

(blackgang we call them) were busy getting the engines back in running condition.

I have assumed a lot of responsibility aboard now for our compliment of officers has been cut from 16 to 9. My duties are as follows: Assistant Gunnery Officer, Ships Service Officer, Athlete Officer, and Second division Officer, also officer of the deck in port and underway. I like my gunnery work the best and after taking my 20 mm and 3" 50 gun crews out to anti-aircraft training school for actual fire at sleeves, I believe we could raise a little "hell". We ought to get the chance this time for we are going where it'll be hot. Of course I'm anxious to get in the thick of things now, but I'll probably be twice as anxious to get out of the mess.

It was swell to hear old George is going to play in the All-Star game and has a chance to play ball with the Detroit Lions. The folks sent me a clipping from the Star telling me. I hope I get a chance to see some games this fall. That's one thing about this type of duty; we will always return to the States to load up again.

Tell everybody back that way "hello" for me. I sure think a lot of the old times I've had on Mt. Arad and am anxious to get back with all the gang.

Thanks again for remembering me with a copy of the "Rebonds". I'll be looking forward to the next issue. Take it easy and sharpen up on that golf game; for I'm gunning to trim you in that temporary postponed game we have scheduled - Give up. Sincerely yours
Jesse Paul