

England
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Monday

Dear Doc:

I received Jayhawk Rebound No. #15 today and as usual was very glad to get the lowdown on good, old K.U.


This finds me in the same fix as the average American housewife. I just don't have enough points. The only difference is that she's looking for points to buy her husband a nice juicy steak and I'm looking for points to get a discharge. According to what my Mother writes and judging from my own personal experience - we're both out of luck. Even with almost 2 years service abroad I'm still plenty short. The discharge really isn't worrying me much. The thing that I do worry about though, is that I haven't seen a B.B. game since the Great Lakes nosed us out in Kansas City on Jan. 31, 1943. That was too long ago. I hope to see some kind of athletic contest at Kansas this season, but of course that's up to Uncle Sam. I'll probably end up paying \$65. because I talked to some pretty Fraulein.

I was glad to hear the news that my good friend Charlie Black is a Captain now. He was a great athlete and from his Army record he must^{be} just as great a flyer. With his 50 missions completed he should be on his way home before long. When he drops in to see you will you please extend^{to} him my best regards and heartiest congratulations- both on his promotion and the birth of his daughter.

I flew on a tour over Belgium, Germany, Luxembourg, and France last week and believe me the Krauts know they've been in a war this time. Large cities like Essen and Hannover are literally wiped off the map. The country between Liege and Aachen, scene of the break through last December, is really a sight to see. Even the small villages are leveled. We crossed the Rhine just north of Dusseldorf and could see many bridges, all destroyed by the retreating Germans. The last big city on the tour was Paris. We flew over the town at 200 ft. and it was a great thrill for me to see the Eiffel Tower, The Arc De Triompe and other famous landmarks. Coming back we crossed the Channel from Cap Griz Nez (Cape Grey Nose) and got to see the White Cliffs of Dover. Many an American has been thankful to see those Cliffs when he was returning from a mission over Germany.

I have a new address now so will you please make the change on your mailing list. My new address is:

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Thanking you again for the Rebounds. I hope this finds you and Mrs. Allen enjoying the best of health.

Sincerely Yours

Bill