

February 19, 1942.

Lt. Commander J. J. Tunney,  
Bureau of Navigation,  
U. S. Naval Training Station,  
Norfolk, Virginia.

Dear Mr. Tunney:

There is a young man in our department, T. P. Hunter, Jr., a member of my varsity basketball team, who graduates with a B. S. degree in Education with a major in Physical Education in May. He is desirous of becoming a member of your division, and I am very happy to write you in his behalf.

Hunter is 24 years of age, six feet three inches tall, of dark complexion, and makes a fine appearance. He was born in Texas and attended school there until 1935. At that time he moved to Oklahoma City where he graduated from the Central High School. He entered the University of Kansas in the fall of 1937.

T. P. Hunter has been closely connected with athletics all during his school life, and has actively participated in basketball, baseball and track. He has been an outstanding player on my varsity basketball team, and is also a pitcher on the baseball team. Since I coach both sports I have had opportunity to observe him closely. He is mature, highly dependable, and one of the cleanest, finest young men that I know. He is a great leader on the campus. I have thought so highly of his ability as a leader and teacher that I put him in charge of my elementary basketball classes last semester. At present he is coaching the University High School basketball team.

Hunter has had the primary course in civil pilot training, and has sufficient solo and dual flying hours for a private pilot's license. He passed the physical examination and was admitted to the secondary course in C.P.T., but later eliminated due to a reduction in the program by the government. The regular quota was 20 students, but could not be filled due to lack of applicants. Therefore, the program was cut fifty per cent, or to ten students to be selected on the basis of ground school grade averages.