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Dear Dr. Allen:

How are you, Doc, and HAPPY NEW YEAR to you.

Guess this is the season everyone in the country is thinking about you and your basketball team.

I am now director of physical training at Will Rogers Field, Oklahoma, and we have a pretty fine basketball team ourselves. We have a new gymnasium, with fan shaped backboards - and don't know what could be better than having K. U. play our team here, say, on February 11 or 13, before or after the Sooner Game. Or better yet, if you do not feel like putting the boys to any strain, you are welcome to use our gym <sup>to workout</sup> and I know the soldiers would especially like it if you could put on one of those basketball clinic demonstrations of offensive ~~or~~ defensive, etc.

One thing I was thinking about is if you have any old basketball "warm-up" sweat suits, we would like to buy them.

Am getting a great kick out of running around with the basketball team, especially after winning four games in a row after losing the first in the season. We have Ed Milkovich of Duquesne University, one man who played for Temple, and the rest of the team are boys who are learning their basketball right here.

Incidentally, Doc, the BIG NEWS is on the enclosed sheet: I am now the father of twins and they are sure getting me out of condition with their three-hour shifts. The babies were born in Oklahoma City a few weeks after we arrived here.

We are going down to play Oklahoma A & M January 15; they will come here later in the season. With all the squawks about K.U. not coming here to play the Oklahoma Aggies this year and the rivalry between K.U. and the Oklahoma City teams, and all the other talk about the 'old fog horn', I still have a fight on my hands every other night sticking up for K.U.

That is about all the news I have. Would greatly appreciate hearing from you real soon. Best regards to all the family and continued success to you and the team.

Sincerely,

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