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Griffin, Arkansas  
May 2<sup>d</sup> 1947.

Mrs. Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt,

Inclosed you will find  
a beautiful tribute to your  
late husband. I recently  
visited a small community  
near Waver, Arkansas and  
while there came across this  
lovely tribute.

I've never met this young  
man but he has been afflicted  
since early childhood. Despite  
his handicap he completed  
grammar school. Since then  
he has written many songs  
poems etc.,

He is Willis Cain,  
Herline, Arkansas 26 years  
of age and I think a very  
fine person. I sincerely hope  
you enjoy this tribute and  
will drop him a line.

Sincerely yours  
and  
Chirier,

Mrs. Rebec Thompson  
Box 98. Griffin, Arkansas

**FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT**

F is for faith we all should have in the  
Savior of men.  
R is for righteousness that will win  
over sin;  
A is for America, the land of the  
noble and free;  
N is for never to forget the men and  
women that fought to save it  
for you and me;  
K is for kindness we should use in  
what we do and say;  
L is for liberty that America stands  
for; let's keep it that way.  
I is for interest we should take in  
keeping it to live in;  
N is for never should we have any  
wars again.  
D is for dictators who like to rule by  
force of arms;  
E is for evil that does us all harm;  
L is for lessons we have been taught  
in the wars of old;  
A is for Almighty we should work for  
and make our goal;  
N is for narrow the way to the Pearly  
Gates;  
O is for over there where we know  
no hate.  
R is for the rights of liberty, health,  
and happiness;  
O is for often the right to happiness  
most of us have missed;  
O is for ostrich, the bird who puts  
his head in the sand;  
S is for selfishness we should avoid  
to keep;  
E is for earnest we should be in help-  
ing our fellow man smile and  
not to weep;  
V is for very strong in mind and soul;  
E is for evil things we should never  
make our goal;  
L is for the loyalty we all should be  
to the good old U.S.A.;  
T is for truth we ought to have in  
everything we say.  
Put them all together, now don't you  
see  
The name of the greatest man in  
American history? Franklin  
Delano Roosevelt.

—By Willis Linn.

**ABC AID-DO YOU**

Write Roman to ask for  
report on son's case. I  
find his record is bad &  
his punishment <sup>for</sup> not too  
severe.

Regis Jean de nachueg  
mre

R. Thompson

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THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY  
WASHINGTON

FEB 6 1947

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt  
Apartment 15-A  
29 Washington Square, West  
New York City 11, New York

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Further reference is made to your communication dated 18 November 1946 and to my reply to you dated 3 December 1946, in the interest of Robert S. Thompson, private, U. S. Marine Corps Reserve. The final action having now been taken I am able to furnish you the following information from the records of the Navy Department.

On 27 April 1944 Thompson was tried by summary court martial and convicted of absence from station and duty without leave (46 days). He was sentenced to a total loss of pay amounting to one hundred fifty (150) dollars.

On 29 June 1944 he was again tried by summary court martial and convicted of specification one, absence from station and duty without leave (4 days) and specification two, unlawful use of forged liberty pass with intent to defraud. He was sentenced to be confined for a period of one (1) month and to a total loss of pay amounting to one hundred fifty (150) dollars.

On 20 September 1944 Thompson was tried by general court martial and convicted of the Charge, ABSENCE FROM STATION AND DUTY WITHOUT LEAVE (specification one, 13 days and specification two, 5 days). He was sentenced to be confined for a period of thirty (30) months and to be discharged from the naval service with a bad conduct discharge, with corresponding accessories.

On 30 August 1945 the Secretary of the Navy remitted the unexecuted portion of Thompson's sentence subject to a probationary period of twelve (12) months.

As may be seen from the foregoing, Thompson on that date was given an opportunity to rehabilitate himself in the Marine Corps and the naval service and complete his enlistment under honorable conditions.

On or about 10 June 1946 Thompson violated his probation by deserting from the naval service and he did remain a deserter until he

*Honorable Discharge of same.*

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was delivered to the jurisdiction of the Marine Corps on or about 13 September 1946.

On 3 October 1946 Thompson's probation was terminated and on 22 October 1946 he was again tried by general court martial and convicted of the Charge, DESERTION (3 months and 3 days). He was sentenced to be confined for a period of twenty-seven (27) months and to be discharged from the naval service with a dishonorable discharge, with corresponding accessories.

On 28 October 1946 the convening authority approved the proceedings, findings and sentence and directed that the period of confinement adjudged in the present case would not begin until the confinement adjudged by the previous general court martial of 20 September 1944 had been served. The U. S. Naval Disciplinary Barracks, Naval Base, Portsmouth, New Hampshire, was designated as the place of confinement.

On 20 December 1946 the Acting Secretary of the Navy, approving the recommendation of the Naval Clemency and Prison Inspection Board, remitted the loss of pay in the amount of twenty-two (22) dollars a month so that family allowance in Thompson's case could be continued.

On 16 January 1947, the Acting Secretary of the Navy, in accordance with the recommendation of the Commandant of the Marine Corps, remitted the bad conduct discharge adjudged by prior general court martial approved 25 September 1944 in order that the period of confinement as approved by the convening authority in the present case may run consecutively with that adjudged in the earlier case.

Sincerely yours,

James H. Tolson

honorable discharge off record

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Jackson 38, Miss.  
Nov. 8, 1946

Mr. Elnor Roosevelt;

my dear madam I am worried,  
worried nearly to death I need your  
help, please help me. My son  
Robert Sherley Thompson A.S.M.C.R #  
409343 At Camp Lejeune N. Carolina.  
my son entered the service of the  
marine Corps June 19th. 1942 served over  
5 years he went A.W.O.L. twice after nearly  
and terribly insane over camp life his  
lover, and mind is failing fast he has  
been given 46 months and a D. D. for his  
Having gone A. W. O. L.

Mr. Roosevelt as a mother to a  
mother for the sake of a son will you  
please help me get clemency for my son?

Will you please get this sentence + Dis-  
onorable Discharge off him? over 9349

my son Robert went in service at the age of 18 years a  
Volunteer joined so very proud to have earned the ex.  
of a marine. after 3 years of service he became despondent  
over the return of his father who has been an invalid  
since 1939 with J.B. Robert would just walk off  
which was wrong but he has just become unbalanced  
He also lost his wife she was dead + buried +  
he did not get to see her he has a little 2 year  
old baby to be cared for I have all that and  
I am just worked and worried nearly to death

I had my husband in a J.B. Hospital But the  
Doctors said nothing more could be done for  
him so I had to bring him home.

So Mrs. Roosevelt you see I need Robert  
Home here with me to help with his invalid father,  
+ baby. Mrs. Roosevelt I am the woman  
that sent you the Crochet work. I wanted you  
to have it - but some one sent it - back to me  
With your regards. I also lent Mrs. Mary McCloud  
Bethune a Crochet pattern with our late president's favorite  
quotation worked in it - ("The only thing we have to fear, is  
fear itself") So Mrs. Roosevelt I am just trying  
to tell you who I am. A mother of 5 sons  
with only 2 living one in Guam now  
doing his bit (and one now in

~~Mr. Roosevelt~~ ~~is~~ ~~an~~ ~~imprisoned~~ ~~person~~ ~~on~~ ~~a~~ ~~46~~ ~~month~~ ~~the~~  
sentence facing a D. Discharge. Oh! please  
Mrs. Roosevelt help me help my son by  
giving him his freedom please get  
Clemency for him send him or rather if it  
is in your power have him sent home  
or restored back to Camp and given a  
another chance to make good please, please,  
help him. I cant' stand this much  
longer I am here at home all alone with  
my sick husband no one to come in to help  
out. people are so afraid of I.B., I use every  
precaution according to our Board of Health  
instructions.

Mrs. Roosevelt will you investigate  
to have it done my sons trial at Camp Lejeune?  
Of course he could not help himself he is only a  
little toy soldier in a big camp of big soldiers  
helpless and friendless Mrs. Roosevelt please  
do me this favour help my son by asking  
Clemency, please answer I am

Minnie Thompson 1406 Bell St.  
Jackson Miss

Messrs Roosevelt I had closed my letter to  
you but I am a praying man  
and just as I closed my letter this

thought came to me you've always  
committed yourself unto the Lord, why not trust him  
now. Mr. Roosevelt I do not doubt my Savior  
I believe if I trust him and obey whatever I ask in  
his name through him I will receive but  
to Mrs. Roosevelt you you have given birth  
to your sons but you have not had them and  
from you at the tender age of 18. raw-hided for  
5 years then all taken from them, please  
send the child to Guam to serve his time.

He wrote me and said mother if they  
would only give me an honorable dis I  
would rather go back to Guam and work  
at hard labor all because I could not  
stay in camp. They know why I  
could not stay there but still mother he  
says I am a soldier, a marine always  
will be. please, please help my boy I  
pray.