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Mr. Lyman B. Madison,
Hotel Brennan,
Highland Park,
Detroit, Mich.

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My dear Mr. Madison:

Further reference is made to your letter of January 25 relative to the application of Frederick Walker, for a discharge from the Navy.

There is inclosed herewith copy of a letter received from the Commandant, U. S. Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, Ill. advising approval of the application submitted by Frederick Walker requesting discharge from the Navy.

I am glad to have had the opportunity of looking into this matter for you.

Very truly yours,

E. P. Merrett

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Assistant Commissioner.

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OFFICE OF THE COMMANDANT
U. S. NAVAL TRAINING STATION
GREAT LAKES, ILLINOIS



February 18, 1919.

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My dear Mr. Meritt:

Referring to your letter of February 6, 1919, requesting that early favorable action be taken upon the request for discharge or release from active duty submitted by Frederick Walker, Landsman Mus., USNRF, you are informed that in view of your interest in this case, and convincing presentation of its merits, I have had pleasure in directing that the request of this applicant be granted immediately, as an examination develops that it comes within the purview of the Department's instructions authorizing the discharge or release of certain quotas of men of the regular Navy, and of the Naval Reserve Force, who entered the service with the intention of remaining for the duration of the war.

As of information there is enclosed herewith a copy of a circular with reference to the plan being observed at this Training Station in regard to partial demobilization.

Very truly yours,

CAPTAIN, U. S. NAVY.
Commandant.

HWF:LCB.
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Mr. E. B. Meritt,
Asst. Coms'r. of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.

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Office of the Commandant
U. S. NAVAL TRAINING STATION
Great Lakes, Illinois



...February 18, 1919.....

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CIRCULAR OF INFORMATION RELATIVE TO PROCEDURE OBSERVED IN EFFECTING
DISCHARGE OF MEN OR RELEASE FROM ACTIVE DUTY IN PURSUANCE
OF INSTRUCTIONS GOVERNING PARTIAL DEMOBILIZATION.

Since partial demobilization has been directed the authorities of this Training Station have put forth every effort to discharge and release men from active duty who entered the naval service with the intention of serving for the duration of the war, at the same time complying strictly with the intent and spirit of the Navy Department's instructions, which contemplate granting every consideration compatible with the proper protection of the government's interests during the continuance of the present emergency. These instructions require the discharge or release of applicants in the order their claims merit consideration.

There is a physical limit upon the number of applicants that can be discharged daily. At this Training Station this has averaged about 300 men. From the inception of demobilization activities until the date of this circular a total of 17,631... men have been discharged or released from active duty. It therefore is apparent that, at this rate, but a few more weeks will be required to complete the discharge or release of the remaining applicants eligible to receive this privilege under existing conditions, and that many of them are unduly apprehensive concerning the action upon their requests, as evidenced by the hundreds of inquiries in regard thereto received with each mail. For the information of all concerned the following detailed statement is made in regard to the plan observed at this Training Station in effecting discharge or release from active duty:

Each applicant is required to submit his request in writing, and to append thereto all affidavits, letters, or other evidence he may desire to submit in support of his claims for consideration. The application is presented to the immediate superior of the man concerned, who endorses it with his approval or disapproval (in the latter event being required to make a full explanatory statement of his reasons for adverse action). It is then forwarded to the Commandant's Office, where it is considered by a board of three officers, all qualified as members of the legal profession, by whom it is graded and classified according to the facts established therein relative to the applicant's economic and vocational status.

To insure prompt and proper consideration it is essential that each applicant for discharge or release set forth fully in his written request for this privilege all conditions, circumstances, and facts bearing upon his claims for consideration; also there should be appended to the application all data offered as substantiating evidence of the reasons set forth therein, otherwise it would be necessary to reopen, reconsider, and perhaps, reclassify, an application each time an additional letter or affidavit is submitted. This it is, of course, impracticable to do except in cases where conditions have changed since an application has been submitted.

The foregoing classification is designed to establish a relative order of merit whereby discharge or release will be granted—first, to applicants with relatives *mainly dependent* upon them for support; second, to applicants who at the time of their entry into the naval service were bona fide students in a recognized school or college and desire to return thereto to complete their unfinished education; and, third, to applicants who base their request upon *urgent business* or other reasons not included in the two preceding classifications. *Within the quotas authorized by the Navy Department* students are released regardless of the necessity for their continued retention in the naval service. All other conditions being equal, length of service is the determining factor in fixing upon the relative order of merit in each of the foregoing classifications.

It will be seen that this plan is based on the two assumptions that all men cannot be discharged at one time, and that the most urgent and deserving cases should be discharged or released first. If there is reason to believe that an applicant has been subjected to an unintentional injustice the Commandant will appreciate it if an opportunity may be afforded to investigate the circumstances. Requests for investigation may be submitted through official channels by the men concerned or direct to the Commandant by any persons interested in their behalf. If the findings substantiate the claim, immediate action will be instituted to effect the prompt discharge or release of the man concerned. However, it is not practicable to exceed quotas authorized by the Navy Department, or to grant the discharge or release of an individual ahead of the order which his final classification determines.

further information
I will be pleased
to inform you.

Very respectfully Yours,

Lyman B. Woodruff

Ref. to
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Hotel Brewman,
Highland Park,
Detroit, Mich.

Feb 7, 1919.

Mr. E. B. Merrill,
Assist. Commissioner,
Washington - D. C.



Dear Sir:

Your communication of
the 6th inst regarding Fredk.
Walker at the Great Lakes
Training Station at hand.

You are demanding an
explanation of our
relationship as brother?

While we are not of

the blood relation, I have
always kept up many of
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his expenses, transportations etc. and have and am advising him as to his future, and I am also bearing the expense for him to come to the Detroit High School. We have always looked upon each other as brothers. So I trust this is clearly understood at the office.

Received communication from the Commandant this morning that Friend had placed his request for release from active duty in the Navy and that it would be considered in the near future. I have also advanced money for a brief trip for him to Detroit.

Trusting the matter is now clear to you and should you wish

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FEB 6- 1919

Commandant,

Great Lakes Naval Training Station,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

There is inclosed herewith copy of a letter received from Mr. Lyman B. Madison requesting that the application of his brother, Frederick Walker, for release from the Navy, be reconsidered. Frederick Walker was a student in the Carlisle Indian School, and has had two years' vocational training in that school. It seems to be the intention of his brother to have him continue his studies in the Detroit High School.

The matter is respectfully referred to you for such action as in your opinion the facts in the case may warrant.

Very truly yours,



Assistant Commissioner.

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FEB 6 - 1919

Mr. Lyman B. Madison,
Hotel Brennan,
Highland Park,
Detroit, Mich.

My dear Mr. Madison:

The Office has your letter of January 25 relative to the application of Frederick Walker, now at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station, Chicago, for a discharge from the Navy.

In answer, you are advised that while the matter has been taken up with the Commandant of the Great Lakes Naval Training Station, your brother should again make formal application to his commanding officer for a discharge, as it is not likely that any consideration will be given requests for discharge from outside sources until the sailor involved has made application for discharge.

It is observed that you say Frederick Walker is your brother. As your names are not the same, and as the records of the Office show Frederick Walker to be an Omaha Indian of Nebraska, and you to be a Mashpee Indian of Massachusetts, you are requested to inform the Office as to how Frederick Walker bears the relationship of brother to you.

Very truly yours,



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Assistant Commissioner.

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two yrs vocational
training at Carlisle, D.S.
See Carlisle Boarding
Sch. report of Dec 31. 1916

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Hotel Brennan.
Highland Park.
Detroit. Mich.

January 25. 1919.

Mr. Cato Sells;
Washington. D.C.



Dear Sir;
My brother Frederick Walker
now at Great Lakes Naval
Training Station, Chicago.
2nd offered his services for
4th the duration of the War
only. I have requested
him to put in his
Educational Claims, to
be released from the Navy

and come here to the
Detroit High School.

I find his application
has not been honored
because it was not
recommended. Please
ask the Naval Author-
ities at once to re-
consider the case
and release the boy
from the Navy at the
earliest date.

He is a Carlisle
Student. I want him

to complete his
education here, his
future success
demands it.

The Navy for some
young men offers
brilliant opportunities,
but for my brother, I have
mapped out a better
course.

Trusting in your
immediate action and
please inform me at
once.

Most respectfully,
see Symon B. Modison,
(over) [Class 1917 - Carlisle]