Dear Sir,

I am very much obliged to you for the packet of interesting off-prints received to-day, including your book "Some biological aspects of War".

I have so far only glanced at the contents, but I have seen enough to assure myself that you have adopted a very wise and objective point of view in your general conclusions.

In view of the extensive mental tests employed in the enlistment of the United States Army, would it not be possible to obtain the mental grading of usefully chosen random samples of such classes as (i) the killed in battle (ii) military deaths from other causes, which would, it occurs to me, throw much light on the selective effects of war upon intelligence.

This is only a suggestion, and may be an impracticable one. In any case I thank you heartily for sending me a most valuable work, and which I shall study with the greatest interest.

In my book on "Natural Selection" I touched briefly on the subject of the selective action of modern war, more particularly on the moral qualities, it would interest me greatly, should you
have occasion to read it, whether you find yourself in substantial agreement with my general conclusions in respect to barbarian cultures.

I am, with many thanks for your kindness,

Yours sincerely,