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Hi ya Prof,

Will answer your letter of the 24th which I got yesterday. I guess that everyone once in a while the mail service is really "hot" and we get our mail back and forth in good order.

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Let me try to tell you something that happened to me. About two weeks ago was my birthday and it was swell to get cards from home and all that but the best thing was a little surprise party my men had for me. There were no presents handed out or anything but it was really swell feeling to know that the men thought that much of a guy. After the usual ball game in the evening we all came back when the chow gong sounded. We assembled in the mess hall and the cooks brought in coffee and a cake with one candle. You know a day in the gully for three boys is at least 12 hours and it was a lot of extra trouble and as I said before it sure gave me a funny feeling, something that just can't be put into words.

Glad to hear Jim is doing so well. It sure takes a lot to be in something you really enjoy and are interested in. Dad told about being proud of hearing about Jimmie Robb, and I was just like a little kid with a new toy. I called a couple of my H.C.O.'s and the chief Pharmacist mate in and told them all about it! I guess that all the boys from Wagon are doing all right, coming through the way I know you'll be proud of all of us.

Dumbo showed off for some place. I don't know just where he is right now or where he is going. I got the word through another officer since I haven't heard from him in a long while.

The camp is in charge of is a convalescent camp, big subject at the moment. Most of the men here are casualties, some with the purple heart and a silver star on it. The stories they have to tell are quite interesting, if not a little gruesome. Wish I could tell you about it, but I guess the censors would object.

Haven't seen St. Jaeger again but will try to soon.

Well Prof. I guess that'll be all again for a while. Best regards to all in the "hill" and write again when you have time.

Sincerely,
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