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My dear Lloyd:

I am in receipt of a military record. I knew this record in a general way but did not know it was so bad. He had just nineteen war service days counting Armistice Day as a war day. But if my memory is correct we fought less than a half day on that date with the afternoon off.

I assume your publicity man is preparing for state-wide distribution a record of your accomplishments. You will recall that Bennett Clark and Charley Howell both published a sort of a newspaper sheet which I think was very effective. At any rate, I assume your printed literature will contain such headings as Early Life, Business Experience, Civic Activities and Military Record, to mention only a few. Your military record should be merely a modest statement of the facts from the time of your appointment to the Naval Academy on thru the war. It will be mighty interesting reading and will be a record that no other candidate can approach. It will go over big with the boys who served on the front like those from the 3d Division which was my outfit. I have the names of a lot of 3d Division men scattered over the state.

A short time ago, Charley Howell asked me about your plans for veterans organization work which you and I have already discussed. Charley says this should be done by all means and done before the primary. He said he would help sell the idea to Mr. Pendergast. He says Mr. Pendergast has a lot of respect for the political power of the veterans.

I still hear a lot of people say that they will not vote for Roosevelt but are very much interested in your election, but we must bear in mind that a lot of such voters in their anxiety to vote against the national ticket, will not take the trouble to mark their ballot differently a little further down the column. That is where you will lose some votes that should be yours.

Any time you are over this way, I shall, of course be very glad to see you if you have the time.

With best wishes, I remain,

Very cordially yours,

Bill