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Mr. Kelly Swenson,
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Gillette, Wyoming.

Dear Kelly:

I was delighted to have your letter of the 30th ultimo, and you can bet your bottom dollar that I will do anything for you that is within my power. I had understood that they had closed the physical education training contingent, and if I am wrong you tell me. Where did you get the information that physical training is still open?

I have had several fellows write me recently and tell me that everything was closed in that classification. I would say that those three years of baseball would be very helpful to you, together with your long experience in athletics and your managing, and so forth. I will write the best letter possible for you. You can count on that. It will be a good one. Tell me to whom I shall write, and be sure of your dope on physical training.

These boys in physical training are told that they are apt to be pushing big shells into a gun and that they may be on the water just as often as they are on the land. I took a group of our boys up to Gene Tunney last spring, and have sent a great number since, and this was the lecture definitely given to them: "Now, don't think you are going to be on the land in physical education. This is not a retreat from danger. You are apt to be pushing big shells in those guns and fighting along with the Navy boys at any place." And a lot of these boys that I know of are already in this sort of work.

Personally, my slant is that your pharmaceutical training would get you in a better classification than your physical education training. The fact that you would rate a Navy Reserve as Pharmacist's Mate, First Class, seems to me the better bet. But tell me more about what you know regarding the physical training work openings it presents at this time.

It certainly is a delight to hear from you, and I will be expecting another epistle in a very short while.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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