

## Garold Schneider to Governor Andrew Schoeppel

In this letter to Governor Schoeppel, Pfc Garnold Scheider asks Schoeppel to help facilitate his return to civilian life. Arguing that his experience as a teacher is needed in Goodland, Kansas, Schneider ponders why the school systems in the U.S. have not "banded together and requested the release of men as the railroad and mining industries have?"

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Andrew F. Schoeppel  
Governor of State of Kansas  
Topeka, Kansas

My dear Governor Schoeppel:

I am writing you to see if there might be some way for soldiers to return to essential industry instead of waiting on demobilization under the present army plan.

Many men have been disqualified for overseas service due to no fault of their own so therefore have very few points toward discharge.

In my case I have served 4 years and 9 months but have only 30 points as I served 2 years from 1933 to 35 and no credit is allowed for service prior to Sept. 16, 1940. I am 33 years old and have been disqualified for overseas service. The army did not hesitate to take me and many others for limited service. My profession is teaching and coaching and I have been out of it for 3 years and will miss out at least another term.

The war-manpower board has declared school teaching an essential industry but my application for discharge to teach in Goodland, Kansas was disapproved.

I am only one of many men between 28 and 36 years old who have served in this country but cannot be released because we are too young or have too few points. Under the present plan many of us will be the last men out and we are at the age that we should be getting started now or compete with younger men in a few years. We are the ones who started out during the last depression.



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There is a critical shortage of teachers in Kansas (my native state) as well as other states and if education is so important in Europe it should be equally as important in the United States to have qualified teachers to work with our most important resource.

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