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16 April 45

James M. Nabrit, Jr.
Secretary, Howard University
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Nabrit,

It has been a source of inspiration to receive the Howard Bulletin and also to receive your letters from time to time. This is indeed a splendid way to keep in touch with the activities of Howard. May I express my appreciation to you for the same. Incidentally my name was omitted from the list of Howardites serving the armed forces in your last issue of the Bulletin.

For more that twenty months I have served on foreign soil. Twenty months were spent in Iran with the American forces whose job it was to get much needed supplies to the Russians. This proved to be quite an experience for Iran has a rich historical background. I wonder if there is another place in the world hotter than Iran. During my stay here I had the opportunity of spending two weeks in the Holy Land. As a chaplain you can readily understand what a trip to the Holy Land would mean to me.

In the fall of 44 our regiment moved to the I. B. Theater of Operations. Here we have been ever since. We are located somewhere along the now famous Ledo Road.

Rotation has started and it does appear that I will be coming home for amuch needed rest. I am hoping that I will make it for Howard commencement. However I plan to stop by to see you during my visit home.

Sincerely yours,
Ralph E. Austin
Ralph E. Austin
Chaplain (Capt.) USA