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Friend Doctor:

Have just received your letter and was certainly glad to get your answer. While you stated that you were enroute to New York, Etc., I envied you and watched the papers for game results but the locals don't carry them so I was disappointed.

The "guest" column that I asked you for is still welcome as, due to the holiday furloughs, we did not deem it advisable to start the series until after they had ended.

Also, the start of our basketball leagues was postponed until now. So, if you have time and will do it, a column on "How basketball better prepares a soldier for his duty" or something like that, will be welcomed and timely. Our leagues start January 15 and will run until March 10.

Please don't think I am insistent but on the other hand am solictious because I really didn't know that "Doc Allen" ~~was~~ was so widely known until now. Many men down here, interested in basketball, mention your name and proudly I have shown them my autographed copy of "My Basketball Bible", which I prize very highly.

So if you can contribute, I sure will appreciate about 250, or more, as soon as it is convenient for you.

Chose your own topic. I know ~~it~~ will be good and instructive. Also, it will add much prestige to my column, which will include Ed Wray, Walter Winchell, Kate Smith, Pegler, and several others. Yours will be the only one on basketball, I have one on all sports and most other professions.

Thanks for your letter, Doc, and I hope I am not asking too much. I close with best wishes that your teams are ever-victorious.

Sincerely.

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