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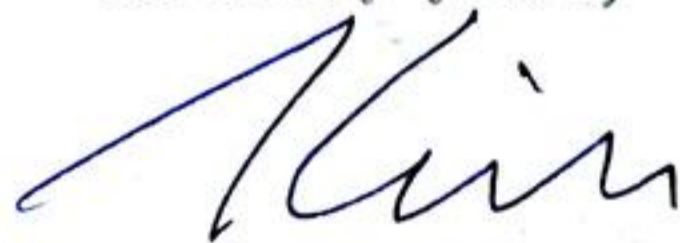
General Fred W. Rankin  
Office of the Surgeon General  
War Department  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Fred:

I heard a rumor this noon at the University Club that you had been promoted to General and on this afternoon's mail a letter from Colonel Carter confirms this fact. I am, therefore, taking this opportunity to congratulate both you and the Army. I am delighted. I am not sure, however, that I can be completely at ease in the presence of a General on my next trip to Washington, but I will try.

With kindest regards and best wishes for a nice holiday season, I am

Cordially yours,



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