

March 1, 1943

Mr. J. R. Mackay  
Wallace & Tiernan Products  
Belleville, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Mackay:

Receipt of your letter of February 26, is acknowledged.

Mr. Dunham appears to have qualifications which would be useful to us but whether or not we could obtain a commission for him is a difficult point to answer. I presume that you know that a very severe limitation has been placed upon commissioning men from civil life directly into the Army regardless of age, and at the present time it seems to be very difficult to get over the many hurdles that are encountered. However, I am going to ask that a personnel questionnaire be sent to Mr. Dunham and then we will see what can be done. Until such time as the situation becomes fairly clear, there would seem to be no point in asking Mr. Dunham to call for a personnel interview, although, of course, if he should happen to be in Washington on other business, I would be very glad to see him.

I wish to thank you for your kind words in connection with the Army-Navy "E" Award. If I have been at all helpful I am glad. Reciprocating your kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

William F. Friedman  
Director of Communications  
Research

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February 24, 1943

Mr. J. R. MacKay  
Assistant Chief Engineer  
Wallace & Tiernan Products, Inc.  
Belleville, New Jersey

Dear Mr. MacKay:

I wish to thank you for your letter of February 17, with regard to Mr. Koehler. I am afraid it is too late to do anything about getting him reassigned. Under existing regulations it is not possible for us to establish contact with any military personnel for the purpose of effecting a transfer, but it is always possible for a man to initiate such a request if he wishes to do so. In his case, however, there is the additional difficulty that he has been inducted into the Corps of Engineers, so all in all I am afraid that it is too late to do anything in his case.

The important thing to remember in the future, however, is that if any of your men, who are qualified in the lines in which we are interested, receive a notice that he is to be inducted and if you can notify us immediately thereafter, then something can be done toward getting him assigned to us. We have to work through the man's Draft Board. In case there are any more who are about to fall in the ~~military~~ *latter* category I would appreciate it if you would let me know.

I hope that the ceremonies connected with the conferring of the Army-Navy E went off in good style and I am sorry that I could not be present. I wish to thank you again for extending an invitation to me.

Very truly yours,

William F. Friedman  
Director of Communications  
Research



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February 17, 1943

Lt. Colonel Freedman,  
Technical Director,  
Signal Securities Service,  
Arlington School,  
4000 Lee Boulevard,  
Arlington, Va.

Dear Colonel Freedman:

You will recall that on January 25, 1943, I wrote you about Albert Koehler, one of our junior engineers, who was formally inducted into the service on January 26.

It is possible that Mr. Koehler's qualifications did not come up to your requirements but again possibly he was moved out of Fort Dix before you were able to make the necessary request.

I have just had a letter from Mr. Koehler who has been classified for the Corps of Engineers and has been sent to Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri. The following may be of interest to you:

Quoted from Mr. Koehler's letter

"I did all right in the classification tests, 133 in the Army classification exam., and 147 in the mechanical aptitude test. The 133 was the second highest in my platoon of sixty men, and the 147 was the highest. I could qualify for Officers Candidate School but there are so many graduates and professional engineers that I will probably remain as an enlisted man.

I think I am headed for a drafting or surveying school."

I am bringing this matter to your attention only because I know you are very anxious to obtain the best possible men for your branch of the service. In case you wish to take any action in this matter I am listing below Mr. Koehler's present address:

Albert Koehler,  
32759950  
Company D - 28th Battalion, Second Platoon,  
Engineers Replacement Training Center,  
Camp Leonard Wood, Missouri.

Kindest regards.

Very truly yours,

*J. R. MacKay*  
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WALLACE & TIERNAN PRODUCTS, INC.

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