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Dear "Doc" –

You can take the boy out of Kansas, but you'll never be able to take Kansas out of the boy. They tell me this place called Japan is some distance from Jayhawk territory, but I'm still in close contact with the fine record you & the boys have been making in the current court campaign. Mother sent me your schedule & also a clipping (picture) of you & Charlie. I have that pinned up in my stateroom, with my running scoreboard beneath: If these guys on board didn't learn another thing during this war, they know where Kansas is & that KU plays a game called basketball. I've met boys from practically every state in the Union during the war, but none of them seem to be able to muster that old enthusiasm we have back home – I think they've missed a lot.

Imagine you've heard about the little accident we had coming in here so I won't bore you with any of the details. Since that time (29 Sept.) we've been sitting here in Yokosuka, the big Naval Base, about 35 miles South of Tokyo. Haven't minded the stay here at all, in fact I've rather enjoyed it. Looks as though we'll be here about 3 more months serving in the capacity of a station ship – the Navy doesn't