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23 December 1944

Mr. F. Myron Bass
Bass Brownbilt Shoe Store
Cuero, Texas

Dear Mr. Bass:

Your letter of December 16 in regard to your son, Frank Myron Bass, Jr.,
31c was referred to me several days ago and was inadvertently misplaced
so that I was unable to reply to it until finding it this afternoon.

Your son and two of the other boys that you mentioned came in to see me
on the evening of the 13th. Naturally I was much distressed by their
account of what had happened to their aircrew career. I have tried hard
to think of something that might be done to help them get another chance
at it. But once they were detached from the school, it is very improbable
that anyone will take the responsibility of having steps to reinstate them.

Technically, they have no grounds for an appeal of any kind, as the promise
of twelve months training is conditioned upon their making the grade.
Their washing out does seem quite abrupt, and it is probably that if they
could have gotten to the right person at the right time, they might have
been given another chance.

I expected the boys to come in the following day when other offices would
have been open so that I could try to get some help on the case. But I
never saw them again. Everything moves so fast here, with hundreds of men coming
and going daily, that it is hard to follow through on something like that.

While they were here, these boys were in a transient status in which they
are not able to obtain leaves except in real emergencies. It was further
out of the question to get them Christmas leaves, because the full quota
of Christmas leaves had already been given out several weeks in advance.

As far as I can find out, they are not here now. I am very sorry that
there was nothing that I could do for them, except to try to cheer them
up a little and point out to them that it could turn out that this was
the best thing that could have happened to them. Cheering them up was a
hard job, though, as they certainly did have their hearts set upon that
aircrew career.

I shall be glad to hear from you if there is anything further that I can do.

Sincerely yours,
William W. Travis
WILLIAM W. TRAVIS
CHAPLAIN, USNR

IN REPLY
REFER TO

ADDRESS
COMMANDING OFFICER

NAVAL AIR TECHNICAL TRAINING CENTER

MEMPHIS 15, TENNESSEE

3 January 1945

Mr. F. M. Bass
c/o Bass Brownbilt Shoe Store
Cureo, Texas

Dear Mr. Bass:

I am sorry indeed that your son was dropped from school because he did not meet the visual requirements. Unfortunately there was no other school here to which he could have been sent. He was sent to New Orleans for reassignment according to present procedure.

The investigation which I made of this case was routine and will not affect the record of your son in any way. I feel badly that he was disappointed in the outcome of his school venture, but I hope he has been placed in a job that he will like equally well.

I hope and pray that he returns safely and that he will profit through the years from his naval service.

Sincerely,

Hansel H. Tower
HANSEL H. TOWER
Chaplain, USN

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