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HEADQUARTERS  
207th COAST ARTILLERY (AA)

Newport, R.I.,  
July 11, 1942.

Hon. Herbert H. Lehman,  
Governor, State of New York,  
Albany, New York.

Dear Governor:

As you have probably heard by now, young Rossbach is now attending Officers Candidate School at Camp Davis, N.C.

A recent letter from him to me indicates that while the course is pretty tough, he is doing well.

You, of course, recall all the correspondence we had back in Camp Stewart regarding appointments to this school. Now the picture is reversed and we have sent literally hundreds and hundreds of men to the school, and I am proud to say that the vast majority of them are reflecting great credit upon the Regiment, but it is next to impossible to get any of them sent back to fill vacancies accruing here.

By resorting to all sorts of conniving and with the really kindly aid of General Jarman and his staff, I have succeeded in getting four back, all of which leads up to what I have in mind, namely, getting young Rossbach returned to us.

There is practically nothing I can do about it but I was wondering if you might not be able to drop a word in the right quarters to the effect that it would be pleasing to both you and the Regiment to have him sent back here, upon completion of his course and his appointment as a Second Lieutenant. He is a grand boy and has showed splendid spirit throughout his servicewith the Regiment, and I am quite confident that he would like to come back to us.

The Regiment is as happy here as it can be in any continental assignment, but we are raring to get where the shooting will be thicker.

I do hope that this will find you well and not being too heavily worked.

Do let me hear from you, if you think you can do anything.

With warmest personal regards, as always,

Most sincerely and respectfully,

(signed) RALPH C. TOBIN  
Col., 207th CA (AA)  
Commanding.

original returned to Hon. Herbert H. Lehman  
by M.R. on July 15th, 1942.

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