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Dear Doc:

Milton's application is slated to be forwarded to the Bureau of Personnel in Washington today. The investigation made of all applicants has been completed and Mit came through in good shape. As to the chances of the commission being granted Lt. Comdr. Carey is rather pessimistic, Lt. Carroll more optimistic. Commander Carey's pessimism is not based on any doubt as to Mit's officer like qualities. He thinks he would make a fine officer. What worries him is that Mit does not quite fit exactly the rather arbitrary standards set up for both the venereal disease control and the supply billets. As far as this office is concerned forwarding of the application with a recommendation for the V.D. control billet is breaking new ground because it is the first one of that type to be forwarded. For that reason no one knows how strictly the bureau is going to insist on the applicant meeting the exact standards set up in the officer qualification manual. If some leeway is allowed then Mit's chances are excellent. If they take a narrow point of view, then his chances are not so good. In any event a decision should be made within the next month. In other words Mit should hear one way or another approximately between February 20 and March 1, although it might be a few days longer. The probability is that if he does receive the commission he will be ordered to duty within a very few days, although again we can't be sure because we have not yet been informed of what system of training is being set up for the V.D. officers. If a special school is being established it might be that Mit would be held on inactive duty until enough officers were obtained to fill a class. At any rate it does not look as if he would be called away before the close of the Haskell season.

The fact that Mit's application is being forwarded from here is of course a step in the right direction. When this office forwards it means that this office recommends the granting of the commission. Many applications never leave here because the men are rejected at this early stage.

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