SFChronicle Widow Won't Accept Honors From Nixon

Anne Peabody Brown of Menlo Park has returned a certificate received last week from President Nixon. It honored her late husband's "devoted and selfless consecration to the service of our country" during World War I.

"It is ironic," she wrote the President "that it is your administration that listed him on the Enemies List' published the very week that he died."

Her late husband, Robert

Wesley Brown, was a veteran of war, but he was also a veteran of the protest movement against the Vietnam war. He died Dec. 17, 1973.

The Browns were among 127 protesters who blocked entrance to the Army Induction Center in Oakland on Oct. 16, 1967. All were convicted of disturbing the peace, and spent ten days in Santa Rita Rehabilitation Center.

Brown, a retired geologist,

was 77 then. His court defense decried the escalation in Vietnam, and its acceptance by citizens.

"It was an experience I will never regret having had because it opened our eyes to the really terrible conditions there in jail," Mrs. Brown said yesterday.

She received the President's memorial certificate on April 30. a day after what would have been her husband's 84th birthday.