

May 13th, 1925.

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Dear Mr. Fanning:-

I am this morning in receipt of your letter of May 11th in which you refer very kindly to the action of Last Post Fund for a slight service it rendered to a Spanish American War Veteran who died here recently.

Our organization exists solely for the purpose of seeing that no old soldier of ours shall be buried in a pauper's grave because at the time of his death he was without means of any kind. It is sometimes a fact, you know, that people forget the old soldier when war no longer prevails and to us it does not seem right that one who has served his country faithfully and well, who has suffered the dangers and discomforts of a campaign should lack a decent burial.

In rendering a service to the Spanish American veteran we felt that we were but repaying in some slight degree the many kindnesses which British soldiers, living and dead, have received from charitable and other organizations in the United States.

I join you in the fervent hope and prayer that the bonds which unite the Anglo-Saxon races shall continue to grow stronger and more permanent.

With all good wishes,