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November 30, 1945

Mr. Amon G. Carter, President
Fort Worth Star-Telegram
Fort Worth, Texas

Dear Mr. Carter:

I was trying to get in the Army Air Corps Pilot Training Program in April of 1941, when the Air Corps required two years of college; as you will recall, I only completed one year of college. I had completed pilot training in the Civilian Pilot Training Program on December 5, 1940 with an average of 95% in my ground subjects.

With your guidance, I enlisted in the Army Air Corps; then I took the mental examination and was admitted in the Aviation Cadets at Maxwell Field, Alabama.

I was commissioned a pilot on January 14, 1943 at Craig Field, Alabama. I flew all types of fighter planes, except the P-38, with the Second and Third Air Forces in the States. I flew the P-47 with the NINTH Air Force in England and France. November 27, 1945, I was transferred to the Inactive Reserve.

After four years and five months in the Air Corps I am again confronted with a similar "requirements" situation.

Being a native of Fort Worth, I have a keen desire to fly for American Airlines. I have watched American Airlines grow into the most efficient Airline in the United States, and it will undoubtedly make historical advances in the future. I would indeed feel proud to be a pilot of this Airline.

I am twenty-nine years old, not married, with eleven hundred and seventy-one hours flying time. I know my confidence and love in flying will offset any requirements I do not now meet.

Mr. Carter - with your varied experience and influence any consideration and assistance that you might render me at this time will be gratefully appreciated.

Earnestly yours,

Joseph S. McMin
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AMON G. CARTER, PRESIDENT

FORT WORTH, TEXAS

April 17, 1941.

Brig. Genl. G. C. Brant, Commander,
Gulf Coast Air Corps Training Center,
Care Fort Worth Club
Fort Worth, Texas.

Dear General Brant:

Enclosed, you will find a letter
from Joseph Stephens McMinn, one of the old Texas
Christian University band boys, in whom I am very
much interested. The letter speaks for itself and
I wonder if there is any suggestion you could make as
to how we could help this young man get into the
Air Corps?

Thanking you for your cooperation
in this matter, I am

Sincerely,

AGC.KD

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A. G. Carter

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AMON G. CARTER, PRESIDENT

FORT WORTH, TEXAS

August 10, 1941.

Brig. Genl. G. C. Brant, Commander,
Gulf Coast Air Corps Training Center,
Randolph Field, Texas.

Dear General Brant:

It has come to my attention that Private Joseph S. McMinn, 57th School Squadron Unattached, Barksdale Field, Louisiana is making application for pilot training offered to enlisted men who do not have the required two years of college and who have taken the academic examination for appointment as a flying cadet and failed to pass. Young McMinn joined the Army in June, 1941, after having failed the academic examination given at Randolph Field on February 10, 1941. He has not had two years of college so it would seem he has all the qualifications for this enlisted men's pilot training.

As you will recall, I wrote you in April about this young man and you replied as of April 21 concerning his application in the Air Corps. In the event you can help him or make any suggestions in connection with this new situation, it shall be appreciated very much.

Sincerely,



AGC.KD

cc Private Joseph S. McMinn