

Yes, Charlie, we did have a grand bunch of boys and the kids were delighted that they had an everyvictorious season, but if I had been laying odds it would have been one to ten on that outfit even doing well enough to win the championship.

I am mighty glad to hear from old Peter Jones. It was swell to have you two together and I thought we had a great time. We are counting on Peter giving the boys the guiding influence, and you seeing that they follow out their teachings.

I am sorry that I did not have a chance to talk to you longer, but Otto Schnellbacher broke out in a bad case of hives immediately after the meeting and we had to take him down to get him more comfortable. I am hoping that some day not too far distant we can sit down and visit as we did of old. I always enjoy the conversations and visits with you very much.

When we played St. Bonaventure I told Dr. Crowdle, the athletic director, that I did not expect to win a single game. He had stated just previous to my remark that we would beat St. Bonaventure, but Charlie, when I saw those boys start to roll that night I could not believe my eyes. But I am going to tell you what I think did the job. I know that the meeting with the Detroit alumni helped a lot. Charlie Black was elated that he had met the first Charlie Black. You really put on a show for him when you threw that glass against the wall. It tickled him pink. The boys had to ride in the chair cars - not pullmans, with the soldiers and sailors. They saw these boys who had signed up to give their all, if necessary. They were riding chair cars and there wasn't a bit of complaining from any of them. On the other hand, morale was very high. Some hadn't been able to sleep for three nights, but none of them were kicking, and here were our kids beefing about little selfish inconsistencies that should never have been mentioned.

Well, Charlie, I believe that the soldiers and the sailors built the morale that was so necessary for our team to have done what they did. I am honest about this. I believe if we had never taken the trip east we would never have accomplished what we did this year. We had a great bunch of boys, but they had to have a lesson.

I am sending you a copy of the first Jayhawk Rebounds letter that we sent to the boys. This communication is written to all of the boys in the service that I have come in contact with recently. I try to keep the boys informed as to the activities on the campus and by listing the addresses in these Rebounds the boys can keep up with one another by frequent communications. I am now getting out a second one and will send you a copy of that. I am mentioning you in this second Rebounds letter. When you run across the addresses of any of the boys that you happened to see I know they would appreciate a card from you.