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Dear Phog:

I was interested in your recent edition of Jayhawk Rebounds which came to Bob. Bob is now a lieutenant. He spent a year in the New Guinea area as skipper of an L.C.T. After a short leave in the States he is now out as a commander of an L.C.T. group. His address is Lt. Robert J. Gilliland, L.C.T.-6, group 97, % Fleet Postmaster, San Francisco. I have another son, a former Jayhawk, who is also in the Pacific area. I am sure he would be glad to receive a copy of the Rebounds if you care to add his name to the list. He was ~~V~~-7 enlistee at the University of Kansas. At the end of his junior year Uncle Sam put him in uniform, sent him to Oberlin for one semester and then to a midshipman school. He is on a destroyer escort and has seen plenty of action recently--Iwo Jima, Je Jima, Okinawa, etc. His address is Ensign Charles L. Gilliland, U.S.S. Connolly, D.E.-306, % Fleet Postmaster, San Francisco.

I also have a third son in the Pacific who is a law graduate from Denver University. He is on a B 29. He has completed 25 or 30 missions over Japan. You spoke in your last Rebound about brothers meeting in a battle area. These three boys happened to be in Honolulu at the same time about the middle of January and spent twenty-four hours together. More recently Don, on his return from a mission over Japan, landed at the island where Bob is stationed and spent a couple of days with him.

I am sure your letters to the boys are doing a lot to maintain morale. I want to add my appreciation to that of the boys for this service.

Yours very truly,



JFG:ARC