

again and in my party was a Notre Dame football player who said his feet were killing him. About noon he was about shot and his feet were so bad that he had to be picked up in a truck. That meant 20 points against him, in addition to losing his standing among the fellows. He said, "Kanaga, the fellows sure gave me a heat, didn't they?" And I said, "Sure, they lost a lot of their respect for you". He had told the fellows before that it took the big, tough men to get along in the Marines. No one ever goes to sick bay without a real reason - if he does the fellows call him a "gold-brick".

We have spent five rugged months, which we began by running obstacle courses, bayonet courses, and calisthenics with rifles. Gradually more equipment was added, until we were doing all of these loaded with full equipment. The obstacle course was very much like the one you have here at K.U. These fellows ought to take a couple of hours of conditioning every day to really get in shape. No man in the University should be exempt, regardless of his desire or physical condition. This is a national emergency, and it is a matter of life or death. During the five months spent at Quantico we have learned much of Japanese tactics. A British colonel who had been at Dunkirk, Burma and Malay told us he would rather fight the Germans than the Japs any time.

There were about 20 former all-American college football players in my company. A fellow at times hits rock bottom, but you can't quit. You feel discouraged because all the time it is thrown in your face that you may not make the grade. They bounced about forty out of 160 in the candidates class in the first ten weeks. The first/<sup>ten</sup>weeks might be compared to ~~xxxxxx~~ fraternity life for a freshman. The Marine sergeants are tough, and a fellow takes punishment for a lot of little things. I learned/<sup>early</sup>to keep my mouth shut. We have to shine our shoes about five times a day. One big sergeant found a boy who didn't have his shoes shined, and when he looked at mine I said, "I've got mine shined up pretty good". I think this irritated him, because he said they didn't look any too good to him, and I was given two hours of heavy marching orders just for mouthing off.