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Dear Doctor:

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for the fine recommendation to Gene Tunney. I was quite proud of it. The letter no doubt helped a great deal, because at the present time I am an enlisted man in the great and vast Navy of the U. S..

At the present time I do not have any details except I do know I go to Norfolk the 20th of July to begin training on July 22. I will be ranked as a Chief Petty Officer in the V-6 specialist group. Our duties will range from sea duty to actual combat and from land training to actual physical education training. Our chief duty will be to get and keep men of the Navy in the finest of physical condition.

If everything works out for the best, Doc, I will very likely get married sometime in the latter part of October or the first of November to Marjorie Siegrist. However, everything is so unsettled and indefinite that anything can happen.

First of all I am in a big organization and there are a lot of things that come before personal pleasures, but regardless of what happens I will make the best of every possibility both for my own personal good, and for my country's. I will have great opportunities never before offered to me and undoubtedly, the training should be marvelous for me and make a better man of me.

Again, Doc, thanks for everything you have done for me, not just the letter, but for aiding in my development into a man, not only through athletics, but for everything you are and stand for. As you stated in your letter "a sterling athlete" Doc, remember that above all I'm one of your many sterling believers.

Thanks and hope to see you before I leave.

One of Your boys,

Don