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OFFICE OF THE COMMANDANT  
FORT BENNING, GEORGIA

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Mr. and Mrs. William Cawthorne  
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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Cawthorne:

I wish to extend my sincere congratulations upon the recent successful completion of Officer Candidate School by your son and upon his being commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Army of the United States.

To attain this goal, it was necessary for him to complete a difficult course of instruction requiring strict devotion to duty, diligent application, outstanding physical stamina, evidence of excellent character and conduct, and a strong desire to become an Army officer.

You may be justly proud of the accomplishments of your son. I am sure his future success will be a source of pride and happiness to you and will reflect great credit upon the military service. In his service with the Army, he will continue to need and deserve the parental encouragement which has helped him in meeting the challenges and responsibilities of military service.

Sincerely,

*Ben Harrell*  
BEN HARRELL  
Major General, USA  
Commandant