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In reply refer to:

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Dear Doc:

I have just finished reading my copy of "Rebounds" which came in the morning mail. I was quite thrilled to learn what a lot of the boys are doing and where they are stationed. It sure tends to bring back a lot of fond memories. Wouldn't it be swell to have a big get together once all this trouble is over with.

I noticed where Jack Ballard has been at Camp Bowie, Texas. This is about 150 miles from here at Waco. We played the Camp Bowie basket ball team a couple of weeks ago but Jack wasn't with them, so possibly he has shipped out. We return a game with the same team in a couple of weeks and I will try to look him up.

The Kansas Basket Ball team is still knocking them over Doc. We read the scores all the time and I always look to see how Kansas is doing. Sure will be pulling for you to cop another one.

We have had a great time here at Waco Army Air Field this basket ball season. Our Commanding Officer is quite a sports fan and we have all the support in the world. I had a two months pre-season basket ball practice using all the fundamental drills I used at Kansas. And maybe you think they didn't pay off. We won 16 straight and finally lost a close one to Rice 39-35 on their court. A margin of four free throws. I wasn't with the team that night as I was sent to San Antonio on Temporary Duty. All in all we have beaten TCU once, SmU twice by 13 points and Baylor by about 40 points. Our record to date is 20 out of 21. I have a great bunch of kids down here but none of them are very well known. They just play good fundamental basket ball and have a world of hustle. They dont know when they are whipped. So much for that.

Ruth, Diana and I are getting along very nicely and we like this field a lot. It is the best one I have been stationed on. One of my P.T. instructors is the Washington Senators pitcher "Sid" Hudson. He is really a fine boy, and doing a fine job as a physical training instructor.

Saw Ed Elbel in San Antonio a while back. He looked good and is doing a good job with the School of Aviation Medicine at Randolph Field.