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February 17, 1943

Mr. V. D. Johnston, Treasurer
Box 224
Howard University
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Johnston,

I have just seen a copy of Pres. Johnson's letter of December 22, 1942 to the Howard Men and Women in the Armed Services; those of us here from Howard wish to co-operate in every way possible. We were a little disappointed a few months ago when we noted that a Howard Bulletin had omitted to include the pictures of Medical Officers then on active duty.

There are nine Colored Medical Officers at present overseas in this outfit, five of whom are graduates of the Howard Med. School; they are - Capt. Phillip A. Beach, Capt. James M. Fair, Capt. John J. Goldsberry, Capt. John B. Manly, and Lt. Fred Douglass. I am sure that they plan to write you individually.

We enjoy the distinction of being the first group of Colored Medical Officers sent overseas with a Station Hospital.

The following is a brief personal history:

Home address - Tuskegee Institute, Ala.
School - Howard Medical School - M.D. 1935
Intern - Freedman's Hospital - 1935-36
Surgical resident - Freedman's Hospital - 1936-38
Assistant in Surgery - Howard Med. School - 1938-40

Leave of Absence - Gen. Education Board Fellowship - Orthopedic Surgery - Univ. of Iowa 1940-41
Called to active duty - April 1, 1941 - Station Hospital, Ft. Bragg, N.C. as 1st. Lt.
Left USA May 28, 1942 for overseas duty with the 25th. Station Hospital
Promoted to Captain while on foreign duty Aug. 31, 1942

I would be most happy to have my name placed on your mailing list. It is a source of great pleasure to me to follow the activities of my school-mates and Howard Friends.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

John B. Manly
Capt. MC.