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Dear Doc:

I want to thank you for your consideration and trouble in sending me your book. Isolated as we are up here there were no copies in stock at any of the places that we trade. The copy that I used to own has long since disappeared.

Our basketball team is not too red hot as yet but we do have possibilities. To date we have beaten Gonzaga University and McCaw General Hospital. This coming week we play University of Idaho and Geiger Field. What we really need is two guards. If we can dig them up somewhere we might stand a chance against a little heavier competition.

Our Air Force is divided into four districts. We are in the northern district. The winners of the four districts play off in San Francisco and the winner there represents the Air Force in a National Tournament in New York, on March 15th. The joker in getting up a good team lies in the fact that these men must do all of their practicing and playing after they have finished their days work. Some of the boys work as high as twelve and sixteen hours at a time so you can see that they are tired when they come out to practice. We find however that if they do come out after they get off work they are really sold on the game, and they are swell to work with.

We have a twelve team intramural league running now and we find a few boys that way. We have to use all permanent party personnel because the combat crews have such a rigid training schedule.

Our old transportation bugaboo that we had to contend with in Florida has smoothed out here. They fly us to our games in the big B-24's. In this way we can make a trip, play a game, and be back ready for work the next morning. If we are weathered in we have a fifteen passenger car (like the one at Haskell) which we ride in.

Thanks again for your courtesy. I enjoy reading about the boys in the "Rebounds".

Yours,

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