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Brigadier-General Frederick W. Rankin,
Surgeon General's Office,
Washington, D.C.

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Dear General Rankin:

I received my orders to H.R.P.E. Staging Area, Camp Patrick Henry, Newport News, Va., on December 11, 1942. In looking over the special orders of the day, I noted that you had been promoted to the grade of Brigadier-General and it is for this reason that I am writing to offer you my sincere congratulations for your well deserved appointment. After being in the Army for a matter of three and a half months, I can appreciate the headaches you have had with the P & A and all of this rush of induction of Medical Officers.

It has been wonderful for me that I should be assigned to the Lovell General Hospital for the past three and a half months and to be able to be with my family for that period of time. What the future holds for any of us is a matter of conjecture, but I sincerely hope that I will be allowed to give my best effort to do my part in winning this war as quickly as possible so that we may all get back to our old posts again.

I saw you at Lovell General Hospital when you were there with Senator Barkley but did not have the opportunity of making myself known to you, because as you remember you were in and out of the Hospital within an hour.

Again I wish to congratulate you upon receiving this great honor which I believe is well deserved and I hope that I have not committed any breach of army etiquette in offering my congratulations to you. I will be passing through Washington Saturday on my way to my new post. Wishing you the best of luck and a further promotion to Major-General, I am

Sincerely yours,

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