

Then on the heels of Howard, came big smiling Jack Ballard. This big altitudinous basketeer of Kansas Jayhawker champions of 1942, brought with him two buddies. They dropped in on a class which we were teaching on the Theory and Practice of Athletic Injuries. They audited about ten or fifteen minutes of it, and that's about all they could take. Then they were again on the move. Jack is visiting his folks in Kansas City and waiting for his reassignment. The previous Jayhawk Rebound told of the prowess of Jack on the Football Field and Basketball Court. Jack is as big as all out of doors, and he certainly looks like the first-class fighting man that he is. Welcome home "Jocko" after a victorious and hazardous campaign.

On a letter from 1st. Sgt. Wilmer R. Shaffer, 37006650, H. & S. Co., 1535th Engr. Constr. Bn., A.P.O. #245, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, California; on August 3, "Bub" Shaffer, a member of our victorious 1936 championship basketball team, wrote from the Ryukyus group of islands, "Having finished reading the Jayhawk Rebound #17, I thought since my heart and mind was centered on KU, I would take time out to drop you a line and let you know how much I appreciate receiving them. I had received all the back copies just before leaving the States so they were read and reread many times while I was aboard the ship on the way over here. It certainly was good to hear about the Hill and of many people who I had known there. As I have been in the service for a little over four years, I have found that a good many things have happened on the Hill which I have not had a chance to keep up with. The rebounds have brought many of these out. While aboard ship I ran into James O'Reilly, a Phi Gam from KU who was in school the same time I was there. He is a lieutenant in the communications branch of the Navy and was also headed for points in the Southwest Pacific. We really enjoyed talking about good old K.U. I gave him the copies of the Rebounds that I had with me and he too enjoyed them very much."

"I see that both Mit and Bob are in active service now. Perhaps our paths will cross sometime. If only I could tell where I am located, undoubtedly I would get to see some folks from K.U. We may be close to some K.U. men and not even know it. When you write to Mit and Isabel give them my regards."

"My mother had written and told me that my cousin, Gordon Shaffer, and J. Fred Harris were on the same ship together. That is fine for them for even one old acquaintance make a big difference. I am anxiously waiting for the time when I can get back to the Hill for some more football and basketball games. I would like to buy some bonds for the stadium debt. What is the set-up?"

Wilmer, I am glad to know that all the boys can now reveal their location so that there will be more happy Jayhawker reunions. We hope that the one in the not too far distant future, will be here on Mt. Oread.

Following Jack Ballard's visit to us, we were agreeably surprised and pleased to have Captain Charlie Black and Mrs. Black call on us last Sunday afternoon. Charles had returned to the States and gone to Santa Anna, California, at the redistribution center. They had sent him back to Coffeyville, Kansas, (where they are living at 512 West Fourth Street) for temporary assignment. It was during this interim that Charlie, Mrs. Black, (Terry) and John Beuscher of the Dow Chemical Co. at Midland, Michigan, stopped by. John was accompanied by his wife, nee Ada K. Kirchhoff. Both Charlie and John were members of the ever victorious Big Six Basketball Champions of 1942. During the visit we discussed all the boys of that great outfit. We were speaking about when the boys came back again with their