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January 10, 1919.

Dear Friend:

The American Friends Service Committee has very much appreciated the moral and financial support of the Mennonite Church. Realizing the vital issues at stake and the importance of even closer co-operation between our two religious denominations, arrangements have been made for a number of your prominent men to become associate members of our Committee, and increased publicity is being given concerning your support in the work of reconstructing the homes and hearts of the civilian population of France and elsewhere.

There has never during the centuries of the existence of our two organizations been such an opportunity for us to show to the world, and particularly to our military critics, the absolute sincerity of our position, for while our young men generally in military camps and those of us who are older have not been able to support the military program of the government, having always been opposed to war, we are willing and glad to engage in the constructive peace work which has opened to us. Much of the effort of our organization abroad in months past has been spent in evacuating civilians from the bombarded villages and in the immediate relief of dire distress of many kinds; that was an all important service.

The war has closed, for which we are profoundly thankful. With this changed condition comes new opportunities for service. The efficiency of our workers abroad has been well established; one result of this has been the request by French authorities for us to rebuild forty-four villages, embracing twenty-five hundred families, etc., in the district west of Verdun. This region was perhaps the most devastated of any portion of France. Our people abroad having faith in their sympathizers in the homeland have accepted this great work. Will we see it through to a successful finish?

Excerpt from one of many appeals to the Non-Resistant Relief Organization for funds to relieve the suffering of war