

H E A D Q U A R T E R S
154th Depot Brigade
Camp Meade, Md.

*This is my
Official Commendation!*

September 20, 1918.

Major Noel Gaines,
Commanding 7th Battalion,
154th Depot Brigade.

My dear Major Gaines:

I had the pleasure of listening to the lecture you gave last night to some 5,000 of the men of this brigade; I was present at the lecture as the Commanding Officer's representative, and as such please allow me to congratulate you on the way you covered the subject on which you spoke, namely, "The Stuff Men are Made Of".

As a "Morale builder" among your men, your lecture will undoubtedly have a far reaching effect. The men were intensely interested in all you said. Your appeal to their pride, to play the part of men and soldiers of the United States in this crisis greatly aroused their enthusiasm. Not a man moved while you were delivering the lecture; and all the praise and congratulations which the officers of the Brigade gave you after your lecture, was well merited and earned.

Cordially and sincerely,

MANLY THOMPSON
1st Lieut. Inf., U.S.A.,
Asst. Adjutant.

A true copy.

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