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Dear Dr. Allen:

I have been wanting to write you for quite some time but you well know how ones correspondence can usually be put off to another day. My reading of your winning the Big Six Championship made me make a date with myself to sit down and get off a note to you.

First of all, congratulations on winning the Championship. You must have had a pretty fine team from what I could judge by way of scores appearing in our papers.

My team this year ended the season with seven wins and nine losses which doesn't sound too good, but if you could have seen the material on hand at the start of the season you would agree that seven wins was next thing to a miracle. For several years now the squad has been devoid of players having what one would call real basketball instinct. The Navy, although having a V-12 unit here throughout the war, didn't seem to send basketball players our way. It hasn't been too much fun in that usually the members of the squad one season were sure to be gone by the time the next season came around. We are now getting more civilians enrolled, including some boys who played for me before they went into service, and I am hoping we will return to the calibre of teams of the pre-war variety.

In our schedules in the past few years we have been hitting off a few big chunks in playing such schools as Penn, Army, Navy, LaSalle and St Joseph's of Philadelphia, Princeton and others of that type. In many cases we were forced to play them for the schools of our size had given up the game during the war. This year was the first for a league of schools our size in this section of the Middle Atlantic States and we finished second in that competition. All in all the season ended much better than even I anticipated although the record doesn't look too good on paper.