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Dear Dr. Allen:

I just received your copy of the "Jayhawk Rebounds". It certainly is nice to get these from home. It is quite difficult to find out just how the old school is making out during the war. The papers here carry very little about the mid-west.

As you know I was home for a few days the early part of December. It was certainly swell to the ear to hear the band blaze forth with the 'Alma Mater', 'The Crimson & Blue', and Mr. Wiley's version of 'The Star Spangled Banner.' It has been quite some time since the inspiration of these ever famous tunes have tingled this old boy. May it be but a short while until all the boys will be able to be back and listen to them to their hearts content.

When I arrived back from my leave, I found I had been promoted in duty. However, I am still a 2nd Lt. The duty affords a wonderful chance to learn more of the Army, and I can now see some of what actually makes it run. Yet there is a good deal of the information that I have to keep secret--which is quite a job for me, since I at all times try to keep others informed as to my intelligence and just how much I know. At least it gives me the impression this way that I am quite important. Insignificant as I may be in the total set up.

I was quite surprised to the spirit of the basketball team. Although the boys don't possess the height and other such characteristics of the former K U fives, they make up for it in spirit and fight. It is a team one might well be proud of. And the sportsmanship of the Hutchinson Naval Team was of the worst possible. They were a disgrace to the service. Such conduct shouldn't be permitted.

But enough of that, --perhaps I can make the rest of the letter more of interest.

Euth (the wife) rather like Kansas. It was the first time for her in the state. However she still prefers her home state of Calif. But with proper coaching, and a visit during the beauty of a Kansas June, I think I can persuade her that it is one of the better states in the Union.

I was somewhat disappointed when home as I didn't get to see many of my old buddies. I guess the Army and Navy had all of them. I would have liked to have been able to go out with them again. But I guess that can wait as there is more important business which must be dispatched and properly handled at the present.

Dr Allen, I have a request to make of you. When home, I talked to Mr Wiley, the band conductor, and asked him if it would be possible to get some records