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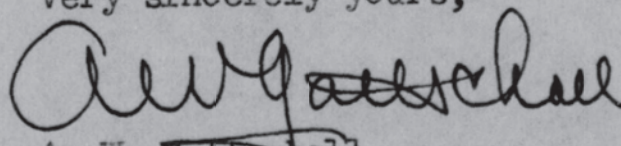
The enclosed folder will acquaint you with the details of the Conference program in army camps, naval and air bases. We have received a request to present the Conference program at Fort Bragg, North Carolina on the tenth, eleventh and twelfth of November, 1942.

This will involve three night meetings, in different camp theaters, possibly a luncheon meeting, one or two conferences with the Chaplains' Corps, and such personal conferences as time may allow. We, of course, pay all expenses.

You can render a patriotic service if now you will say "Yes," and I know that we may depend upon you to do so if your time and obligations will allow. You will be entertained at the Officers' mess. May I have an early reply so that this series of meetings may be properly promoted?

With all good wishes for yourself and your work,

Very sincerely yours,


A. W. Gottschall

AWG: jr
encl.

September 22, 1942

Mr. A. W. Gottschall
The National Conference of Christians and Jews
730 Southern Building
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Gottschall:

Thank you for your letter of September 15.
I shall try to be with you at Fort Bragg and
participate in your program. I hope that it will be
possible for me to remain over for the three days,
but I am not sure at the present moment. I shall, however,
come for the 10th and 11th and if at all possible, I shall
stay over for the 12th.

I wish you would let me know what the nature
of the Conference program will be. Are there to be
three speakers at each of the evening meetings, and
how long are the addresses to be?

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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At the present time Mr. Gottschall is on the Pacific Coast arranging camp programs in the 12th Naval District. For this reason I shall endeavor to answer your letter.

It is splendid that you will be able to be at Fort Bragg for us on the 10th and 11th of November, and possibly the 12th. Our meetings in the camps are called "Victory Forums" or Forums for Freedom." The theme will be "Victory for Brotherhood." Each speaker is allowed eight minutes after which time questions will be received from the floor if opportunity permits. The message of the Jewish speaker will have to do with the spirit within us essential to victory.

As further details are worked out we will keep you informed. Please send us a brief biographical sketch and a photograph for publicity purposes.

Thanking you for your kindness in cooperating in this program.

Sincerely yours

Jean Rogers
Jean Rogers, Secretary to
A. W. Gottschall

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

1. With reference to the meetings at Fort Bragg, near Fayetteville, North Carolina, to be held on October tenth, eleventh and twelfth, will you plan your schedule so as to be present around noon or as soon thereafter as possible on Tuesday, November tenth?

You will be entertained at the Officers' Club at the Fort. Let me know as soon as possible the hour of your arrival and by what means of transportation you plan to come so that arrangements can be made to meet you in Fayetteville and take you to the Fort.

2. Meetings are to be held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday night in different sections of the Fort so that there will not be much probability of speaking to the same people during these three nights. In our Camp Program so far the program has been worked out on the basis of the Town Hall of the Air idea with each man speaking not more than twelve minutes. After this there are questions and answers with the audience participating. It seems to me wise from previous experience that the Catholic leader speak at these evening meetings on the subject of "Victory with Security," the Jewish leader speak on "What Can a Soldier Believe?" and the Protestant leader on "The Coming of Brotherhood." There is no certain order in which the members of the team will appear. The underlying theme of the three addresses for Fort Bragg will be "Victory for Brotherhood - Our Common Stake in Victory."

3. In addition to these evening meetings we will plan to have more intimate conferences with the Chaplains' Corps, at least two, during the three days of our stay. This will be in the nature of an intimate, personal, informal discussion period.

4. As guests of the Officers' Corps we will be expected to speak at luncheons and dinners.

5. We shall make it possible for you to go out on the field and speak to groups of the men, some groups small, some large, informally in gathering places and speak to these men for brief five to eight minute periods.

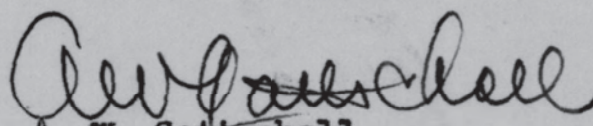
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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So, you see you will be kept quite busy. However, I am certain you would want it so in order to give you this opportunity to make the largest contribution to your and our interest in this job that can possibly be made.

I shall be at Fort Bragg during the entire period and so, with this work of explanation, will you ask me any questions if you need any additional information about the program.

Looking forward with great pleasure and anticipation and with best wishes for yourself and your work,

Sincerely yours,


A. W. Gottschall



A W. GOTTSCHALL
NAT'L CONFERENCE OF CHRSTIANS ANCD JEWS
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TELEGRAM

11-4-42

I PLAN TO ARRIVE TUESDAY MORNING BY PLANE AT RALEIGH TWELVE TWENTY-FIVE
NOON. WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE TO HAVE SOMEONE MEET ME AT RALEIGH AND TAKE
ME TO CAMP. PLEASE WIRE. KINDEST REGARDS.

A H SILVER



HEADQUARTERS
HOSPITAL BRANCH SECTION TWO
FORT BRAGG, NORTH CAROLINA
OFFICE OF THE SENIOR CHAPLAIN

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November 6, 1942

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

This Chaplain is the Chairman of the Committee to set up our conference in the Fort Bragg Area, and as such I am writing to express our deep appreciation of the privilege of having you as one of the Speakers at that conference.

We have arranged a very heavy schedule for the Speakers, and every thing is in readiness for this event towards which we have been looking for some months, and I firmly believe that the impact of this conference upon the men in this area will be conducive to the greatest good to all concerned.

Looking forward to seeing you next week, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Simpson B. Daugherty
Simpson B. Daugherty
Major, Senior Hospital Chaplain

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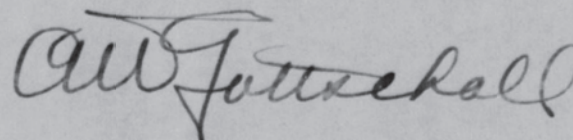
My dear Doctor Silver:

On my return to the office, I want to express to you again my own, as well as the National Conference's great thanks and appreciation for the great service you rendered us in our three days' program at Fort Bragg, N. C. The message ~~has~~ carried a great ideal and I know contributed much to the unparalleled task that confronts all of us in the minds of men who listened to you.

It was a distinct pleasure to have this fellowship with you for three days, and I hope that in the not too distant future this fellowship may be renewed. Let me remind you again to send me at your earliest convenience a statement of your expense account so that you may be reimbursed.

With continued thanks and best wishes for yourself and work, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,



A. W. Gottschall

November 16, 1942

Mr. A. W. Gottschall
National Conference of Christians and Jews
730 Southern Building
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Gottschall:

Thank you so much for your kind letter of November 13. I enjoyed my stay at Fort Bragg greatly. I believe that the meetings were very helpful, and with the hearty cooperation of the authorities, can be made very successful.

My expenses amounted to \$70.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

November 17, 1942

Lt. Col. Albert K. Mathews, Chaplain
Fort Bragg, N.C.

My dear Chaplain Mathews:

Now that I am back at my desk I want to take the first opportunity to tell you how much I enjoyed my visit to Fort Bragg and how delighted I was with the opportunity of meeting you and of getting acquainted with the quality of work which the chaplains under you are doing. We were greatly helped in our work by your fine spirit of cooperation and the ready assistance which was given to us by all the chaplains. It was a privilege to meet the fine body of men who are doing so significant a service in such vital places. Corporal Herman Dicker gave me considerable information about the religious activities of your department at Fort Bragg and I should like to compliment you on the scope and effectiveness of the work.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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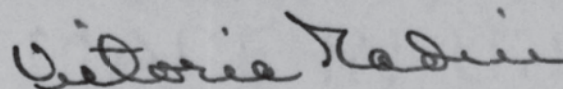
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
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East 105th Street at Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am enclosing our check to reimburse you for your expenses in connection with your recent visit to Fort Bragg.

I want to add my personal word of greeting too. While I have not had the privilege of meeting you personally I have heard you speak on numerous occasions. Your brother Maxwell and your sister Rose are close friends of my cousin Mrs. Rosenberg and we all meet quite often at her home.

Yours sincerely,



Victoria Radin
Assistant to the Treasurer