My dear Mrs Owen,

I am not unmindful of the honor you do our dear son not of my obligation to have given your very kind letter prompt response.

The time since I received it, tho, has been extremely busy and I am taking my very first leisure to reply -

It will give me very

you with such a long letter but felt that I needed advice.

It is needless for me to tell you that your interest in this matter is very appealing and much appreciated.

Most cordially yours
(Mrs. D.P.) Rosa James Haynes
Anniston, Ala.
September the twenty-fifth
Nineteen hundred twenty-one

may be had from the Nat Dept in Washington and I believe you would do better to look for the official records there to trust my account of them. I think that the Bureau of Navigation would furnish you with them. The gunboat York River, Capt H. P. Perrill being his sea headquarters (1917 and until May 1918)

Another incident which I have not mentioned, perhaps should be -

great pleasure in comply with your request. My boy's record is so clean and so fine.

I will have to ask your advice on this, however. For instance: I don't know whether to place his "two very unusual experiences" during his life on the Pacific in answer to question (10) or to question (18). The accounts of them both

the Great Lakes Naval
Training station, he
was able to solve a
very knotty question
on board ship by
bringing the negro
as his valet as far as
Alabama on his
way to Great Lakes. The
negro engaged to work
~~on his fo~~ for his
father on his "Valley
View" farm at Alexan-
dria Ala, but was
drafted soon after
his arrival. It was

from him that ~~it~~ was learned much of the details of our sons life on the Pacific as every letter was so heavily censored.

He was engaged to a most charming girl but of course I could not mention that ~~it~~ unless she should consent - and I could not ask that of her unless I should be officially asked to

do so.
I hope I get his chaplain Lieut Williams of the Training Station I give the account of his beautiful - his wonderful death, but it will take time to reach him as he may have been transferred to some other place and I can only learn by writing to Great Lakes.
So sorry to trouble

the finding of an Alabama negro in Honduras who had worked for a *German corporation getting timber for air planes and owing to his knowing nothing of the Spanish language was in a starving condition when he was found by a party of the Yorktown's officers who went on a five day's hunt in Honduras. He was rescued and as our son had just then orders to report at

* It of course being forbidden, when the U.S. entered the war.