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Mrs. R. Murrell  
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My dear Mrs. Murrell:

I have your letter of August eighteenth and I am very glad to hear from you and pleased to receive your comments and suggestions, relative to veterans' hospitals for Arizona.

Replying thereto, beg to say that I am in full accord with your ideas relative to the necessity for extensive additional hospital facilities in our state to take care of those most deserving lads who have given their health in the service of their country.

We know that after the last war, thousands of service men came into our state because of the health giving quality of our climate and we know now, the war being over, that the number who came after World War 1, will be multiplied many, many times. It is the duty and the responsibility to provide the finest hospital facilities and medical care for these men. Also it should be a pleasure to so do.

Arizona has two fine veterans' hospitals at the present time -- one at Tucson and the other at Whipple, near Prescott, but these facilities are entirely inadequate to care for those who are now here and need hospitalization.

I am sure that the federal government will increase the facilities at those institutions and erect other large facilities but where they will be located, I cannot say. That is a matter to be decided by the Veterans' Administration.

I shall do my best to bring about the immediate construction of additional facilities. I am familiar with the delightful climate of Fort Huachuca, however, all of Arizona is a land of delightful and health-giving climate. There are many factors to be considered and I am sure that in locating these additional facilities,

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the Bureau will take all factors into consideration and their decision will be based upon what is best for the service men.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

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