

August 13, 1942.

Senator Tom Connally,
U. S. Senate Building,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Tom:

This will introduce to you Mrs. Nell R. Hale, of Amarillo, Texas, who is the sister of Lieutenant Colonel Blucher S. Tharp, Commander of the "Lost Battalion" - 131st Field Artillery, Second Battalion originally of the Thirty-Sixth Division.

The family has been unable to find out whether Col. Tharp was killed in action or taken prisoner.

Colonel Tharp has a son, Blucher Stanley Tharp, Jr., nineteen years of age. As I understand, he was your second alternate for appointment to West Point and was third alternate of Congressman Worley of Amarillo. The young man has passed every test and made the highest grades from the Amarillo Junior College of Engineering. He is exceedingly anxious to get into West Point and it would seem, under these conditions and times, with the increased enrollment that there should be an opportunity for a youngster of this type to follow in his father's foot steps in the Army.

While I realize you are busy, if you can do anything for Mrs. Hale, together with young Tharp's mother, it will be very much appreciated.

Thanking you and with best personal regards,
I remain

Sincerely,