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Dear Mel:

I was delighted to have your good letter of April 17 and I am hastening to reply. I was pleased beyond measure that you won first place with the .45 and that you won the "expert" rifle medal. I am not surprised, however, because I have always observed that when you went into anything you went into it with your heart and soul.

I, too, am pleased and proud that you are a Marine. There are none better than the Marines, and everybody knows it - and the Marines know it and they show it to other people with their efficiency and bravery.

I am glad that Virginia is much better. Give her the Allen's love when you write.

Mel, I am sending you a copy of a letter that gives the dope on the basketball team. Each month I am trying to get a little note to send to the boys whose addresses I have. I am going to put you on my list so that you should get another letter a month from now. It will keep you informed on the doings of our athletes. Many of these, of course, you are unacquainted with only through the press. But the write up on the basketball team may prove interesting to you. If you know of other "K" boys in the service that are not included in this list, give me their names and addresses, will you, and I will put them on the mailing list.

Mrs. Allen will be delighted to know about Virginia's gain. And she was always very, very fond of you. So we are all pulling for you, fellow, one hundred per cent.

Good luck and best wishes from your sincere friend,

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Varsity Basketball Coach.