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Dear Doc:

We certainly do appreciate the "News Letter" and are anxiously awaiting the next one. It's about the only means we have of finding out where other K.U. people are located. Incidentally, we got a card from Charlie Black who is in the Army Air Corps at Santa Ana. It may be we'll get to have a visit with him one of these days soon. Terry is with him there.

There are a number of men at this base whom you would recognize either by name or face. They are Monk Edwards from Wichita, Stalcup from Marysville, Thurlow from Abilene, "Judge" Grimsley from Mason City, Iowa, Chrisman from Missouri, Kinnan from Washington Univ., St. Louis, Joe Benson from Marysville, Pierce from Kirksville - so you can see Missouri Valley is well represented. Then, too, Lucy and I have met up with a "Lefty" Sproul who is living here. Oh, yes, I forgot to mention your friend(?) Jack Baer is here too.

I guess you know that Ernie Vanek is back in Chapel Hill and I think Pfitsch of the famous "Pflashes" is maneuvering around in the desert near Yuma, Arizona. There is also a cadet Smith of Russell, Kansas who played on the ^{K.U.} freshman team while I was there. He is doing good work and I expect great things from him. He tells me that Dick Miller is at Iowa Pre-Flight. Gerald Barker, ~~who~~ is an Ensign with the Coast Guard near here, and we meet every now and then and discuss old times. You will remember him as an Ottawa University basketball star as well as an active summer school student. Please mention this to Dean as we both talked about him a lot, too. Otto Schnellbacher has a cousin, Harvey Schnellbacher, who just graduated from here. He looks like good future timber for K.U. - was especially good in the hurdles and basketball.

We have certainly missed good ol' Kansas heat. Our average temperature here has been about 65 this summer. We wear our blue woolen uniforms all the time because it is chilly otherwise. Lucy is very pleased with the weather here - she has just mentioned to me that hay fever season has already started back home and she has no signs of it here at all.

Several officers have been getting transferred to the Middle West. Who knows, maybe my orders will come next, however, we hope they wait until the summer is over - the heat would probably kill me.

Give our best regards to Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Hulteen, Henry, Dean and the rest of the staff and keep those letters coming, Doc. They're a good morale builder.

Sincerely yours,

Murray Brown