

HEADQUARTERS THE PARACHUTE SCHOOL
OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT COMMANDANT

Fort Benning, Georgia
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Dr. Forrest C. Allen
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Dear Dr. Allen:

Yesterday I received your letter of August 4, and indeed I am grateful for your kind interest.

It seems that I am a bit slow in getting into action on this Veterans Aid organization. I have, however, written Mr. Monypeny, and sent in a day letter application to the State Department of Civil Service, Topeka, as I understand there is a deadline of the 9th of August for applicants.

As Dad may have informed you, I have 138 points for service, and am permanent limited service because of a piece of steel in my left lung. This makes me eligible for separation from the service if I so desire. Sooner or later I must make the change from Army to Civilian life, and the possibility that I might procure assignment as your district representative for the Office of Veterans Affairs is fairly attractive.

My present assignment as Director of Training for The Parachute School is a very good one, and I am somewhat reluctant to give it up. However, I must sooner or later make the adjustment to civilian life. The possibility that I might be of service to veterans interests me greatly.

My past (4½) years service in the Army will, I believe, go a long way toward qualifying me for the job.

I will be stationed at the AAF School of Applied Tactics, Orlando, Florida on temporary duty until about the 24th of August, at which time I will return to the Parachute School, Fort Benning, Georgia.

I most sincerely appreciate your interest.

Gratefully yours,

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