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Dear Dr. Allen:

Thanks a million for the Christmas Issue of your most welcome Newsletter. You have no idea how Mrs. Brown and I pour over the interesting contents of it. If it is as welcome to others as it is to us you are doing more than your share to help bolster the morale of all the boys in service. God Bless You Doc. Keep up the good work, and I for one assure you---your efforts are certainly not in Vain.

I was especially in hopes you would make some reference to the basketball game you had with the Hutchinson Navy Air Base because that is to be my next assignment. That is, I am told that. I have received no official written notice, and in the Navy you never count on movig until you get it in writing from the Bureau of Personnel in Washington. So I just have unofficial word. Should I make the move, I am surely going to get to Lawrence and see you and all others, plus that basketball team that my Dad sends me clippings concerning. Here's hpping for an early visit.

Last week it was our good fortune to go up to San Francisco. There we met Ensign and Mrs. Ernie Vanek, Ensign and Mrs Gerald Barker, and Ensign Herman Fischer. It was all Navy. We also bumped into Ensign Carl Jessup at Treasure Island. It was just like home meeting so many Kansas people. We had great fun running down California and for once we were in the majority. What a great feeling that is. You have no idea how these transplanted natives can rave. Our final parting words were that we would all get together back in good ole Kansas when this darn thing is over.

Good luck to Doc and all the boys who are keeping KU on the basketball map. We get the scores out here and that's about all, but we still have our spirit and memories of the wonderful games we saw and play over and over every time we meet.

As always,

Murray Brown