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The Editor,
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Dear Sir:-

You state in this morning's paper that the falling off in recruiting is causing alarm among the officers throughout the country. But has it occurred to you that something more than a "HIP HIP HURRAH" is needed to induce sober minded men with family responsibilities to enlist?

Have the stay-at-homes done their share?

What does the government offer a man who makes this supreme sacrifice - one dollar a day and twenty dollars a month for his wife and family, anything else they get is from charity.

I know a mechanic earning \$25 a week.

He has a delicate wife and one child. He has a \$3,000 life insurance policy which, he is informed, becomes void when he goes into active service. He has a comfortable home, the rent for which would take the total amount allowed to his wife by the government.

Now what does the government ask this man to do?

Aside from the discomforts and dangers, he is expected to turn his wife and child out of a comfortable home, to live, God knows how, while he is away defending the rest of us from what we so much dread.

If he is killed, the most inadequate provision is made by the government for his wife and family.

Now why should this be so ?

If one out of every twenty men go to war, why should not the nineteen who stay at home, at least see that those dependant upon him should not have to alter their way of living.

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