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Simbach, Bavaria

Hi Doc:

Just a few lines from me and then I will have to run. I received the last copy of the Rebounds, and I want to thank you for Don Eblings address. I sat right down and wrote to him. I haven't had the fortune to run across Johnny Pfitsch, as he was operating in another zone. I tried to get some transportation up to the north where he is, but I was unable to swing the deal. You see, we are going to the Pacific, via the states, and the vehicles have to be kept in readiness for the time when we will get our orders. I will have a long visit with you upon my return and catch up on what I leave out of this letter.

I was more than sorry to hear about Howard Engleman. The same day I received your letter, there was an article in the Stars and Stripes about how many blood transfusions, plasma injections, and the various shots he had had to sustain in his recovery. I hope that he is back up and on his feet soon.

There was also an article in the Stars and Stripes about Charley Black getting the DFC. I really think it was a swell that he got the high award. These Jayhawkers are really making a name for themselves in this great war. Speaking of awards, I was on the receiving end of The Bronze Star Medal for some action up around Cologne that the General said was heroic action against an enemy of the United States. There really wasn't much to it, and I didn't think that my actions warranted a decoration, but that is how it goes.

Doc I am late as usual, but if by chance I miss out on seeing Charlie Black, please extend to him my heartiest congratulations on his promotion, and decoration, and above all congrats to both he and Terry on that new baby. Here's hoping that I get to see him!

We are having a great time over here with our athletic program. Baseball is the predominating game at the present time, but football and basketball will follow in their respective seasons. We are allowed 50% of our time for athletics, and the fellows really eat it up. It isn't uncommon to see them out playing after supper until nearly dark. Isn't that swell?