

C O P Y

June 22, 1920

The Honorable  
The Secretary of War  
War Department  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

Permit me to express the appreciation of the Amateur Fencers League of America and the American International Fencers Committee for your kindness in making available the services of 2nd Lt. John V. Grombach, 16th Infantry.

The cooperation of the War Department did much to insure the success of the American Team.

By his faithful work Lt. Grombach has become one of the best epee fencers in the country. Not only an excellent sportsman and fencer, he served as Liaison Officer and by his unfailing courtesy and attention did much to render the stay of the British Team a pleasure and success.

The American fencers take great pride in the close association of the Army with all their enterprises. The Army always has furnished strong members of our teams who have done much to maintain the chivalric spirit that the fencing game espouses.

Again expressing my appreciation of the services of Lt. Grombach who has represented in the international matches the best traditions of the Army and American sportsmanship, I am, with great respect,

Sincerely yours,

HENRY HOOKERIDGE (signed)  
President Amateur Fencers League  
of America  
Captain U. S. Fencing Team.

APPROVED FOR RELEASE   
DATE: 09-Jun-2009

FILE \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_