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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
WAR ACTIVITIES

FROM

*H. M. E. Franklin*  
*Troop No. 3rd Cav.*  
*Fort Meyer Va.*



*Mrs. L. W. Stauber*  
*#46 Hancock St.*  
*Old Harbor Me.*



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

## WAR ACTIVITIES



Post  
CAMP Myer Co.

July 22 1919

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 <sup>the</sup> streets of Washington D. C. and look out negroes I am from the South myself.





# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

## WAR ACTIVITIES



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it has been raining pretty  
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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





KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
WAR ACTIVITIES



CAMP.....

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my friend.

I cannot close for this time

Respectively yours

Wack E. Franklin

[PRIVATE MACK E. FRANKLIN LETTER]

[Page 1 – Envelope]

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

WAR ACTIVITIES

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Troop “K” 3<sup>rd</sup> Cav.  
Fort Myer Va

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24 JUL/9-AM/1919]]

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2 cents post-stamp  
with left facing  
George Washington]]

Mrs. L. W. Stanley

# 46 Hancock St. [[?]]

Bar Harbor

Me.

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Flying US flag;

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Mack E. Franklin