

Council of National Defense Woman's Committee correspondence

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September 20, 1918.

Miss Gussie Johnson,
911 Texas Ave.,
Wichita, Kansas.

Dear Miss Johnson:-

Mrs. Kimball, County Chairman of Riley county, sends me your enrollment card for the U.S. Student Nurse Reserve and doctor's and dentist's certificates for the Army School of Nursing course. I am enclosing you herewith high school blank, college blank, and application to complete this set of papers for you. Please note also that you must write a personal letter to the Surgeon General to accompany your papers. I am taking it for granted you desire the army school training as you are old enough for that course and the blanks you have filled are for that school. Please be as prompt as possible in filling out and returning the other papers and your set will be sent immediately to Washington where you will soon be notified as to your acceptance or rejection.

Very sincerely,

Enc.

V.

State Chairman.

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August 1, 1918.

Mrs. C.H. Brocks,

Wichita, Kansas.

My Dear Mrs. Brocks:-

Thank you very much for your nice letter and the very kind personal remarks. I am sure Mrs. Allen will do all in her power to further the work of the Woman's Committee in your county. I never have to worry about Sedgwick county. I know it is in good hands.

I had expected to call a state conference after my return from Washington in May but after much deliberation decided that the weather was entirely too warm to ask the women to come if it were not absolutely necessary. I do believe though that we ought to have a state meeting early this fall so you can be thinking about it and any changes or additions that ought to be made in the personnel of the committee. I am very proud of it as it is but we could have one or two more vice-chairmen if it were thought best. Our work is being better understood every day and we are getting splendid results in a great many counties.

I was so sorry that I was not able to attend your meeting in Wichita but I had already made arrangements to go to three counties that had not understood the work and where we were not getting good results. It is no small matter to work up a large committee meeting and as this had been done I did not feel that I could change the program. There are a great many things I would like to talk over with you relative to our committee and hope to see you soon. If you come to Topeka do not fail to let me know.

With best regards to my friends in Wichita and again thanking you for your nice letter and wishing you every success in all your work, I am,

Affectionately yours,

V.

State Chairman
Memorial Bldg.

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MRS. C. H. BROOKS, PRESIDENT, WICHITA
MRS. W. A. JOHNSTON, HON. PRESIDENT, TOPEKA
MRS. W. Y. MORGAN, 1ST VICE PRES., HUTCHINSON
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KANSAS EQUAL SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION

WICHITA, KANSAS

July 30, 1918.

Mrs. David Mulvane,
Topeka, Kansas.

My dear Mrs. Mulvane:

The work of the Woman's Committee of the Council of Defense for this county is progressing splendidly. You are going to have reason to be very proud of your chairman, Mrs. Henry Ware Allen. She has the work well in hand and splendid women associated with her on the different committees.

The child welfare work in the City is in the hands of Mrs. J. A. Stokley; that in the county of Mrs. George Wright of Valley Center. Both women are unusually interested and able and you can see things move.

Mrs. Allen read to the Executive Committee your very fine letter in regard to the work of recruiting nurses. We got busy immediately following your suggestions and have headquarters, with some one always on hand. I am taking a turn myself this afternoon. I hear many commendatory and appreciative remarks concerning your able conduct of the affairs of the Woman's Committee.

Hoping that all the other counties are realizing the importance of the work as fully as Sedgwick does, and with cordial regards to Mr. Mulvane, I am,

Yours affectionately,

Jane M. Brooks.
President.

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August 14, 1918.

Mrs. Florence Olcott,
506 1/2 Douglas Ave.,
Wichita, Kansas.

Dear Mrs. Olcott:-

Your card advising me of the change in your
address is received and I have made it accordingly.

Sincerely yours,

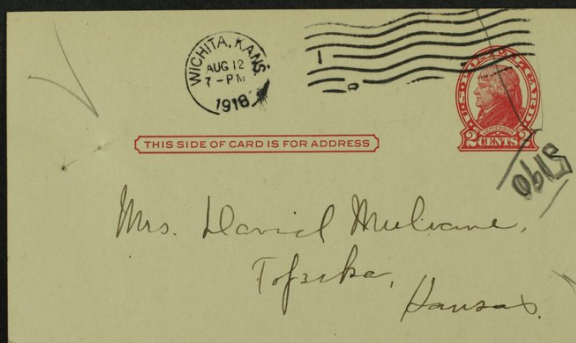
V.

State Chairman.

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Dear Mrs. Mulron:
Mrs. Allen of
Hichita gave me your
address. You have
the signatures of the
nurses enlisted here
(Hichita) Mrs. Villing
tells me and might
ask you to make a
change in the address
on my paper. make it
506 1/2 Douglas. As instead
of 506 as it was stated
Also add-care of A. A.
Brotton. - I travel
and this is my address
here. Hichita is my head
quarters. Thanking you
in advance. Respectfully
Florence Elliott

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August 20, 1918.

Mrs. Henry Ware Allen,
Wichita, Kansas.

Dear Mrs. Allen:-

I acknowledge with pleasure your letter enclosing four additional enrollment cards and since you expect to have other applications I am enclosing you some cards just received from Washington to-day. You are making a wonderfully fine record of which you should be very proud indeed.

I wish to call your attention to the importance of community singing. Professor P.W. Dykema, Chairman of the National Conference of Music Supervisors, has kindly furnished us a list of influential musicians and people interested in community singing who might be of service to our Woman's Committee in organizing liberty choruses and in developing community singing for war purposes. The list is:

Frank A. Beach, Kansas State Normal, Emporia,
Wm. B. Kinnear, Larned,
Blanche Rumbley, 212 S. Evergreen Ave., Chicago,
Catherine E. Strouse, Faculty Club, Emporia,
Minnie Taylor, 515 Walnut St., Leavenworth.

Very cordially yours,

V.

Enc.

State Chairman.

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MRS. GEORGE W. FULLER,
DISTRICT CHAIRMAN

WOMAN'S LIBERTY LOAN COMMITTEE
TENTH FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICT

KANSAS DIVISION,
MRS. HENRY WARE ALLEN, WICHITA
STATE CHAIRMAN

Wichita, Kansas
August 19th. 1918

Mrs. David Mulvane,
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Mrs. Mulvane:

Enclosed are the enrollment cards of the
following young ladies:

Miss Melissa Woodford	3600 E. Central City <i>Wichita</i>
Miss Cornelia Payne	Oxford, Kansas
Miss Cora J. Schoonover	431 N. Waco, City <i>Wichita</i>
Miss Helen Schantz	Winfield Ks. Route 10

We are still having inquiries from young women
out of town and I hope to be able to send you a few more
names.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. H. W. Allen
(MRS. HENRY WARE ALLEN)
Sedgwick County Chairman
Woman's Committee Council
of National Defense.

"America's business requireth speed."



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August 30, 1918.

Mrs. Henry Ware Allen,
County Chairman,
Wichita, Kansas.

Dear Mrs. Allen:-

I acknowledge receipt of card of Miss Rayburn. While I do not know that we will have occasion to make use of information concerning the individual applicants, it might be useful for those who have not filled out blanks and we are keeping all that is sent in in case it becomes necessary later on. We might have questions asked by headquarters concerning the applicants.

Cordially yours,

V.

State Chairman.



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MISS MARY DOBBS
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MISS FLORENCE GARDINER
SECRETARY

WOMAN'S COMMITTEE
COUNCIL OF NATIONAL DEFENSE
SEDGWICK COUNTY DIVISION

WICHITA, KANSAS

August 27, 1918

MRS. LAURA V. GARDINER
MRS. THOR JAGER
MRS. JOEL TUCKER
MRS. J. H. HENDEE
MRS. J. A. STOKELY
MRS. DEAN GORDON
MRS. GEORGIE WRIGHT
OF VALLEY CENTER

Mrs. David W. Mulvane,
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Mrs. Mulvane:

Enclosed is enrollment card of Miss Juliet Rayburn. She is a most attractive girl, the daughter of a physician and very much in earnest in wanting to get to work.

Do you care especially to have information of this sort sent to you regarding the registrants?

Cordially yours,

Mrs. H. W. Allen
(MRS. HENRY WARE ALLEN)



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3420 COUNTRY CLUB PLACE
WICHITA

Dear Mrs Mulvane,

We did not have
application blanks filled for
any of the registrants. There
were so very few and we used
them as information material.
We told the registrants that
application blanks would be
sent directly to them.

The list of names was

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made in triplicate, one sent
to you, one to Mrs O'Keefe,
head of Nurses' Association, and
one I retained.

Many of the young
women are eager to be assign-
ed at once

Cordially yours
Marie S. Allen

Aug, 5th

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August 2, 1918.

Mrs. Henry Ware Allen,

Wichita, Kansas.

My Dear Mrs. Allen:-

I am sending you all the material I have left. Everything has been sent out which I have received from Washington and it is now too late to send there for more. In spite of the fact that this campaign has been delayed, I believe we will have a successful registration, at least we will if the rest of our counties do half as well as you have. Your quota will be seventy-seven student nurses. We are figuring one for every thousand in population.

Mr. Smart, a banker in Stafford, wrote me some days ago about his daughter's desire to enroll and also mentioned a Miss Fisher who is at this time visiting her parents in Wichita from some western state and who desires to become a nurse. I wrote Mr. Smart and asked him to have Miss Fisher see you and hope that she has done so.

Very cordially yours,

V.

State Chairman
Memorial Bldg.

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J.

3420 COUNTRY CLUB PLACE
WICHITA

Dear Mrs Mulvane,

Can you possibly
send me more pamphlets
such as I have already
had?

Our campaign is well
under way and up to this
afternoon we had register-
ed sixteen. What is

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Ledgwick County quota?
We shall hope to go over
it whatever it is.

Cordially yours

Frank S. Allen

July 21/18

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August 13, 1918.

Mrs. Henry W. Allen,
Wichita, Kansas.

My Dear Mrs. Allen:-

Let me congratulate you upon the fine showing you have made in Wichita. I was delighted with the big list of names sent in to-day. Did you have application blanks filled for any of these and if so did you forward them to Washington? I would like to know about this immediately. Let me know also whether you have kept a list of these names sent in to me. We are instructed to keep this in duplicate, one with the local county chairman and the other for the state chairman. If you do not have such a list, it must be attended to before I send in these names. Let me hear from you by return mail. I am anxious to get the applications in as soon as possible as assignments are already being made.

Very cordially yours,

V.

State Chairman.



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MRS. HENRY WARE ALLEN, WICHITA
STATE CHAIRMAN

Aug. 12th., 1918.

Wichita, Kansas.

Mrs. David Mulvane, State Chairman;
Woman's Division, Council of National Defense,
Topeka, Kansas.

My dear Mrs. Mulvane;

Enclosed are Registration Cards of Eighty
Two applicants, also a list of the same. I trust that you will
find both the number and quality of the applicants satisfactory.
There are a number of very fine women and girls among them. Some
of them are of course not as desirable as might be, but they will
be weeded out without doubt.

Mrs. Alma O'Keefe, Head of the Red Cross
Nurses has given invaluable aid; indeed without her we could not
have accomplished as much as we have done.

We could have done more had we had supplies
earlier, and more of them. We are expecting a few more registrants,

If it is not too much trouble to you
I should like to know what the other larger counties accomplished

Cordially yours,

Marie L. Allen
Sedgwick County Chairman, State Division, Woman's
Committee, Council of National Defense.

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August 16, 1918.

Mrs. Henry Ware Allen,
Wichita, Kansas.

My Dear Mrs. Allen:-

Your letter telling me the application blanks corresponding to the enrollment cards sent were never prepared because of the shortage of the supply is received. As you say, these application blanks will be sent direct to these applicants from Washington when there is a reprint. The cards have gone to Washington.

We have but very incomplete returns from the counties as yet as so many chairmen are waiting for civilian blanks before sending in the cards and the army school blanks. However, it appears now that Douglas county will have about one hundred applicants, more than double their quota. However, that is due largely to the presence of the State University and the fact that young women from all over the state are attending summer sessions at Lawrence. Shawnee will have about eighty-five, Leavenworth twenty-two, Dickinson about forty, and Mrs. Ferguson of Independence indicated that they were doing well without giving me any figures.

You were wonderfully successful and I am proud of the fine showing you made in Sedgwick county. Douglas and Shawnee quotas were both affected by outside enlistments so you have reason to be more than satisfied with your work and that of your assistants.

Enlistment cards will be furnished me from Washington within a few days and if you have others who might enroll or can use any more of the cards let me know and I will furnish you with them. I am suggesting that it is not necessary for county chairmen to keep recruiting stations open at this time but inquiries are continuing to be made and I suppose will elsewhere and to these I am giving the enrollment cards to sign and fill out. If you can use any in this way, let me know and I will supply you with them.

With the best of wishes for you as always,

Very cordially yours,

V.

State Chairman.



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WOMAN'S COMMITTEE
COUNCIL OF NATIONAL DEFENSE
SEDGWICK COUNTY DIVISION

WICHITA, KANSAS

August 31, 1918

MRS. LAURA V. GARDINER
MRS. THOR JAGER
MRS. JOEL TUCKER
MRS. J. H. HENDEE
MRS. J. A. STOKELY
MRS. DEAN GORDON
MRS. GEORGIE WRIGHT
OF VALLEY CENTER

Mrs. D.W. Mulvane,
Chairman Woman's Committee
Council of National Defense,
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Mrs. Mulvane:

Enclosed are enrollment cards of
Mrs. Thelma Myers, 242 South Holyoke Ave. and
Miss Margaret Summers, 528 Mathewson Ave. both of
Wichita, Kansas.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. H. W. Allen
(MRS. HENRY WARE ALLEN)

sent his thanks to Mrs. Allen Sept. 2

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Seward

September 25, 1918.

Mrs. R. Harrison,
County Chairman,
Liberal, Kansas.

Dear Mrs. Harrison:-

I have been informed that you are either going to leave Liberal or have already gone and this will make it necessary to have a successor for your work as county chairman. It was suggested to me also that either Miss Saunders, Secretary to the Chairman of the Council of Defense, or Mrs. Stzold, wife of Judge Stzold, would make a good chairman. If I am correctly informed about your leaving Liberal, will you not call your committee together and provide for a successor and if either of the ladies suggested would be at liberty to accept the appointment, will you kindly consider these names? You are so well acquainted with the people of your community that I would very much prefer you should look after this matter in the regular way than to attempt myself to secure a successor from this distance and unacquainted with people and conditions there.

Thanking you in advance for your attention to this matter, and with regret that you are to sever your connection with our organization, I am,

Very sincerely,

V.

State Chairman

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August 7, 1918.

Miss Minnie Hartman,

Box 97,

Liberal, Kansas.

Dear Miss Hartman:-

I have received your letter and also that of your cousin Miss Theresa Hartman and am referring them to our county chairman, Mrs. R.W. Harrison of Liberal. I suggest that you communicate with her and she will be able to give you the information you seek. Recruits are asked to enroll at their nearest recruiting station. If by any chance Mrs. Harrison has not opened a station, please write to me again and I will send you blanks when they arrive from Washington.

Both yours and your cousin's qualifications entitle you to enter the preferred class for civilian training but you are neither of you old enough for the army school work. I have suggested to Mrs. Harrison that your applications should indicate your desire to take training together.

Sincerely yours,

Enc.

V.

State Chairman
Memorial Bldg.



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August 7, 1918.

Mrs. R.W. Harrison,
County Chairman Woman's Committee,
Liberal, Kansas.

My Dear Mrs. Harrison:-

Miss Minnie Hartman and Miss Theresa Hartman, cousins living in your town, have written me in regard to the nurses' course and I am referring them to you as our county chairman and as the one in charge of the recruiting station. Neither of these young ladies is old enough to be enrolled in the army school of nursing both being under twenty-one but they are qualified to enroll in the preferred branch of the civilian service. Their applications when filled out should indicate that they prefer to take training at the same institution.

I presume you are experiencing the same difficulties we are having all over the state due to the shortage of blanks. I have wired twice to Washington and been assured that a new supply would be sent. This has handicapped us but we must do the best we can until they arrive.

Very cordially yours,

Enc.3.

V.

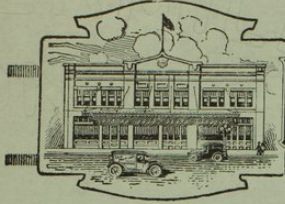
State Chairman Memorial Bldg.

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Telephone 4200

Topeka, Kansas, 8-30-18

U. S. Student Nurse Reserve,

% Memorial Bldg.,

Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Mrs. Mulvane:

Inclosed please find my application for the Student Nurse Reserve, which I have kept for some little time? I lost one of the papers and I had to come to get another one, and as I do not get off from work until twelve o'clock, it is impossible for me to get there before you close your office, so consequently I am mailing the application, and trust that if there is anything further to do to get me into the service for our Country, that you will advise me.

I am going on a vacation for a month, down to Albuquerque, N. M., and if I like it there I may stay, my address will be 421 S. 3rd St, Albuquerque, N.M., where you can reach me if I am called before I return.

Yours respectfully

Mrs/ Edna A. Andrew,

813 N. Quincy St.

Topeka, Kansas.

HAMMERMILL
BOND

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August 23, 1918.

Mrs. C.J. Evans,
1318 Buchanan St.,
Topeka, Kansas.

My Dear Mrs. Evans:-

Mrs. V.H. Grinstead of Liberal, Kansas, who will speak at the patriotic assembly tent at the State Fair on the morning of September 12th. on the work of the Woman's Committee expects to be in Topeka en route from Excelsior Springs to her home on the morning of August 27th. She will be at the National Hotel. I am writing a note to her by this mail addressed to the Hotel asking her to come to the Memorial Building that morning and expressing the hope that it will be possible for you to meet her at headquarters at that time also. Will you kindly let me know by telephone (2644) during the morning as to whether it would be possible for you to meet Mrs. Grinstead at that time? If you can come then I will call you by phone that morning after hearing from Mrs. Grinstead.

Very cordially yours,

V.

State Chairman.



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August 19, 1918.

Miss Wahneta Bonine,
c/o Christ's Hospital,
Topeka, Kansas.

My Dear Miss Bonine:-

Since you have entered Christ's Hospital I presume you are satisfied to remain and that you will finish your training there. Yes, this entitles you to enrollment in the U.S. Student Nurses' Reserve in the civilian class and I have entered upon your card received from Franklin county the information that you are going into Christ's, Topeka. You are in this way fulfilling all the requirements for the civilian training and getting everything you would get through enrollment in the regular way.

Trusting you will find your work satisfactory, I am,

Sincerely yours,

V.

State Chairman.

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8-17-'18.

Mrs. Mulvane,

State Chairman Woman's Committee
Memorial Bldg.

Dear Mrs. Mulvane,

Last week I saw Mrs. Davenport in Ottawa in reference to entering the Civilian Nurses Training School as I am not old enough to enter the other school. As I had planned to enter Christ's Hospital she did not know what to do with my case, and told me to go to you the day I came, but this has been my first opportunity. Would it be asking too much to ask you to write me about the school? I understand that we may enter any hospital for training and still enlist in the National School. Is this correct? Is there any salary offered in the Civilian School? I'd like the register in Franklin County.

Thanking you in advance for any

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courtesies. I am

Respectfully,

(Miss) Wahneta Bonine

9. Christ's Hospital.

P.S. I have already entered the Christ's.



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August 16, 1918.

Mr. F.C. Beck,

1516 Topeka Ave.,

Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Beck:-

The Food Administration must accept my apologies for having opened the enclosed letter but in the handling of the mass of correspondence which has come to my desk, particularly during the last two weeks of our present campaign, it was easy to overlook the fact that the inquiry was not addressed to me. I am of course interested in conservation but am too busy enrolling nurses and answering questions concerning the service to worry about the housewives' apple jelly so I will turn that problem over to you. Conservation of time as well as sugar would appeal to me at this time.

Sincerely yours,

Enc.1.

V.

State Chairman.

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August 21, 1918.

Mrs. James H. Maus,
Sta. B., #7,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Mrs. Maus:-

It is my understanding that the Red Cross Home Service nurse must be a graduate nurse, that is one who is qualified to be a Red Cross nurse. As you are not a trained nurse, this would probably not permit you to enter that branch of service but I suggest that you take this up directly with the Red Cross chapter here and perhaps they will find an urgent need for such services as you can render. I am sure there will be many calls for the practical nurse this winter and you can give good service in this way where it is needed.

Appreciating your willingness to serve and knowing the value of such service, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

V.

State Chairman.

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Topeka Kansas.
Aug. 17-1918.

Mrs. H. W. Mulvane.
Chairman of
W. C. Defense.

Dear Mrs. Mulvane:

I wish to ask if I might
volunteer as a Home Service
Red Cross nurse for Dist No 90.
That is, that I might nurse only
in this dist. as I am not in