Mrs. Allen left yesterday afternoon for Kansas City with my daughter Jan, Mrs. Mons, She is going to St. Luke's Hospital to be operated on early inline morning. It is a major operation but it should not prove unduly serious because it is a repair job. I am sure she should get along fine because she is in unusual good health. Jane is going to call me late tonight and tell me the time for the operation. I will drive in early in the morning for the operation. Dr. Larry Engle, one of the best surgeons in this part of the country, is doing the work so we are highly optimistic.

Thanks, Charlie, for your compliment on my pscudo-efficiency. Often wonder if I ever get anything well done. I have so many loose ends to pick up. Glad that you like the Army. Fellow always does his best work when he gets a thrill out of doing a thing. Am glad that you are in tip-top physical dondition. Bet you are a rugged-looking soldier. Keep on working hard, boy, and get the copporal assignment.

I got a letter Saturday from Dr. Jessen. Old Peabody seemed realistic when I heard from him. He wants four tickets to the Missouri game and is telling of the Darriel McNeil boy: "We have an outstanding boy here by the name of Darriel McNeil that someone should drop by and talk Kansas 'niversity to. I happen to know that Oklahoma University is interested in him. He is just a junior but Beick Astel says he is the best football player in high school in the State." We will certainly follow his directions and interest him in the University of Kansas.

Getting back to Charlie Black-he is going to enter school December 1. He should be in for basketball this year. Ray Evans may come in but I do not believe they will let him out until after football season.

I have done pretty well don't you think, Charlie? I've answered your letter two and one half hours after it arrived. With all good luck and best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education, Varsity Basketball Coach

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