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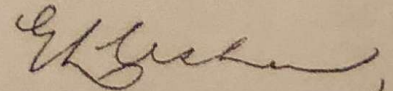
Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of recent date, you are advised that enlistments for the Army Air Corps are made by the Army Recruiting Service or at stations where vacancies exist. Suitably qualified men, citizens of the United States between the ages of eighteen and thirty-five years are eligible, but applicants under twenty-one years of age are required to have the written consent of their parents or guardian. Original enlistments are made for one and three-year periods. Men with mechanical training or experience are especially desired. If you wish to serve as an enlisted man in the Air Corps, it is suggested that you communicate with the nearest Army Recruiting Office, or the nearest Army Air Corps station.

The Air Corps maintains at Chanute Field, Rantoul, Illinois, the Air Corps Technical School, where the various trades connected with this branch are taught enlisted men. Enlistments for the school are made for a three-year period. Upon completion of instruction, which normally requires about six months, the graduates are sent to Air Corps stations for duty with an organization. Candidates should have at least a High School education or the equivalent thereof. Suitably qualified men are also selected and sent to the School from the various fields, and upon completion of training returned to their proper stations, air transports being utilized whenever practicable. Complete information pertaining to training at the Technical School may be obtained, if desired, by communicating with the Commandant thereof.

Army pilot training is given only at the Air Corps Training Center at San Antonio, Texas, to candidates who qualify and receive appointments as flying cadets. Applicants for this appointment must be unmarried male citizens of the United States between the ages of twenty and twenty-six years, inclusive, and must possess two or more years of college work or be able to pass a written examination in lieu thereof.

Very truly yours,



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