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was declared would be expected to volunteer for active service, and if he lost his life in living up to the conception of his duty - there would be no compensation in the thought for me, his mother. One has faith in God - but there must be an earthly source of supplies to meet our need of a physical and financial nature.

If you think my letter, or my action in writing you presumptuous, I hope you will pause to think. Only my great need, and my desperate desire to provide the necessities of life for my two daughters, one handicapped by ill-health, and the other by her youth. She is only nine - prompted me to inflict my problem on you, who have shown, that in a case of real need, barriers of a social and a political nature can be crossed, or lowered where one can meet on a common ground to the mutual benefit of all concerned.

I am
Yours Sincerely
Alice Darton McLaughlin

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