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The principles of compulsory training are as vital to the Navy as to the Army. As Navy Leaguers, let us stand loyally with the President when the country is at war.

May we ask you to --

(1) Write or wire your congressman and senators stating your convictions in this matter.

(2) Ask ten or more friends to communicate with their senators and representatives. (3) Get your local patriotic and commercial bodies to pass resolutions on this subject, and organize local mass meetings to take action.

(4) Remember that a noisy opposition, a mob of pacifists and probably a hired, hostile lobby are shouting at the ears of Congress, while patriotism, busy in defending the country, is almost silent. Help change this situation.

(5) Let us know what action you take and the results you get.

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October 7, 1916.

Dear Member:

You may recall a letter recently sent from this office enclosing a League Post Card, and in which we indicated to you our campaign for new members. Did you receive our letter? If so, may I ask that you cooperate with us by sending out the cards and returning the index card to this office? If you did not receive our letter may we send you a duplicate set of the cards. Several hundred members have already asked for extra sets of the cards ranging from one to one hundred sets. — We are anxious to hear from you.

Very earnestly,

NAVY LEAGUE OF THE UNITED STATES,

Robert Thompson
President.

P.S. — THIS CARD IS USED TO SAVE YOUR MONEY.

Your postal note of the 7th inst

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Harry Pratt Judson, Esq.,
Pres. University of Chicago,
Chicago, Ill.

ADDRESS
Thompson, Esq.,
City of Chicago,

Chicago, October 12, 1916

Dear Sir:

Your postal note of the 7th inst. is received.
I do not recall receiving the League postcard to which
you refer. While I am warmly interested in the
activities of the Navy League, I cannot undertake to
join any campaign soliciting people to become members.
This is a general principle which I am obliged to adopt.

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The Navy League of the United States did much in making possible the appropriation bill. It can do much more in making a reality the necessary policies just mentioned. We are earnestly appealing to our state committeemen to make the feeling for preparedness a permanent one by organizing their different communities. We must have thousands of new members whose interest is kept alive by the monthly visit of "Sea Power." We must arrange meetings. We must have wide circulation for our propaganda.

We ask you at this time to do two specific things: First - to show "Sea Power" to as many of your friends as possible and secure their membership in the Navy League. Second - to arrange for a Navy League meeting at one of the clubs of your city. We can furnish a speaker either for a noon meeting of a club or for a popular evening meeting. In the latter meeting the

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address will be illustrated by a fine collection of stereopticon slides.

I am enclosing several Navy League membership cards which I trust you will return filled out with the names of representative men of your community. I can also furnish you with sample copies of "Sea Power" and with interesting pamphlets containing the addresses made by prominent men at the last Navy League convention and dealing with all phases of the subject of naval preparedness.

Thanking you for your continued cooperation, I remain

Faithfully yours,

W. M. Lewis
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Encl.

Chicago, September 27, 1916

Dear Mr. Lewis:-

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I am interested in the work of the Navy League, and while I cannot undertake any propaganda I shall always be glad to do what I find in my power.

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