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LES FOYERS DU SOLDAT

UNION FRANCO-AMERICAINE

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BUREAU CENTRAL:

41, RUE DE PROVENCE & 13, RUE LAFAYETTE
PARIS-IX*

TÉLÉPHONES: TRUDAINE { 58.60
58.76
58.77

ADRESSE TÉLÉGRAPHIQUE: COTÉNAL-PARIS

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December 3rd., 1918.



Dr. Barton,
American Board of Commissioners
of Foreign Missions,
Beaver Street, Boston, Mass.

My dear Dr. Barton,

I have received your telegram asking for the return of Mr. Lawrence in order that he might get ready to go back to Turkey. You will undoubtedly see Mr. Lawrence before this letter reaches you because he left Paris about a week ago.

Mr. Lawrence has rendered a very exceptional service. While he has been in France he has been working with the Foyers-du-Soldat, which is the Y.M.C.A. work for the French Army. First of all, he was assistant regional director in the region of Soissons and it was very largely due to his tact and initiative that we were able to organize so many foyers in that area. When the Germans made their advance last Spring there were more than one hundred foyers in that region, unfortunately, the Germans took possession of every one of them. Mr. Lawrence showed remarkable presence of mind during these exciting days when he and those who were working with him were driven out of the regional office. Within two weeks after they had lost every foyer, Mr. Lawrence and his French colleague had established themselves in new territory immediately behind the lines and had more than forty new foyers in operation.

While we regret that Mr. Lawrence had to leave us at this time, we are grateful for having had him with us and we appreciate the opportunity for service which he will have in Turkey.

With very kind regards, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

DAD/EM