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Brigadier General F. W. Rankin,
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War Department,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Fred:

With the whirl of Christmas and the so-called holiday season, I have put off writing you a note on your promotion to Brigadier General. It is a fine tribute and I can assure you that it has been received by the medical profession as a promotion which is really merited, and it must be a satisfaction to you and particularly to the family. It is a tough job and one that needs to be well done, and I am aware of how much the Surgeon General and the personnel in the Surgeon General's Office appreciate what you are doing. I just wanted you to know how pleased I was that the sacrifices you have made and the splendid way you have filled that position, have been recognized in this elevation to the rank of Brigadier General.

With kindest personal regards and all good wishes for the New Year,

Sincerely,



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