

P.S. - I would like to buy some bonds for  
the stadium debt. What is the set-up?

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Dear Doc:

Having just finished reading the "Jayhawk Rebound" 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 communication 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 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 men 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 hop-  
ing 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.

Sincerely,  
Bob Shaffer

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