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Dear Prof.

It was indeed a pleasure to receive your letter. When one is away from home those choice bits of gossip about familiar people and places carry with them added zest. They seem to live a way of living that seems remote even after a mere four weeks in the army. Please don't misunderstand and think for an instant that I dislike the army on the contrary it is a life I am seriously thinking of adopting permanently.

Dw. and I are room-mates, we are living in a three room suite with two other chaps. Dw. is inclined to be very quiet but for a more considerate, even-tempered and gentlemanly person you could search far without finding his equal.

If the writing in this letter is not quite legible please credit it to the typhoid and tetanus shots that we had this afternoon.



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Give my regards to the members of your personal family as well as your college family, at least those few members that may remember me.

There is really ~~to~~<sup>to</sup> tell about the people of Boston and my fellow classmates. I can't help saying that the people of Boston have been exceedingly kind in their reception of service men. They are constantly sending to the detachment invitations to dances, dinners and socials. Last Sunday coming from Church a woman invited three of us to eat dinner in a private home in Winchester. They supply transportation both ways. I am only sorry I was unable to accept due to a previous appointment.

Then too another incident I can't help mentioning is the race and class barrier that are bridged in a detachment such as ours. Let me illustrate; a few nights ago I played bridge with an up State New Yorker, a chap from Georgia and a colored boy from Washington. I was greatly surprised that the game took place



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and even more so when I walked to the dorm with the boy from Georgia who said, "That shore was a mahnty fine nigger."

When I get wound up, I'm worse than a woman but then this new life offers such a variety of new experiences that I can't help relating them.

The greatest news of the day, however, is the fact that in the near future I hope to be a father. Edith is well and I am proud of her for the courage she is showing in facing this great task, especially since I am unable to be at her side.

My most cordial greetings to all.

Yours

Henry Raisch

P.S. If you still have the address of Dr. Bartlett I would greatly appreciate your sending same.

P.S. A list of Wagner Alumni of recent years especially those in service might prove a worthy undertaking altho I appreciate the vastness of such a job, especially with the constant change of addresses.