

Father Flanagan's
BOYS

Boy's Home, INC.

TOWN

N E B R A S K A

FOR HOMELESS ABANDONED BOYS
REGARDLESS OF RACE OR CREED

NON-SECTARIAN
NON-PROSELYTING



He ain't heavy, Father

... he's m' brother!

November 27, 1944

Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear President:

I don't think it is necessary for me to comment on the enclosed letter. It was written by Steve Sudyka, the first boy of the original group of five with whom I started my home in 1917 - twenty-seven years ago. Please read it.

Steve was the first of more than 5,000 other homeless, abandoned boys who followed him to Boys Town. These boys were of all races and creeds, and came from all parts of the country. They were regular boys who were the victims of unfortunate circumstances. Most of them knew no other school than the "school of the street."

Here at Boys Town they found a good home, good food, understanding, education and practical training in a trade. When they left, they had a job and a plan for the future. Steve's letter proves that.

Now, hundreds of our former boys are fighting to defend the principles on which our country was founded. They know these principles are sound and right, because they were taught to govern themselves through our system of self-government here at Boys Town. Twenty-four have given their lives in the armed services. Many more have been wounded and decorated for gallantry in action.

Today Boys Town is an incorporated village on the Lincoln Highway ten miles west of Omaha. I am enclosing a photograph which shows the development of our community, consisting of 840 acres. The buildings you see are apartments, schools, trades buildings, dining hall, central heating plant and power house, post office, church, infirmary, gymnasium, etc., all of modern, fire-proof construction.

Of the 840 acres, about 700 are devoted to agriculture. We have our own modern dairy which provides at least a quart of milk for each boy per day. We raise our own cattle, and our forty-acre vegetable garden provides fresh vegetables during the growing season, plus a sufficient quantity for winter use which we can in our own canning plant.

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Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt

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November 27, 1944

As a result of the War, the number of boys who are being left homeless has been multiplied, and will continue to increase. It is for these boys that I write you. Unless they are given a good home, and an opportunity to become good citizens, they will be easy prey to temptation and crime. With this thought in mind, I have completed plans for the construction of buildings necessary to increase our population by five hundred.

I am writing you because a contribution on your part may mean the difference between a life of usefulness and a life of crime for one of these boys who should be with us here at Boys Town. The size of your contribution is your decision, of course. I say only that you can't give too soon or too much - and that whatever amount you give, large or small, will be administered with the economy and efficiency you would approve. And, you will experience the true happiness of personally helping a homeless boy who had no place to go except Boys Town. We receive no support from any Church, State or Federal Government, or Community Chest.

I am taking the liberty to enclose a self-addressed envelope, which needs no postage. May I have the pleasure of hearing from you? Thank you, God bless you, and may the Peace and Happiness of the Holiday Season be with you always.

Sincerely,


Father Flanagan #

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UNITED STATES NAVY

Southwest Pacific

Rt. Rev. Msgr. E. J. Flanagan
Father Flanagan's Boys Home
Omaha, Nebraska

Dear Father:

Over a month ago I received a letter from my wife informing me of her conversation with you. I had anticipated your letter but it's arrival gave me no small degree of elation, none the less. The letter got here to-day and I am answering it promptly because the mail service is slow, even at it's best.

One of the greatest pleasures awaiting my return is a visit to the home. Father, it is a veritable part of me. I am continually thinking about my life there and it has always influenced me greatly for the better. The first Saturday ~~day~~ morning in December of 1917 is indelibly stamped into my brain. I can never forget how, after the juvenile authorities had relinquished my brother and I and we were in your custody, you presented me with a bag of chocolates and I felt pretty good about it even then. When we got to your home on 25th and Dodge and you had introduced us to Sister Rose who then showed us our room, I remember how you had to rush away without even so much as a bite to eat. You were very busy and long street car rides were great time burners in those days, especially when you were in a hurry. You returned about 5 P.M. with the other three boys from Riverview Home and with the five of us your home got it's glorious start. I say glorious because I feel that like myself, all of the boys that were there then and after have become a part of the home in spirit as well as flesh. They have to be better men after they have been with you and encouraged by your teachings. One incident that touched me deeply is when as tired as you were, you still had the time and strenght to walk me around pick-a-back.

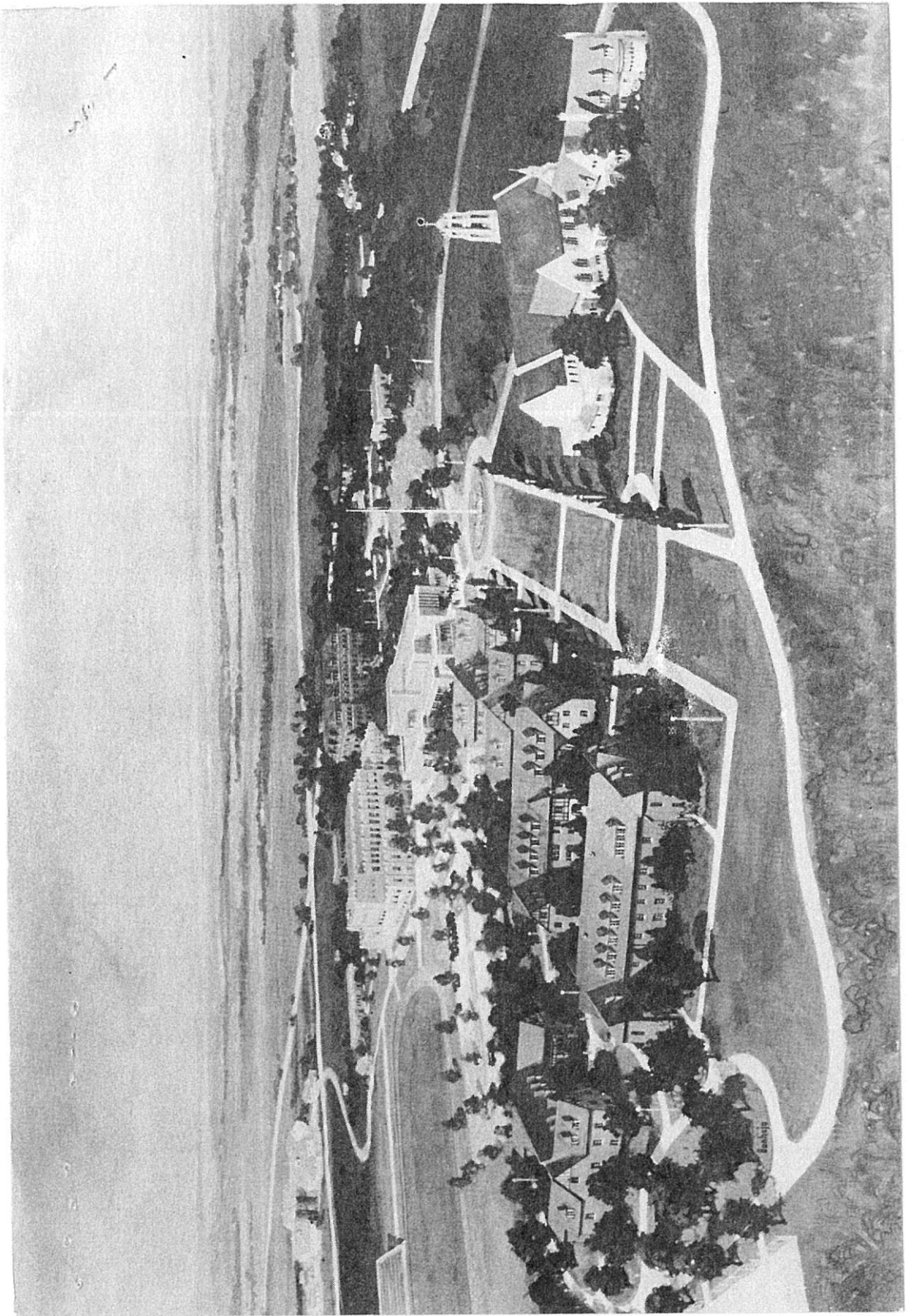
There are countless good deeds to your credit that you have long forgotten but not so the lads that were the recipients of this kindness. "Father Flanagan is in their hearts even unto death." You along with my family, are always in my prayers. God bless you Father.

Every time I eat spaghetti I think of the Italian kid, remember, his mother used to bring us a quart of spaghetti every Sunday which was looked upon as a great delicacy to us in those days. As far as that goes it would be quite delicious right now.

I would deem it a great honor to myself, if you would visit my family at your convenience. Of course my wife is exemplory but I especially want you to talk to my son. I have great hopes and and all the faith to bring him up in your footsteps. Then he would be charitable, loving and kind. He would be able to brave any hardships and his unfaltering belief in our God would act as a guiding light to greater achievement and success.

Reverently, Your first boy

S. J. Ludyka
x



June 25, 1943.

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Dear Miss Miller:

This is in acknowledgment of your letter of June twenty-first, addressed to the President, with reference to the work of Father Flanagan. #

As the President has commended this good work in the letter addressed to Father Flanagan, to which you refer, it would be appreciated if you would excuse him from writing another tribute at this time.

From now until victory is achieved, the President must devote all of his energy to winning the war.

Very sincerely yours,

STEPHEN EARLY
Secretary to the President.

X

Miss Mary Winning Miller,
20 Henrietta Street,
St. Catharines, Ontario.

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My friend

20 Henrietta Street,
St. Catharines, Ontario,
June 21, 1943.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt,
c/o The White House,
Washington, D. C.,
U. S. A.

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

--St. Matthew, 5:16

My dear Sir:-

May I, at this time, write to you as an average Canadian citizen, of my sincere appreciation for the wonderful work you are rendering in behalf of the United Nations' March for everlasting peace and victory, their desire to establish once and for all, the Jesus Christ doctrine of livelihood in the hearts and minds of all free men everywhere?

I am, at present, writing a column known as "Boys Town Facts," now appearing in the Jeanette MacDonald International Fan Club News, "The Golden Comet," dedicated to the beloved Father Edward J. Flanagan, who made this famous "city of little people," possible, through his untiring effort to assist those less fortunate than himself. This wonderful institution for the underprivileged youth of our great nation has spread far and wide and admired by all who have read about it.

A few words of comment and praise in respect of Father's works from the chief executive of the United States would be sincerely appreciated. I remember reading a letter of yours recently, President Roosevelt, in a previous issue of the "Boys Town Times," and as one of their most devoted honorary citizens, I can't help but telling you how deeply touched I was by seeing the heartfelt contents it contained, and to hear from you in regards to my own column, would be a great honour indeed!

It might interest you to know that I am not of the Catholic Faith, being a follower of the Protestant doctrine, But Father is truly a wonderful man, and we, too, hold the utmost admiration for him for the magnificent miracles he is accomplishing in busy wartime as before.

If you have but a few minutes to spare, a few, simple words from you would add celebrated feeling of deep gratitude from the humble author of this big little column. This special feature will also contain comments and opinions from other people (some great and others not so great) in all walks of life, all giving their praise to a truly great man for creating

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such a shining inspiration among mankind.

May I also have the honour to request your photograph, personally autographed, to include in my album of celebrated personages, as well as a biographical sketch for future club purposes?

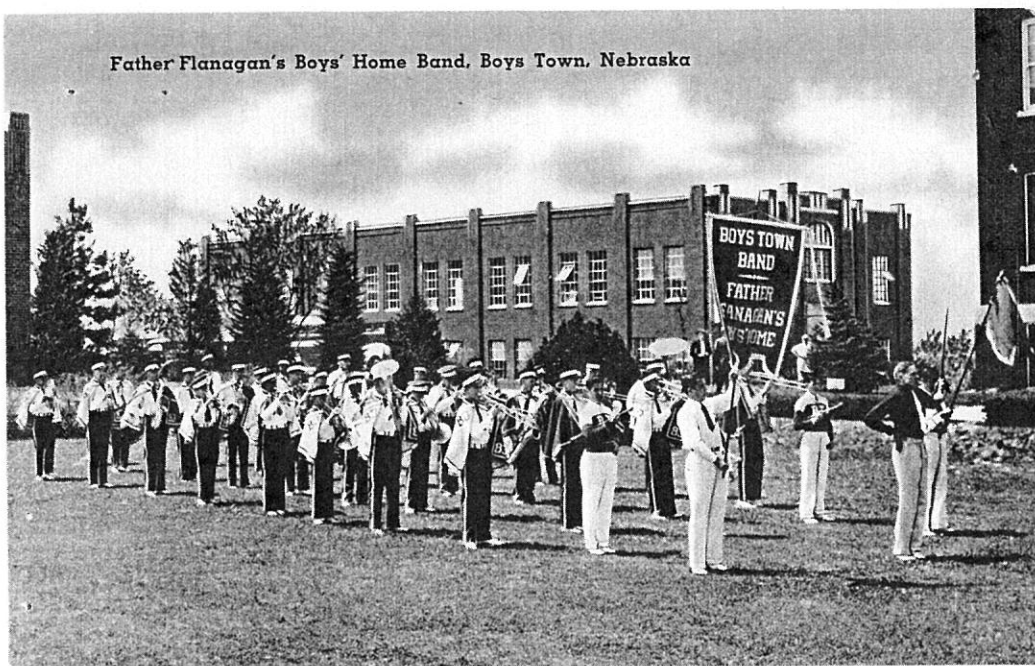
Thanking you for taking time out to read this epistle, and wishing you God's speed in everything, I am,

Your humble correspondant,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mary Winning Miller".

Mary Winning Miller.

Father Flanagan's Boys' Home Band, Boys Town, Nebraska



Father Flanagan's Boys' Home is located 10 miles west of Omaha on the Lincoln highway. The home was established 23 years ago as a haven for homeless boys. Boys Town is supported entirely by voluntary contributions.

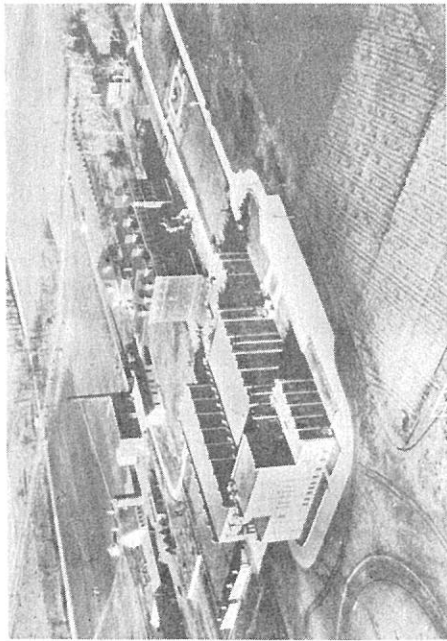
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(Father Flanagan's Boys' Home)

A home for the
 boys nobody wants
 —the homeless, neglected,
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 receive the shelter, guid-
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 that fits them for
 honorable Ameri-
 can citizenship

EVERY BOY GIVEN AN EDUCATION
 AND TAUGHT A PRACTICAL TRADE UNDER
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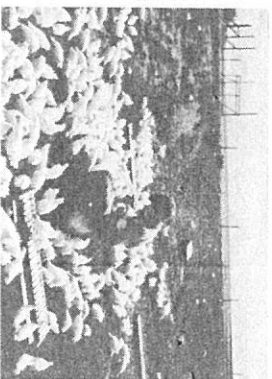
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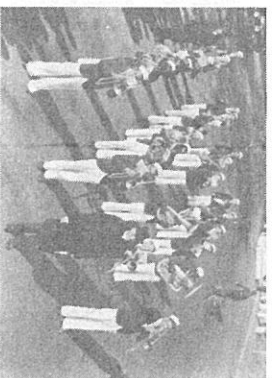
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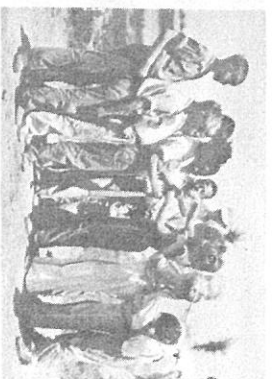
MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS



FATHER FLANAGAN'S BOYS BAND



PLENTY OF TIME FOR PLAY



4,466 Boys have been helped by Boys Town in twenty years—ALL HAVE MADE GOOD!

WHAT IS BOYS TOWN?

Boys Town is a haven where unfortunate boys—of all races, colors, creeds—are saved for God and Country. It is an incorporated village governed successfully by a boy Mayor and six boy Commissioners elected by the boy citizens of this unique town.

It is a non-sectarian, non-proselyting Home where boys are taught the fundamentals of good citizenship, and trained to be self-supporting, self-respecting men.

WHY WAS IT STARTED?

Boys Town or Father Flanagan's Boy's Home was started more than 20 years ago by Father E. J. Flanagan, a young clergyman, who found by actual experience that it is "easier to build boys than to mend men."

It was started with five homeless boys, in an old residence in Omaha, the rent for which had to be borrowed.

FROM WHERE DO THE BOYS COME?

Boys have come to Boys Town from every state

in the Union—homeless boys; boys abandoned by one or both parents; neglected boys where home conditions do not give proper training and boys from broken homes.

WHAT CARE DO THEY RECEIVE?

They are properly clothed and fed, educated in a state-regulated grade and high school, taught various trades by experienced teachers, given a sound, fundamental, non-sectarian religious training, and a loving, sympathetic personal guidance by men trained in boys' work.

Nothing is left undone which will better these boys for a full and successful life.

WHERE DO THESE BOYS GO?

Whenever a proper home has been re-established by one or both the parents, the boys are returned to its care and training wherever possible. Other boys are placed in the homes of kind friends where they receive care and guidance and are permitted to continue their education.

Still other boys have stayed in Boys Town until trained, educated and ready to take their place as self-supporting citizens.

HOW IS BOYS TOWN SUPPORTED?

Boys Town is supported solely by the good will of the American people. It receives no support from city, state, church, civic or social organizations.

It is only through your gifts and those of other friends who are interested in the homeless boy, that Father Flanagan's Boys' Home is able to care for these boys.

BOYS TOWN 20-YEAR RECORD

- 4,466 Boys cared for
- 42 states represented
- 31 Nationalities represented
- 2,251 Catholic boys
- 2,215 Non-Catholic boys
- 4,466 Boys have made good.

HOW CAN I HELP?

- \$5 Buys Bread for 200 boys for 1 day
- \$15 Supports one boy for one month
- \$45 Supports one boy for three months
- \$90 Supports one boy for six months
- \$180 Supports one boy for one year

Please Send Your Help To

Father Flanagan's Boys' Home
BOYS TOWN, NEBRASKA

If signed pls mail out &
return file to STE

December 4, 1942

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Dear Father Flanagan:

Hearty congratulations on the completion
by Boys Town of twenty-five years of constructive
service to American citizenship. In innumerable
ways the value of your work has been demonstrated
during the past twenty-five years, but in no
respect more than in the splendid contribution
being made by former young citizens of Boys Town
now serving valiantly in the country's armed forces.

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God bless and prosper this noble work.

Very sincerely yours,

(Sgd) FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

Right Reverend Monsignor E. J. Flanagan, x
Boys Town,
Nebraska.

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x PP718

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

W. H. C. H. C.

December 3, 1942

Memorandum for Miss Tully

Mr. Leo B. Bozell, an important friend of ours in Omaha, Nebraska, has forwarded me the attached letter and other supplemental information relative to the 25th anniversary of the founding of Boys Town by Father Flanagan. This service will take place on December 10 and it is Mr. Bozell's thought, as well as many others in the state, that it would be a fine tribute to Father Flanagan should the President, in his wisdom, agree to send a letter of congratulations to the founder.

It has been suggested that the theme of the President's letter should be the performance of the former Boys Town's boys in the war and take cognizance of the 181 known former Boys Town citizens who are now serving in the armed forces.

It is also known that six of these lads have already lost their lives in World War No. 2 and an additional two are presumed to be prisoners of the Japanese.

I personally shall be most grateful to you if you will convince the President that a letter or telegram from him is advisable.

Sincerely yours,

Eugene Casey

Eugene Casey

Pls / Send copy

to Mrs Casey

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BOZELL & JACOBS

OMAHA - INDIANAPOLIS - CHICAGO - HOUSTON

Advertising
ELECTRIC BUILDING ♦ OMAHA, NEBR.

December 1, 1942

Air Mail

Special Delivery

Mr. Eugene Casey,
White House,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Gene:

Recalling what I said to you over the phone a couple of days ago:

On December 10 Msgr. E. J. Flanagan (Father Flanagan) will celebrate the 25th anniversary of the founding of Father Flanagan's Boys Home, - now known as Boys Town.

On account of the war, what with the need for saving rubber and the inappropriateness of giving any event the appearance of a gala affair, the observance of the event will be a 12 o'clock noon meeting and luncheon in the dining hall of Boys Town. This luncheon will be attended by all the boys, the faculty and other employees of the Home, the board of trustees of whom The Most Rev. Bishop Ryan is the chairman and a few civic leaders in Omaha including the Mayor of Omaha.

In view of the performance of former Boys Town boys in the war, it occurred to me that the President might desire to take some notice of the occasion in the form of a message to the boys at the December 10 noon meeting, - either by radio or telegraph.

As proof of the performance record of Boys Town boys in connection with the war, I am attaching a list of the names and military addresses of 181 former Boys Town citizens now serving in the armed forces. I am also attaching a list of the names of 6 of these lads who have lost their lives in the present war and of 2 who are presumed to be prisoners of the Japanese.

While the known list of former Boys Town lads in the armed forces consists of the names I am enclosing, Father Flanagan's estimate is that there are twice that many. This list is made up from letters received from the boys themselves or from their relatives advising Father Flanagan of their present whereabouts. He feels

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Mr. Eugene Casey,
Washington, D. C.

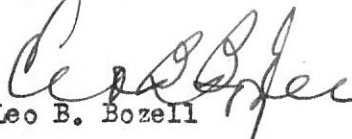
there are that many more about whom he has not been advised.

As samples of the types of letters from which this list is compiled, I am enclosing photostats of 2 letters.

I think this is a great story of citizenship.

I hope I will be seeing you in the near future.

Cordially,


Leo B. Bozell

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Encl.

FORMER BOYS TOWN CITIZENS NOW SERVING IN ARMED
FORCES

Pvt. Virgil Allen
Company B, 7th Infantry
Fort Crook, Nebraska

Corporal Bernard Ament
Co. C., 134th Infantry
Camp San Luis Obispo,
California

Pvt. Francis Ament
Co. M., 17th Inf., 7th Div.
A.P.O. #7
Santa Rosa, California

Leslie Arnold
H.O. 63 C.A. Bn
A.P.O. 957
c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

Staff Sgt. Henry Avilla
586 A.A.F.R.T.C. (Tech School Squad)
St. Petersburg, Florida

Earl Baier
United States Navy

Jack Bailey
United States Navy

Pvt. David Baker, 19096849
A.A.F.N.S.
Glider Pilot Replacement Pool
Hondo, Texas

2nd Lt. Michael E. Brady
16th Command, 3rd Bn.
Third Student Training Ret.
Army Church Area
Fort Benning, Georgia

Merle C. Brehm
Station Hospital Annex
Ft. Francis E. Warren,
Wyoming

Ralph Breitenbucher, S1/c
Barracks 17-9
U.S. Naval Air Station
Corpus Christi, Texas

Albert Breckenridge
United States Marines
(Prisoner of War held
by Japanese)

James Burns
Company H, 7th Inf.
Ft. Lewis, Washington

George W. Butcher S4/c
U.S.S. Camden, Doc 92
West 52nd St.
New York, New York

William Capps
Co. B., 80th Inf.
Camp Roberts,
San Miguel, California

Pvt. Frank Carlotto
26th T.S.S. (Sp) Flight B
Atlantic City, N. J.

Edward Carr
U.S.S. Ingraham, 444
c/o Postmaster
New York, New York
(Killed in action)

Pvt. Robert Cavanaugh
Hq. Battery 65th Co. (AA)
Inglewood, California

Melvin Chalone
United States Navy

Peter Christopoulos
6th Machine Records Unit (Mobile)
A.P.O. #307,
c/o Postmaster
San Jose, California

Walter C. Clark
United States Navy

Francis David Clupny
Co. 479, U. S. N.
San Diego, California

Francis Fox
U. S. Army

John Clupny
Co. A., 7th Inf.
Fort Lewis, Washington

Pvt. Gilbert Coates
Co. A., 60 BN 1st Platoon
Camp Walters, Texas

Pvt. Richard C. Coates
Btry B-114 F.A.
A.P.O. #31
Camp Bowie, Texas

Pvt. William J. Coleman
Service Company 390th
A.P.O. 98th
Camp Breckenridge, Ky.

Charles Conroy, Cpl.
Btry. K., 604 C.A. (AA)
Bergen Point
c/o Postmaster
Bayonne, New Jersey

James A. Conroy, Jr.
U.S.S. Rowan
c/o Postmaster
New York, New York

Oscar A. Cook
U.S.S. Detroit
Pearl Harbor, T.H.

Charles Q. Counts, Jr. S2/c USNR
Ward A, U. S. Naval Hospital
Newport, Rhode Island

Dwight Couch, CPL
2nd U.S. Marine Division
Camp Elliot, California

Vernon E. Crowley
Matt 31 C
U.S.S. Cumberland, U.S.N.
Annapolis, Maryland
(Died natural death)

Robert Miles
Great Lakes Naval Trn. Station

Frank Avilla
United States Marines

Weston Chaisson
Fort Leavenworth, Kansas

Keith Cruise
Air Force Band Hq.
Langely Field, Virginia

Cpl. Gale J. Davenport
273 Signal Const. Co.
c/o Albroom Field Post Office
Canal Zone

William Deeb
U.S.S. Oklahoma
Division #6
Long Beach, California

George De Line
Navy Air Corps

Cpl. James M. Derezotes
H.Q. Hq. Sq. A.A.F.C.C.
S.A.A.C.C.
San Antonio, Texas

George Dragish
2nd Class Yeoman
U. S. Navy

Pvt. Thomas Duhig
Headquarters
Fort Crook, Nebraska

Robert Felch, A.S.
U.S. Navy Service School
Barracks B., Upper East
Ford Motor Company
Dearborn, Michigan

Louis Ferdig
Co. G., 35th Inf.
Honolulu, T. H.

Theodore J. Foldy, Sgt., DEML (RD)
431 Federal Building
Indianapolis, Indiana

Tono Formoso
707 Military Police Battn.
Camp Edwards, Mass.

Robert Fraker
U. S. Navy

Gerald Freund, HAL/c
U. S. S. Argonne
c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

James N. Galloway, E.M. 3/c
U.S.S. Dixie 6th D. V.
c/o Fleet Post Office
San Francisco, California

Thomas Gapa
U. S. Marines

Charles Gardner
Motor Machinist Mate 2/c
Everglades Hotel, Room 1017
Miami, Florida

Charles H. Gehhart
U.S.S. Caldwell DD605
c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

Stacy P. George
R. M. School
University of Wisconsin
Madison, Wisconsin

F. Gillis
United States Navy

Walter E. Githens
393rd Tech. Sch. Squadron
Keesler Field, Mississippi

Robert Gough, Sea 1/c
VN-13-D-8-U.S.M.A.S.
Corpus Christi, Texas

Lt. Robert E. Gough
West Coast Training Center
Luke Field, Arizona

Wesley B. Haggard, PH.m2/c,
U.S.N.
U.S.M.C. Unit 275
c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

J. Halderman
U. S. Navy

Pvt. James Hall
Platoon 854
R. D. M. C. B.
San Diego, California

Wallie Hamlin
First Training Detachment
Harlingen Army Gunnery School
Harlingen, Texas

Sgt. Marvin Harding
A.S.N. 6274355
Company I., 35th Inf.
c/o Postmaster, A.P.O. 957
San Francisco, California

Richard Hedrich
Co. A., 134th Inf.
35th Division
Los Angeles, California

Pvt. Alban Heffele
Flight 101, 604 T.S.S.
St. Petersburg, Florida

Bill Hoffman
Army Air Force

Pvt. 1/c Donald Howell
M. Btty. 4th. C.A.C.
Tahaquilla Island
Fort Amadone, Canal Zone

James E. Hughes
Y-3c-U.S.N.
U.S.S. Oklahoma
San Pedro, California

Pvt. Paul Hughes
First Tech. Sch. Squadron
Barracks 193
Chanute Field
Rantoul, Illinois

Edward Janeski
United States Army

Corporal Edward Jankowski
E-26-6
Fort Sill, Oklahoma

S/Sgt. Edward L. Johnson
Company C., 926th Sig. BN. ASC
c/o Postmaster
Leesville, Louisiana

Linfred E. Johnson
926 Sign. Battalion, A.S.C.
Third Demonstration Air Task Force
Lawson Field
Fort Benning, Georgia

Sgt. Dan Kampan
904th Sig. Co.
34th Air Depot Group
San Bernardino, California

Pvt. James Keane
125th H.Q. Company
Gilroy, California

Emery Kennedy
18th T.S.S.
Barracks 537
Lincoln Air Base
Lincoln, Nebraska

John Kevech
134th Inf. 35th Div.
Los Angeles, California

Pvt. Allen Kilcayne
Bldg. #1308
Camp Callen, Washington

S/Sgt. Wm. J. Klein
Anti Tank 377 Inf.
A.P.O. #95th
Camp Swift, Texas

Pvt. Charles Klem
306th C.A. Bar. Bln. Bn.
118 St. and Doty Hq.
Battery B
Hawthorne, California

Pvt. Joseph S. Klimala
Co. B. R. R. C.
Camp Grant, Illinois

Pvt. Robert Knox
c/o Wm. R. Fisher, Capt.
Inf. Res.
Examining Office A.C.T.
Jefferson Barracks, Mo.

Bill Kotik
Co. A., 2nd Engr. Bn.
Ft. Sam Houston
San Antonio, Texas

Pvt. Ned Krause
Corp. of Military Police
E. A. S. C. Unit 1908
Camp Cooke, California

Earl Lambert
United States Navy

Harold Lambert
U. S. Navy

Charles Lane
Secton Base, c/o M.A.A., Dorm. #5
Treasure Island
San Francisco, California

Cpl. Robert R. Lane
Company B., 76th Armd. Medical Battn.
A.P.O. #256
Camp Chaffe, Arkansas

Pvt. Larry M. Leach
Hq. Btry. 1st Bn. 66th C.A.
A.P.O. #651
c/o Postmaster
New York, New York

Melvin Lewis
United States Navy

John Livingston
A.E.C.-U.S.S. Hornet
United States Navy
c/o Postmaster
New York, New York

Pvt. John R. McClain
Platoon 894
Recruit Depot
U.S.M.C. Base
San Diego, California

Bob J. McFarland, HA2/c
U.S.N. Hospital
Corpsmen's Quarters Staff
Newport, Rhode Island

William McGinn
Fort Robinson, Arkansas

S/Sgt. John P. McGuire
845th School Squadron
Hondo, Texas

Pfc Thomas M. McGuire
A.S.N. 37119574
703rd CA(AA) Btry. (AW) (Sep)
A.P.P. #620, c/o Postmaster
New York, New York

John McHale, A.S.
U.S.N. Company 1293
9th Battalion, 10th Regt.
U.S.N.T.S.
Great Lakes, Illinois

Pvt. Terrence P. McKenna
Btry. A., 29th C.A.T.B.
Camp Wallace, Texas

John McLaughlin
U. S. Navy Medical Corps
Kansas City

Kenneth Mallory, S2/c
Brooklyn Naval Hospital
Ward 3-C
Brooklyn, New York

Pvt. Donald R. Mandragon
Medical Section 1928, C.S.C.
Camp Roberts, California

Joe Marino
Seaman Second Class
U.S.Navy
(Killed in action)

Pvt. Carl O. Meckley
Aircraft Engineering Squad. #12
U.S.M.C. Air Station
c/o Brown Field,
Quantico, Virginia

Sgt. Gene Mertz
Det. Med. Dept.
Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo.

Donald Monroe
c/o Fleet Post Office
U.S.S. Arizona
Pearl Harbor
Honolulu, Hawaii
(Killed in action)

Pvt. Thomas Montemayor
5th Prov. Co.
Aberdeen Proving Grounds,
Maryland

Pvt. Floyd Moore
Camp San Luis Obispo,
California

Eugene Munger
Battery F, 249th C.A.
Fort Stevens, Oregon

A. G. Murphy
U.S.S. Maryland
Fourth Division
Long Beach, California

David H. Newberg S2/c
U.S.Navy
U.S.S. St. Augustine
c/o Postmaster
New York, New York

Pfc Bernard Niehaus
Transport Guard Det.
Fort Lawton, Washington

Pfc Frank Nikel
Hq. & Hc. Sqdn. 40 BGP
A.P.O. 845
c/o Postmaster
New York City, New York

Martin O'Dea
United States Marines
Robert Ott
United States Army Air Corps

Pvt. Harry Overton
Co. F., 59th Division
Fort Knox, Kentucky

Donald Owens
Btry C 434 C.A. Bn. (SEp) (AW) (AA) (sm)
c/o Postmaster
New York, New York

Pvt. Robert T. Paradise
U.S.A., T.T.E., Headquarters
c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California
(Missing in action - Bataan)

Bruce Paul
Naval Air Corps

Martin Palluck
United States Navy

Paul Looschen
Great Lakes Naval Training Station
Great Lakes, Illinois

Grant Peters
1st Division
U.S.S. Honolulu
c/o Fleet Postmaster
San Diego, California

Robert Phalen
Co., C. 7th Inf.
Fort Lewis, Washington

Edward Phaling, 6858152
Company A., 15th Inf.
A.P.O. #3
Camp Pickett, Virginia

Francis Pline
Recruit Department Pl. 718
Marine Corps Barracks
San Diego, California

Joseph J. Pline
Building 409
U.S. Naval Training Station
Great Lakes, Illinois

Andy Pikorny
U. S. Coast Guard

Pvt. Edward L. Powers
Co. A., 29th Bn. E. RTC., 3rd Blatoon
Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri

George Lewis Potkonjak
6th Div. A.
U.S.S. Wright
c/o Fleet Postmaster
San Francisco, California

Robert Prime
Cavalry Division
Fort Robinson, Arkansas

Francis Pritchard
United States Army

J. Pritchett
United States Navy

Roy Ranson
United States Navy

M. Renteria
United States Navy

Steve Revers
United States Coast Guard

Walter Revers
Armed Guard Center
U.S. Navy Receiving Station
42nd And First Avenue
So. Brooklyn, New York

Louis Rewitzer
U. S. Navy
(Died natural death)

Jack Rheuark
U.S.S. St. Louis
c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

John Rhodes
Co. c., 55th Battalion
Camp Walter, Texas

Johnnie T. Rice, CM2/c
U.S.S. Whitney
c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

Don Richard
United States Navy

Sgt. Logan Roberts
2444 Harrington Ave.
Oakland, California

Henry Roerhig, S2/c
U.S.N. Receiving Station N.O.B.
South Annex
Bow 16, Section C
Norfolk, Virginia

Donald Roybal Mandragon
Medical Section 1928
Corps Area Service Command
Camp Roberts, California

Harold Rudd
U. S. Army

Pvt. Jesse Ruiz
Co. K, 23rd O.M. Regt. CTRK
A.P.O. #990
Seattle, Washington

Pvt. J. W. Rushing, 17038135
Co. L, 127 Inf. A.P.O. #32
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M. Russell
U. S. Navy

Lt. Leonard Salleng
2nd A.F., 18th Replacement Wing
Salt Lake City, Utah

Charles Schmeiter
Naval Air Station
Squadron #11
Kaneohe Bay
Territory of Hawaii

Pfc Robert L. Scott
U.S.M.C. Unit 300
c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

Pfc Earl J. Seidler
14th Ferrying Squadron
Army Air Base
Long Beach, California

Corporal Thomas Shanley
906 Army Signal Company
23rd Air Depot Group
McClellan Field
Sacramento, California

William Shannon, S2/c
Company B., 8th Bn.
U.S. Naval Air Station
Dutch Harbor, Alaska

Frank Shary
U.S.N. Hospital
United 19th South
Great Lakes, Illinois

Clinton Simmons
318 Air Base, Serial #17063672
T.A.F.S.
Tuskegee, Alabama

Corporal Paul Simmons, 18013218
Med. Det. 87th Ord. (mm) (Q)
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Evt. John T. Stark
Det. Med. Dept.
U.S. Army Air Base
Casper, Wyoming

Pvt. Stanley J. Sussina
A.S.N. 14045475
71st Engineer Co. (LP)
Fort Benning, Georgia

Kenneth Sutton
U.S. Coast Guards
Staten Island Base
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Staten Island, N. Y.

Sgt. Anton E. Thernes
Hqt. Hqt. Service Co. 588a
Camp Davis, N. C.

Pfc. Francis J. Thibault
H-217 1931 Center St.
U.S. Army
Berkeley, California

George A. Thompson
Seaman First Class
U.S.S. Oklahoma
Pearl Harbor
Honolulu, Hawaii
(Killin in action)

Pvt. Garven J. Toresdahl
Btry. B., 16th C.A.
A.P.O. 963
San Francisco, California

Elmer Townsend
Fleet Fire Control School
Destroyer Base
San Diego, California

Bob Trudell
U.S.C.G.M.M.T.S.
Platoon 64
St. Petersburg, Florida

Pvt. Clarence Vainreb
F.A.S. Detachment (W)
Fort Sill, Oklahoma

Frank Villone
United States Army

Cpl Tony Villone
Hq. Det., A.A.R.T.C.
Camp Wallace, Texas

Charles Vono
c/o U.S.S. New Orleans
4th Division
San Pedro, California

Phillip R. Wagner
U.S.S. Talbot 114 U.S.N.
c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

Joseph Walsh, Tech Sgt.
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Hq. Co. 2nd Bn. 163th Inf.
A.P.O. #41, U.S.Army
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San Francisco, California

Lt. John F. Waskiewicz
War Department
The Engineer Board
Mechanical Equipment Section
Ft. Belvoir, Virginia

Joe Westerman
Coast Guard Repair Base
c/o Fir
Seattle, Washington

Robert White
U.S.Navy

J. Winfrey
United States Navy

Robert Wiskochil, 1st Class Private
U.S.Marine
(Prisoner of War
held by Japanese)

Pvt. Edward J. Wolski
Fifth Transport Squad., A.C.
Patterson Field
Fairfield, Ohio

Franklin Yoder, A.S.N. 17033737
83rd Sqdn. 12 Bomb gp
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New York, New York

Captain P. J. Norton, A.C.
Army Air Base
Officers Replacement Unit
Salt Lake City, Utah
(Former superintendent of
Father Flanagan's Boys' Home.)

Captain L. J. Demers, Chaplain
Chaplain's School
Harvard University
Cambridge, Massachusetts
(Former Welfare Director of
Father Flanagan's Boys' Home.)

Henry McLaughlin
Navy Department
U.S. Naval Reserve Aviation Base
Peru, Indiana

Sgt. Dale L. Adrian 17012580
H.M. Det.
Camp Hale
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BOYS TOWN CITIZENS

KILLED WORLD WAR II

EDWARD CARR born 12-29-23 in Duluth, Minnesota, son of Vincent and Anne Carr. Youngest of the family of four children and placed in St. Joseph's Orphan's Home in Superior, Wisconsin in 1927, after the death of the mother. The father had deserted the family and nothing was known of his whereabouts. Edward was placed in our care at the request of the above Orphanage on August 17, 1938, as he was ready for high school and St. Joseph's had no high school facilities. He remained with us until the time of his departure on September 15, 1941, when he was released to the home of an older brother, Vincent Carr, also a former boy and now working in Saginaw, Michigan. While with us, Eddie got along fairly well, being a member of the Choir. He enlisted in the Navy in the early part of 1942 and we were recently advised through a paper clipping that he is now reported missing at sea by the United States Navy. He saw service aboard the U.S.S. Ingraham in the Atlantic Ocean.

VERNON CROWLEY negro youth, born on November 7, 1924 in St. Joseph, Missouri. After having been cared for for years by the Juvenile Court in Omaha, he was admitted to Boys Town on August 29, 1940. He made a satisfactory adjustment here, starring all sports and in the Choir, and made application at his own request to join the Navy on August 8, 1941. He was accepted in the Navy, reporting to duty on December 11, 1941. He completed his training period and after seeing active service aboard the U.S.S. Cumberland, died as the result of an operation on July 16, 1942.

DONALD MONROE negro youth, born April 1, 1920 in Webster Groves, Missouri. He was admitted to our care on September 16, 1935 at the request of his grandmother, Mrs. Nannie Stewart. His father died in 1933 and the mother left him in the care of his paternal grandmother who was unable to properly care for him. He remained with us until July 3, 1936, when he was again returned to the home of his grandmother at her request. He enlisted in the Navy in 1939 and was in active service until the time of his death aboard the U.S.S. Arizona on December 7, 1942 at Pearl Harbor.

GEORGE ALLEN THOMPSON born August 2nd, 1921. Parents were separated at time of his admission here on March 30th, 1934, at the request of his mother, Mrs. Esther Thompson, of Omaha, Nebraska, as she was unable to provide adequately for his care and that of a younger brother and sister. He was released to his mother on July 29th, 1934, and enlisted in the Navy in August, 1939. He was a Seaman-First Class, aboard the U.S.S. Oklahoma and was reported killed in action on December 7th, at Pearl Harbor.

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JOSEPH MARINO born February 16, 1923 in Omaha, Nebraska. Joseph requested Juvenile Court to arrange for his admission to Boys Town on 1-24-36, because of the neglect he was suffering in his own home because the mother was dead and the father, because of his work, was unable to provide proper supervision for his family. Joe adjusted satisfactorily here at Boys Town, being a member of both the Band and the Choir, a good student, and a model citizen. He returned to the home of his father on June 29, 1939, at both Joe's and his father's request. No information as to when Joe enlisted in the Navy. However, he saw active service aboard the destroyer Jacob Jones until it was torpedoed and sunk in the spring of 1942. Joseph was listed as missing at sea by the Navy Department.

PARADISE, ROBERT born January 26, 1920 in Valentine, Nebraska. Very little is know of his real parentage. However, Robert was adopted while still quite young by an elderly couple, Mr. and Mrs. Paradise of Long Pine, Nebraska. Robert was admitted to Boys Town on December 15, 1932 at the request of his adoptive father who was no longer able to provide for him because of blindness and old age. Robert got along very nicely here until his departure, of his own accord, on December 28, 1938. He graduated from our grade school, finished two years of high school, and was a member of our Band and Choir. It had long been his desire to join the Army, and he enlisted in 1939, and was stationed in the Phillipine Islands. The last communication from him was dated February 8, 1942, stating he was in the midst of action. On May 20, 1942, the War Department notified us that he was missing in action at Bataan.

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REPORTED HELD

AS JAP PRISONERS

ROBERT WISCKOCHIL born March 26th, 1921, Detroit, Michigan. Placed in our care on March 18th, 1937, at the request of his father, Mr. A. L. Wisckochil, of Dallas, Texas, as Robert was getting somewhat beyond control of his mother, since Mr. Wisckochil found it necessary to be absent from the home in his line of business - a wholesale shoe-salesman.

Robert did very well here, being a member of our Boys Town Band, and conducting himself as a model citizen of Boys Town. Robert was released to his father on June 7th, 1938, after it was felt he had improved sufficiently to be returned to his own home.

We have no record of the date of his enlistment as a U. S. Marine. However, as such, he was reported missing and believed by officials "That he is probably a prisoner of War." Robert was one of the 357 Mariners on Wake Island when it was captured by the Japanese. In the Marines, he was listed as an "Expert gunner."

ALBERT BRECKENRIDGE was the sixth in a family of eight children, born on April 25, 1924, making his home with his family in Irving, Texas. Application was made here for the admission of Albert and his younger brother, Warren, by the father, as his mother was then an invalid. The boys were getting somewhat beyond their control. It was necessary to place them with us for proper supervision and attention. Albert was admitted to Boys Town on August 8, 1938 and made a satisfactory adjustment, being a member of the Choir and also quite active in athletics. Albert was returned to the home of his parents in Irving, Texas when the mother recovered, as it was her desire to have her boys again with her. We are not aware as to the exact date of Albert's enlistment with the Marines, but it was possibly only a few months after his departure from Boys Town on August 23, 1939. After completing his training in San Diego, he saw service in Honolulu, being transferred to Wake Island just before the out break of the war. His parents were advised several months afterwards that he had been taken prisoner at Wake Island.

Print the complete address in plain block letters in the panel below, and your return address in the space provided. Use typewriter, dark ink, or pencil. Write plainly. Very small writing is not suitable.

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(CENSOR'S STAMP)

Rev. Edward James Flanagan
Boys Town,
Nebraska
U.S.A.

Wesley B. Haggard Rm. 7
Postmaster
U.S.M.C. Unit # 275
San Francisco, Calif.
October 12, 1942
(Date)

Dear Father Flanagan:

I am sending you this letter in hopes you will remember an old boy who graduated from Boys Town in 1937. I want you to know Father that your training of young Americans which you put us through have made us better men - morally, socially and physically than any we could have received elsewhere.

When we landed here on Guadalcanal the morning of Aug. 7, 1942 I thought back to those years with you and began to realize how wonderful your work has spread - everyone in the So. Pacific knows of you and very much interested in the home.

I hope Father that you will let those who knew me know that I am well and alive and am serving with the marines here on Guadalcanal.

I wish you every happiness in the world and may God Bless you and help you further in your work.

Your former boy.

Wesley B. Haggard Rm. 7 U.S.N

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*Please send
photostatic copy -
EJF*

U.S.S. ARIZONA
% Postmaster, San Francisco.
April 7, 1942

Reverend E. J. Flanagan
Boys Town, Nebraska

Dear Father,

Today we received in the mail for this office a copy of BOYS TOWN TIMES. It is with the deepest regret that I inform you that it is not possible for me to forward it to the addressee, Mr. Donald Monroe.

Since the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor December 7, 1941, Donald Monroe has been carried on all our lists as "missing in action". I believe that the Navy Department will soon declare all men still remaining in this category as a result of the above attack "dead".

I knew Donald Monroe very well as he was attached to my mess. He was a fine example of what a young American should be, and in every sense more than lived up to the very highest standards set by our Navy and our country.

Donald Monroe was proud of Boys Town; I know that Boys Town is proud of him. If he was an example of the average boy from Boys Town, then I can easily see why our whole country is proud of Boys Town.

I am keeping the copy of BOYS TOWN TIMES in the office. It is a fine example of the spirit of young America upon whom so much depends.

Very truly yours,

J. P. Howatt
J. P. Howatt, Ens., USN.

RT. REV. MSGR. EDWARD J. FLANAGAN
BOYS TOWN, NEBRASKA

December
Fourteenth
1942

Dear Mr. President:

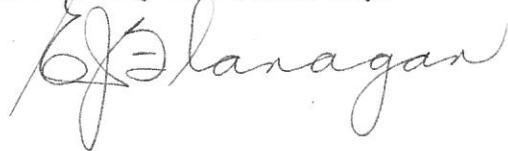
You have been very kind in sending me a congratulatory message for our Twenty-fifth Anniversary and I want you to know that I am deeply grateful. It is friends like you that have made this work possible - a work that has brought so much consolation to me during these past twenty-five years.

We do not mind hard work - in fact we love it, so long as we see that our work has produced results - and every day when one looks into the faces of these fine boys and realizes the fine response that we are getting from them, and seeing their development into the type of citizens that Makes America great - then we are doubly repaid by Almighty God for this privilege of being a humble tool in His Hands in carrying out this patriotic and humanitarian work.

Your expression of good will and congratulations at this time has added much to the happy occasion.

Thanking you again and wishing you God's choicest blessings always, I am

Gratefully and sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "E. J. Flanagan". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Gratefully and sincerely,".

Honorable Franklin D. Roosevelt
The White House
Washington, D. C.

P.P.F.

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July 7, 1937

My dear Father Flanagan:

Your letter of June twenty-ninth has been received. I am sorry to have to send you a disappointing reply, but because of the many requests similar to the one you make it is impossible for the President to comply with them.

Please be assured that our inability to comply with your request does not indicate a lack of interest in the many worthy undertakings being brought to the President's attention.

The enclosures to your letter are being returned herewith.

Very sincerely yours,

M. A. LeHand
PRIVATE SECRETARY

Reverend E. J. Flanagan,
Father Flanagan's Boys' Home,
Boys Town,
Nebraska.

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Enclosures

*Corres. is filed
Father Flanagan's Boys' Home*

O'CONNOR, Hon. J.F.T.
Los Angeles, Calif.
September 2, 1938.

Wrote the President, recommending that he see the motion Picture "Boys Town", produced by John Considine, Jr.--Mr. Considine telegraphed Mr. McIntyre September 14th that a print of "Boys Town" will be available to the President at any time, and that arrangements for same can be made through the Washington Office, of MGM.--On September 11th, the President sent a memo. to Mr. McIntyre to tell Miss LeHand they want this picture and for Mr. McIntyre to prepare letter of reply.--Attached is office memo. of September 16th, advising Miss LeHand where the film may be obtained.--The President wrote Mr. O'Connor September 16th that he was glad to have the suggestion and has asked Miss LeHand to make arrangements for the showing of "Boys Town". Says he believes Mr. McIntyre is arranging for him to see Mr. O'Connor.

P. P. F.

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REED, Mr. Byron, Editor
BOYS TOWN TIMES,
Boys Town, Nebraska.
3/21/42.

Wrote to the President requesting from him a letter of congratulations to the senior graduating class of Father Flanagan's Boys' Home; the letter to be published in above paper. Enc. copy of paper.

SEE - FATHER FLANAGAN'S BOYS HOME

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(copied by AS)

P. P. F.

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PRESIDENTIAL MEMORANDUM FOR THE
ATTORNEY GENERAL
Sept. 1, 1943.

P.P.H.

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The President said "For preparation of reply for my signature." The President forwarded (as per brief) Letter from the Rt. Rev. Msgr. E. J. Flanagan, Father Flanagan's Boys Home, Boys Town, Nebraska, 8/25/43, to the President, attaching Application for Executive Clemency in behalf of Clare Torrey Smith, now confined in the penitentiary at Shakopee, Minnesota. Her residence prior to her conviction was 1744 Deckner Ave., Green Bay, Wisconsin. Attached are letters in behalf of Miss Smith from Hon. Henry Graass, Green Bay, 7/26/43, Rt. Rev. Harwood Sturtevant, Fond Du Lac, 7/26/43, M. E. Davis, Green Bay, 7/29/43, R. T. Bennie, Green Bay, 7/27/43, C. C. Marcott, Green Bay, 7/28/43, Rev. B. F. Miller, Green Bay, undated, letter from J. M. Conway, Green Bay, 7/26/43, to the Attorney General, and letters addressed "To Whom It May Concern" from Dr. William Webber Kelly, 7/27/43, Rev. James A. Wagner, 7/28/43, Rev. Delbert W. Basche, 7/28/43. Father Flanagan express the hope that this request for pardon can be granted.

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--On 9/2/43 the Attorney General wrote to the President, going into detail on the case in question, and enclosing the requested draft of reply, in accordance with which, the President, on 9/3/43 wrote to Rt. Rev. Monsignor E. J. Flanagan. He stated, in effect, that the petition shows that now Miss Smith has been released from imprisonment, and that she is seeking a discharge from probation and restoration of civil rights. He explains that this case is similar to many others which have to abide by the rules, and expresses regret that he cannot make an exception in this case.

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FLANAGAN, The Right Reverend Edward J.
Boys Town, Nebraska.
Aug. 3, 1944.

F. P. H.

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Wrote the President re the post-war problem of caring for the great number of orphan children left homeless, destitute and abandoned as a result of the war. Presents three plans for the caring of these children and also their widowed mothers. Offers his services in this respect and feel his knowledge of this problem, gained through his many years of experience, can be effectively applied. - -Mr. Hassett on Aug. 9, 1944, in a Memorandum for Hon. Charles P. Taft, Committee on Post-War Programs, Dept. of State requests a draft of an appropriate acknowledgment for the President's signature in answer to the above letter from Father Flanagan. - -Letter to Mr. Hassett from Mr. Charles P. Taft dated Aug. 19, 1944, enclosing two alternative replies and saying he is inclined to feel that UNRRA is the place where this letter really should be taken care of. Encloses a draft of letter to Governor Lehman, Director of United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration for the President's signature. - -The President in a letter to Father Flanagan dated Aug. 23, 1944, stating that this matter is one which disturbs the minds of all who have any responsibilities for the situation in Europe after the German collapse. The President states that this seems to be a matter in which the major responsibility lies with the governments of the countries where these children belong. Many of them will not be in a position to do an adequate job because of the lack of financial resources, and of skilled personnel to direct the operations. Further states that the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration was set up in order to meet problems of exactly this character. In their Welfare Division and in their Division of Displaced Persons, Miss Craig McLachy and Mr. Fred K. Hochler, respectively, they have two individuals who are most competent and most eager to meet such responsibilities and the President is sending a copy of Father Flanagan's letter to Governor Lehman and asking him to investigate the possibility of providing leadership in such an enterprise as suggested. In closing the President states that his interest and most timely suggestions are greatly appreciated. - -The President in a letter to Hon. Herbert H. Lehman dated Aug. 23, 1944, encloses a copy of the letter from Father Flanagan. States that Father Flanagan's suggestions deserve most careful consideration and the President would like to hear of Governor Lehman's plans which the Administration may have in mind. Suggests that consultation with Father Flanagan might prove to be of value.

SEE - 58 (Official)