

This local board has one registrant who wanted to go to the army. He wrote this board several letters asking to be inducted. In one letter he stated he had been in the State Guards for 10 months and wanted to go to the Army now. He further stated, " If any man can stay in the State Guard he can stay in the Army, because it is the same thing. I am a man and a good one."

After this local board failed to induct him he wrote to the President and his letter was sent to this board. It is as follows:

Dear Franklin D. Roosevelt:

I am dropping you a few lines to let you here from me. I am well at the present time.

I have been classified twice in I-A but I didn't pass into the Army.

They said my Blood was not good. I am 30 years old and I have not seen a sick day in my life. I want to go to the Army and I want you to see that I can get in it. I want to learn everything I can. I don't see why I can't go in the Army. I want to go in so bad that I can see myself eating the japs up.

I want to know why they wont let me in the Army.

Listen, Mr. Franklin, if you keep me out and the other mens we can win the war quicker and I am asking you to see that I can get in the army.

I am telling you something else. I have not been in jail in my life at all and I have not been rested at all and I have not stole anything in my life at all. You know yourself that is a good record and I want to go to the Army.

I am in the State Guards and I sure like it but if I can go in the Army I will feel better in the army.

I have an uncle in the army and some cousins in and I want to go in and fight too.

I am asking you kindly to help me get in the Army. I want to get in. I been trying to get in the Army all my life and I have not get in yet. So give me a chance. I am begging you kindly to see that I can get in the Army. I don't feel justice if I don't help fight in the War. So let me have a chance please. This is all from

Sherman Stroud

P.S. Answer soon and let me know all about it.

On Form 47 completed by negro registrants Waverly Bruce Brothers completed Series II in the following way:

"For God: all-mighty has called, justified, glorified, sanctified, qualified, ordained, and choosed me a minister to represent him, (the Church), in all the world: When-so-ever and where so ever disbursed around the globe. I believe and confirm the ten commandments. I believe God is Omnipotent; Omnipresent and Omniscience. (Alpha, and Omega)"

Registrant Brothers was called for examination and this board received the following letter from his friend J. O. Nichols of Lima, Oklahoma.:

"Secretary of the Selective Service Board No. I,

Dear Mr. Billingsley:

I wonder if I am permitted to meet the board in it's session to be held Thursday of this week?

There is some rumors circulated relative to the young man, Waverly Brothers that has caused quite an excitement among the better pople here at Lima, and I, as a representative, would like very much to be permitted to bring to this board some facts leading up to the cause of said rumors.

Listen: Some eight years ago this man, Waverly Brothers attempted to deliver a sermon at the First Baptist Church where I am now a Member, trustee, and deacon, but because of his stand for the right, was rejected by the said W. S. Holland, M. D. Davis, and Richard Hubbard, on account of his popularity with the people, and some personal difference.

I don't know who brought this to the board, but I do know that W. S. Holland told him in my presence and others that he would do everything he could to kill him if he had to do it through politics.

Here is another thought I would like to convey that might help direct you and the board to some of the causes and reasons by which these unfair, lowdown, fault-makers have taking this undie advantage. Not of Waverly alone, but of the Selective Service Board as well.

Holland, Davis and Hubbard have spent illegal, some money belonging to the Town of Lima during the past two years. Waverly was elected by a majority vote as councilman and chairman of this board in April of this year. Holland knows that he cannot dictate this council and steal any more money if under administration, therefore, he is using this method to get rid of him. (Sending him to the Army.)

Allow me to point out some of the Responsible people of Wewoka, Oklahoma that you might talk to about the characteristics of old Holland and others named in this letter. Ask Attorney Walter Billingsley, Mr. W. W. Gilbert, Auditor,

Mrs. Ruby Roberts or any body that knows both parties and find what that group stand for.

May I have yo r reply in the mail this afternoon as to whether I am to be permitted to appear in the defense of this great character that is to be brought on trial soon?

Sincerely yours,
S7 J. O. Nichols"