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HQ 93d Infantry Division, AGD,
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Howard University,
Office of the Secretary,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Secretary,

I received your very illuminating letter to-day on the various activities of the Howardites in the Armed Forces. You will never know how deeply I appreciated this letter. It was a link with past memories that will always remain dear to me. For a short while I lived again in the college atmosphere of my days at Howard. The familiar names recalled the familiar faces of my friends like Tommy "Crow Hawkins" who gave two ankles and a knee for dear Old Howard (according to him). I would definitely believe that Uncle Sam was in a bad way if Tommy was brought in with those flat-foot floogies of his. Give him my regards. I can't conceive of Girls living in Clark Hall. I consider myself modern but this is almost sacrilegious. I know they must hear the ghosts of some of our "bull sessions" walking at night.

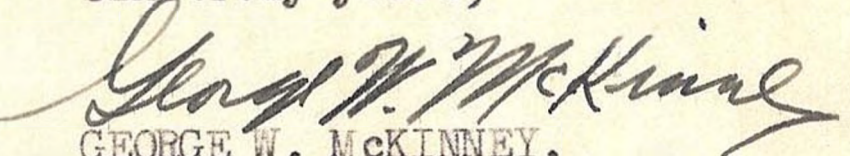
It was gratifying to learn that Howard has not left the path of liberal ideas and progressive thought. This is indicated by the names that appear as your prospective speakers for your newly organized forum. The many complex problems that the younger generation faces after this war demand that they be given the benefit of the type of thought that will prepare them to meet the situation in a practical manner.

I use to take pride in the fact that I was more or less the daddy of colored Adjutant General Officers, but I see my former professor, Frederick P. Watts, has come into the service since me and has surpassed me in rank. Incidentally, Major Poindexter is attached to our division as Malariologist and has done a splendid piece of work as attested by our record here of a very low rate. The malaria over here in the South Pacific is a greater menace than the enemy.

You can be assured of my support and cooperation in your effort to keep in touch with graduates and students in the armed forces. It is a very worthwhile endeavor and should receive the support of every loyal Howardite.

With sincere regards to the President and Faculty and any old friends around there, I am

Sincerely yours,


GEORGE W. MCKINNEY,
Captain, A.G.D.,
Asst. Adj. General.