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Dear Mr. Allen:-

I just received the copy of "Jayhawk Rebounds" and after reading it, I just realized how far I had drifted from the things that used to be my main hobby. The great inkling I had was when I read the article about Mr. Guy Smith and his record for attending football games. Letter writing has become increasingly difficult due to censorship restrictions and the "daily routine" of war activities.

However, I have made a resolution to try to keep up with the home activities and I certainly appreciated the comprehensive reports of Kansas basketball activities. I picked up a copy of "Stars and Stripes" and I note that only Iowa State remains to be defeated for another Kansas championship. By the time you receive this letter, congratulations should be in order to you and the members of the team.

It was interesting to note in our travels through war-torn France, that basketball goals still stand at many schools. This is apparent that the game is becoming international in character. Of course, some of the backboards have gaping holes in them from shell fragments. Just some time ago, the 79th Division, of which we are a part, enjoyed a short rest period. A school building with a