

June 22, 1944.

Mr. Maurice Martin,
Hotel Melrose,
123 E. Main St.,
Barstow, California.

Dear Maurice:

I was mighty glad to receive your letter. Strange things do happen occasionally, because "Sonny" Lee Hamilton was in our home at the time your letter arrived. I gave it to him and he read it to Mrs. Allen with much enjoyment. "Sonny" is on his way to Culver and will leave here on June 27. He promised me that he would write you right away.

I know Barstow is very hot because one summer I had a coaching school at Logan, Utah, and the next one was at Springfield, Ohio, so I went from Logan down to Barstow to change to get back to the East, and I don't believe I could have struck a hotter day.

You are doing a fine thing in working on a telegraph gang because it will develop that physique of yours in the way that will help you tremendously in your basketball in the future. That climbing will be great work for you. Be careful about those 25-foot drops. You might not be so agile the next time and might spend your time in the hospital.

I am glad that you are enjoying your basketball, and I am counting the days until you can enter the University of Kansas and play on our Jayhawker varsity. I assure you that you will be mighty welcome. Yes, I have known that your Coach Mills is in the Navy, and that Wayne Gardner is your head coach.

If "Sonny" hasn't written you, you can address him Lee Hamilton, care of the Black Horse Troop, Culver Military Academy, Culver, Indiana. But he promised me he would write you. He was delighted to read your letter. It was quite a coincidence - you living in Kansas and going to California, and "Sonny" living in California and coming to Kansas.

Lots of good luck to you, my boy. I am sending you a Jayhawk Rebounds which I trust will prove of some interest to you. I write this about once a month to the boys in the service and they seem to enjoy it. I hope you will. With all good wishes to you in every way, and assuring you I was glad to hear from you, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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