



UNITED STATES NAVY

Somewhere in the Pacific  
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Dear Dr. Allen:

After being in the Southwest Pacific for sometime I recently returned and found that Dad had written me and enclosed your excellent pamphlet Jayhawk Rebounds.

It is as you know quite difficult to keep up with the news about people and places when you don't receive your mail for two or three months. However when you do get your mail it is really a pleasure to sit down and leisurely read it starting with the first and reading till you catch up.

This of course gives us practically all the information about what has happened while we are gone.

I notice in your "Jayhawk Rebounds" that you discussed the coming football and basketball seasons. I am certainly glad to see that you are planning to continue sports at the University of Kansas. This would be true even if they had only 11 men out for football and 5 men out for basketball.

All the service personnel that I have come in contact with are interested in what happened in the world of sports. Regardless of the caliber of the players my men and all the rest are interested in whether the Yankees won or lost and who is going to play in the world series. The men under me are of course only a cross-section of service personnel generally but I am certain that they are truly a representative group.

I recently ran across John Breidenthal who is recreation officer for a large camp. It seemed that he had been coaching the basketball team without a basketball. Fortunately I had one on hand which we couldn't use. I gave this basketball and a few softballs to him and he was very glad to get them.

Please give my regards to Mrs. Allen and Milt and Isabelle  
Sincerely,  
Tom