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Surely this is not asking too much, and it is the manifest duty of the stay-at-homes to assume this responsibility.

In expressing this to some friends lately, one of them spoke of the enormous indebtedness in which this would involve the country. It did not seem to strike him that the burden was there anyway, to be assumed by the soldier or the community. On which would it be the greatest burden?

If the government will undertake the duties that these men have assumed, that is support those dependant on them. I will guarantee there will be no dearth of recruits, but until this is done, none of us staying at home have any right to grumble that some continue to refuse the unfair and unreasonable proposition that is now put before them.

I am,

Yours truly,

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