

March 23, 1943

Mr. Irving Flamberg
23 West 73rd Street
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Flamberg:

Your letter of March 9, addressed to my brother in Chicago was forwarded to me by him.

It is apparent that my office did not get the full details of the case. To make the story short, the only thing that we would be in a position to do at this time would be to try to take your son on in a civilian capacity. If he makes good in the work then there might be a possibility later on that his physical defect might be waived so that he could get into the armed forces as a soldier. I know that he is not interested in a civilian job but that appears to be, at the moment, the only door through which he might later on enter the armed services. There is no possibility that we could obtain from here a waiver for his induction into the service no matter where he is now.

Sincerely yours,

William F. Friedman
Director of Communications
Research

THE CAMPE CORPORATION
85 FRANKLIN STREET
NEW YORK

March 9, 1943.

Mr. Harry Friedman,
300 West Adams Street,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sonny,

After the kind interest you displayed in trying to get Morton into the service the least I owe you is a letter getting you up to date as to progress made.

Several days after talking with you in the city I received a letter from your brother advising that he was having a questionnaire sent to be filled out for the purpose of either getting Morton into the service or into a civilian job. It was his opinion that if Morton agreed to accept a civilian job it might be a lot easier to then get into service. Morton was not interested in a civilian job and I so advised your brother, but nevertheless he filled out the questionnaire.

A few days ago I received another letter, from a Captain Smith of the Signal Corps, copy of which I am herewith enclosing. As you can see from this a duplicate questionnaire was sent to be filled out.

I am of the impression that they are not altogether clear as to the status of Morton, although I tried to explain it in a letter to your brother. Were it not for the physical disability of his shoulder he would have no difficulty into getting in any one of the services, as a matter of fact the draft board would have taken him. What is now proposed is that he get into the army, but nothing is said as to how that can be done. Apparently there is no way of getting a waiver on the physical and without that I don't see how he can get in.

My purpose in writing you this is not to burden you any further, but in talking with Artie today he thought that possibly in the near future you might be talking to your brother and if so you might inquire as to the possibility of waiving on the physical. If you can do that conveniently I wish you would, if not I want to assure you that I nevertheless appreciate the interest you have shown.

With kindest regards.
Sincerely,

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HEADQUARTERS, SERVICES OF SUPPLY
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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March 2, 1943.

Mr. Irving Flamberg
23 West 73rd Street
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Flamberg:

Your letter of February 19th to
Mr. William Friedman has been forwarded to this office
for reply.

It is not possible to arrange a commission
for your son from civilian life in this branch of the
service. Exceptionally qualified applicants are considered
as persons for whom requests for assignment to the Signal
Corps as enlisted men might be arranged.

If your son is interested in entering the
Army as an enlisted man with the opportunities open to every
soldier for applying for the Officers Candidate School, he should
complete the inclosed questionnaire and notify this office
of his desire in this respect. Then, when he is inducted and
notifies this office of the date of his induction, his
qualifications will be further considered.

Your patriotic cooperation in seeking this
information is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Rhea M. Smith
Captain, Signal Corps.

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