 candles burning all the
time - At the Cemetery
Bishop Brent made most
beautiful address, and he
said that he would dictate

HOTEL VENDOME
1. PLACE VENDOME
PARIS
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TÉLÉPHONE: CENTRAL 41-78

it to his Secretary and send
it to you - Your letters were
buried with Willard, as were
the 1714 roses, and I am
sending you a piece
that I leaned down and
picked off the very last
minute at the grave -
The Plu came out just as
the little procession bowed
the way, left the path to
Willard's resting place, the

Morning having been damp
& gloomy -
Madame Casneau sat
with her in the Church,
and Mrs. Egan was to
have been there too, but
wasn't well enough -
How those were all loved
Willard - Martin Egan
& Grayson Murphy were
terribly broken up - But,
Dear Dorothy, the beautiful
unselfish spirit of your
Cable made us all want

to be brave + forget our
personal Grief —

Walter Lippmann was so
sweet + helpful, and did
everything in the world
that he could think of to
make things easier for
every body —

I didn't like to take anything
off, without your having
said so, so ~~removed~~ ^{lost} the
pocket, ring, & identity
tag on. I hope that was
right? I have lost

My last man friend,
My younger brother —
And no one can ever fill
his place with ^{me or} any of
his friends —

As for you, I pray that
God may continue to give
you the strength to be.
Dorothy — the most lovely
character I have ever known.
His the Angel Children
for me + keeps me very
dearest love for yourself.

Daisy [Harriman]

Miss. Bonnaville
Mr. Egan
Mr. Harrison

The Church [Dec. 3, 1918]

Fall bearers	
Embassy	" "
Admiral Benson	" "
Mr. Blythe	" "
Peace Mission	" "
Peace Mission	" "
Joe Charles	" "

Non album
Mr. Thomas
Mr. Blythe
Mr. Blythe

[Dec. 3, 1918]

Pall bearers in the order
in which they walked.

Mr. Gibson ✓	2	1 Col. Bowditch <i>representing</i>
Mr. Sterling ✓	4	3 Gen. McCoy ✓ <i>Gen. Pershing</i>
(Gen. Chepney ✓)	6	5 Capt Barney <i>representing Gen. Wright</i>
Mr. Stettinius ✓	8	7 Gen. Bjornstadt
Mr. Hoover	10	9 Col. Logan
Mr. Egan ✓	11	11 Col. Mott ✓
Col. Greene ✓	12	13 Col. Poillon ✓
Col. Parsons	16	15 Col. Jones ✓
Major Fortescue ✓	18	17 Maj. Carter ✓
Major Mathew ✓	20	19 Major Mack ✓
Mr. Blythe	22	21 Captain Mills. ✓
Mr. Delano ✓	24	23 Captain Lippman ✓
Captain Rennick ✓	26	25 Captain Benson ✓
Lt. Merz ✓	28	27 Captain Dyckman ✓

[Dec. 31, 1918]

Wreath of pink roses and lilacs,
Large wreath pink roses,
Large wreath with violets,
Loose white roses,
Bunch white roses,

Large wreath violets, pansies & roses,
Bunch of white & red roses & lilacs,

Large wreath of white roses,

Large wreath of red roses,
Large wreath of red & white roses;
Chrysanthemums & white roses,
Large bunch of white lilacs,
Bunch of red roses & white lilacs,
Bunch of roses and chrysanthemums,
Large wreath of white roses,
Pink roses,
Big bunch of pink roses,
Red roses & lilacs in wreath,
Bunch of violets,
Cross of red and white roses,
Wreath of red & white roses,
Cross of pink roses,
Cross of red and white roses,

2 bunches of violets,
Large wreath of roses and violets,
Flat bunch red roses,
White roses,
Large spray of pink roses and palms,
Large bunch of chrysanthemums,
Bunch of purple & white violets,

Large bunch of pink roses & lilacs,
Bunch of pink roses,
Large bunch of Jacqueminot roses,

Wreath of carnations tied with the tri-
color & American ribbon,
Large bunch of carnations,

Mr. John Ridgely Carter,
Major August Belmont,
Colonel & Mrs. Blake.
Mr. Joseph C. Grew,
American Commission to
Negotiate Peace.
Capt. James W. Barney,
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Mandell House,

(Col. Carl Boyd,
(Lt. Col. J. G. Queckemeyer,
(Lt. Col. E. Bowditch, Jr.
General Pershing,
American Asiatic Assn.
Madame Casenave,
Mrs. Calhoun & Miss Root,
Mr. Gordon Auchincloss,
Miss Wiborg,
Lt. Col. Robert Bacon,
Capt. & Mrs. Marshall Field,
Mr. & Mrs. Blair Fairchild,
Mr. Joseph Riter,
Lt. Col. Warwick Greene,
Martin Egan & Eleanor Egan,
Members of India House, N. Y.
Mr. & Mrs. E. E. Stettinius,
Members of the National For-
Trade Council;
Peter & Edward Bowditch, Jr.
J. P. Morgan & Co.
Com. & Mrs. Frederick Allen,
The Staff of the New Republic,
1718 H
Lady Johnstone,
(Albert Fiedler;
(Roscoe Kincaid,
(George Renwick,
Members of the original War
Risk Detachment.
Charles and Joe.
Officers of the American Mission
at the Headquarters of the
Allied Armies.

Henri Dequis,
Bennett.

270 PARK AVENUE

My dear Mrs. Wright,

Words can't express
how deeply I feel for you at
this time! I know what the
shadow means, and my heart
goes out to you with warm
tender sympathy. May the only
One who can comfort you, be
very near to you! —

Cordially yours,

Ever truly, Mary Cassatt Mayo.

Tuesday —



Dear Mrs. Straight —

Although I realize
little can be said to
afford sympathy at this
time, yet I want you
to know I am thinking
of you and send you
my deepest and most
heartfelt sympathy —

In your great sorrow
there must be the
pride, in the ever-
lasting service so
unselfishly given, and
an example to us all—

With my love dear
Mrs. Straight.

Very Sincerely Yours
William Harrison

[12-2-18]



225 West 71st Street.

My dear Mrs. Straight:-

May I beg to
share just a bit in your grief?

At Cornell Azzie bid me be a
ATA. I told him that if all the
Brothers were like him — I would
gladly — but I did not accept.

In the "First and Only Original
Nightshirt Parade" I marched
directly behind his leadership.

Through the years that have
followed every once in awhile
I have caught glimpses of his

progress and have wished him
well as the prominent
contemporary Cornellian of my
years there.

(And now he is gone.)

I shall miss him as though
he were one of mine own
even though I have not seen
him since his graduation.

Please accept my Sympathy.

Sincerely,

Lawrence S. Haskin $\Sigma\phi$
Cornell 1902

Dec. 3, 1902

Saint Marks Lane 515 Wood Ave.
Islip, Long Island

My dearest Dorothy - No words
will begin to tell you how
very deeply I feel for you - It
does seem as if it was too
hard to bear - Willard was such
a wonderful person and so
much needed in this world
it seems too frightful - Always
the best are taken - It seems to
me - My heart is so full I
can not begin to express

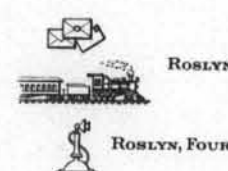
all I feel but I just had to
write and tell you that you
are continually in my thoughts
and my heart is so sad
for you - My dearest little friend
you mean so much to me
I just feel, and feel, and
feel for you

devotedly
181110

[Hollister]

terrible, for of all the world
you had before you the
brilliant future that every one
counts, & were a real inspiration
to others as well as to each
other.

Willard's career was so
remarkable, & though it all
he bore himself so gallantly,
that one felt it could only
culminate in some big act



Tuesday

[Dec. 3, 1918]

CAREY FARM

Dearest Dorothy,

I am so, so sorry
for you, that I can think of
nothing else, & all my sympathy
goes out to you. That
you two should have been
chosen the victims of this
horrible war seems unjust &

of sacrifice: but all this makes
it only harder for you & I can
only hope that in remembering
his courage, you may find the
strength to submit & take up
again the life you have already
made so helpful to those around
you.

He has left you, "trailing
with him clouds of glory", &
one can but wonder why it
had to be.

My heart aches for you,
dear Dorothy, & I wish that I
were nearer to you, so that I
might be of some use now.

Ever most affectionately,
Helen.

U. S. Embassy - Paris

[12-9-18]

78, RUE DE L'UNIVERSITÉ
TÉL. FLEURUS 15-58

My dear Dorothy,

We are thinking of you
all the while and have been ever
since the beginning of the serious
sickness that ended fatally for
your dear husband. The service
took place today in the American
Church & tho' the day was miserable
& raining, all his friends were
there who were near enough to
attend. I never saw such beautiful
flowers at any funeral in my
life & the sorrow that was depicted
in every face, showed how much
he was loved by every one present.
All through the beautiful service
I was constantly thinking of

You, so far away - but it would
 be a distinct comfort to you if
 you could realize what care he
 had from the very beginning & just
 here, too much cannot be said of
 all Dixie Harrison did - she
 never left the hotel and was on
 duty, right there, day & night. If
 Dixie never does another kind
 thing as long as she lives, her care
 of your husband should never be
 forgotten. Outside of the way we
 felt for him personally, his loss to
 the American Mission & to our House
 especially is very, very great.
 May God give you the strength to
 stand your great sorrow and
 with all our best wishes & love,
 I am, sincerely,
 Mable House.

WAR DEPARTMENT
 OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
 WASHINGTON

3rd December 1918.

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

My dear Mrs. Straight:

I have learned with sorrow of the death of Major Straight.

I was not entirely unprepared for it, as Mr. Howell of the State Department had kept me informed of the situation.

I feel deeply for all those who have lost a loved one in the war, and especially for those whose loss has come since the armistice was signed. They came so near to the happiness of reunion, and yet had to have it snatched away from them at the last moment.

Certainly no one can deny that America has given of her best - the very best she had, such as Major Straight and Major Mitchel - and that is part of her glory. It is indeed to your glory too, and I know you will carry it as nobly as you carry the sorrow.

In genuine sympathy, I am

Yours sincerely,

Captain Stanley H. Howe,
 1711 H Street, N. W.

Stanley H. Howe

[12-3-18]

14 WALL STREET,
NEW YORK

Dear Dorothy;

What I want so much
to say to you. I simply can't
express.

All the sorrow and
sympathy that a friend can
give is yours, and I only wish
it were in my power to lift

from you the least fraction
of your burden;

On all sides I hear,
not only from those who knew
Willard well, but also from
those who knew him only by
his splendid record and achievement,
the most sincere sorrow and
regret. It is really wonderful
and in it you must take a
sorrowful pride.

To those who really

knew Willard well and loved him
and also love you, his death is a
great grief and among those you must
know is your friend

Hermann Hinemann

Tuesday

Reville, North of London France
December 3, 1918

Dear Mrs. Straight:

May I offer to you my
deep sympathy for your
great loss?

Very sincerely,

Edm. Hinemann

Commanding 158th Infantry Brigade.

106 SCOTLAND ROAD
SOUTH ORANGE, N. J.

The members of the Junior League
of the Oranges desire to extend
to Mrs. Willard S. Straight
their deep and sincere sym-
pathy in the loss which
she has suffered.

(Mrs. W. M.) Barbara B. Lockman
Cor. Sec.

December 3rd 1918

H. Q. 1st Army, American E. F.
Air Service.
December 3rd, 1918.

My dear Fiedler:

I cannot tell you how terribly shocked and grieved I was when I received the Paris papers this morning and read of the death of our beloved chief. It seems impossible that such a thing could be and it is hard to realize that it is true. If there is a God in Heaven, surely his ways are dark and hard to understand. I shall always picture him in my mind as the embodiment of health and strength and the ideal of honour and unselfishness; altogether a blessing to mankind.

The last time I saw him was up at Souilly at 1st Army Headquarters and he spoke to me about what we would do after the war was over and we were able to return to New York and get to work. Everybody he knew loved and admired him. General Mitchell tried his best to get him transferred to aviation to act as Chief of Staff, but they would not let him go.

I wish I was in New York now to help you Fiedler, but here I am stuck at an Army Headquarters with practically nothing to do now that the war is over and I was not even able to do anything for him when he was so ill. It is that which makes me feel worse than anything else. I can only curse this damnable war which taken away from the world one of the finest men who ever lived.

It is possible that I shall be home soon and shall be glad to see you, my dear Fiedler. Take care of yourself. I hate to think how broken-hearted Mrs. Straight must be.

With lots of love, believe me,

Yours ever sincerely,

R.G. Kincaid

R.G. Kincaid,
Captain, Air Service.
Headquarters 1st Army,
American, E. F.

110, West Montgomery Ave.
Ardmore Pa.

My dear Dorothy.
You surely know how my
heart aches for you, in
this great snow which
has come to you.
I have always kept the
letter you wrote to me
after you and Willard
became engaged - you

joy was so great, it was
a pleasure to read it.

Beside you and the children
great love - which I can
understand so well too.

I can not help expecting

of how I am going to

miss one of the sweetest

and best friends I

ever had.

With my love, and

truer feelings of sympathy

Ever faithfully yours

Anna P. L. Kellogg.

December third - 1918.

Tuesday Dec 3^d

WAR DEPARTMENT
BUREAU OF AIRCRAFT PRODUCTION
WASHINGTON

Dear Dorothy:-

I was tremendously
shocked to hear about Willard.
I sent you a telegram yesterday
but as I have thought of you
so much during the last
two days wanted you to know
how very sincerely & deeply
I sympathize with you
now. The loss is not only
for you but everyone who
knew Willard. I know of no
one who seemed to be
on the road toward a more

eminent & successful career
It always seemed to me that
in all his activities, was the
underlying motive to help not
only himself, but in some way
his fellow men. He was an
eminent citizen and would
have been more so as time
went on. With renewed
sympathy I am

Very Sincerely
Morris W. Kellogg

163 East 65th St.

Dear Mrs. Straight.

I just want to
tell you how very very
sorry I am, and to
send you my deepest
sympathies.

Very sincerely yours,
Thames Irving King
December 3rd.

903 Park Avenue,
December 3rd



My dear Mrs. Straight:

As a member of the
Junior League I want to express
to you my deepest and sincerest
sympathy for your great sorrow
and to let you know that I
am thinking of you.

Very sincerely,

Katharine Knepp.

SUNSHINE HOUSE
NEW CANAAN, CONN.

December 3rd

My dear Mrs. Straight, -

I must - tell you how sorry I
am for your grief - I am saddened
inexpressibly by Willard's going so
too soon from a brilliant career.

I am glad that there are three
dear children. I wish - oh how I
wish that there were anything
really helpful that I might do
to cheer you.

Will you let me thank you for
your kindness to me and my charity?

The help that we can give to others
now is really the only balance that
eases our own. And it does help.

I hope to talk with you some day.
I must always be fondly interested
in your happiness and that of the
children.

Accept my loving sympathy
I beg of you and let me help
in any way that I ever can at
any time.

Sincerely
Mary Perry King.

DEC. 3, 1918
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My dear Mrs. Straight
Please allow me to
express my sorrow for your
great loss. You have
been prayerfully in my
thoughts since Thursday
when I first learned of
your husband's illness, and
now I shall continue to beg
that you may be given
the necessary strength and

courage to face this longer
separation as bravely and
nobly as you have borne
it during the past year.

With sincere and loving
sympathy for yourself and
the children.

Helena Kneip.

2 W 45 Sh.

My dear Mrs. Straight:

I beg you will
accept my very sincere
& profound sympathy
in the great sorrow that
has come to you.

With kindest wishes

Very sincerely yours
Fred D. Lacy

Dec 3.

23 WALL STREET

Dear Mrs. Straight.

I hardly have time
to tell you how my thoughts
were with you during
the dark days of last
week; and now that
the blow has fallen
I cannot find words
to express my sorrow
and sympathy. It
seems an intrusion
to try to say anything
to you at this time,
but I must tell
you again how much

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I admired & loved
Willard. From the first
moment that I met
him I was drawn to
him and I always
felt particularly close
and sympathetic to
him. I shan't talk
now of his abilities
and achievements,
distinguished as
they were; but I am
thinking now of that
keen, eager personality
of his that led him

to take such a vital
and intelligent interest
in the affairs of the
great world and in
every movement that
was designed to help
his fellows. And I
want you to know that
I am offering you
my sympathy and
of a heart very full
of thoughts of willow
and of grief over
his untimely end.
Martin L. G. L.

just cabled me: "Please
send Dorothy a message
of love and sympathy
from Eleanor & me."

Command me if
I can serve you in
any way, dear Mrs.
Straight.

Most sincerely yours
Thomas W. Lament

Dec 3.

999 Park Ave

[12-3-18 PM]

Chère Mrs Straight
Une pensée me vous vient
pas depuis que j'ai appris
l'affreux malheur qui
vous frappe. Je ne trouve
pas de mots pour vous
exprimer ma pitié, de
tout mon cœur je vous
 plains.

Vous avez vécu des mois

si angoissants et alors que
vous saviez votre mari
maintenant à l'abri,
le voilà frappé par la
maladie, c'est encore
plus cruel pour vous.
Je vous aime beaucoup
Mrs Straight et la mort
vous fait un réel chagrin.
Je n'oublierai jamais
combien j'avais été
triste de la visite qu'il

avait fait à François
à Paris il y a 2 ans
pour me rapporter des
nouvelles —

Croyez Chère Annie à
une bien sincère affection

P Bloch-Laine

St. Aignan
Dec 3-18 France
A.P.O. 727

My dear Mrs. Straight:—

I was greatly
shocked to day to
see the notice of
your husband's passing
away in Paris. —

I wrote him only
a few days ago
congratulating him
on his military suc-
cess. It could not
have reached him.
My heart aches for
you in your terrible
loss as I have known
him from his boy-
hood — his school boy
days at B.M.I.

Words fail at such
a time but I hope
I do not intrude
to say that I am
one of many who
admired W.D. Straight
with affectionate regard
I sympathize deeply
with you.

Yours sincerely
J.D. Laudon

O.K. W.
J.D. Laudon
Col. Inf.

(at home at
Bordentown Military Institute.)

As a boy he was always
on the right side of
things - He was one
of the "big four" boys
who ran the school
life and we older
heads felt that we
could depend on
the manliness and
integrity of those boys
and their undertakings.
He was a rarely fine
boy he has been
a rarely fine man.
His loss will be really
felt by all who knew
him and not limited
to them alone but
he will be missed
by his state and
the country at large.

HARVARD UNIVERSITY
CAMBRIDGE

Dec 2, 1918.

My dear Mrs Shught,

I wish I knew even in a perfunctory fashion to tell you how this has hurt me. Willard seemed to me one of half a dozen men of distinction in America who really found himself in the sheer joy of service. I shall always remember a dinner at Herbert's nearly two years ago where he helped me to defend England and to emphasize her community of ideals with America. He had so generous a capacity for fellowships, such quick power of sympathy, such vivid energy in all he did, that it seems impossible to believe that we must regard it as now only a stimulus to our own exertions. But you will be pained to think that he died as he lived - in the eager effort to make this a happier world.

Yours ever sincerely,
Harold J. Lasker

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My dear Dorothy,

Of course there are thousands of women that would be very glad to exchange a living husband for a memory such as is yours. That is not very much consolation but you know and I know, because Willard has told me so, that you have made Willard's life a very happy one. He was one of the few men I have known for whom I have felt a very deep affection and I feel the need of courage to go on, a war bit as you must

feel it.

I am sorry. I am vaguely
feeling around for something
to say to you that will help
and I know that nothing
I can say will be any good.
That is what makes me feel
so badly. I want to do
something for him and
I know that his first
thought would be for you -
so mine is for you.

Please let me come to
see you some time and
tell me if there is
any service I can do I
want so much to do it.

Yours. Benson Little

23. Dunconald Road,
Glasgow. W.
3rd December, 1918.

Dear Mr. Straight,

This note takes
with it a short message of
very heartfelt sympathy
for you and those dear
Chicks in this great sorrow
that has come to you.

Words seem so inadequate
at such a time, but I should
like you to know how very
deeply I feel for you all.

Mr. Straight was such a
fine man, and it has
been a privilege to me to
have known him, and had

a small share in helping
to bring up his children.
They have a wonderful
example always before
them, and I know will
grow up to be worthy of
their Father.

Believe me to be.

Always sincerely yours,

Brenda McPinlay.

Mrs. W. W. Straight,
1130 Fifth Ave., N.Y.

Dear Mrs. Straight,

Please allow me in
my humble way to
extend to you my
heartfelt sympathy
in the loss of your

Husband, Major Straight.
A gentleman whom the
citizens of this village
have looked up to, and
whose loss we deeply
deplore.

Very truly Yours,

John A. McKenna.

Watbury, N. Y.

Dec. 3, 1918.

New York, December Third

125 EAST SEVENTY-SECOND STREET

Dear Mrs. Straight:

The blow has fallen, and another splendid
American life has been laid down for the
honor of America, and the freedom of
unquiescent peoples.

In your unparelleled loss, your
friends share genuinely in your sorrow;
for all who had come in contact with
Major Straight's vivid and sunny personality,
bear a singular sense of deprivation: and

as a noble American who has made the
supreme sacrifice, the Nation mourns his falling,
in the hour of victory.

To you who bear the pain, there will come
also the pride and thrill that he fell with the
colors, giving his all, freely, for his country and
the cause of the crushed and the helpless.

This great accompaniment to your grief
will be a priceless heritage to your little
children; for every description of their father's
life and death will be but one more page
of his usefulness and honor.

Even these things, priceless though they
be to the stricken wife and little ones, cannot
assuage the suffering that has come and
must be borne; but He who has given us
the victory will also give comfort that is equal
to the human need. Those who have given
so greatly to this just cause, His cause, can
find in Him alone, strength upon strength,
and compassion that has no end.

General McRoberts is still in France,
according to latest messages, and he will
be one who will seek to pay all honor to his
erstwhile friend, whom he will always hold
in terms of sincerest admiration.

Yours in faithful remembrance,

Harriet Skinner McRoberts

(Mrs. Samuel McRoberts)

981 PARK AVENUE

Dec. 3, 1918.

My Dear Mrs. Straight:

Please accept
my deepest and most heartfelt
sympathy in your great bereavement.
I would give much if there was something
I could do to help your wound.

The sympathetic thoughts of all the
office goes out to you.

Sincerely

Marion Mellen



HÔTEL DE CRILLON
PARIS

PLACE DE LA CONCORDE

Tuesday, December 3, 1918.

Dear Herbert:

Messages from friends of
Willard, and perhaps the friends
themselves, will have reached you
before this letter of mine. But
the end of our march to-day
seems so completely what Mrs.
Straight might have wanted it
to be, that I shall write it
for you again. It is simply
the picture of that place she
wanted Willard to rest; "with
the American soldiers he loved
so well", her cable said.

We had driven through the
Bos de Boulogne, and then
crossed the Seine and mounted
a hill above the river. It was
a low hill - and beneath
the edge of its crest there lay

a yard of white crosses. They
looked down, not upon a place
of complete stillness, but - as
Willard would have wanted
them to look - upon busy
village streets of children
and men and women. The
yard itself was still - but
always, I think, there is
the hum of people at work
and play to come up from
the valley and keep the
hill from growing lonely.

You could see, too,
that the hill had its
visits from the people
themselves, as well as
from their voices. For at
each white cross there
was a scattered bunch
of flowers - flowers too
differently chosen to
come anywhere but
straight from the hands

of the village people. There was a French flag, too, at each cross. The red and blue had faded almost into white. But the flowers, even on this December day, were fresh and ^{with} stiff backs, because they were newly picked. In fact, as we waited in the yard there waited with us — flowers in their hands, and heads bared — an old Frenchman and his wife.

All morning it had rained — a steady sort of rain. But at the very end there came a thing quite wonderful. As the bugler took his place at Willard's head, and the

flag that sheltered him was lifted, through the clouds there burst the most friendly and glorious sunshine I have seen. It lasted only a moment. It was lost, again, as the last note of the tape was sounded. But while the yard rang with the bugle's call, and you felt that the men beneath the white crosses were listening — it lasted. Then the slow rain came — and we left him — not alone, but in the care of the green hill, the old French people, and the hum of voices from the village just below.

Faithfully yours,
Charles Merg.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
DIVISION OF NEAR EASTERN AFFAIRS
(RUSSIA)

*My dear Mr. Lindley
You are the
telegram for
Dorothy*

Paul W.B.

12/3

*PS Do give Dorothy
my love - Jim
must be a great
comfort to her.*

[enc] 12-3-18]

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PLAIN

Paris.

Dated December 2nd, 1918.

Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

6100 Second.

"Number 220 for Polk for Mrs. Willard Straight. Your cable received. Willard will be buried at Surnes, the American military cemetery near Paris. Cheney and I are going this afternoon to pick out the spot we think Willard and you would like best. I have put lilacs and roses next to Willard all for you. here except Logan, who is in Germany and General Wright, who is away will be with him Tuesday. Have delivered your messages to Nurses, Miss Stacey, Miss Lewis, and Miss Parker, as well as to Doctors, Thayer, Taylor, Mc Lean, Morris, and Richard Strong. Also the friends who helped. The little I have been able to do for you both has been the greatest privilege of my life. Daisy Harriman House.

Sharp.

[encl. 12-3-18]

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PLAIN

Paris

Dated December 2, 1918.

Secretary of State,
Washington.

6096, Second.

"Number 219. For Polk for Mrs. Straight. Bishop Brent will conduct services at American Church at eleven Tuesday morning. Have you any suggestions(*)^{to}/music. Signed Dasy Harriman. Edward House."

SHARP.

FMM

(*) Apparent omission.

[encl. 12-3-18]

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RED.

Yokohama,

Dated December 2, 1918.

Secretary of State,
Washington D.C.

December 2,nd 2 pm. In reply to December 11a.m to Mrs Willard Straight from Robert Patchin: "I am heartbroken and cannot express my sorrow and sympathy. Throughout the east the news has caused great sorrow".

SCIDMORE.

HG

C. E. MITCHELL
55 WALL STREET
NEW YORK

December 3, 1918.

My dear Mrs. Straight,

I cannot tell you the sorrow I feel in the news of Willard's death. While associated with him our paths never crossed as often as I wished, and it has been my hope, through these many months of his absence, that upon his return we could get together and find much in common.

He was a man whose brilliance I admired and whose friendship I cherished. My sorrow is deep and my sympathy for you is very real.

Should there be anything that I could do, even though it appear to you small and trivial, will you not give me the opportunity.

Very sincerely yours,

Charles E. Mitchell

Mrs. Willard D. Straight,
1130 Fifth Avenue,
New York, New York.

[12-3-18]

My dear Mrs. Straight-

Please accept my heartfelt sympathy in your great sorrow. May God give you strength to bear it.

It was with deep regret that I read of the death of Major Straight, one of the finest men this world has ever known. The two and

a half year spent in his employ,
are years I shall never forget, and
I shall always remember the dear
Major in my prayers. May he get
the reward he so richly
deserves.

Sincerely,
Frances H. Moore.

Dec. 3, 1918.

COPY

Fulton, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Fiedler:

I read of the death of the dear Major in the Syracuse papers last night and this morning received clippings from the N. Y. papers, sent by His Reverence. Are there any words of comfort one can offer at a time like this? Knowing your feelings toward him, words seem so futile. Dear God, why must a man as good and fine as the Major be taken and others, whom the world could well afford to lose, be left. I suppose it isn't right to voice such thoughts, but it certainly doesn't seem as though there is any fairness or justice in this life. To think that he should have gone "over the top" and escaped unharmed and then be taken by that terrible plague of mankind, pneumonia.

I can appreciate what a terrible blow it is not to have seen him again, but thank God, Rennick and Kincaid were in Paris, and that he at least had two of his beloved men near him.

I've written a little note to Mrs. Straight and hope that you will forward it as I don't know whether she's in the city or country. Possibly this was presuming, but I don't think so, as I positively just about worshipped the Major. There never was nor ever will be another like him. God rest his soul.

I didn't mean to make this so long, because I know you are terribly busy.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Frances H. Moore

December 3, 1918.

Hymn The Battle Hymn of the Republic.

Supplementary Hymns, No. 511

A Scripture Lesson

And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, These that are arrayed in white robes, who are they, and whence came they? And I say unto him, My lord, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they that come out of the great tribulation, and they washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore are they before the throne of God; and they serve Him day and night in His temple: and He that sitteth on the throne shall spread His tabernacle over them. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun strike upon them nor any heat: for the Lamb that is in the midst of the throne shall be their shepherd, and shall guide them unto fountains of waters of life: and God shall wipe away every tear from their eyes.

Revelation, vii.

For I am already being offered, and the time of my departure is come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give to me at that day; and not to me only, but also to all them that have loved His appearing.

ii Timothy, iv.

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or anguish, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? Even as it is written, For Thy sake we are killed all the day long; we were accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans, viii.

Let not your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I come again, and will receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go, ye know the way. Peace I leave with you; My peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be fearful.

John, xiv.

Hymn "Lord, while afar our brothers fight,"

Supplementary Hymns, No. 513

Prayers of Intercession and the Benediction

Hymn The Star Spangled Banner,

Supplementary Hymns, No. 509

Organ Postlude Improvisation on "The Strife is O'er."

[encl. 12-3-18]

The Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

A Memorial Service for Those who have died in the Service of their Country

November Third, 1918
4:30 p. m.

In Memoriam

THEODORE CALDWELL JANEWAY — Major, Medical Corps, Surgeon General's Office — Died December 27th, 1917.

ANNABELLE SCHARFF ROBERTS — Base Hospital No. 1 (Presbyterian Unit) — Died at Etretat, January 17th, 1918.

ALBERT TABB — 4th Reserve Dragoons, British Army — Killed in action, March 1918.

HERMAN SCHLEGEL — 308th Infantry — Died April 16th, 1918.

ALEXANDER BLAIR THAW — 1st Lieutenant, 135th Aero Squadron, Signal Corps — Killed at Champenoise, August 18th, 1918.

JOHN WILKENS — Corporal, 308th Infantry — Killed in action, August 22nd, 1918.

HARRY MAUTNER — 1st Class Seaman, Camp Farragut — Died October 3rd, 1918.

LOUIS R. GRIMKE — 327th Bn. Tank Corps — Died at sea, October 6th, 1918.

EDWARD M. ADEL — Aero Squadron, Signal Corps, Camp Willbur Wright — Died, October 8th, 1918.

HUGH GALT FOTHERINGHAM — Royal Canadian Engineers — Died October 27th, 1918, Brockville, Ont.

Order of Service

Organ Prelude

(a) Largo *Handel*
(b) Funeral March of a Hero *Beethoven*

Hymn

"Ten thousand times ten thousand" No. 198

Minister

For that the leaders took the lead in Israel, for that the people offered themselves willingly.

Congregation

Bless ye the Lord.

Zebulun was a people that jeopardized their lives unto the death, and Naphtali, upon the high places of the field.

O my soul, march on with strength.

The spirit of those that fear the Lord shall live;

For their hope is upon Him that saveth them.

Whoso feareth the Lord shall not be afraid, and shall not play the coward;

For He is his hope.

Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee the crown of life.

Strive for the truth unto death, and the Lord God shall fight for thee.

The eternal God is thy dwelling-place,

And underneath are the everlasting arms.

In Thy presence is fulness of joy,

In Thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

Oh give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good; for His mercy endureth forever.

He hath swallowed up death in victory;

And the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the reproach of His people shall He take away from off all the earth.

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

May their memorial be blessed.

I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth on Me, though he die, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth on Me shall never die.

Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable Gift.

And now bless ye the God of all, which everywhere doeth great things.

Which exalteth our days from the womb, and dealeth with us according to His mercy.

May He grant us joyfulness of heart,

And that peace may be in our days in Israel for the days of eternity.

Choir and Congregation

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
The strife is o'er, the battle done;
The victory of life is won;
The song of triumph is begun.
Alleluia!

Anthem

Schubert.

Rest in peace, O souls immortal,
Who have passed on through death's portal
Out of this world's care and strife,
Into heaven's all-glorious life.
Sleep with God, O faithful-hearted,
Rest in peace, O souls departed.

All earth's strivings now are stilled,
All earth's longings now fulfilled;
In His heaven's prepared place,
Ye who see Him face to face
In the Father's love approved,
Rest in peace, O souls beloved.

A Scripture Lesson

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment shall touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died; and their departure was accounted to be their hurt, and their journeying away from us to be their ruin; but they are in peace. Their hope is full of immortality; and having borne a little chastening, they shall receive great good; because God made trial of them, and found them worthy of Himself. As gold in the furnace He proved them, and as a whole burnt-offering He accepted them. A righteous man, though he die before his time, shall be at rest. (For honorable old age is not that which standeth in length of time, nor is its measure given by number of years: but understanding is gray hairs unto men, and an unspotted life is ripe old age.) Being made perfect in a little while, he fulfilled long years; for his soul was well-pleasing unto the Lord: therefore hastened he out of the midst of wickedness. The ungodly shall see a wise man's end, and shall not understand what the Lord purposed concerning him, and for what He safely kept him.

The Wisdom of Solomon, iii and iv.

O Jerusalem look about thee toward the east, and behold the joy that cometh unto thee from God. Lo, thy sons come, whom thou sentest away, they come gathered together from the east to the west at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing in the glory of God. Put off, O Jerusalem, the garment of thy mourning and affliction, and put on the comeliness of the glory that cometh from God forever. Cast about thee the robe of the righteousness which cometh from God; set a diadem on thy head of the glory of the Everlasting. For God will shew thy brightness unto every region under heaven. For thy name shall be called of God forever THE PEACE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, and THE GLORY OF GODLINESS. Arise, O Jerusalem, and stand upon the height, and look about thee toward the east, and behold thy children gathered from the going down of the sun unto the rising thereof at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God hath remembered them. For they went out from thee on foot, but God bringeth them in unto thee borne on high with glory, as on a royal throne.

Baruch, iv and v.

Hymn "For all Thy saints who from their labors rest." No. 152

The congregation will stand while the names of the dead are read.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Comfort

The Offering

Edward German

Father Omnipotent! protect us, we pray Thee,
Save Thou our native land from those who would betray Thee;
God, keep Thy children free,
No other help have we,
O Great Deliverer, be
Our strength and stay.

Judge Thou our cause, O Lord, in mercy befriend us.
Thou, only Thou art righteous, by Thy grace defend us;
Bind up the hearts that bleed;
Guard us in time of need;
Hear us, we humbly plead!
In Thee we trust.

Send out Thy truth and light, the world round victorious.
Shine through the nation's soul in honour yet more glorious.
Strong with Thy Spirit's might,
Aid us in freedom's fight;
Lord God, defend the Right
For evermore, Amen.



The office staff of
the New Republic wish
to extend to Mr. Straight
their very sincere sympathy.

December Third,
1918.

Adrienne Barry -
Pauline Murrell.
Florence Reton
Mary C. Swayne.
Mary Keardon

Emma Ritter
 Selma Laven
 Yetta Gottlieb
 Bertha Becker
 Beatrice M. Cohen
 Mary Reade
 May L. Van Nostrand
 Alice S. O'Connell
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 Anna Tempest
 M. A. Molchan
 Margaret Barnable
 Helen Binger
 Laura H. True
 Carl Rosenberg
 Helen Morgan
 Alba K. Snyder
 Alice Bossow

Jan 3rd / 18

139 East Thirty ninth Street

Dear Brother
 I am in bed with a light
 attack of influenza, or please excuse
 pencil, but I can't let the day pass
 without sending you a line to tell you
 that you are not out of my
 thoughts for a moment. My heart goes
 out to you in love & sympathy -
 So many many are sharing your
 grief for you are loved by everyone.
 Your husband's death has cast a

gloom in this City. Men such
as he was are very scarce & he
was so much needed. I will bear
this great sorrow I know in the
same wonderful spirit that I
have always shown in all I
do but Oh! I know how I am
suffering & may God bring
me the comfort which He alone
can give -

Affectionately yours
Emma L. Morgan

120 E. 57th St.

Dec. 3rd 1918.

My dear Mrs. Straight:

Please accept my deepest sympathy in
the great sacrifice you have been given to bear.

I cannot tell you how my heart feels for you in
your terrible grief. all one can do is to pray to God
to give you the strength you will need to bear up under
this irreparable loss.

Yours sincerely,
H. D. Nichols

CORNELL UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
ITHACA, NEW YORK

Dec. 3, 1918.

My Dear Mrs. Straight:

Permit me, please, tho a stranger, to send you this word of sympathy, expressing my appreciation of your husband whose career has been so sadly cut short. I knew him at college: our relations being closest during the time when I was acting as "Artistic Editor" of the Cornell Widow. "Dzzy", as we called him, was one of the most frequent and brilliant of our contributors. I will recall the work of his pen and brush, which you can doubtless also know. On the eve of publication, when material was short, he would always oblige with a few extra sketches, if need be, and they were ever characteristic of his rich sense of humor, and sound good fellowship.

Altho it has not been my good fortune to meet with him during these many intervening years, I have nevertheless watched his brilliant career with the keenest interest and satisfaction. Since my return to my Alma Mater two years since, I have often looked forward to an opportunity when I might revive the pleasant acquaintance of those old golden days.

While it would be impertinent to claim the privilege of an intimate friend in my expression of sorrow to you, and to his children, you will, I am sure, permit this simple token of my personal esteem, and with it the sense of personal loss which all Cornellians must feel in the passing of their most distinguished and loyal members.

Very Sincerely yours

R. M. B. B.

Cornell - 1900.

Dec. 3, 1918

19 EAST SEVENTIETH STREET

Dear Mrs. Straight,
My whole heart goes out to you in sympathy in your great sorrow. If the thoughts and prayers of those to whom you have been and are an inspiration, may bear comfort on their wings,

The Willard Straight Papers at Cornell University

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then truly the "peace
which passeth understanding"
will be yours.

My husband joins
with me in deepest
sympathy. If there
is anything we can
do for you,
please let us know.

Faithfully yours,
Alice V. Morris.

P.S. The enclosed verses, from a
Memorial service that brought comfort
& many, are so beautiful that I cannot
resist the impulse to send them
to you. With them go my deepest
thoughts, which they express so
much better than I can. a.v.m.

38 EAST THIRTY-SIXTH STREET

Dear Mrs. Straight,

I don't know how
to say it but I want to
send you my deepest heartfelt
sympathy. If God should take
my husband away I don't
know what I'd do. I can
only realize a little of what
it must mean. Your little
boys and your little girl
must be a world of comfort

and the thought that your husband gave his life in the service of his country must make your sorrow easier to bear. You are now one of that great company who have given their best during the past four years - and to know that your husband is held in universal high esteem must make you very proud and happy.

The hardest thing of all

must be to try and to leave and not to grieve; and to "carry on" your life work with the same wonderful spirit you have always had - knowing God's promise of eternal life must make all the difference in the world -

Best sincerely

Margaret Osborn -

December 3-2



Tuesday Evening

NINE HUNDRED AND NINETY-THREE
PARK AVENUE

Dear Mrs. Straight

I have been away and have just gotten home. Phil has just left me and told me all about the great sorrow that is yours - I realize only too well that

Words are idle at such a time.
I trust you to know that you have
our love & deepest sympathy.
I am so sorry Ruth is not here for
he may have been able to have
been useful in doing something for
you. If there is any thing I can do
please let me know. Most sincerely yours,
Curtis Edgar Peckham



My dear Mr. Straight -
I cannot tell you - feeling
it was - of my deep sympathy
for you in your hour of grief.
My wife comes - - - - -
from a A many other the war -
by the way that glorified pride
that that that war was to you
was not then - - - - - yet other loss.

is me that may be only a human's
heart can understand -- and it is my
prayer for you -- that Mr. Straight -- as a
distinguished soldier gave his life -- for an
ideal a principle that was bigger than
himself -- & that this knowledge coupled
with the wonderful example he has left behind
him in other men and women may comfort
you a little -- my memory of those
short hours that I worked with you made
up an undying impression -- and so because
I feel so deeply for you --- I have so wanted
to write you of the sympathy you
command of all who have come in
contact with you -- & my m. is my
love and my service.

Sincerely
Wm. Harrison Phillips
(Mrs. W. H. P.)

111 East 57 Street.
November 3 - 1918.

12-3-18
Tuesday
133 EAST FIFTY-FIFTH STREET
New York City
Dear Dorothy
Your letter to little at
a time like this, sent
you are in my thoughts every
moment and I must send you
my love and my deepest sympathy
I must be so selfish

came to know you were
always such a wonderful wife
and made your husband so
perfectly happy and well
such an inspiration in his
life. It is very hard to understand
why two such happy
people should be separated,
and for a person like you to
have to lead this horrible
suffering, is even more diffi-
cult to comprehend. Please

HANOVER BANK BUILDING
5 NASSAU STREET
NEW YORK

My dear Mrs. Straight—

There are
very few men who I have met,
whose attitude toward life appealed
to me more than Willard's. I
have always regretted not knowing
~~more~~ of you ~~more~~. You have ~~not~~
always & at all times done
things that were worth while, &

you must be very proud of
his record. The example you
have ~~not~~ set by your lives
I can assure you is an
inspiration, & help to a great
many people, & I want
to take the liberty of expressing
to you my most sincere
sympathy in your great loss.

Words don't count for
much at such a time but
I just wanted to tell you how

I am so glad to hear of all kind
 work you are doing for the community
 and for the poor. I am sure you are
 doing a great deal of good. I am
 sure you are doing a great deal of
 good. I am sure you are doing a
 great deal of good. I am sure you
 are doing a great deal of good. I
 am sure you are doing a great deal
 of good. I am sure you are doing
 a great deal of good. I am sure
 you are doing a great deal of good.

feeling of great satisfaction, & gladness for
 yourself, & Willard, for all you have
 done for others. I wish I could express
 myself better, & I hope you won't mind
 my writing in this way, but it does
 seem so hard to me that this great
 sorrow should come to you.

With renewed sympathy I remain
 Sincerely yours
 Eliphalet Peter

Dec 3d

[Eliphalet Peter]



23 EAST SIXTY-NINTH STREET

My dear Doris,
 I just know that
 there is nothing I can say
 that can possibly help
 in your great sorrow. Still,
 I want you to know
 that we have my love,
 thoughts, smiles and
 heartfelt sympathy.

Affectionately yours
 Kate Hanson Kentis.

December 3rd

whatever to you regarding
your affairs of business,
or any other matter in which
you might think I could
help.

Very sincerely yours
Thos. J. Regan
[Thos. J. Regan]

Mrs. Dorothy Straight
1130 - Fifth Ave. N.Y.

120 BROADWAY

N.Y. Dec 3, 1918

Dear Mrs. Straight:

My very
deepest sympathy goes out
to you in your bereave-
ment. The suddenness
of the visitation was
shocking to us all.

Please do not fail
to call upon me if
in this dire emergency
I can be of any assistance

29 West 82 St. New York City

My dear Mrs. Straight,
Altho I have never had the pleasure
of meeting you, may I not extend to you
my deepest sympathy for your very great
loss. Major Straight & my husband,
Major Rider, crossed to France together
last December on the same mission.
Major Rider (then Captain) mentioned
Major Straight so frequently in his letters
to me that I felt as if I almost knew him.

Expressions such as "Major Straight grows more likeable every day. He makes us all anxious to please" or "Major Straight is leaving us." The War Risk Bureau will not be the same without him. We were all greatly affected when he bade us goodbye at a dinner he gave us. "Come to my mind. I must thrill you with pride to know he was a man beloved of his men." In his Country's service, he has now been promoted to higher rank & a greater achievement than he has attained before - glorious the his brief career here on earth was. I hope this knowledge will comfort you in your great grief.

Dec. 3, 1918.

Sincerely yours
Bertha T. Rider
(Mrs. James H.)

Telephone Plaza 7438

115 East Sixty-second Street

December 3, 1918

My Dear Mrs. Straight

It is with the deepest sorrow that I write to express to you on behalf of my wife and myself our heart-felt sympathy in your sudden bereavement.

To those who have the privilege of knowing your husband in his many-sided activities has come not only the feeling of keen personal loss, but also a greater appreciation of his great worth to our country and the devotion he gave to it.

Sincerely yours

Felix T. Rosen

days together. that are a
precious heritage -

With love for you and
your children.

Sincerely

Marian J. Scott

December third.

36 WASHINGTON AVENUE
GREENWICH, CONNECTICUT

Dear Mrs. Straight -

You have my heart -
felt sympathy in your great
sorrow.

Willard was very dear to
me and I have so rejoiced
in his brave spirit and
his high devotion to duty.
You have had wonderful

1058, FIFTH AVENUE

My dear Mrs. Straight,
I am writing these few lines to
tell you how very sorry we feel
of the sad loss which has come
so suddenly to you & yours. -
We have our heartfelt sympathy in
your great bereavement. Lovingly Yours
James Speyer
[Speyer]

December 3^d 1916.

[12-3-16]

VS
My dear Mrs. Straight
It was with the

deepest sorrow that I
heard of your great
and terrible loss.

In taking your husband
and mine, God has certainly
called two great noblemen.
They meant so much to
our nation here - and I'm
sure will live here.
In the meantime the void

her is terrible.

Do accept my deep
and understanding sympathy
Believe me, Sincerely
Vernon-Marguerite Magoffin-Straight

563 Park Avenue,

December 3rd.

HEADQUARTERS EASTERN DEPARTMENT
GOVERNORS ISLAND, N. Y.

December 3, 1918.

Dear Mrs. Straight.

While I was in a
measure prepared for the
news of your husband's
death by the notices of
his illness in the papers,
it yet came as a great
shock to me.

I had never met
him until he reported
here for duty last year
on his appointment as
Adjutant General, but we
soon became great friends
and I became very fond
of him, a feeling that I
know he reciprocated.

we could meet again and
renew old associations, for
my association with him
was one of the pleasantest
of my life. I have rarely
met a man to whom
I was, from the very
first, so closely drawn.

With the deepest
sympathy,

Very sincerely yours,
H. A. Simpson,

After he left here I fol-
lowed his career with the
greatest interest, knowing
that with all his splen-
did qualities, he would
make his mark in the
army as he had in civil
life, and I had a feeling
of pride in him and
in what he might do,
as he was my warm
friend and had started
his military life here
with me.

I had looked forward
with the greatest pleasure
to the time when he should
return to New York and

TELEPHONE
46 OYSTER BAY.

1918
TOWNSEND PLACE,
OYSTER BAY,
LONG ISLAND.

My very deepest sympathy
and affection —

Alice Greenough Townsend,

November 3.

Tuesday, Dec. 3rd -

1021 Park Avenue

My dear Mr. Wright -
I have felt -
very close to you in
the great bereavement
which has come to you as
I knew that my
husband has had
the privilege of being
near Mr. Wright during
his illness & at the
end - I feel sure
that Mr. Hutton was

more than I can be able to
do to all you & give you any comfort
there is in his power. Please
accept my deepest & kindest sympathy
with truly
Faithfully
John C. Stettin

As tender & gentle as a
woman & tried to help
him in every way in
his power. His loving
and admiring young
sister-in-law -
- So dear my Soldier
son who never makes
him at-head quarters
for a short time -
I am hoping Mr. Stettin
will be home soon &
if you would take
any comfort in seeing
him you know how

907 FIFTH AVENUE

My dear Mrs Straight:

My sympathy goes out to you in your great bereavement to know Willard was to love him his heart and hand were extended to everyone with whom he came in contact.

His friends throughout the world are legion.

Even those that did not know him loved him for the kindness that he radiated wherever he went.

His is a great loss to his friends and
to all mankind.

I beg of you to let me know if I
can be of any service and I will
come to you at once.

Mrs Stone asks me to send her love
and sympathy.

Yours sincerely,

Charles A. Stone

December 3 1918



December 3

Dear Dorothy. I am so grieved
to see that Willard could
not withstand that
fearful disease. My
heart aches for you. As
there is nothing so hard
to bear as the separation

from the constant
affectionate companionship
of a devoted husband.
He gave his life for
his country and no
sacrifice can be higher.
I send you dear Dorothy
much love and deepest
sympathy. And of at any

time I can do anything for you
the case as the do is least give
the the greatest happiness.
affectionately
Dear the

BROOKDALE FARM
RED BANK, N. J.
TELEPHONE RED BANK 165

Monday, Dec. 3rd

Dear Dorothy.

I can't possibly tell
you how sorry I am.
I only wish there were
some definite way to show
it. I only know what I
have seen in the papers
or heard through Margaret
from Nathalie Swan.
I don't even know if you

have had Beatrice.

But then you very dear
give you some sort
of comfort & help - Willard
must have had a real
joy in doing such fine
work & having carried
his part so bravely and
efficiently in this war -

Always affectionately

Geraldine L. Thompson

[12-3-18]

Tuesday.

1839 MADISON ROAD
EAST WALNUT HILLS
CINCINNATI, OHIO

Dear Dorothy-

The enclosed poem by
Robert Uichob - expresses
so perfectly what many
of us feel - that I thought
it might help a little.

ET. [Tweed]

[12-3-18]

Tweed

Our Dead.

They have not gone from us. O no! they are
The inmost essence of each thing that is
Perfect for us; they flame in every star;
The trees are emerald with their presences.
They are not gone from us; they do not roam
The flaw and turmoil of the lower deep,
But have now made the whole wide world their home,
And in its loveliness themselves they steep.

They fall not ever; theirs is the diurn
Splendour of sunny hill and forest grave;
In every rainbow's glittering drop they burn;
They dazzle in the massed clouds architrave;
They chant on every wind, and they return
In the long roll of any deep blue wave.



The Vigilantes

FOUR EAST SEVENTY-THIRD STREET

[12-3-18]

My dear Mrs. Straight -
 Please permit me to express
 the deep regret
 which I feel for your loss.
 Your past presence
 and advice will
 be missed by all
 who loved you.

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505 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK CITY

Dec. 3, 1918

My dear Mrs. Straight:

In the name of the Executive Committee, and also the membership of the Vigilantes, I wish to express to you our deep regret at the untimely death of your husband and our sincere sympathy for your personal loss.

Mr. Straight proved himself a valuable friend and guide in the early days of this organization and we all learned to appreciate his great sagacity and splendid idealism. We shall always hold in grateful remembrance his wise counsel and material aid.

With profound respect,
 Sincerely yours,

Charles J. Rosebault

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Dec 3rd 1918.

Dear Dorothy,
My heart aches
so for you, there
is nothing I
can write you -
If love and
most tender sym-
pathy can help
you at all just
now, you have
all mine, from
an overflowing heart.
Very affectionately yours,
Lila Webb.

JOHN WALTERS
30 EAST FORTY-SECOND STREET
NEW YORK

TELEPHONES
MURRAY HILL 4370
MURRAY HILL 4371

December 3, 1918

Dear Mrs. Straight:

Permit me to
express my deepest sympathy at the
demise of your dearly beloved
husband.

Very sincerely
John Walters.

would be of some comfort
to you. All I can do is to
send you my deepest
sympathy. You are so
wonderful I know you
will find the courage
and strength to go on,
and I hope that the
realization of the love
and admiration and
sympathy of all the people
who have ever come in

66 EAST SEVENTY-NINTH STREET
NEW YORK CITY

Dec. 3, 1918.

Dear Dorothy,

If you only knew ~~half~~
of the things that I have
thought and felt for
you in these past few
days and how I have
longed to be able to say
or do something which

contact with you will help you.
You are a wonderful light for ~~us~~ us
all to follow and live up to,
and we all share most profoundly
in your sorrow.

With my sincerest and most
heartfelt sympathy and love,
Always affectionately,
Eileen Webb.

March 3rd

Dear -

There is nothing we can say -

But I feel I can somehow understand you

and want to feel you too.

It is so hard all words -

Just a fortnight ago, President

Wheeler of California, I was lucky to have

understood to me - of all to have

done in America - in the Far East

as well as her - of your great happiness

together -

I am just asking for you - /

my dear Peter - may have been with him -

All, all my love -

May [Wheelock]

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Washington D.C.

March 31, 1918.

Dear Mrs. Straight, My recent return to Washington was much saddened by the news of Major Straight's death. May I tell you my deep sympathy for you and your children. It seems so terrible to lose such a man. You must, in spite of your loss, be proud of his record and of his sacrifice for our country. It is a wonderful heritage to leave to your children. I hope it will help to comfort you -

[12-3-18]

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UNITED STATES FOOD ADMINISTRATION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO

You will permit me I am
sure, to tell you that I have
been proud of you and your
spirit in the national work
that you have so well done.

I consider it one of my
privileges to have met a number
of the finest women in America
in this food conservation work,
you stand high on our list.

Faithfully yours

Rayburn Wilbur.

Washington

Food Administration

[12-3-18]

EAST WOODS

WOODBURY

LONG ISLAND

Dear Mr. Straight.

I must send
you a word to tell you
how much I feel for
you in your overwhelming
grief - if there was

only something one
could do to help.

With love.

aff^{ly} & yrs.

Alice Hawthorn.

Tuesday.

Decr 3. 1918

Thirty East Seventieth Street

My dear Mrs Straight

I cannot begin to tell you how greatly
I feel the loss the entire community has
sustained in the death of your husband. Du-
ring the last two years of poor John Mitchell's
administration, I was thrown a good deal with

your husband and in that way I came to know
his sterling qualities, his high sense of civic duty,
his versatile accomplishments and his winning
personality. He was an asset to the State, one
it can ill afford to lose. But his higher career,
brief as it was, will be an inspiration for many
years to those who come within its influence -
Very Sincerely yours
Geo W. Wickham

9 EAST EIGHTY-SIXTH STREET

Dec. 3./18

Please accept deepest +
affectionate sympathy from
your friend -
William Woodward.