

April
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1922.

Jules Henry, Esq.,
Secretary, French Embassy,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter of the 17th instant and can best reply by enclosing copies of my letter to the Consul General of France, dated February 20th, 1922, and of the letter to me of February 18th, 1922, from Madame Guerin and Capt. Dix, representing the Great War Veterans' Association. I think you will find that these fully explain the position and the stand taken by the G.W.V.A.

Under the circumstances, the Association declines to assume any responsibility or give any instructions regarding the settlement of claims against the Fund, such as that of Messrs. Cambrellent & Cie., for manufacturing costs, and of Madame Guerin for expenses.

Under the arrangement with Madame Guerin, the Association purchased from her Poppies and Wreaths at a fixed price, which it was informed would yield ample profit for distribution to the children of the devastated area. As a result of the campaign, \$60,780.03 became due Madame Guerin and upon payment of this amount the Association considered its responsibility at an end, for the reason that it knew only Madame Guerin and was not concerned with any claims for manufacturing costs or expenses.

You will appreciate that my responsibility as National Treasurer consisted solely in accounting for moneys actually received by me and that I assumed no duties whatever in connection with the conduct or administration of the Campaign. Under the circumstances, I regret that I am unable to give you any instructions