

A Very Urgent Relief Case

Among the many letters received at Washington, D.C., during the present war, we quote the following as being one of the best:

“Mr. Headquarters, U.S. Army.

“Dear Mr. Headquarters:-

“My husband was induced into the surface long months ago and I ain’t received no pay from him since he was gone. Please send me my elopement as I have a four months old baby and he is my only support and I need it every day to buy food and to keep us enclosed. I am a poor woman and all that I have is at the front. Both sides of my parents are very old and I can’t suspect anything from them as my mother has been in bed thirteen years with one doctor and she won’t take another. My husband is in charge of a spittoon. Do I get any more than I am going to get? Please send me a letter and tell me if my husband made application for a wife and child and please send me a wife form to fill out. I have already written to Mr. Roosevelt and got no answer, and if I don’t hear from you I will write to Uncle Sam about him and you.

Very truly,
(signed) MRS. PAT IRWIN

P.S. – My husband says he sets in the Y.M.C.A. every nite with the piano playing in his uniform. I think you can find him there.”