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Dear Mr. Nabritt:

It certainly has been nice receiving the letters, bulletins, and Christmas cards from all the students, faculty members and you. The latest ones came to me while I was confined in a naval hospital here. In fact I just arrived at my base again, having been in the hospital from 11 Nov. 1944 to 13 January 1945.

There are many things to write about, duties, sea voyages and the like. However, it is just a bit boring to have to recount some of my experiences. I like to hear them from others.
who have done so much more
than has fallen my lot to do.

Some of my most pleasant
experiences here in this "allied
country" of Texas, have been contacts
made through my meager efforts
as a singer. It was my privilege
to meet some white students, former
students of various musical institutions
from Michigan, New York, New Jersey,
and other states, while I was a
patient. And because I was not
confined to the bed all the time,
I was asked to sing for several
functions. I did it just to be friendly
at first, but after the first occasion,
I had more engagements than I
could possibly fulfill. The press
here has printed some of the
most unbelievably praise of
my voice. Were I expecting to
remain here very long, I would
Most likely cash in on some of the praise and offers for public appearances, but I hope to leave here in a few days to enter Bethesda Hospital Center in Bethesda, Maryland.

It is rare if ever that I meet any former Howard people. I guess they are at other Naval Stations or somewhere in the widely scattered theatres of combat. But I never let an opportunity pass to say a good word for Howard U. The Howardites I have met in other places are in most cases the leaders of their groups. The training H.U. gives is influential, and it really merits the approval of the unbiased officers wherever it is apparent.

I wish to join the Howard community in its prayer for a hasty conclusion of this war and the advent of a Christ-like Peace.

A Howardite Forever,

A. Griffin Hallman, man, 1/c