

October 24, 1945

Lt. J.g. Milton P. Allen, USNR
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405 Washington
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Dear Mitt:

Nebraska can do nothing at all. Petersen is as eligible as he can be is he is able to play for Kansas. Truth of the matter is that Gene will have a tough time making the Kansas team this year. He is a fine boy and before he is through he will make a dandy. He is only eighteen years of age and naturally he is awkward. The more I see him play I marvel on his getting seven baskets on Heim at Lincoln. When Heim is off he is terrible and this was one of the nights he was off. Nebraska was "hot" as fire crackers and every time that they shot, they hit. The fact that they won one game the whole season bring the fact that they were overbeaten.

Yes, I know this boy Fox at Indianapolis. He writes some good stuff but he took his cue from Cy Sherman's article at Lincoln on the Daily Star. The Eligibility Committee of the Big Six has already ruled Petersen eligible to play for Kansas so that is just so much "piff". Please tell Lt. George Hitz that we will have better basketball players than the boy who left Lincoln. We think a lot of Gene and we will work as hard with him as if he were the only player that we had to develop at Kansas and it will take a lot of hard work.

I just returned from Saint Luke's Hospital late this afternoon where I stayed all day from 8:00 on until 3:30. Mother came out of here operation in good style but is terribly sick and sore. She will suffer a lot for a week at least. She had two bad situations. A cystocele and a rectocele. That takes a lot of surgery and she was on the table an hour and twenty minutes which is no fun. She, of course, was conscious when I left but in lots of pain. A special delivery came from Mary this morning and she received your letter yesterday afternoon and Eleanor's this morning. Bob was the only one that failed to write her and I know it must be on the way. Mother's address is R. 203, St. Luke, 43rd Broadway. That will get her and I know she will love to hear from you.

With every good wish, I am,

Affectionately yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach