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To Whom It May Be Presented:

This letter is written in the interest of Pvt. Forrest C. Pogue, Jr., 35477998, an enlisted man of my company.

In September, Private Pogue applied for a direct commission in Special Services. Because of several unfortunate delays, his papers were not sent in until various changes were made in requirements for this commission. The application was finally rejected in January, 1943. Pogue then applied for permission to apply for Officers' Candidate School. However, requirements for basic training needed for such application at this point had been changed and his seven weeks' training were not sufficient to meet the requirement here. Since Private Pogue is classified for limited duty, he was not favorably considered for a transfer. In order to get to a point where he could complete enough basic training to qualify for Officers' Candidate School, Private Pogue asked that he be sent to a post where he could get this training. For that reason, Private Pogue was put in reception center unassigned and shipped out to replacement training center.

Private Pogue desired to apply for Adjutant General's School or for the Censorship branch of the same school. His qualifications include:

1. Ph. D. degree in international relations and European history
2. Held a scholarship in international relations at the University of Paris, 1937-38.
3. Travelled extensively in Europe in 1937-38
4. Nine years teaching experience in college
5. Journalistic training and experience
6. Considerable experience as a speaker
7. Can read and speak French; can read German and Spanish
8. Some personnel experience

Because of his ability as a lecturer, Private Pogue was used on several occasions for talks on current affairs before various basic training groups. He presided over a section of the Pan American Educators' Conference here in Indianapolis in the fall. Recently he was sent by the Commanding Officer to speak at a meeting here in the city. He was well received.

This is not intended as an official communication, but it was thought that some explanation for the the transfer of Private Pogue from the rating of technician, fourth grade, might be of aid in expediting his application for Officers' Candidate School.

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