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Dear Sumner:

Good afternoon!

Four words in one of your recent letters express more effectively the condition of affairs with a buck private than anything I have read. Those words, if you recall them, were "I have stopped thinking". Not for the duration, I hope, but only during the period of basic training, out of which you will emerge physically strong and erect. Then you will be able to resume your mental processes.

Nothing special here except that I am terribly busy. Sometimes I wish that you could come in here and give me a lift.

Affectionately,