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Dear Sir:

Colonel Roosevelt has instructed me to acknowledge the receipt of your kind offer of assistance in the event of any volunteer organization being raised by him. It is impossible to answer each letter in detail, so I would request you to select from this general letter the information which may cover your particular case.

Enlisted men are to be from twenty to thirty-five years of age, either unmarried or if married of such financial position that a prolonged absence will not be a hardship to their families, physically sound in every way, accustomed to the handling of a rifle and able to take care of themselves in the open. Where men above thirty-five are accepted it will be either because they have exceptional qualities and experience fitting them for leadership, qualifying them for non-commissioned officers or later on for commissions, or because their training would enable them to serve in some special department coincident to the division. It is particularly desirable to enlist non-commissioned officers of the United States Army, provided they have been discharged with honorable records but still physically capable of severe service. Commission will be given strictly upon a basis of merit.

The organization details are being worked out in so far as possible. In order to facilitate this if you feel confident that you can meet the requirements kindly fill out the enclosed blank and return it to this office.

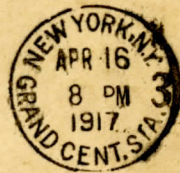
At present writing, it is not possible to say that there will be a call for volunteers. This communication is written merely to acknowledge receipt of your application to thank you for your willingness to serve and have your name upon the tentative roll in case your services should be needed.

Yours very truly,

W. E. Dume

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Col. Roosevelt.

Mr. Chester A. Parsons,
Plainfield,
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