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Knights of Columbus
War Activities

From
Wm. E. Franklin
Sgt. 3rd Cav.
24 Jul 9-AM 1919
Fort Myer Va.

To
Mrs. J.W. Stabler
#46 Hancock St.
Oak Harbor
Wash.
Dear Mrs. Stanley,

I received your letter a few days ago and I was certainly glad to hear from you. I was not able to answer your right away on account of we being on duty for the last few days. We had some excitement over here for the last few nights. The negroes in Washington, D.C. started a riot against the whites and 250 of us were summoned to the city to suppress the riot. When I believe there was some excitement shots were fired right and left. The result was that a quite a few negroes were killed and a few whites wounded. We going out again tonight to patrol the streets of Washington, D.C. and took out more fire from the south west.
self, and I never liked a negro anyway, and if they start anything tonight I am going to dispose all my ammunition of the negroes, and I will be very careful not to waste any bullets for nothing. I kindly believe that after the reception we are going give the negroes tonight that they will never start any riots in the future against the whites. Outside of the excitement it is very pretty over here. It has been raining pretty heavy for the last 6 days and there is absolutely no place to go. I hope my time is up and I would go back to Texas where I could have a real time on my farm there is plenty of hunting and fishing around.
my plans cannot close for this time
Respectfully yours

[Signature]

[Handwritten note: '8']
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
WAR ACTIVITIES

FROM Pvt. Mack E. Franklin
Troop “K” 3rd Cav.
Fort Myer Va

Mrs. L. W. Stanley
# 46 Hancock St. Bar Harbor
Me.
Dear Mrs Stanley!

I received your letter a few days ago, and I was certainly glad to hear from you, I wasn’t able to answer you right away on account of me being on duty for the last few days. We had some excitement over here for the last few nights, the negroes in Washington D.C. started a riot against the whites, and 250 of us were summoned to the city to suppress the riot and believe me there was some excitement shots were fired right and left, the results were that a quite a few negroes were killed and a few whites wounded, we going out again tonight to patrol the streets of Washington D.C. and look out negroes I am from the south my –
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my farm.

I must close for this time

Respectfully yours

Mack E. Franklin