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USS LST 338

Hello Doc.

Received your Jayhawk Rebounds no. 14 of March 14 today. I am certainly glad to be able to get news from home, especially the kind that is put out in the rebounds.

I have had another change since I last wrote to you and I am more than just well pleased with the duty that I have now. I don't care much for the sea but it is a welcome change. While I am overseas and away from home I like to keep moving. I am now stationed aboard and LST that is operating out of England. I have already made several trips to the continent trying to keep some of the boys up front supplied with a few of the things they need. I have already become the Welfare and Rec. and Education officer. I have a good softball team and we get quite a lot of opportunity to play when we are in port. In fact, we have a game scheduled for this afternoon and I am going to hurry this letter a little to be able to make the game. Got an interested bunch of boys and that is a good sign. The ship, with her officers and men, has been overseas for two years now. That is too long but they have stood up well under the strain of three invasions in the mediterranean and Normandy. At least they know what the score is and that means a lot.

This is just going to be just a note because I have a ball game to play and I think that I could do myself and a lot of kids a lot of good by getting off this metal deck for a few hours. Keep the Rebounds coming Doc and I am sure that none of us will be sorry that you will publish one a month.

For gods sake don't show this typing to anyone because it seems that my fingers don't want to do what the old bean tells them to.

Sincerely

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