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August 18, 1922.

My dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge your letter in regard to the Gold Star Book which I am preparing in commemoration of the 2,000 Alabamians who made the supreme sacrifice during the World War. I have had so much difficulty in completing my records that the work is held up for the present. However, I beg to acknowledge the receipt of the data and picture of your son, J.E. Bumby which is being carefully preserved in our files. Rest assured that I will carry out my promise to send you without cost, a copy of the publication when issued. Please sympathize with the difficulties I am having and know that I am taking all necessary time in order to make the work as full and complete as possible.

The Government itself is not able to furnish me with all the information I want and I am having to depend upon private sources in each County to separate the white from the colored soldiers and to give me the place and death and final burial. Even at that I am having very little co-operation and cannot say just when the book will be issued.

Cordially,

Mr. H. E. Bumby,

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