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I look forward to your reaction as it will be conveyed to Mr. Spink and hope you will get into The Sporting News reading habit before long. Last year was our first in the field of football, hockey and basketball. It was my pleasure to handle all this non-baseball news and I am also pleased to report that our response to the basketball coverage was favorable; nothing glowing, but somewhat encouraging.

We have been rewarded for this expensive experiment though, by many letters from the boys in service who find our paper one source for a bit of all sports. Starting next week, Mr. Spink, at another great personal loss, will reprint an eight page tabloid edition of The News for overseas consumption at the War Department's request. This distribution numbers into five figures and we feel highly honored at the recognition.

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