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My dear Dr. Allen:

I write my best wishes to "the most useful friend" a Jayhawker ever had. By "useful" is meant to describe in simple terms the friendly service which is now universally enjoyed, on all fronts, through the "Rebounds". It tends to bring closer those who are, due to conditions, drifting apart from a once fast friendship. I read with understanding your piece concerning the fate of Lt. Hunter. It was moving...accurate and told a story everyone should know. Words of clear hearted devotion often outlast the monument in stone. It now seems that I once knew Lt. Hunter although, in reality it was not so. While this sort of reading brings the mind very close to the "terrible meaning of war" it seems also to give strength to those whose kin may have "fallen in the field".

I am one of the more fortunate. My health is fine and it seems the malarial parasite is taking a long rest. Given back his health, the golfer turns first to his game. I've had a few rounds showing promise of better scores than before. I can easily picture "the Good Doctor" coming up the home hole, shirtless, with the color of summer from ankles to forehead. It is good to know that there are a few strong spirited golfers left to keep things going till "the boys get back". I suppose you will find me there with the many others who will return. My plans include school as soon as I am released.