

Youngstown
Ohio

November 31, 1940

Mr. Michael Kirwan
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kirwan:

The mental examination for
"Flying Cadet" (U. S. Army) was
given in Cleveland, Ohio,
Tuesday through Thursday of
last week, Nov. 12-14.

I can't say the tests were
too exacting, for they were well
within the scope of average
intelligence; but then to, after
you've been out of school for
a few years, your I. Q. isn't
exactly up to par.

As I mentioned before,
several of the subjects I've never
had and with only a few
days to assimilate them, I
know I didn't do too well.

The papers were sent to Washington to be graded and we were informed that results would be mailed in a few weeks.

No doubt I've taxed your patience and good will with my forwardness, but this is of such importance to me that I feel it merits all I can possibly do to attain its fulfillment.

I can't possibly repay you materially, but I can let my conduct and future record prove my appreciation for the opportunity.

Sincerely

Wick Bailey

P.S.

My sincerest wishes for a happy birthday.

Youngstown, Ohio
October 18, 1940

Dear Mr. Kiwan;

The receipt of your letter today erased all my fears that the present political situation had hindered your speedy consideration.

Knowing how very busy you are, at present, I can only thank you for your thoughtfulness in informing me of your activity in my behalf. You know how restless you can become when waiting for something you've placed a lot of hope and confidence in.

I can readily see that without those necessary years of college, it would be more than foolish to think I could step right up and pass those requirements. Through your aid, I may now hope to attain that goal.

I promise you to faithfully uphold the faith and sincerity you have shown my friends for their belief in me.

You see, the reason this is all so important to me is because it represents a future in the service of my country; when I hope to remain as long as it deems me fit.

Thanking you by letter seems hardly adequate, so I'm looking forward to our future meeting and being to express my thanks personally.

Sincerely yours

Richard J. Bailey

P.S.

Will inform you of any future action, and outcome, by the Civil Aeronautics Authority.

October Sixteenth
1940

Mr. Richard F. Bailey
2017 Felicia Avenue
Youngstown, Ohio

Dear friend:-

Supplementing my letter to you of September 24th,
you will find letter enclosed which has been received from
Aviation Plattsburg at Dayton, which is self-explanatory.

With kindest regards and heartiest best wishes,
believe me to be,

Sincerely yours,

Member of Congress

September Twenty-Fourth
1940

Mr. Richard F. Bailey
2017 Felecia Avenue
Youngstown, Ohio

Dear friend:-

It is a pleasure to acknowledge the receipt
of your very kind letter of September 20th.

I have been pleased to contact the Aviation
Plattsburg at Dayton in your behalf, requesting that you
be given their earnest and careful consideration.

With kindest regards and heartiest best wishes,
believe me to be,

Sincerely yours,

Member of Congress

September Twenty-Fourth
1940

Aviation Plattsburg
111 E. Fourth Street
Dayton, Ohio

Dear Sirs:-

I wish to most heartily recommend to you, Mr. Richard F. Bailey, 2017 Felecia Avenue, Youngstown Ohio, who has placed his application with you for pilot training.

It has been my pleasure to know this young man for quite a number of years. He is honest, dependable and industrious, and I am certain has the necessary qualifications to meet the requirements.

Any assistance that you might be able to render Mr. Bailey is having his application approved will be greatly appreciated by me.

Sincerely yours,

Member of Congress

I would have liked to enrolled in the private training long ago, but felt that my income was not sufficiently large enough to enable me to do so. Since the increase in the government pay, I've had hopes of realizing this ambition.

I've worked directly under Warhilly for the past two years and believe he would give you additional information as to personal character and habits.

You may feel sure that I'll do the very best I can to merit the faith and confidence my friends have in me.

I'll greatly appreciate anything you may be able to do.

Sincerely yours

Richard J. Bailey

My school record and results of examination of eyes, teeth, and physical health by local physicians, are on record at Dayton, Ohio; under "Aviation Plattsburgh" # 848

2017 Felicia BA

Youngstown, Ohio
September 20, 1940

Dear Sir:

I was informed that you needed necessary information concerning myself, education, and past experience. I am 33 years of age, 5' 9" tall, and weigh 150 lbs.

I finished high school in the "Spring of '36" and was hired by the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co. in June of that same year. I've had four years of inspection work in the Sheet Mills, Hot and Cold Strip Mills, and the Seamless Tube Mills. At present I'm employed as a Metallurgical Spark-Tester at the Seamless Mills. There are only six men employed as Spark-Testers in this district as this requires special training. The experience I've had in the Inspection Force in the study of prints and its close association with the mechanical end may be of some benefit in the aviation field. I've spent three years in night-school studying prints and mechanical drawing and attended the Foreman's Club night classes at the Y. M. C. A.

I've followed aviation since childhood, through the model-building stage, up to the present time and am still an avid reader of all material dealing with aviation. I've flown quite a few hours with a personal friend, but have no logged time as he was not a licensed pilot-instructor.

MICHAEL J. KIRWAN
19TH DISTRICT OHIO

ROBERTA G. MESSERLY
SECRETARY

HOME ADDRESS:
YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

Washington, D. C.

September Twenty-Fourth
1940

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Aviation Plattsburg
111 E. Fourth Street
Dayton, Ohio

Dear Sirs:-

RE; #848

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Any assistance that you might be able to render Mr. Bailey is having his application approved will be greatly appreciated by me.

Sincerely yours,

Michael J. Kirwan

Member of Congress

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October 9, 1940

Hon. Michael J. Kirwan, M.C.
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

We appreciate having your letter recommending Mr. Richard F. Bailey of Youngstown, Ohio, for pilot training. Your letter will be forwarded to Mr. Grove Webster of the Civil Aeronautics Authority to be attached to the application of Mr. Bailey for their information. All the applications received by "Aviation Plattsburg" were sent on to the Civil Aeronautics Authority in Washington as they took charge of the training for which we received applications.

Very truly yours,

Lewis B. Roc, Chairman

Youngstown, Ohio
December 4, 1940

Mr. Michael J. Kirwan
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir,

Received news of my acceptance in the Army Air Corps today and am taking this opportunity to thank you for your aid and consideration.

Was fortunate in turning in on the broadcast the other evening from your birthday celebration, and was only sorry I was not present to add my share to the ovations.

I know there are countless persons like myself, whom you have

helped and who sincerely
appreciated your efforts.

I hope I may feel
free in writing you often
and letting you know how
one of the boys from your
home town is faring.

Wishing you the success
your efforts merit and
happiness for the coming
holidays.

Sincerely yours
Richard D. Bailey.

P.S.

And to you, Mrs. Mosely,
a merry Christmas and a
happy, successful New Year.

Thank you for your
attention and thoughtfulness.

January Fifteenth
1941

Mr. Richard Bailey
2017 Felecia Avenue
Youngstown, Ohio

Dear Richard:-

Supplementing my letter to you of January 7th,
you will find letter enclosed which has been received
from the office of the Chief of the Air Corps, which is
self-explanatory.

With kindest regards and heartiest best wishes,
believe me to be,

Sincerely yours,

Member of Congress

January 13, 1941

Honorable Michael J. Kirwan

House of Representatives

My dear Mr. Kirwan:

This will acknowledge your letter of January 7, 1941, enclosing a communication from Mr. Richard Bailey of Youngstown, Ohio, with reference to his desire for appointment as flying cadet in the Army Air Corps.

The records of this office show that although Mr. Bailey was found physically qualified for flying training as a result of his recent examination for this appointment, he failed to make a passing grade in the written educational examination given those young men who have not completed two or more years of college work. He made a grade of 37%, whereas 70% is required for passing. Report of his disqualification was forwarded to The Adjutant General under date of January 6, 1941, and notification thereof should reach him within the next few days.

Failure in one written examination does not preclude the candidate from taking it again. It is suggested that if Mr. Bailey so desires, he review the subjects covered in the examination and then submit his application with a view to re-examination on February 11, 1941, when the next written examination is scheduled to be held.

Your interest in this young man is appreciated, and it is hoped he will eventually be successful in qualifying for flying cadet appointment.

With best wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

J. W. DURANT
Captain, Air Corps
Asst. Chief, Personnel Division.

January Seventh
1941

Maj. Gen. H. H. Arnold
Chief of the Air Corps
War Department
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

The enclosed letter has been received from Mr.
Richard Bailey, 2017 Felecha Avenue, Youngstown Ohio.

I will be deeply grateful for any assistance
that you might render this very worthwhile young man,
who desires to serve his country in the Air Corps.

With kindest regards and heartiest best wishes,
believe me to be,

Sincerely yours,

Member of Congress

January Seventh
1941

Mr. Richard Bailey
2017 Felecia Avenue
Youngstown, Ohio

Dear Richard:-

It is a pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of
your very kind letter of December 29th.

In accordance with your request, I have contacted
the Chief of the Air Corps in your behalf, asking that you
be given every possible consideration for immediate enroll-
ment as a flying cadet.

With kindest regards and heartiest best wishes,
believe me to be,

Sincerely yours,

Member of Congress

Youngstown, Ohio
December 15, 1940

Hon. Michael J. Kiwan
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Kiwan;

It appears as though you're still "at bat." Was informed today that the letter I thought was a confirmation of my passing the "Flying Cadet" exam, was merely a form to be presented at point of enlistment.

It seems that this is a matter of mental and physical fitness as far as the medical examining board is concerned; this to eliminate further physical examination.

They also informed me that the exam. papers are still in Washington, and that I would be notified from this source; if I passed the mental tests.

Will you please see what you can do, as I've told you what it means to become one of the accepted.

Appreciatively yours
Richard J. Bailey

Best Wishes to you and yours.

Youngstown
Ohio
January 17, 1941

Mr. Michael J. Kiwan
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Kiwan;

Received your kind letter, informing me of your intercession in my behalf for appointment as a Flying Cadet, but I regret to say I've just received word from Washington that I was disqualified.

I feel badly in that I let you down, but I've got another chance to redeem myself on February 8th and I assure you I'll study every waking moment for this one. I'll have about one month to prepare in lieu of the four days I had the last time.

If I'm not accepted for Selective Service by that time, I hope I may be able to write you of my acceptance for air training.

Thank you for all you've done for a comparative stranger.

Sincerely yours
Nick Bailey