

November 30, 1944.

Honorable Henry L. Stimson
Secretary of War
White House, Capitol
Washington D.C.

Honorable Mr, Stimson;

I am writing this letter as a parent of a son who is about to enter the services of the United States Army. Realizing that many vital and important matters lay before you, I will be brief and concise as possible.

I have resided in these United States for the past thirty odd years, and have been blessed with a son and a daughter. I have been active in organization work and have participated in Community Chest and Red Cross drives, participated in the Parent Teachers Association. My life work lay in my children, rearing them to be upstanding, honest and loyal citizens-and this I have done and still continuing to do so proudly.

Now my son has passed his physical examination and has been inducted into the Enlisted Reserves-soon to be called. My request is that of any parent-I have remained in these barb wire fences close to three years and now I would like to go back to Berkeley, California-my home.

I am along in years and in ill health due to the climate here. I have numerous friends back home who have testified to my character and which copies of such affidavits can be remitted to you if you so desire.

It is my sincere desire and hope to return Home with members of the family and once again start life anew. That I may proudly send my son to serve the flag of the United States of America from a home that is not surrounded by barb wire fences is my request. It is desirable that the Governmental Agency permit me to return and assist me in my start; that my son's call to the Colors be postponed so that he may serve from his Home.

It is my fervent prayer that you use your good office in considering my plea.

Respectfully yours,

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