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Dear Dr. Smith:

In a way I am glad to know that you are going into the Armed Service because I know your influence will tend to make the men associated with you better men, better soldiers, and better citizens.

I have not seen anywhere near as much of you as I should have liked, but I have enjoyed our occasional conversations and discussions. One thought that is ever with me is the worthwhileness of each and every individual. When things look black and the opposition seems so tremendous that it must inevitably crush us, it takes courage to keep on going and that courage is the salvation of the world.

It is because you and I and hundreds of thousands of other men and women have been thinking along more or less similar lines that we had the upset in the last election. Timid souls in Congress and in the Senate have been strengthened by the result of the vote. I look for a period of improvement in which some of the evils can be corrected, but it may take a century to thoroughly eradicate and overcome the many iniquities of the New Deal Administration.

Wherever you go, I shall be interested in hearing from you, even though the censorship will limit what we can say. Your letter indicated to me that you are not going to be in Lawrence long. Best luck to you wherever you may go.

I appreciate your good letter of the 16th.

Sincerely yours,

W. C. Simons.

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