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Letters,
Newsweek,
444 Madison Ave.,
New York, 22,
N.Y.

Dear Sir:

The only reason the authorities have been unable to solve the problem of the homosexual in the armed forces (Medicine, May 15) is simply because the solution is so absurdly simple it has escaped their notice.

It is only necessary for the various services to accept or reject the individual solely on his worth and ability as a serviceman with no regard whatsoever for his sexual orientation. Immediately, the threat of blackmail is abolished-- fear of exposure as a homosexual with the subsequent court-martial no longer exists.

The charge that the homosexual is "emotionally unstable" is ~~unintentionally~~ meaningless and contradicted by history times without number. The heroism of the Theban Band-- composed entirely of pairs of male lovers-- in their battle for Greek independence against Philip of Macedon is hardly consistent with "emotional instability".

Sincerely yours,

James Egan.