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Dear Phog:

Mrs. A.S.
Received my second Rebound. Maudie sent me my first while I was in China. Have had a lot of chasing around in the past year and a half. The Caribbean, Central and South America, Africa, Egypt, Arabia India, Burma, China, Australia, Panama and what not. Am squatting down here on the border nursing my arthritis and holding down four full time jobs in my spare time. The post had an ever victorious football team and naturally I was tagging along as the Doc. All the players were from the South Pacific, all had malaria and most of them had been wounded from one to four times. I was proud to tag along with such a gang. We Played junior college league and it was interesting to note that our gang, that had been killing Japs with their hands played a lot cleaner than the pure and unsullied children in the opposition.

Saw some action in China and that is a feat as there is but little of it to see out there. Was in Burma when Merrill's outfit moved in. This is the first medicine I have seen for two years. In China was teaching mule packing and the care and feeding of the Tommy gun. Was recommended for a "purty" for heroism in fighting a rear guard action but will no doubt end up by being fined for hunting without a license as a medico should shed comfort and not ammunition.

Age 8
Irma, Sam and I are living in a hunting lodge, seven miles from camp which is two miles from the border. Plenty of deer, quail, ducks and bass. Have an outboard and am able to get a lot done along those lines. Sam is a handy little kid, all army. He can make a dry camp in the desert, cook, shoot and do for himself better than most adults. We have a lot of fun.

Schiller Shore, Major Inf. Is the only KU representative I saw in China. Came back from Panama with Capt. Bob Morrison we parted company in Boston.

Things are booming down here and will boom more when the Siapan casualties come in. There is a lot to be done yet and patching up the returnees will be a big job for some time to come.

Take care of things,

Happy New Year-

Art.
