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Dear George:

I find that I have failed to answer your letter which I enjoyed very much. And your postcard, with you sitting on the edge of the pool at Palm Springs Tennis Club reminded me that I had not written you.

I want to discourse just a moment on your fine tan that I see you have obtained here in this wonderful health resort. The fellow sitting back on the bench is looking with admiration on that olive skin coloring. How did you do it? Congratulations on your persistence in staying with Old Sol until he did the job! But I agree with you that it is too ritzy a place for a soldier!

Things are going along pretty well here, with a constant exodus of our boys into the service. This campus looks as if it has been riddled by machine gun fire regarding the male enrollment. They roll out every day in great numbers, and the exodus is still continuing. However, we must get accustomed to this if we are to have eleven million men in the service and if we are to knock the spots off of Mister Adolph. Things look pretty well, but Kiplinger's Newsletter out of Washington says not to get too optimistic because the fighting ahead is going to be tough and severe. So I am not allowing myself to get too pepped up, realizing that we have a long, arduous road ahead. Please rest assured that we admire you and the work that you are doing, and we hope that you are very successful.

Doubtless Mrs. Hulteen has told you about the basketball season which has been a very difficult one, but as it turned out, a very satisfying one. I have never had a group of boys who refused to stay licked like this outfit. The town and the school are very proud of them, and I believe rightfully so. They started out as stumblers and uncertain competitors, but with each setback from a loss due to illness or otherwise, the remaining boys carried on.

I will not endeavor to give you the news, trusting that Mrs. Hulteen is a much better codifier of news and a better transmitter than I am. Everything is going along splendidly here and we trust the same is for you.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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