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Dear Dr Tate,

Perhaps you will be surprised to hear from me. I have started to write you before but always I have been interrupted by classes or studies or some other annoyance and so I have deferred till now corresponding with you. I wish to apologize for such seeming negligence but I believe you are understanding enough to forgive.

I ran into Burrell De Haven the last time I was in Washington. We were supposed to go visit you but I believe you were out. I was not surprised to learn from him that you had taken an interest in our post-war plans for re-union. In fact I had not known that they were so far advanced. I feel that all of the fellows will agree with me when I say we owe you more than we can ever repay.

I myself am not yet enrolled in the organization.

I had received no notification of it in fact, except by word of mouth through Sgt. Harris and De Haven. Would you tell me how I can become a full-fledged member.

I am perhaps the most fortunate of the group, in that I have been permitted to continue my studies in the advanced courses of the AST in Electrical Engineering. I have already completed the fifth term and am now in the sixth. This may be my last term. It has really been a wonderful opportunity.

Mrs. Hamilton and Mrs. Gould on "T" st, N.W., gave me your address but I was uncertain as to your hours. I didn't want to disturb you unnecessarily inasmuch as school was in session. I also saw Mr. Miller and asked him about your class schedule, thinking to visit you after one of them but I decided that was not in order. So you see, Dr. Tate I have not forgotten you. Perhaps if you are free, the next time I come to Washington, I can pay you a short visit. Although I do not study history or geopolitics in advanced engineering, yet the knowledge I garnered from your classes stands me in good stead in the full sessions we have in the barracks and I am surprised at how much I remember.



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Therefore I have a lot to thank you for. Again I must mention my and the rest of the fellows' gratitude for your kindness to us during our sojourn in the Army.

Well, Dr. Tate, they say everything comes to an end, even life, so I suppose anything so true as a mere letter must follow the pattern. Therefore I take my leave of you, saying not goodbye but so long till we meet again,

Yours
 Benny Handy