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Dear Doc:

Since I have now served in the Army for one year the 29th of this month as an enlisted man I have come to the conclusion that it is going to be a long drawn out affair and that I might just as well do the best I can while here. Therefore, I want to apply for attendance to the Officer Candidate School for Physical Training Officers.

According to a War Department letter that I have in front of me an applicant must possess, along with other requirements, the following special qualifications:

- (1) A Bachelor's degree in physical education from a recognized college or university; or
- (2) An equivalent knowledge gained through experience in the field of physical training or recreation.

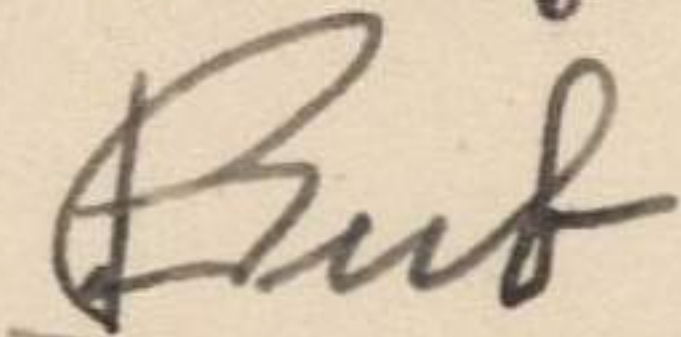
As you know I majored in Mathematics at K.U. so I must depend on paragraph 2 above. Would you favor me with a letter as to my character, personality, etc.? I am sure that a letter from you to accompany my application would help a great deal in determining whether or not I have the necessary qualifications.

I would like to ask one more favor---could you give me the address of Ad Lindsay?

After one year in the Army I have learned a great deal about the Army. Of course it has its drawbacks, but I cannot say that I have very many kicks coming. Since it looks as if many more of the young people of America are going to be called I can say that I am glad to be doing my part as little as it may be.

Thanking you for these favors in advance, I remain,

Yours very truly,



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