

HEADQUARTERS TENTH DIVISION

January 29 1919.

From: The Commanding General,

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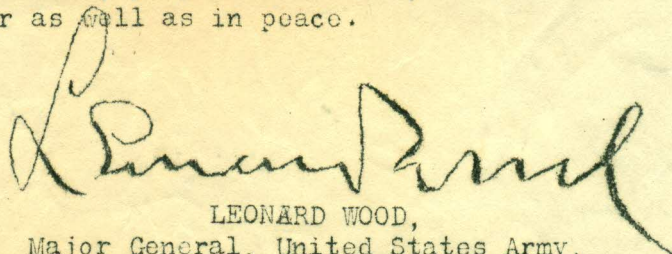
Private Fritz A. Wehling 3797979
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Subject: Discharge from service by reason of services being no longer required.

1. In the performance of military duty to one's Country in time of war, it is not for the citizen called to the Colors to select the kind of service to be done by him. One who has willingly and loyally responded to the call to arms and who has put his best efforts, mental and physical, into the training, and performed all military duties required of him to the best of his ability, standing ready always to make the supreme sacrifice of life itself, if need be, has done all that a good citizen and soldier could do to insure the successful prosecution of the war.

2. Although I appreciate how keenly you feel the disappointment of your failure to secure duty overseas in the actual battle area, I know you rejoice together with all Americans in the prospect of a righteous and just peace imposed upon the enemy and the termination of the terrible conflict which has involved the whole civilized World. You have done your best. You have cheerfully and loyally discharged the clear duty of every citizen in time of war and your work has been a part of the great National effort which has aided in securing a victorious peace.

3. You are discharged from the Army because your services are no longer required in the present emergency. You will return to your place in civil life all the better for the training you have had, and I feel sure you will take with you a better and higher appreciation of the obligations of citizenship, including the obligation of every man to be trained, prepared and ready to render service to the Nation in war as well as in peace.



LEONARD WOOD,
Major General, United States Army,
Commanding.