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Dear "Doc"

Just a note to let you know that I am receiving the "Rebound" and to say hello. This last "Rebound" that you sent out is really full of NEWS. The best news was that about Harris and Engleman having baby boys. My wife and I really start talking about our old College days as we read about the different kids that you mentioned in your paper that we use to know. I might say that we really appreciate getting it.

I like my assignment, it is just the type of work that I like. There is just one other assignment that I believe I would like better and that is in the "Reconditioning Program". To be in this work you have to be in the Medical Administration branch of the Service and the way things are right now it is imposible for an Infantry Officer to transfer to any other branch of the service. The Army has BIG plans for this "Reconditioning Program". This program is really going to demand a lot of Physical Education People. I took a trip up to the Station Hospital just to see what it is all about and I found out that it is plenty OK.

My baseball team just won the Infantry School League by winning 16 out 20 games. We start the next half this Thursday. I have several Big League players on the team as well as a lot of Semi-pro boys that could give the big league boys a run for their money. I do not know to^o much about baseball but these kids are really teaching me the game.

I have about ~~2,500~~ 3,000 men to maintain an athletic program for and I am finding it a big job. The percentage of participation is very low. I am trying to increase the interest in this Regiment by starting a program similar to the one that Dr Elbel used there at KU. So-- I would like to have you send me some of his minographed work if you can find it, such as material on Volleyball and touchfootball-any thing I could use I would appreciate getting,

I guess that is all for now-- We are ahead in this war so far but it is costing us a lot of boys. Give my best regards to Mrs Allen and do say hello to Mrs Hulteen for me.

Respectfully Yours

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