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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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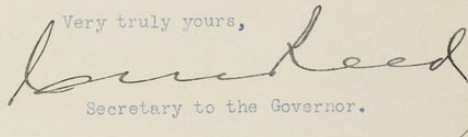
January 6, 1920.

Mrs. Lawrence Reed,
General Delivery,
Albuquerque, New Mexico.

My dear Mrs. Reed:--

Governor Allen is just in receipt of a letter from the Commanding Officer, at Nogales, advising that the case of Lawrence M. Reed was reported to the Adjutant General of the Army, at Washington, who directed that he be returned to Fort Logan, Colorado, for trial. The Governor will take the case up with the Adjutant General and see what may be done.

Very truly yours,


Secretary to the Governor.

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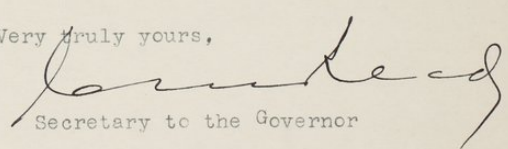
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December 26, 1919.

Mrs. Lawrence Reed,
General Delivery,
Abbuquerque, New Mexico.

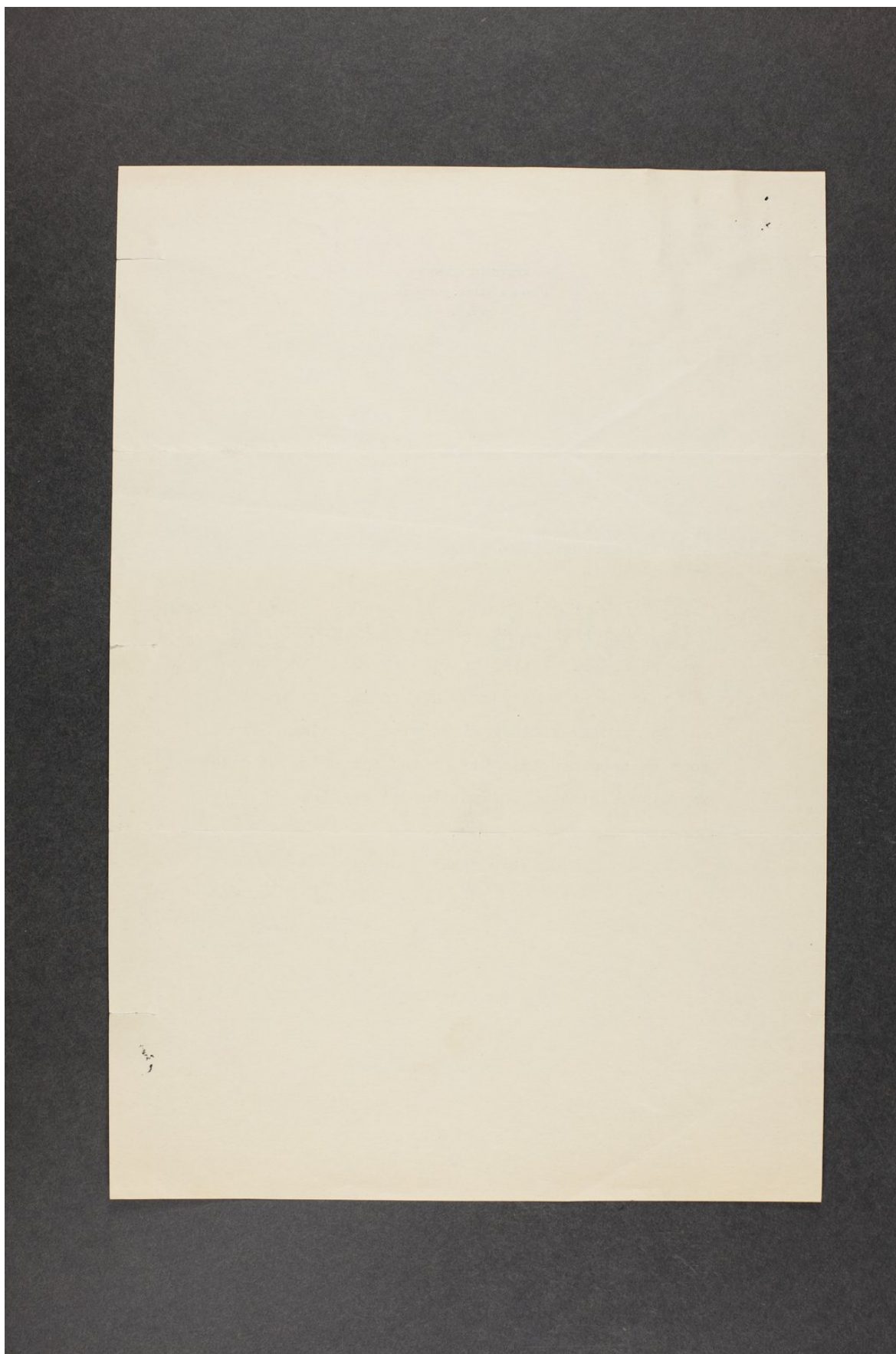
My dear Mrs. Reed:

Governor Allen directs me to acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 21st and to say that he is taking your husband's case up with the Commanding Officer at Nogales, Arizona. As soon as he can obtain all of the facts in the case he will be glad to do whatever in possible in the premises.

Very truly yours,


Secretary to the Governor

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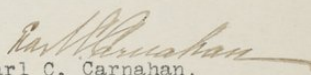
December 30, 1919.

From: The Commanding Officer.
To: The Governor, State of Kansas, Topeka, Kansas.
Subject: Case of Lawrence M. Reed.

1. Private Lawrence M. Reed, General Service, Infantry, was apprehended by the civil authorities at Tucson, Arizona, on or about November 30, 1919, and was delivered to this station on December 1, 1919. His case was reported to The Adjutant General of the Army at Washington who directed that he be returned to Fort Logan, Colorado, for trial.

Private Reed left this station enroute to Fort Logan on December 23, 1919.

2. No information relative to his alleged desertion is known here in addition to that stated above.


Earl C. Carnahan,
Colonel, 25th Inf., USA.

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The "Savoy"

W. G. MEARN, Prop.

Albuquerque, N. M.,

Dec. 21, 1918.

Gov. Allen,

Dear Sir:-

Perhaps you do
not have had considerable
trouble in trying to answer
so many of these letters
But I must say this
if its as hard to read as
it is to write I hardly
know what you will do.

Do hope you will
help me. My husband was
absent with out leave from
Fort Logan. Colo. here a while
back and then when he
gave him self up at
Tucson Ariz. They took him

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The "Sanny"

W. G. MEARNS, Prop.

Albuquerque, N. M., 191

down. to Hogalee City and
put him in the guard
House. and he has been
there over a mo. now
and Gov. Allen. I really
need him so much I'm no
one to support me and
I expect to become a
mother in May next and
you see I really need
him so much he kept
port Logan with intention
of helping me by not
dropping my name and
he married me. Oct 11-1899
at Amarillo Tex. &c.
I can't see why they
should blame any one

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The "Savoy"

W. G. MEARNS, Prop.

Albuquerque, N. M., 191

So hard when really he
did the weight thing not
many men from the Army
run scared they much white
they helped a girl or not.
And the yfien down there
wishes he be tried for
deserting the Army. I can't
see how you could figure
it deserting when he gave
him self I have his discharge
of other enlistments and
he has a good record
clear through. and I
need him so much to
take care of me. Gov. Allen
I re Rem every where
to see what help I could

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The "Savoy"

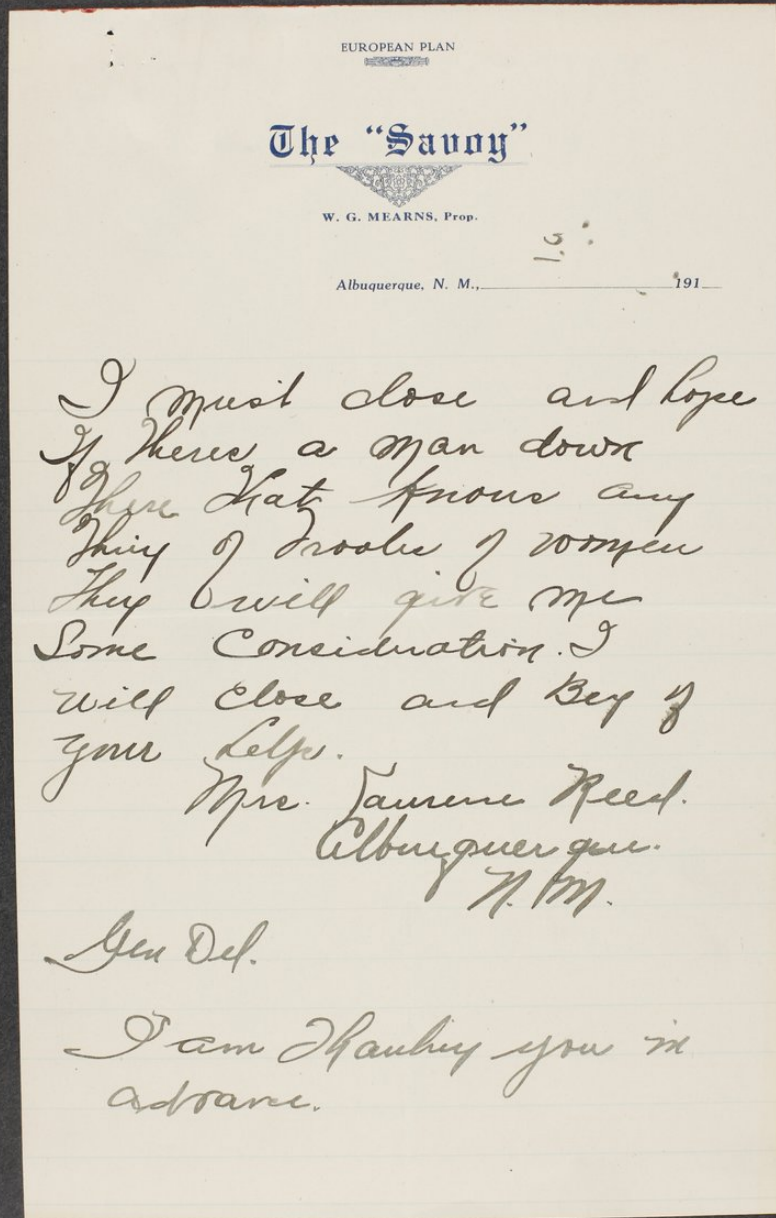
W. G. MEARNS, Prop.

Albuquerque, N. M., 191

git for him as well as my
self. and there really
seems only one thing
left to do and that is
go to { President Wilson }.
and Gov. Allen I'm not
able to. If I really were
I sure would.

Laurie has only step
Parents and they won't take
care of me. his parents
names are J. P. Reed 208
9th Ave West. Hutchinson
Kansas. and his name is
M. Lawrence Reed.
Mogalee Ariz.
Po. Commanding Officer

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Milwaukee Wis.
Jan. 15, 1920.
To His Excellency the Governor.
Sir:-
Some time ago Mr. Wm.
J. Spencer met with an
accident which happened
while he was in service on
the U. S. S. Shawmut
and was taken to the
U. S. Naval Hospital
Ward 18 Naval Operating
Base Hampton Roads, Va.
About four months ago

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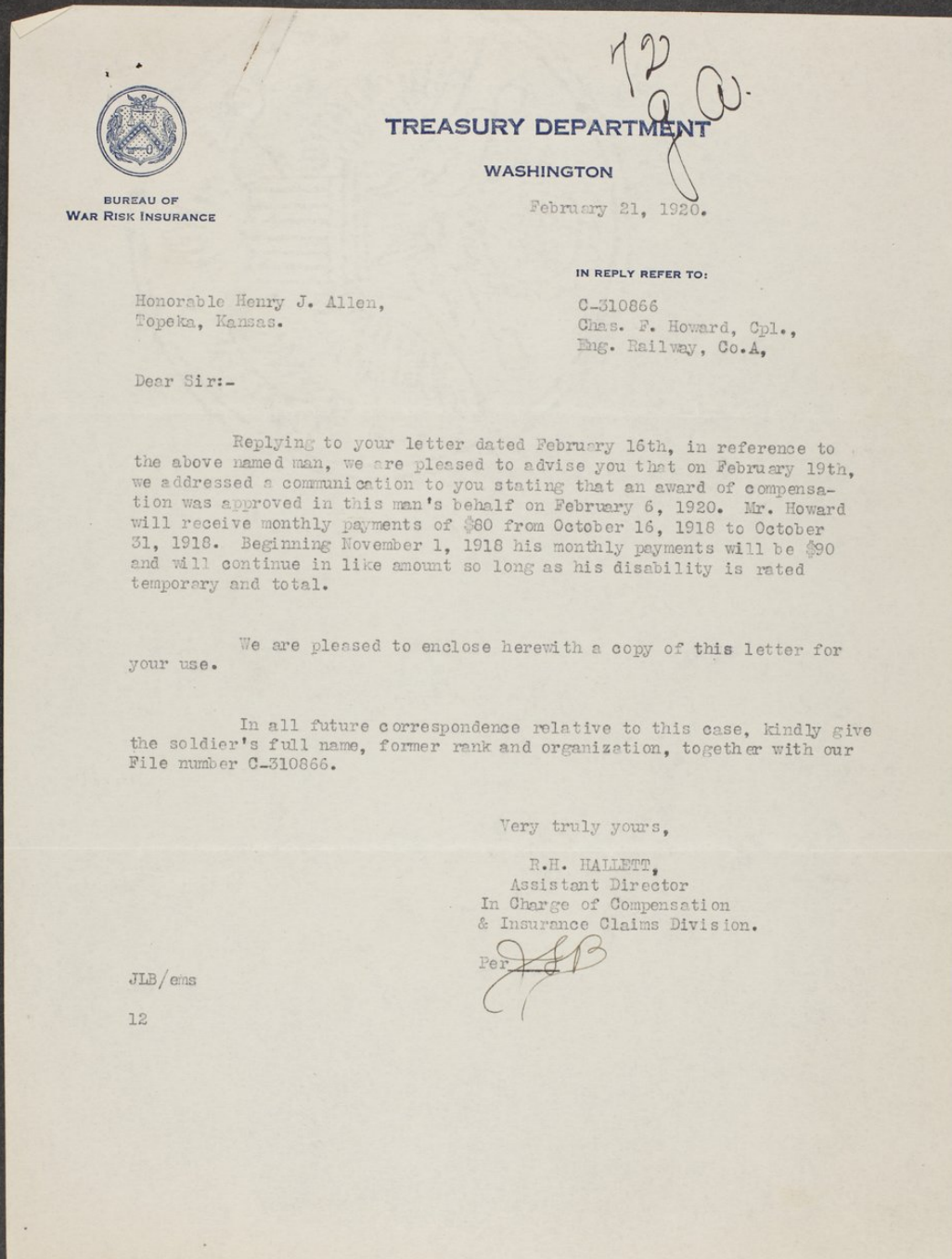
I got a letter from him saying that he was transferred to Ward 12 and that he was feeling better and expected to come home to us as soon as he was discharged. Then I didn't hear from him since. Being worried I wrote to his commander but did not receive any answer. The reason I'm asking you for information is that on July 12, 1919 Mr. Wm. J.

Spencer wrote a letter to me saying that if he never got well, everything he owned would belong to me and had also written home to that effect. He also wrote to the bank that in case of his death everything shall be turned over to me and that it was signed by the Governor of the State. If you can please aid me as to his whereabouts it

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will be greatly appreciated.
Hoping to receive a favor-
able reply. I am Sir,
Yours very respectfully,
(Miss) Hilda Bogenschield,
1365 Fourteenth St.,
Milwaukee, Wis.

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BUREAU OF
WAR RISK INSURANCE

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON

February 21, 1920.

IN REPLY REFER TO:

Honorable Henry J. Allen,
Topeka, Kansas.

C-310866
Chas. F. Howard, Cpl.,
Eng. Railway, Co.A.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to your letter dated February 16th, in reference to the above named man, we are pleased to advise you that on February 19th, we addressed a communication to you stating that an award of compensation was approved in this man's behalf on February 6, 1920. Mr. Howard will receive monthly payments of \$80 from October 16, 1918 to October 31, 1918. Beginning November 1, 1918 his monthly payments will be \$90 and will continue in like amount so long as his disability is rated temporary and total.

We are pleased to enclose herewith a copy of this letter for your use.

In all future correspondence relative to this case, kindly give the soldier's full name, former rank and organization, together with our File number C-310866.

Very truly yours,

R.H. HALLETT,
Assistant Director
In Charge of Compensation
& Insurance Claims Division.

Per _____

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February 24, 1920.

Mr. Charles F. Howard,
323 N. Willow Street,
Harrison, Arkansas.

My dear Mr. Howard:--

Upon receipt of your letter of the 9th inst.
we investigated our records and found that the Bureau of
War Risk Insurance had not replied to our communication
of January 28. We wrote them again under date of the 16th
and I am pleased to send you herewith copy of reply.
It appears your claim has been allowed and I trust it is
entirely satisfactory.

If the Governor can be of further assistance
at any time kindly advise.

Very truly yours,

Encl.

Secretary to the Governor.

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BUREAU OF
WAR RISK INSURANCE

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON

February 19, 1920

IN REPLY REFER TO:

Hon. Henry J. Allen,
Topeka, Kansas.

C-310 866
Chas F. Howard, Corp.
Eng. Railway, C. A.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your communication of January 28th with reference to the claim of the above named ex-soldier, we are pleased to advise you that award of compensation was approved in his behalf on February 6, 1920. Pursuant to this award Mr. Howard will receive compensation in the sum of \$80.00 per month from October 16, 1918 to October 31, 1918 when his payments were increased on account of his marriage which took place Oct. 22, 1918; beginning November 1, 1918 his monthly payments will be \$90.00 and will continue in like amount so long as his disability is rated temporary and total.

The initial check has, no doubt, been dispatched to Mr. Howard by this time and monthly payment will be sent to him at his home address in Harrison, Arkansas.

We are pleased to enclose herewith a copy of this letter for your use.

All correspondence relative to this case must bear our file number C-310 866.

Yours very truly,

R. H. Hallett
Assistant Director,
In charge of Compensation
and Insurance Claims Division.

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Per 

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a.g.
February 16, 1920.

Bureau of War Risk Insurance,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sirs:--

Our records do not indicate that you
have replied to my letter of January 28 regarding
the Compensation Claim of Charles F. Howard, File
No. C-310866, serial number 161811, Company 72, 12th
Engineers.

Will you kindly give me a reply at an early
date, and oblige

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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Harrison Arkansas
Feb 9. 20
Honorable Henry J. Allen,
Governor of Ka.
Dear Governor:-
Please find Enclosed
Two Communications, which
State that they have
Recd. My Physical
Examination and Acknowledge
having sent same to
the Chief Medical Advisor
at Washington. And
Washington claims as
soon as they get the
Report from Houston of
My Physical Condition
they will settle my
Cost at Once.
It seems Mr Holt
at Houston Texas and

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Mr Hallett at Washington
are getting Crossed up
Some way.
Hoping this will be
of some service to
you and thanking you
very kindly for what
you may have for me.
I am very Resp
Coyl Chas. F. Howard.
323 N. Lincoln St.

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OFFICE OF
DISTRICT SUPERVISOR FOURTEENTH DISTRICT
(TEXAS, OKLAHOMA, ARKANSAS)
313 MASON BLDG., 709 MAIN ST.
HOUSTON, TEXAS

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

UNITED STATES
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE
HOUSTON, TEX.

Dec. 31, 1919.

Mr. Chas. F. Howard,
Harrison, Ark.

Sir:

We are in receipt of a report of your physical examination rendered by Dr. C. M. Routh. From the reading of this report it would appear that you are in need of hospital treatment. Are you willing to accept same as a claimant of the Bureau of War Risk Insurance?

Upon receipt of your reply that you will accept same we will send you transportation and authority to report to Dr. R. P. Harris, Boyle Bldg., Little Rock, Ark., who has authority to make arrangements for hospitalization.

Respectfully,

John M. Holt, Surgeon,
U. S. Public Health Service,
Supervisor 14th District.

Per WJK

WJK:BM

*Kindly Return This
after they have served
your purpose
C. F. H.*


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HOUSTON, TEXAS

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

UNITED STATES
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE
HOUSTON, TEX.

December 30, 1919 -


OFFICE OF
DISTRICT SUPERVISOR FOURTEENTH DISTRICT
(TEXAS, OKLAHOMA, ARKANSAS)
313 MASON BLDG., 709 MAIN ST.
HOUSTON, TEXAS

Chas. F. Howard,
323 North Willow Street,
Harrison, Arkansas -

Sir:

Replying to your communication of recent date, wish
to state that the report of your physical examination has been
forwarded to the Chief Medical Advisor.

With reference to your compensation you are requested
to correspond direct with the Director of Compensation and Claims,
Bureau of War Risk Insurance, Washington, D. C.

Respectfully,

John M. Holt, Surgeon,
U. S. Public Health Service,
Supervisor 14th District

per hm v m

MVM-
JEM:M

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72.
g. a.

January 28, 1920.

Bureau of War Risk Insurance,

Washington, D. C.

My dear Sirs:--

Will you please give me the status of the
claim of Charles F. Howard, File No. C-310866, serial
number 161811, Company 72, 12th Engineers.

An early reply will be greatly appreciated.

Yours very truly,

Governor.

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Jan. 22. 26.

Mr Clyde M. Reed.

Wesley Baus.

Dear Mr Reed:-

yours of the 19th

Just Rec'd. Beg to say The Last
Communication Rec'd. From The Government
was Oct. 24-19. My File No. With The
Government is C-316866. My Serial
No. is 161811. My Company No. 72. I
now if it would be any assistance I
will Gladly Send you my Discharge
Certificate and my Corporal Warrant

Kindly Let me know if you require
these and I will forward them at once

Hoping This Information will be of some
service to you. and Thanking you in
advance for what ever assistance
you may give me
I am yours truly Chas F Howard.



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HARRISON, ARKANSAS

Jan 15, 1920.
Honorable Gov. Allen,
Gov. of Kans.
Topeka Kans.

Dear Gov:—

I want to offer
an apology for this intrusion. Before
I commence but you are the only
man that I know of who has
interest enough in common
humanity to want a soldier to
have his dues. and in view of
that fact I am begging your
assistance in my compensation
claim. I do not wish to burden
you with my troubles but will
give you a brief out line of my
position I enlisted in the 12th Engineer
June 7-17. and went to France

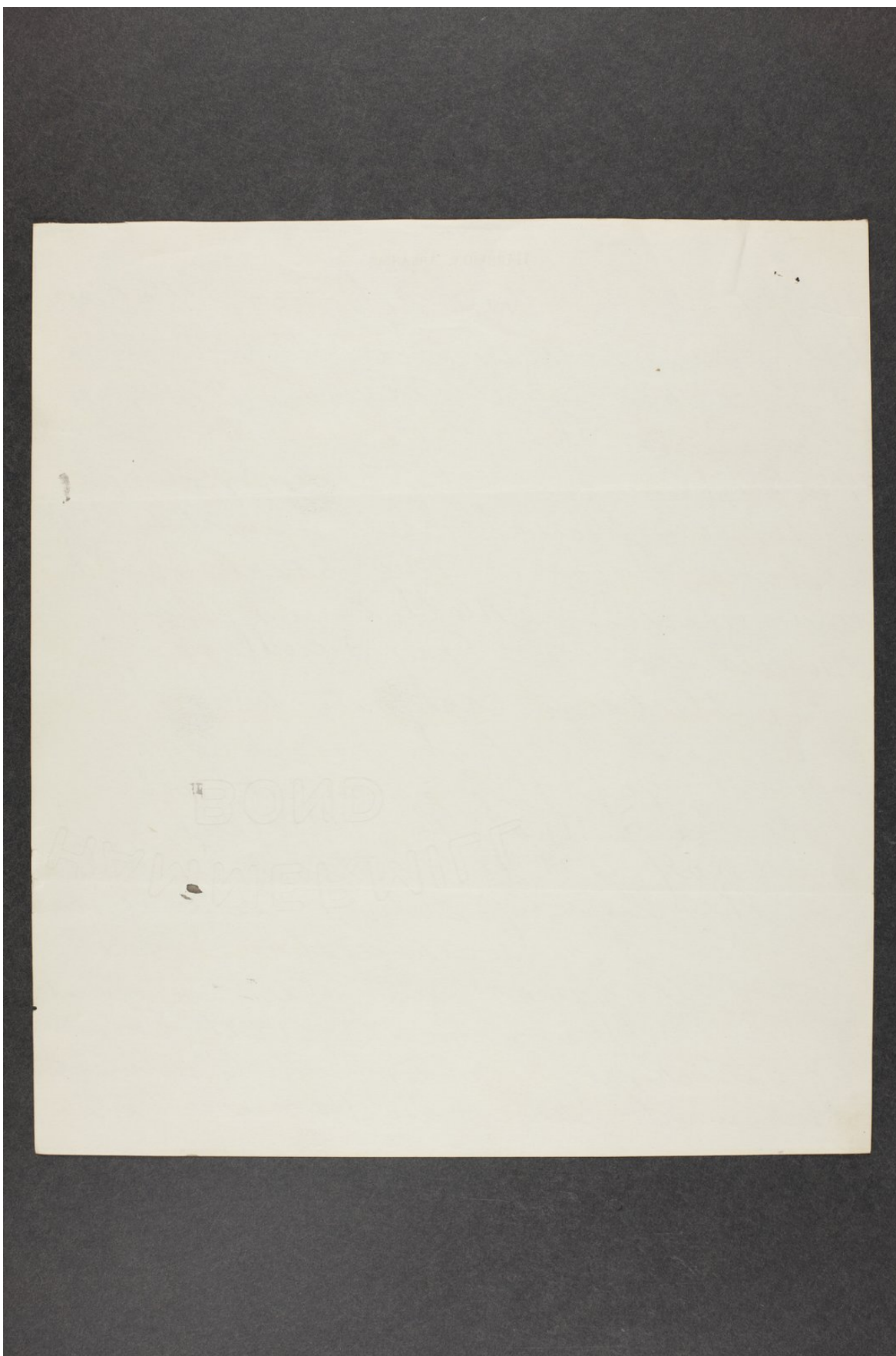
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July 26-47 and was not over more
than Eight Miles from the Cambra
front for eight months during
the time. The British had the
Battle of Cambra the 30th of Nov. 17.
In which I received shell shocks that
so badly injured my heart that I
am unable to make a sufficient
maintenance for my family.

My Discharge Certificate will show
that there is not the scratch of a pen
against my Record. And it will
also show that my disability is
from half to three fourths disabled
in the line of duty. And when
I asked for compensation I met
every requirement the Government
asked for and when I was Examined
Dr. Blackwell and Dr C. M. Routh the
Government Surgeon in Harrison gave

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HARRISON, ARKANSAS

On Recommended the Three Fourths Of
My Compensation. Since that time
~~I~~ have been unable to get a hearing
from Washington. No doubt your Mail
Box is Running Over with troublesome
communications of this kind. But
make you will find since some time
to find out the cause of their
dispositions. Hoping you will look
upon this with some degree of favor

I am Very Respt

Chas. F. Howard

323 N Willow St

Harrison

Arkansas

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g.a.

March 24th,
1919.

Mr. E. R. Taylor,
P.O. Box 173,
Houston, Texas.

Dear Mr. Taylor:-

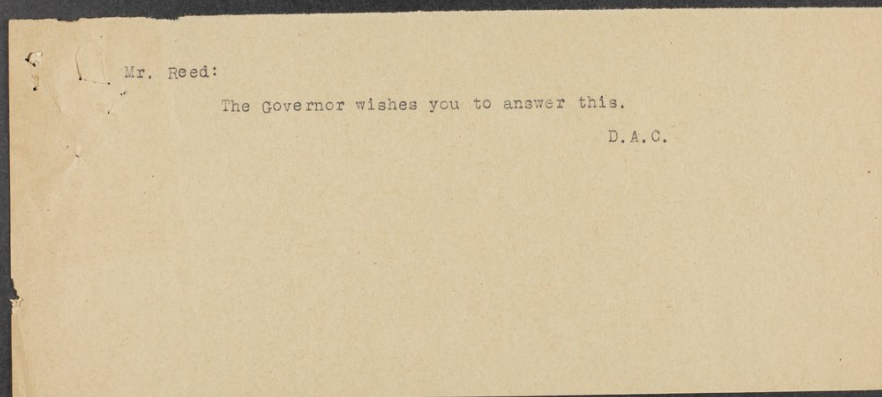
Governor Allen directs me to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 16th in regard to the case of negro soldiers imprisoned for participation in the Houston Riot.

The Governor has every desire to aid in securing equal and exact justice for all soldiers whether white or black. The matter, however, is one to be dealt with entirely by the National authorities and Kansas members of Congress are already giving the case their attention. There appears to be nothing that Governor Allen can do to expedite consideration, but he wishes me to assure you of his appreciation of your writing him upon the subject and of his interest in the matter.

Yours very truly,

Secretary to Governor.

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...the time in a hospital.

**CASE OF NEGRO SOLDIERS TO BE
REVIEWED BY CLEMENCY BOARD**

74peka, Kan., March 12.—Cases of negro soldiers, now serving prison terms following conviction in connection with participation in the riots at Houston, Tex., will be reviewed by the clemency board in the judge advocate general's office, according to a telegram from Judge Advocate General Crowder to Congressman Dan Anthony, which was made public here tonight. Habeas corpus proceedings designed to secure the release of the men, it is said, are pending. Sixty men are in prison.