

April 5, 1943.

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Dear Dick:

I was mighty happy to have your letter of the 27th ultimo and to know that you are getting along fine. Yes, Dick, I know that everything you wrote is exactly the truth. It certainly is a shock for a young fellow to get the idealistic training that he gets in an educational institution and then be met by the hard, cold facts that we are meeting a ruthless enemy and that he will resort to any foul means to win.

After all, we have to face reality, and it is a tough go, but I am sure that we will be equal to the occasion. We will crack those squareheads, slit-eyes and spaghetti-benders right in the physiognomy and knock them out of shape.

I certainly will say hello for you to Mr. Sherk and the rest of your many friends here on the hill. You were a fine influence on this campus and you made many friends, and we hope that it will not be long until you will be able to return to us shipshape and ready to carry on your education which you started here on Mt. Oread.

Remember, we will always be pulling for you and wishing you all kinds of luck. We will be happy to hear from you if and when you have time to write.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

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