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Dear Doc:

Having just finished reading the "Jayhawk Rebounds" No. 17 I thought since my heart and mind was centered on KU I would take time out to drop you a line and let you know how much I appreciate receiving them. I had received all the back copies just before leaving the States so they were read and reread many times while I was aboard the ship on the way over here. It certainly was good to hear about the Hill and of many people who I had known there. As I have been in the service for a little over four years I have found that a good many things have happened on the Hill which I have not had a chance to keep up with. The Rebounds have brought many of these out. While aboard ship I ran into James O'Reilly, a Phi Gam from KU who was in school the same time I was there. He is a Lt in the communications branch of the Navy and was also headed for points in the Southwest Pacific. We really enjoyed talking about good old KU. I gave him the copies of the Rebounds that I had with me and he enjoyed ~~them~~ very much too.

The trip over took a lot longer than I expected. We made four stops and were allowed to get off the ship three times so that did break the monotony a little. I am only allowed to say that we are located in the Ryukyus Group of Islands. So far we have been having a lot of rain which makes it hard for us to get our camp site fixed in a satisfactory manner. We are living in squad tents with about twelve men in each tent. In a little time we will be able to fix these to be quite comfortable I am sure. We have a lot of equipment but so far we have not been able to get all of it unloaded from ~~h~~ the ship. All of this takes time so of course we will have to be patient. At least it is an experience very new to me.

I see that both Mit and Bob are in active service now. Perhaps our paths will cross sometime. If only I could tell where I am located undoubtedly I would get to see some folks from KU. We may be close to some KU man and not even know it. When you write to Mit and Isabel give them my regards.

My Mother had written and told me that my cousin, Gordon Shaffer, and J. Fred Harris were on the same ship together. That is fine for them for even one old acquaintance makes a big difference. I am hoping to run across them sometime.

Thanks again, Doc, for the Rebounds because I surely enjoy getting them. I am anxiously waiting the time when I can get back to the Hill for some more football and basketball games.

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Sincerely, *Bub Shaffer*