

April 4, 1916

My dear Mrs. Barlow:

Mr. Rockefeller has just referred to me your letter of April 1 in regard to the relief work recommended by Mrs. Wharton for the benefit of soldiers who have contracted tuberculosis in the trenches. This is a matter which has already been brought to my attention by the Duchesse de Richelieu, and I have had some correspondence with the French Ambassador about it. Mr. Rockefeller has told you that the Foundation has thus far confined its assistance to non-combatants, and it seems improbable that we shall extend our contributions outside this field, not because such work is in any sense unworthy of support, but simply because of our belief that we can render our largest service in the various parts of the war area by adhering to the programme we have adopted. We realize, however, that the relief of soldiers who on account of wounds or disease are surely incapacitated from any more active service, is in a different category from the ^{ordinary} relief of the wounded, a work to which the American people have made such large and admirable contributions, and I have already asked the Director of our War Relief Commission, who is now in Europe, to look into this question of tuberculosis. If by any chance we saw our way to doing anything in this field, it would only be upon the basis of reports and recommendations from our War Relief Commission, which has unusual advantages for inquiring into such matters.

Thanking you for bringing Mrs. Wharton's appeal to our attention, I am,

Very truly yours,

Jerome D. Greene

Mrs. Francis C. Barlow,