December 13, 1945

Lt. Otto O. Schmellbacher-2099769 Br. P.O. #3, H.A.A.F. Hando, Texas

Dear Otto:

I wired you as follows a few days ago:

"Please wire collect possible date your release. You're eligible immediately and have four years of competition. Regards to you and Theresa."

As yet I have received no answer to this wire and am anxious to know when you expect to come in. We sure need you, brother. I have been in bed with the flu for the last few days and several of the boys have also been down with it. We play in Kansas City this Friday and Saturday and I certainly wish you could be with us. Please drop me a line at your very earliest convenience and let me know when you are apt to get out, as I am looking forward to your arrival here.

We received your Christmas greetings and appreciate it very much. It was swell of you to remember us.

I am enclosing a Scenic Driveway with Campanile and a basketball schedule for this season. I thought that you might be interested in reading what the Memorial planners had in mind and knowing the schedule of our games this year.

Awaiting your reply and with all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

FCA: MF

Director of Physical Education, Varsity Basketball Coach.

P.S. Dr. Allen is up on the flogs giving the boys a short workout before the game tomorrow night in Kansas City and has instructed me to sign this letter for him.