

Council of National Defense Woman's Committee correspondence

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V
Lawrence, Kansas
July 30th 1918.
Mrs. David Mulvane,
Topeka, Kansas,
My dear Mrs. Mulvane,
Mrs. Friend
asked me to write and
ask you if it would be
possible for you to share
us seven or a dozen
copies of "Nursing a National
Service" and "Enrollment
of United States Student Nurse

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Reserve". We want them
to use in the school -
districts in the townships
Could you please send
them to me special
delivery.

Hastily yours,

Sec. Louise Wiedemann
1700 Vermont St.,
Lawrence Kansas

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August 5, 1918.

Miss Louise Wiedermann,
#1700 Vermont St.,
Lawrence, Kansas.

My Dear Miss Wiedermann:-

I am referring your question to Washington and will advise you as soon as my telegram is answered. In answer to my wire sent to Washington Saturday in regard to application blanks I have been advised to instruct county chairmen to continue taking names and addresses until all application blanks are received from Washington. The supply is exhausted at present and they will send more as soon as possible.

It is too bad we have been so handicapped but there is nothing else to do but wait as instructions say that candidates for army school training are also to sign application for civilian schools.

Cordially yours.

V.

State Chairman
Memorial Bldg.

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Laurence, Kans
Aug 3rd. 1918

Mrs. D. Mulvane,
Topeka, Kansas,
My dear Mrs. Mulvane,
Mrs. Friend has
asked me to write to you for
some information and
advice concerning some
applicants that she has had.
One woman, in perfect
health who has completed
a probationary period in
a hospital and has since

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done practical nursing,
but has not completed
a high school course
wishes to register and is
willing to go any where at
any time, she is single, but
she is thirty-seven years of
age. Another one is thirty-
eight years old, has completed
high-school work and is
willing to go any where.
Both appear to be fine
women.

What can be done
about it?

Nothing to hear from you
soon, I am,

Yours sincerely,
Sec. Louise Niedemann
1700 Vermont St.,
Lawrence, Kans.

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Sept 27
Lawrence, Kan.
Aug 26th 1918.
Mrs. David Mulvane,
Topeka, Kansas,
My dear Mrs. Mulvane,
Thank you
very much for the enroll-
ment cards and the
application blanks. We
need a few more blanks,
could you spare perhaps
four more of them?
We would appreciate

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it very much if you
could send us these.
Hoping this will not be
troubling you too much,
Darn,
Yours sincerely,
Louise Wiedemann
Sec. Douglas County
1700 Vermont St.

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September 20, 1918.

Miss Louise Wiedemann,
1700 Vermont St.,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Miss Wiedemann:-

I have your letter of the 19th. inst. enclosing set of application blanks for Miss Viola Strait and the same are being sent to Washington this morning.

Before the reprinting of blanks we were permitted to send enrollment cards and partial sets of blanks to Washington and they supplied the rest. Now we are asked to send only complete sets of papers and so many are sent to us which are lacking one or more papers and it necessitates an enormous amount of correspondence. So you will understand why we appreciate so much your efforts to send us only complete sets of blanks. It is always a pleasure to see a Lawrence post mark on an envelope.

With the kindest of regards, I am,

Very sincerely,

V.

State Chairman.

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Lawrence, Kan.
Aug. 10th 1918.

Mrs. David Mulvane,
Topeka, Kansas.

My dear Mrs. Mulvane,

Would you
please send us a list of
the hospitals in Kansas
which offer training which
is accepted by the govern-
ment? We have had a
number of requests for
such a list.

We have had a applicant
who is only nineteen years of

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age, but who is very anxious
to enlist as an army nurse.
Will any exceptions be
made? We promised to
inquire for her.

Thanking you for any
information you may be
able to give me. I am,

Yours sincerely,
Louise Wiedemann
1700 Vermont St.

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Lawrence, Kan.

Sept. 19, 1918.

Mrs. David Mulvane,
Topeka; Kansas;

My dear Mrs. Mulvane;

Inclosed you will find the application blanks and certificates of Viola Strait; we gave her the certificate of collegiate study only as the instructions say it is not necessary for the applicant to fill out the certificate of high-school study if she was a college graduate. Does this ruling still hold good or has it been changed? One of our applicants who has been accepted for the army told me that she had been requested to fill out the certificate of high-school study also, and I wondered if this was an individual case or if the ruling had been changed.

We are very glad the application blanks from here have been satisfactory, we certainly want them to be and will gladly do all we can to make them so.

Yours sincerely,

Louise Wiedemann

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Lawrence, Kansas.

Sept. 4, 1918.

Mrs. David Mulvane;

Topeka, Kansas;

My dear Mrs. Mulvane;

Your note and the blanks came yesterday,
and we were very glad to receive them. Thank you very much for sending
them to us; we do hope to be able to make good use of them. Just as soon
as the list of applicants is completed, you shall have it. Hoping to
send you a good report of the Nurse Reserve registration, I am,

yours sincerely,

Louise Wiedemann.

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August 12, 1918.

Miss Louise Wiedemann.
1700 Vermont St.,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Miss Wiedemann:-

Pursuant to your request I am enclosing a list of the Kansas hospitals.

No, the young woman of nineteen is too young for the army training. She is eligible for civilian hospitals, however.

Please send in such application blanks as have been filled out as I desire to send them to Washington where assignments are already being made as I want our girls to have a chance to be called among the early ones. We are also instructed to take names and addresses of others desiring the training as they will be used later in case those who have enrolled are exhausted. If you have enrollment cards for all of these, please use them, if not, we can secure an additional supply of enrollment cards a little later when they are reprinted.

Very cordially yours,

Enc.

V.

State Chairman.

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August 12, 1918.

Miss W. Youslin,
Baldwin, Kansas.

Dear Miss Youslin:-

Your letter addressed to Washington has been referred to me for answer and I understand that the bulletin explaining this work was sent to you so you have been able to familiarize yourself with the requirements. If you desire to take this training please write and tell me so and we will enter your name on our list. At the present time our application blanks have been exhausted and we have been instructed at Washington to take the names and addresses and that later when the present supply is exhausted, these young women will be called and blanks sent direct to them.

Sincerely yours,

V.

State Chairman.

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Baldwin, Kansas.
July 28, 1918.

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State Council Section,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:-

I would like to know a little more about the United States Student Nurse Reserve. After enrolling, how much training would be necessary before one could go to France? Will there be any expense on the part of the student nurse, while taking the training, and about how much would it amount to? Does the student have any freedom of her own, or does the training utilize all of her time? If what does the training mainly consist?

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I am nineteen years old, in perfect health, and very anxious to serve my country. I am a Sophomore in school, and have had some French. Would that help any?

Will you please give me all the information you can, in the enclosed addressed envelope.

Thanking you in Advance,
Sincerely,
Miss W. Gauslin.

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August 16, 1918.

Miss Agnes Russell,

R.F.D. #1,

Howard, Kansas.

Dear Miss Russell:-

The U.S. Student Nurse Reserve campaign closed the 11th. of August and we are merely completing the work now that was begun during the two weeks of the drive. The application blanks have been exhausted and it will be impossible to have them reprinted before we close this campaign. Hence your inquiry is a little late in reaching us. However, there will undoubtedly be a later call for nurses and if you watch the papers you can keep yourself advised of the time and inquire about it then.

Thanking you for your interest and your patriotism in this matter, I am,

Sincerely yours,

V.

State Chairman.

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Address
Agnes Russell
Howard Kansas.
P. O. #1

Howard Kansas
Aug 8/13/18.

Mrs David W. Mulvane.

Dear Madam:

I will write you in regard
of some information about
enrolling to become a nurse
I would like very well
to have some advise of
what are some of the
rules. if so I can become
one I would like to know
soon. I am 23 years old
weigh about 130. lbs and
have the best of health so
I will close hoping to hear soon
Yours Truly Agnes Russell

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August 19, 1918.

Mrs. W.A. Lewis,
County Chairman,
Hays City, Kansas.

My Dear Mrs. Lewis:-

I am sorry I do not have the blanks which you desire to send to you. We have been asked to send in enrollment cards for those for whom we have no blanks and the applications will be sent direct to them from Washington when they are reprinted later on. This is the best we can do. I acknowledge with pleasure your second set of application blanks enclosed to me in this letter. If you need additional enrollment cards let me know and I will send you some. A new supply is being sent to me from Washington.

I desire to call the attention of the chairmen to the importance of community music and to suggest that through Professor P.W. Dykema, Chairman of the National Conference of Music Supervisors I have been furnished with a list of influential musicians in our state who are interested in this work and will render what assistance they can. They are:

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

Very sincerely yours,

V.

State Chairman.

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FORT HAYS
KANSAS NORMAL SCHOOL
HAYS CITY

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Aug 17, 1918

Dear Mrs. Mulvane,

Can you mail
me 304 blanks to be filled out
by Dentist & Physicians at the
time nurses enroll?

Very kindly
Mrs W. G. Lewis.



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Ellis

August 9, 1918.

Mrs. W.A. Lewis,
County Chairman,
Hays, Kansas.

My Dear Mrs. Lewis:-

The enclosed letter is from an applicant for the nurses' reserve in your county. I have referred her to you as I have several other young women who have written to me and told them that I presumed you had a recruiting station in your county. In any event you probably have received or will have sent you the necessary blanks from Washington and if you can enroll the young women who apply to you, I will be very glad to have you do so. We have been handicapped by the shortage of material due to the enthusiastic response of the young women all over the country to this call. Until yesterday I had no civilian blanks and only a very few were sent me, not enough for our own county. Perhaps by this time you have received some also.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

V.

Enc.

State Chairman
Memorial Bldg.

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August 3, 1918.

Mrs. W.A. Lewis,
County Chairman,
Hays, Kansas.

Dear Mrs. Lewis:-

The enclosed letter is received from an applicant for the U.S. Student Nurse Reserve from your county. I have written to Miss Paul and referred her to you as our county chairman and hope she will see you and enroll if she has the proper qualifications.

We have received a limited number of the army school of nursing blanks and presume the civilian blanks will follow in a few days. Note that the student who qualifies for the army school should also sign the civilian blank as well. If you have not already received your blanks you will undoubtedly do so in a few days. It is too bad we were delayed but we must make the best of it when the blanks do come.

I have had other inquiries from your county concerning this enrollment so know that your young women are as eager as they are in other counties.

With best wishes for your success, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Enc.

V.

State Chairman
Memorial Bldg.

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August 3, 1918.

Miss Ella Riedel,
Victoria, Kansas.

My Dear Miss Riedel:-

I have your letter in regard to your desire to do some war work and presume you would like to do nursing or take the training as you have already had some experience. If this form of service appeals to you at this time you should enroll in the student nurse reserve. We have endeavored to establish recruiting stations in every county of the state and should have one in Ellis county. If you care for this training and have not an opportunity to enroll in your own county, please write me again and I will send you application blanks to sign and return to me here. Look at your local papers, however, and see if there are not recruiting stations in your county where you could apply in person and get the full information concerning this work. Candidates for this enrollment hold themselves in readiness to accept appointments to take the nurse's training when called by the government. The hospital furnishes board, room and laundry and a limited monthly allowance to cover the cost of uniforms and text books and the training takes from two to three years' time and the graduate nurses receive, as you are aware, very fine salaries.

Sincerely yours,

V.

State Chairman, Memorial Bldg.

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Victoria Kansas,
8-1-18,

Mrs. Mulvane,
Topeka Kansas,

Dear Madame,

I am writing in regard to a letter just received from Governor Cap-
per. I wrote and asked him to give me
information concerning war work for women
and he told me to get in touch with
you, so will you please let me know
how I can get in service, have had
some hospital experience, was at a
hospital in Kansas City at different
times was not in training but first
under went an operation, then worked
there. As I have had a great desire
ever since we are at war to join now
I have heard from different parties
they need lots of help I thought I'd
try now, and as I have no one depend-

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ding on me am free to go, I am an orphan
 and it has made me feel so bad that I
 have cried when I see all the soldiers
 and then have to think I have not
 a single relative in service. The people
 out around here think it is foolish for a
 girl to give up her life for others when
 they don't have to go. I am 26 years old
 weigh 115 pounds passed doctors examination
 last fall for civil service work last
 fall so know I can pass again if
 necessary. If you see you can use me for
 any thing please let me know real soon
 as I will go back to Kansas City before
 long if not.

Hoping once more I can be of some
 use to the country now in this time
 of affliction I remain respectfully

Miss Ella Riedel

Victoria Kansas

Ellis Co.

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August 12, 1918.

Miss Ella Riedel,

Victoria, Kansas.

Dear Miss Riedel:-

Our supply of blanks for civilian training has been exhausted and we cannot secure more because of the shortage at Washington. However, we are asked to take names and addresses of those who desire to take the training. I do not know what your qualifications are so do not know whether you could enter the army school of training. For that branch applicant must be between 21 and 35 and have a high school education. For civilian: 19 to 35 and high school education preferred, but not absolutely necessary particularly where the other qualifications are satisfactory. If you are interested, you might tell me what your qualifications are and to which school you would belong.

Concerning other work, let me say that there is canteenwork through the Red Cross and Y.M.C.A. and nurses' aid and stenographic work. To secure Red Cross service of any kind your application should be sent in by a local Red Cross chapter to the St Louis headquarters of the American Red Cross. Clerical positions pay a salary but the canteen workers pay their own expenses for Red Cross service. Canteen workers for the Y.M.C.A. receive their travelling expenses and a small salary. If you are fitted for clerical work, you might care to take a civil service examination. That branch of work pays a fair salary to start with and a rapid chance of promotion.

Sincerely yours,

V.

State Chairman.

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Victoria Kans.,
8-9-18.

Mrs. Mulvane,

Topeka Kans.,

Dear Mrs. Mulvane,

I in reply to your letter have as yet not been able to find of recruiting station here in Ellis Co. so will ask you to send me application blanks, is there any other branch I could enroll in besides nurses training think there would be would like to go to France real soon if possible if there is nothing else will try the training.

Sincerely yours

Mrs. Ella Bridel
Victoria
Kans.

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August 12, 1918.

Miss Alice Teeter,

Ellis, Kansas.

Dear Miss Teeter:-

Our application blanks have been exhausted and we are advised at Washington to enroll students on the cards and later application blanks will be sent direct to them if they are needed when the regularly enrolled students have been exhausted. As you are only ~~nineteen~~ years of age you are not eligible to the army school of nursing but could easily enter the civilian training if your physical qualifications are satisfactory. If you care to enroll in this way, kindly send in the enclosed card properly filled out and we will do what we can for you later on.

Sincerely yours,

Enc.

V.

State Chairman.

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Ellis, Kansas.
Aug 18 1918.
Mrs. G. W. Mulvane,
Topeka,
Kansas.
Dear Madam: - I desire to
enroll in the Student
Nurse's Reserve under the
third classification. I am
nineteen years old and
have had three years
High School training. I am
Yours respectfully
Alice Teeter,
Ellis
Mo.

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August 9, 1918.

Miss Flora A. Treth,

Hays, Kansas.

Dear Miss Treth:-

Mrs. W.A. Lewis of Hays is the county chairman of the Woman's Committee and is expected to have a recruiting station in your town for your county. Will you kindly get into communication with her and see if she cannot enroll you. Even if she has not opened a public recruiting station she will receive the necessary blanks from Washington and could enroll you there. Applicants are asked to enroll in their own counties wherever possible. However, if you find it impossible to enroll in your own county, write me again and I will see what I can do. My difficulty is the shortage of blanks sent me due to the enthusiastic response all over the country to this call to the colors.

Sincerely yours,

V.

State Chairman
Memorial Bldg.