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These folders contain the correspondence of Governor Allen on a variety of topics. In the first letter Secretary John P. Shillady, of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, argues against the segregation of Kansas schools. Other letters relate to issues facing veterans of World War I, such as bonuses, delayed mail, demobilization, discharge records, the release of the 89th Division, and employment for discharged soldiers.

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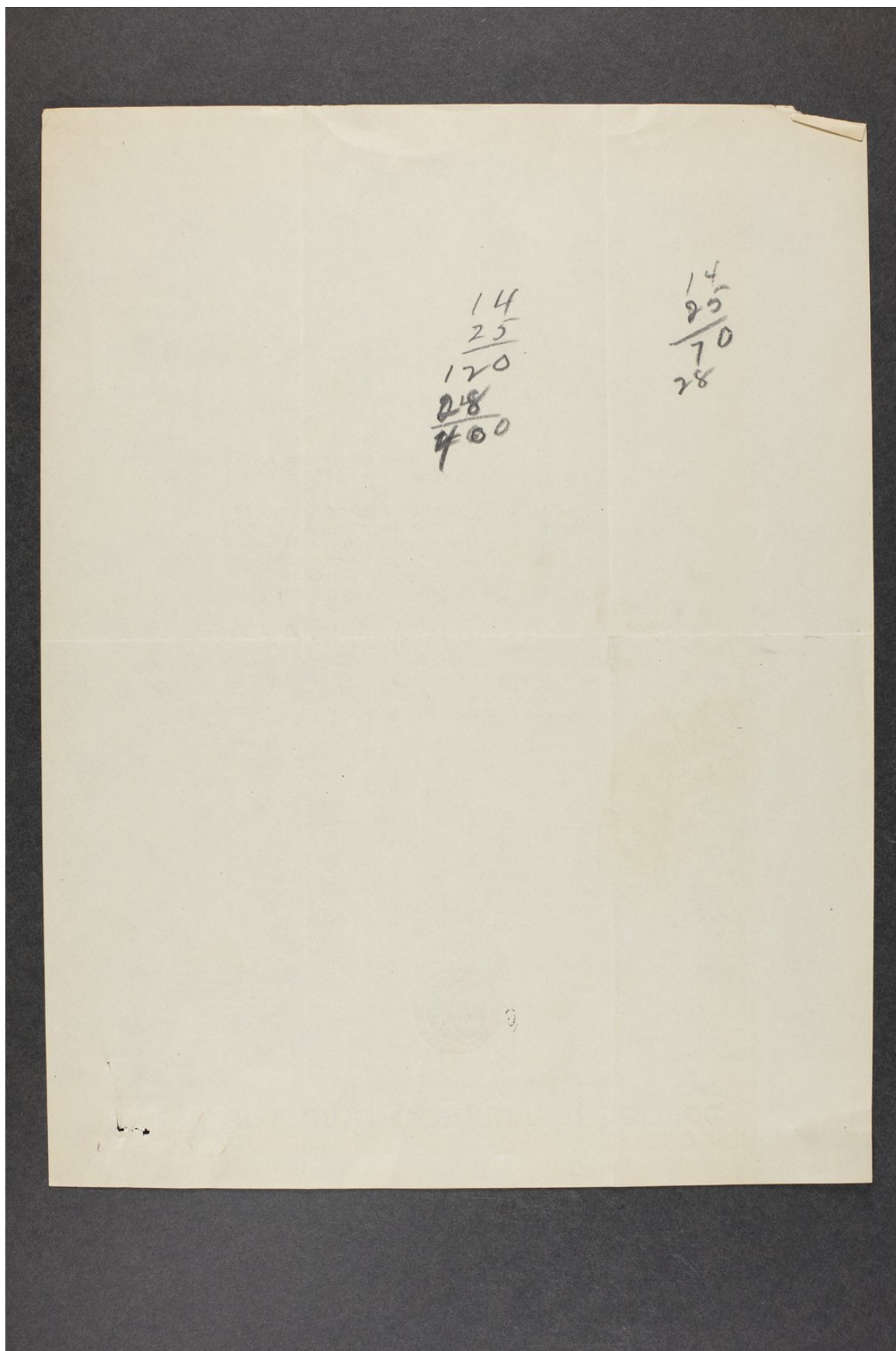
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September 16, 1919.

Mrs. Isabelle Bousquet,
Evanston, Ill.

My dear Mrs. Bousquet:

In the absence of Governor Allen I wish
to acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 14th
with enclosed copies of Senator Capper's bill in relation
to a bonus for soldiers and sailors and to say that the
subject will be brought to the Governor's attention.


Yours very truly,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Sept. 14/19

Dear Governor Allen -

The bill introduced in the Senate by Senator Caffery in the House by Mr. Mason is my bill. I trust you will find it worthy of your endorsement & that you will tell the Soldier boys of Kansas that I request each & every one of them to write to the Chairman of the House Military Committee at once asking that a bill be passed authorizing a bonus & if they like this bond bill request its approval by the committee. This is the best method to get quick action. as few requests have so far come in & they are hesitating & postponing awaiting the request from the Soldiers. Yours Truly

Mrs. J. B. Douquet.
Franklin Ellis. Isabelle Douquet

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66TH CONGRESS,
1ST SESSION.

S. 2974.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

SEPTEMBER 8 (calendar day, SEPTEMBER 9), 1919.

Mr. CAPPER (by request) introduced the following bill; which was read twice
and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

A BILL

To grant a Victory bond bonus to the members of the military
and naval forces of the United States who brought about the
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2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That in addition to the pay and allowances already author-
4 ized by law, all members of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps,
5 and Coast Guard, namely, officers, enlisted men, contract sur-
6 geons, field clerks, and nurses (female), who served honorably
7 in the military and naval forces of the United States during
8 any time between the 6th day of April, 1917, and the 11th
9 day of November, 1918, be, and they are, granted each--
10 officers and others alike--the sum of \$50 for six months'
11 or less service, the sum of \$100 for six months' to one year's
12 service, and the sum of \$200 for service of over one year's
13 duration; all men who were in actual combat in one or more

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- 1 battles with the armies of Germany, or her allies, to receive
- 2 an additional bond of \$100, or a total of \$300, to be paid
- 3 upon the passage of this act, if already discharged, or imme-
- 4 diately upon discharge, if still in the service: *or if still on the regular service* **Provided, That**
- 5 the payments hereby authorized be in Victory bonds, as a
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H. R. 8943.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

SEPTEMBER 2, 1919.

Mr. MASON (by request) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs and ordered to be printed.

A BILL

To grant a Victory bond bonus to the members of the military and naval forces of the United States who brought about the victory.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That in addition to the pay and allowances already authorized
4 by law, all members of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and
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or 3 on the regular Service

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By Mr. Mason.

SEPTEMBER 2, 1919.—Referred to the Committee on Military Affairs and ordered to be printed.



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Miss G.A.

September 24, 1919.

Mr. F. A. Cogswell, M. D.,
Leona, Kansas.

My dear Dr. Cogswell:--

I have your letter of the 22nd inst. which I have read with very deep interest. I know I do not need to assure you of my interest in the soldier and my willingness to do anything I can to further his welfare. The subject of legislation along these lines will undoubtedly be brought up in the next legislative session, but it is not yet clear in my mind whether the situation is sufficiently poignant to call for a special session. At present, I do not feel that a special session called for this purpose would accomplish anything. I will always be glad to have your opinion upon the development of the situation.

Yours sincerely,

Governor.

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F. A. COGSWELL, M. D.
DONIPHAN COUNTY,
LEONA, KANSAS. SEP 22 1919

Hon. Henry J. Allen
Topeka, Kansas.

My Dear Governor: Your letter
of Sept. 8th in reply to mine
enclosing notice of action
of North Dakota Legislature
voting \$25.00, for month
of service for each soldier
of that state received
and very carefully read.
I note what you said
about the inaction of
our recent legislature
gathered in the interest
of the returning soldiers.
But Kansas should not
let despised non-partisan
North Dakota outdo her
in caring for the boys
who faced danger, disease
and death for a dollar
a day. We have a right to
pay them for their bravery

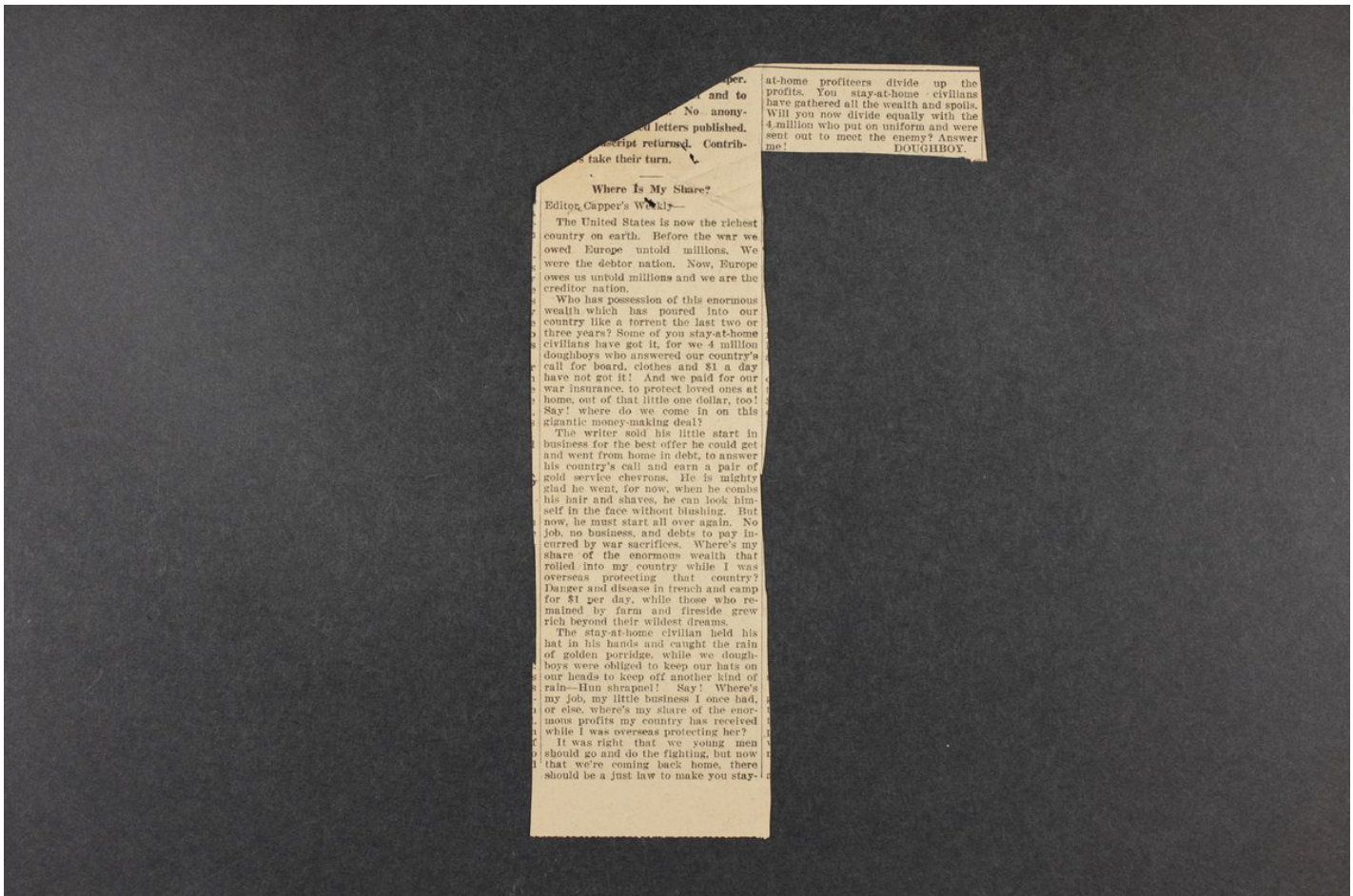
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and patriotism, - just
a little to help pay a
fair price for their time.
I write the more freely to
you because you were for-
geas helping care for
these same boys.
The old true politicians
know full well that
the American Legion
is something to be
reckoned with. The
leaders of the Legion, and
all those who will gather
at Minneapolis in
November, are not men
who are down to their
last dollar like a lot
of the boys are, and judging
from the hint given at
the St. Louis meeting,
these leaders (like Lt. Col.
Roosevelt) are afraid that
any claim for money

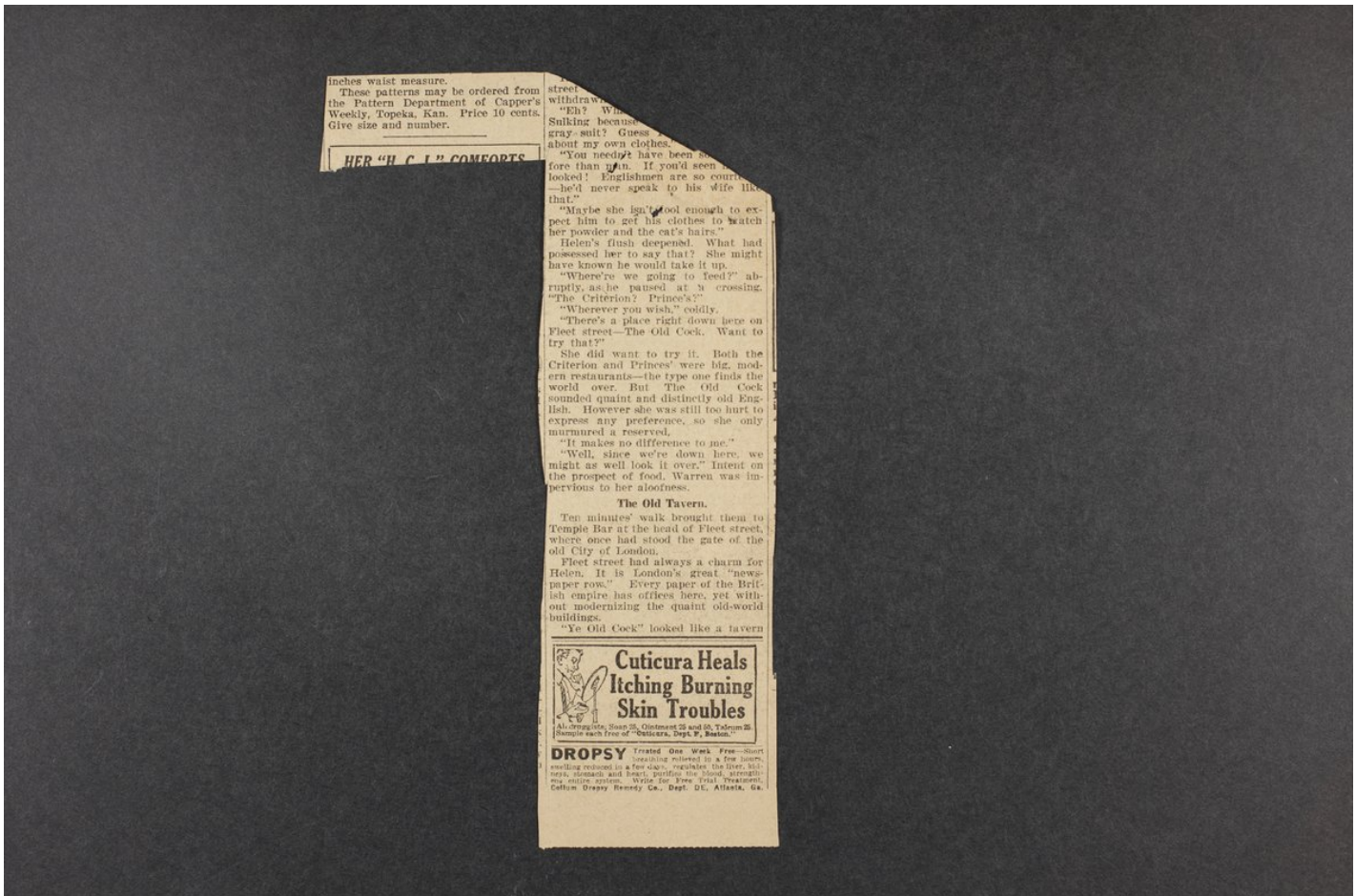
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3 compensation for time
in service will furnish
the record of the soldiers
bravery and patriotism.
And the Army and Navy
official papers and
the Wall Street Journal
are doing their very best
to keep this idea upper-
most. They don't want a
two billion dollar claim
against the U.S. G. for extra
pay. They are willing
the boys should receive
this extra pay in home-
coming parades, speeches
of welcome and receptions.
But that don't buy a meal
ticket nor a pair of high
priced shoes. I believe
you will find the inclosed
newspaper clipping very
interestingly reading.
Sincerely yours F. A. Cogswell

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inches waist measure.
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HER "H. C. L." CONFOUNDS

street
withdrawn
"Eh? What?"
Sulking because
gray-suit? Guess
about my own clothes.
"You needn't have been so
fore than I can. If you'd seen
looked! Englishmen are so courti
—he'd never speak to his wife like
that."

"Maybe she isn't cool enough to ex-
pect him to get his clothes to watch
her powder and the cat's hairs."
Helen's flush deepened. What had
possessed her to say that? She might
have known he would take it up.

"Where're we going to feed?" ab-
ruptly, as he paused at a crossing.
"The Criterion? Prince's?"

"Wherever you wish," coldly.
"There's a place right down here on
Fleet street—The Old Cock. Want to
try that?"

She did want to try it. Both the
Criterion and Prince's were big, mod-
ern restaurants—the type one finds the
world over. But The Old Cock
sounded quaint and distinctly old Eng-
lish. However she was still too hurt to
express any preference, so she only
murmured a reserved.

"It makes no difference to me."
"Well, since we're down here, we
might as well look it over." Intent on
the prospect of food, Warren was im-
persious to her aloofness.

The Old Tavern.

Ten minutes' walk brought them to
Temple Bar at the head of Fleet street,
where once had stood the gate of the
old City of London.

Fleet street had always a charm for
Helen. It is London's great "news-
paper row." Every paper of the Brit-
ish empire has offices here, yet with-
out modernizing the quaint old-world
buildings.

"Ye Old Cock" looked like a tavern



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Madison Stis
10. North Butler St.
Sept 23, 1919
Governor Allen
Topeka Kansas,
Dear Governor:
Lately Wisconsin has enacted
a law which is of great
value to soldiers, who served
in the World War, from this
state, the state will pay to
each returned soldier sailor
mariner, and nurse the
sum of ten dollars for
each month of their enlistment
in the service. Minnesota
has a similar law, paying
fifteen dollars for each
month in service. I am

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a Kansan, 'did my bit,'
received an honorable discharge
and am just wondering
if Kansas is doing something
for her returned soldiers to
tide them over the present
emergency. I would be
pleased to have you let me
know if anything has been
done along this line.

Respectfully yours
C. D. Ferguson

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Bonus for soldiers

*108
g.w.*

September 27, 1919.

Mr. R. Wilford Riegler,
Saint John, Kans.

My dear Mr. Riegler:

I have read your letter of the 25th inst with deep interest and placed it in a file which I am collecting upon this subject to bring to the attention of the Kansas legislature at its next session. You realize, of course, that nothing can be done until the legislature convenes again.

An effort was made to secure consideration of this subject at the last session of the legislature, but the effort failed. Not very many of the boys were home at that time. It was a new subject and the legislature did not feel like going into it, although a good many of us who knew the boys and the situation felt that it should have become a matter for legislative consideration.

I think it would be a good plan for the boys themselves to get together through the American Legion upon a program for all the states which would be somewhat similar, so that all the men of the Expeditionary Forces in whatever states they live should have received the same consideration from their states. What do you think of this suggestion?

Very sincerely yours,

Governor.

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Saint John, Kansas,
September 25, 1919

Hie Excellency
Henry J. Allen,
Governor of Kansas.

Dear Sir: If you
will permit me I
will write in a
familiar tone because
at this time I
feel as though
all the men of
the old 35th Division
are my personal
friends.

As a prelude to
the real mission
my letter carries I
would remind the
Governor that it

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was one year ago
tonight that the
35th Division was
crouched up in
secret behind the
little French village
of Vauquois. The
were eager to spring
upon the foe and
when we did start
over the top we
went strong.

The next few
days should be
memorable ones
for any man who
fought up there
in the Argonne. I

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am celebrating the
first anniversary
of my going over
the top by writing
for a goodly number
of inquisitive ex-
soldiers and myself
to His Excellency the
Governor.

Not very long ago
the State Senate in
Minnesota passed a
bill donating to all
soldiers who
participated in the
recent war, a
bonus of from \$15
to \$50. This was

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passed without any
trouble because the
Minnesota Senate
realized the invaluable
service these boys
had paid to their
Nation and State.

During the time
we were in the
service there was
a continuous talk
going the rounds
that Kansas would
pay a bonus to
her boys after the
war was ended.
This talk seems to
have come from some

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reliable source became
it was with its
from Doniphan to
France and back.

Whether or not
the Senate of Kansas
ever thought of
treating us in their
way I think it
a suitable time
for those distinguished
gentlemen to be
doing their kind
act.

Kansas, the
greatest State in the
Union, has lead
in all notable and

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important questions
that have confronted
her since her
admission to the
Union. Kansas
placed liquor and
intoxicating drinks
behind the bars
long ago; she has
provided first class
school, health and
sanitation laws; and
she has lived true
to her record by
giving women the
privilege to vote.
Be we, in this
period of readjustment

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and reconstruction,
going to sit by and
watch other States
give unhesitatingly
and freely to their
boys who fought
that our Nation
might live? Are
we going to sit
tight with closed
hands clinging to
the dollar which
was made by
the soldier who
dared and died?
Are we going to
do as we should,
give all the Kansas

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have a square deal
by donating to them
a home for reasonable
quantity? I think we
should.

I was a member
of Company L, 137th
Infantry, which
came from Emporia
and I saw some
hard fighting in
the Argonne. I
believe I have the
right to address
His Excellency in
this manner because
a few of my old
buddies, those "Kansas

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lads who would
go marching and
singing along the
roads of France,
the old gay song
"Goodbye Ma'
Goodbye Pa," asked me.

In behalf of
the fellows, and as
one of them, I am
asking Your Excellency
to give this matter
his sincere and
just attention. By
doing so a bill
may come before
our State Senate
which will provide

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for the paying of a
small retroduction to
us fellows who
are out of the
service trying to
compete with those
who stayed at
home.

Thanking you Sir,
in advance for your
consideration of this
lengthy letter and
hoping to hear from
you concerning a
probable action.

I am
Yours of the old 35th
R. Wilford Riegle