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Brigadier General Fred W. Rankin, M.C.
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My dear Fred:

May I begin at this late hour to express to you my sincere congratulations upon your promotion to the rank of Brigadier General. This is so well earned and so well deserved that no comment is necessary, for the whole medical profession approves of that action.

This letter has been delayed because I have unfortunately, been laid up with an old gall bladder flare-up. However, I am glad to report that I am making a rapid recovery and expect to be at work very soon.

May I again accept this occasion to express my sincere appreciation of what you have done for Luther Wolff, now a Major serving abroad. I feel certain that you will never regret being helpful to him, for he is the appreciative kind and a man who will go far in the profession as he gets older.

Your task, in getting the right medical men in the right place, is a most difficult organizational task, but you have done a splendid job as I know it.

Mrs. Besley joins me in our congratulations and good wishes to you, and with our kindest remembrances to all of the family.

Cordially yours,



Frederic A. Besley, M. D.

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