

Galesburg, Ill.
March 16, 1942.

Miss Le Hand
Washington, D.C. FOR THE PRESIDENT

Dear Miss LeHand I have read so much about you I feel I know you. But, I beg your pardon that's another story. For now please clench your hands grit your theeth (sic) and read the following rapidly (sic) and grimly;

I am not a ball player / I don't want out, I want IN. To date I have tried to get into 1. Naval Reserve Class V6, rejecteted (sic) only because (no matching molars) 2. Passed physical finger printed and interviewed by Douglass Aircraft, Dayton, Ohio for Foreign Service. Two out of the five examined with me from here have been accepted, for me nothing. Applied to Newfoundland Base Contractors but nothing open.

Now, I am single 42 years old, 165 5 feet 6, and in fine health. I have had two and half years of college education. I am and have been in business for myself before during and since college. For eleven years I owned and operated a drug store. I hold an Illinois State Apprentice License in Pharmacy. As a pharmacist's mate in U S Naval Reserve Class V6 I was turned down because of no opposing molars. I am sure I can serve in this class. If I could keep myself, my sisters and mother all these years in business, can it be I am no good for the Navy?

Now, Miss LeHand, won't you please have the President or any one else in authority wire both me and Lt. David Goldenson USN Recruiting Station Chicago, Ill to appoint me CPO Acting, thus enabling me to go to training school, then to active duty, which I so earnestly desire.

I do not know any Senators or their uncle I therefore apply directly to the President. I sincerely pray you to give this your kind attention. And if we are to have all out efforts please lets here. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Harry A Zeldes
421 E. Main St.

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My Military Record;
1918 US Army Discharge from Students' Army Training Corps
1940 Special Course CMTC Ft Sheridan (my own expence (sic))
Now Sergeant Illinois Reserve Militia