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Dear Sir:

A considerable amount of time has passed since I last wrote or talked to you. However I suppose you have started another of your usually successful ball seasons.

I read in the paper where Creighton was gunning for you this season and I sincerely hope that you put them in their proper place when you met in the past week. Brothers Hickey and Ware and myself darn near had a knock-down and drag-put when I was stationed in Omaha last winter. Incidentally I took enough money from the World Herald staffoon the game last season to buy a \$100 Defense Bond. I also had a million dollars worth of enjoyment from the deflated egos.

Doctor as usual I am requesting a favor from you. I am the coach, trainer, mother and father confessor of the 301st Ordnance Regimental basketball team. All I have ever had in the sport is high school and intramural competition and observation of your coaching methods.

I have quite a bit of good material and would like a little help if it is possible to get it. Do you have a pamphlet or publication of any sort with your system and a simple series of plays. I am not asking for a donation and am willing to pay if you have such a book for sale.

I know the fundamentals fairly well and with your help will be able to do O. K. Anything you can send will be sincerely appreciated.

Please give my regards to my old friend Nesmith if he is still about and not in the Army.

With thanks for anything you can offer and best of luck for the present season, I remain,

Sincerely

Edgar J. Collins

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Beat hell out of those apple core throwing Nebraskans.