

Sometimes out here we can get short wave with sports news & sometimes not. I'm still waiting to hear how K. U. & Texas Christian came out. I hope some of the boys that had to leave school in 1942 & '43 will be coming back soon & finish their interrupted playing career, particularly in basketball. I remember a February day in 1944 when Dave Shirk and I visited you in your office, & it was just after a tough loss to Oklahoma. We expressed the hope that K. U. again would be dominating the Big Six in basketball as soon as our boys could return. You said, "We will," and I knew damn well it took a war to knock us off that top spot.

Some of the boys won't be coming back such as T. P. Hunter, and Wayne Nees. Your tribute to them in the "Rebounder" put into words how we all feel. We're proud of them, proud they were K. U. men & sportsmen.

I've written quite a long letter without saying much I guess, but that I'd let you know there's some rabid Kansas rooting going on half way around the world. I hope to be back around the first of the year, & one of the first things I want to do is treat myself to a visit with you, and I hope to a few basketball games. Thank God this terrible war is over and we can come back home again.

The best of luck for the coming season, and give 'em hell!

Sincerely,

Loren Florell