March 22, 1946 Gib Stramel, U.S.N.R., A/S Company 94, U.S.N.T.C. Great Lakes, Illinois Dear Gib: I have let your letter lie on my desk for a month and, as I know Johnny Pfitsch has written to you a couple or three times since then, anything that I might add probably would be superfluous. I was indeed glad to get your letter and to know that you are doing so well at Great Lakes. Your observation on the Bowling Green basketball game is particularly interesting. We missed your presence in the Aggie game Monday night. . Of course, everyone is unhappy about the outcome. We played a rather poor ball game, when it seemed before the game everything was "right". The Aggies played a fine game, as usual, and Kurland's height was still too much for us to gain the rebounds that we should have gotten. We made only 19 percent of our shots and missed ten free throws, as well as three setups, all of which could have meant considerable difference in the outcome had it been different. However, we are in hopes that you will be a member of that aggregation the next year when it takes the court for Kansas to avenge those two defeats of this year. I hope that you may find time to drop in to see us on your leave this month. Best of luck. Sincerely yours, Director of Physical Education, Varsity Basketball Coach. FCA:MF