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TO: MR. WEST:-	FROM: FRANK N. ROBINSON	DATE:	AUGUST 15, 1928.

SUBJECT:

I want to call your attention to this story in the Frening Telegram of last night. This boy is one of those who filed an application and was rejected. He works on a Scripps-Howard Messpaper in Okthona. Hr. Mckee wrote a letter in here favoring his candiday. Hiss Kirk, a woman writer on the Telegram, came up several times to see about it.

ly own very private thought on the subject is that the Scripps-Howard United Press croad were hopeful that in this may they might get a news writer aboard the Byrd Fleet. However, I havenothing but my own surmine behind this statement.

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August 15, 1928

New York City.

By attention has been invited this morning to the attached clipping concorning the personal effort of Scout Bill Witt to reach you with a view of having personal consideration given to his anxiety to be a number of your party.

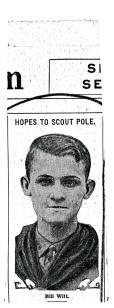
I find that Scout witt did file formal application, and that his case was considered by the Condition, but that he did not qualify in the judgment of those who made the prolifinary clining tions so as to be included in you be send-final group of sevention scouts. He is apparently a very fine young man and has a host of

In his case there were a larged number of telegrams and evidence of considerable interest to develop feverable considera-

Attached to the newspaper elipsing is a menorandum from our Publicity Department for your confidential information.

Sincerely and cordially yours.

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Honor Scout Comes 1,500 Miles to See Byrd.

Covered, so to speak, with 1,500 miles of mud and dust, Bill Witt, 19, ranking Boy Scout of Oklahoma, trudged into New York today in xsearch of Commander Richard Byrd.

Bill hitch-hiked his way here his from his home in Oklahoma City to mpress his application for a place on ing Byrd's Antarctic expedition. nd

"I decided I ought to come New York and talk to Commander aid Byra personally," the youth explained, "and there wasn't any way to get here except by walking. 18-Fortunately, I got auto rides much of the way."

This is the Oklahoma boy's first trip to New York, but, undaunted he climbed on a West Side Subway half an hour after arriving on a 23rd St. ferry. To a boy who has already had 60 hours in the air as a flying student, a subway, it seems, is just one more thing. He will get his pilot's commission after 10 more hours of flying.

Among the reasons Bill thinks he is qualified to go on Byrd's dangerous expedition are the following:-He carried ice in Oklahoma City

for two summers. He has 65 Scout merit badges (76 are the maximum obtainable) and 10 honor, or public service, badges, When he gets dressed up in all his badges he looks like a suit of walks

ing armor. He is a crack shot with a rifle can buildog a steer like a veteran and can throw a rope almost as well as his fellow Oklahoman and friend, Will Rogers. !

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