

December 22, 1942.

Captain James Barclay Smith,
c/o Judge Advocate General's Office,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Smith:

It was most thoughtful of you to write as you did in your December 16th message of leaving. This was deeply appreciated, I assure you. What a surprise I had when I met you at the Santa Fe depot the day we played in Kansas City. I thought your wife was going with you to Kansas City, else I would have hunted you up and had a visit on the train.

Things were so congested, however, that when we got into the diner we never got back.

You have been a great inspiration to our family. I am sure that you shaped very definitely many durable thoughts for Milton, and I want you to know what a Rock of Gibraltar you have been for me. May you and yours have the very best in this troubled world. You are a brave soul and we admire you deeply.

Sincerely yours,

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Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.