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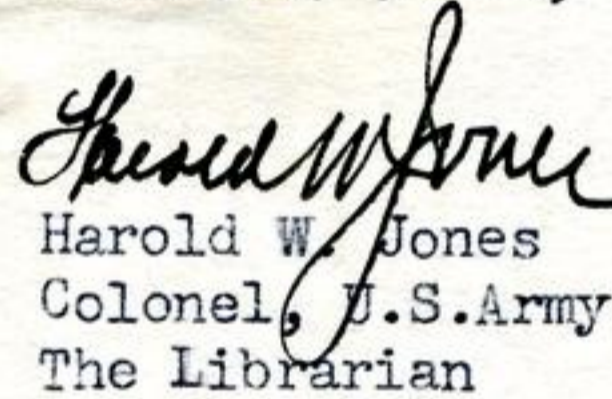
December 18, 1942.

Brigadier General Fred W. Rankin  
Professional Service Division  
Office of The Surgeon General, U.S. Army  
Washington, D.C.

Dear General Rankin:

Please accept my hearty congratulations upon your promotion to General Officer's rank which is no doubt a great satisfaction to you, but no less a satisfaction to us. I can think of no one who is better qualified to tread in the distinguished paths of your predecessors of the last war than your own self.

Sincerely yours,

  
Harold W. Jones  
Colonel, U.S. Army  
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