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*25 Beacon Street
Boston, Mass.*

November 3, 1917.

My dear Davis:

I am glad to get your note of the 1st and to know that you will report at Camp Devens on Monday. This is just to say that you had better find Peck at the Y. M. C. A. Headquarters. He can give you useful introductions; also you will do well to communicate as soon as possible with Crandall, our minister at Ayer.

You will find the card catalogue of the Unitarians in the Camp at Mr. Hubbard's office in the Parish house of the Episcopal Church near the Station at Ayer.

Good luck to you!

Faithfully yours,

Samuel A. Eliot

Rev. Earl C. Davis.

SAE/CG

Perhaps you can find a good place for Miss Boyce's books in one of the Camp Libraries or at the Christian Federation Hub in Ayer - better go in there & see if you can help Mr Wardle.

AMERICAN UNITARIAN ASSOCIATION

*25 Beacon Street
Boston, Mass.*

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

November 15, 1917.

Dear Davis:

This is just to say that Forbes will preach for you at Pittsfield next Sunday. I have notified Mrs. Witman.

I hope you have discovered your fellow-Unitarian, Albert Levitt, who is chaplain of the 302d Artillery N. A. He went to Camp Devens this week, on receipt of his commission.

Mrs. Gilson will report at the Girls' Club, opposite the Unitarian church in Ayer, on Monday.

I have asked Robertson to send to you some stationery and he will also get ready to put the Letter of Judge Hoar into the small form that you suggest.

When you get the list of Unitarian soldiers and their addresses we will send a circular letter to each man.

Cordially yours,

Samuel A. Eliot.

Rev. Earl C. Davis.

SAE/Bs

*25 Beacon Street
Boston, Mass.*

November 21, 1917.

My dear Davis:

Thanks for your letter of November 16th, which I find on my return from New York. Forbes reports a good Sunday at Pittsfield. I assume that you will be home for Sunday, November 25th, but I note that you expect to have a service at Devens on December 2nd. Shall we try to take care of your pulpit on that day?

Mrs. Gilson is presumably at the Girls' Club so I hope you will see something of her.

I am glad you have got in touch with Levitt. He has just telephoned me, asking me to secure for him a communion set. I shall be glad to do so, though I suspect that it will be a somewhat novel experience for him.

I have asked Robertson to prepare stationery for you and to have Judge Hoar's letter put into the small form that you suggest.

At Levitt's suggestion we are putting together in one pamphlet the "Service for Use in Time of War" and the "Twenty-Five Hymns for Use in Time of War". These may be serviceable for Camp use.

I will ask Robertson at once to set up the posters announcing your service on December 2nd and either carry them or send them to Dr. Wright before Thanksgiving.

I note your difficulty in regard to the card catalogue. I suspect that the only way to get hold of the Unitarian officers is through the men you already know, like Robert Winsor, Langdon

Simons, and the officers who may have got into communication with Crandall. Winsor has not answered or acknowledged my note about getting you into the Officers' Mess.

I expect to come up to Camp tomorrow afternoon, Thursday, and shall be at headquarters about four o'clock. I shall try to bring you some money so you can get your mileage books. I understand that I am to speak in the auditorium next Sunday evening, but you will probably be in Pittsfield.

Cordially yours,

Rev. Earl C. Davis.

SAE/Bs.

Samuel A. Eliot.

AMERICAN UNITARIAN ASSOCIATION

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

*25 Beacon Street
Boston, Mass.*

November 27, 1917.

Dear Davis:

Rev. William I. Lawrance will preach for you next Sunday, coming up on Saturday afternoon or evening. He will also be glad to go to the Berkshire School. Will you notify Buck and leave word how Mr. Lawrance goes and returns from the School?

The posters announcing your Sunday service have gone to Dr. Wright.

I presume that Reccord is at Building 27. The Y.M.C.A. headquarters has just called up to say that his commission is ready for him for overseas service.

We shall send to you tomorrow at Hut 27 a package of literature and the posters announcing your appointment and function.

Cordially yours,

Rev. E. C. Davis.

SAE/Bs

Samuel A. Eliot

I've had a package of the posters of the Service of Dec 2 sent to you too at 27

AMERICAN UNITARIAN ASSOCIATION

*25 Beacon Street
Boston, Mass.*

November 30, 1917.

Dear Davis:

Awhile ago you told me that the chaplain of the 303d would like a copy of Channing. I am having it sent to you so that you can make the presentation yourself.

I hope the notices for Sunday's services were all right and that they have been duly posted.

Cordially yours,

Samuel A. Eliot

Rev. E. C. Davis.

SAE/Bs

*Book received and
given to chaplain.*