

March 17, 1945.

Dear Mr. Newlin:

I feel quite ashamed of myself in not answering your letter sooner. The fact of the matter is that I had your letter on my desk thinking that I would answer it immediately. But actually it got covered up in a mass of correspondence, and just this morning when I was trying to clear my desk I ran across it.

I am sorry that basketball season is over and I have not been able to help you. The fact that you are a Kansas boy would cause me to have activated myself in your behalf had I had one spare moment. I have been covered up in war work, in addition to my coaching, and this has interfered with my answering your good letter.

If you are still interested in basketball I would suggest that you go to any high school library around Newport, R. I., and I am sure that you will find either "My Basketball Bible", or a book that I wrote later, "Better Basketball". It is pretty difficult for me to write something out that would be helpful to you because there are so many angles to this indoor sport.

Dr. Naismith, the originator of the game of basketball, once said, "Basketball is a game easy to play but difficult to master."

If there are any specific questions that you want to ask me if you will write them out I will be very happy to answer them for you.

Again regretting that I failed to give you the service that you desired, I am

Very sincerely yours,