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Dear Charlie:

Mighty happy to hear from you in your letter of April 30. It was very interesting and I am glad that you like your work, even though the sandy soil sans shrubbery and grass are not according to what you have been accustomed to.

I note that the basic course is tough. Well, you always liked to overcome difficult situations and I am sure this is no exception to the rule. Fourteen hours a day is pretty strenuous, isn't it, Charlie? But I'll bet you will stay in there and you will be pitching with the rest of them. These shots, coupled with the extraction of a wisdom tooth, certainly wouldn't be inviting, but after those are once over you are not troubled with them again.

I guess you have classified Army doctors in the right category. You should center up to the location before they start operating on you so that you would make the environment perfect for them.

I am glad that your Treatment of Athletic Injuries course has helped you. You will find that it will help you, Charlie, from time to time. Once in a while an officer will get a kink or a sacro-iliac quirk, and you will be able to do him some good. That will help you along.

I would certainly like to see that obstacle course. It will be tougher and tougher as you go along.

I have delivered the information in your good letter to Mit, Isabel and Mrs. Allen, and also Mrs. Hulteen. We are all pulling for you and hope that you move forward with no uncertainty. I know that you will do it. It would be good to see you in our environment again and I know that if hard work and application to details will do it, that you will because I am sure that you are in this war to whip the Japanaxis in the shortest possible time.

I would have enjoyed hearing your discourse with the Wyoming boys. Many people have the same impression that you have - if you