

Holland, Oregon,  
December 11, 1941.

Mr. Jerrold Owen,  
Salem, Oregon.

Dear Mr. Owen:

I understand you are the State Defense Co-Ordinator, and I hereby offer my services for the duration in whatever capacity you may choose. I will go anywhere, do anything, in order to do my bit.

You will no doubt recall that I was the first sergeant of Co. L, 362nd Infantry, at the time you were a First Lieutenant in that outfit. I came to Camp Lewis with the first contingent of non-coms sent up from the 14th and 44th in September, 1917, as a sergeant from the Regular Army. I was later commissioned Second Lieutenant and went back to the 44th Infantry. Honorably discharged on February 5, 1919.

Am now 47 and in first-class health. Married, no children. Have a new car. Am engaged in operating my mining property down here, but as gold mining is not rated as vital to national defense, that can wait until this present mess has been cleaned up.

If it would be of any help, I may mention that I am thoroughly familiar with every city, town and hamlet in the State. Know and am familiar with every road and highway in the State, and am thoroughly familiar with every foot of the Oregon coast.

If I can be of any service, please let me know. If you want a personal interview, I can come to Salem at any time.

Very truly yours,

  
Alfred N. Steele