

"Bark" wrote on, "Fen says the two most important pieces of equipment in the Pacific war up to date are the LUT's (amphibious tractors) and the LST's."

"The April 26th issue of "Rebounds" arrived this week and as always I was eager to read it all. I think they get better all the time, but to paraphrase in the vernacular, "Howinhell do you find time to get everything done?" "I continue to hear from Ernie Vanek and Murray Brown."

"The C.O. of our flotella is a Kansan from Galena, Comdr. Stringer, USNA (1928) and upon meeting him he asked me from whence I came. I stuck out my chest and loudly proclaimed my native state. He immediately replied, 'I knew it, you look prairie bred to me,' and I solemnly assured him he paid me a very high compliment."

"I would appreciate you conveying my regards to Mitt and Bob, also Doan Nosmith and Mr. Quigley. Thanks so much for keeping me supplied with the "Rebounds." "By the way, I thought you might be interested in knowing that even though this island was just declared secure, I saw some fellows playing on a newly constructed basketball court today. Maybe the war time spread of your game is an indication of things to come."

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From Major and Mrs. John M. Stratton at 642 Oak Street, Cincinnati 6, Ohio, Mrs. Kathryn Stratton writes on July 16, "Your latest copy of Rebound has just arrived, and both John and I wish to tell you how very much we enjoy each new issue. Although we are about five years apart in our school associations, there is always something of interest for John and myself. You are really doing a marvelous job with your newsletter! There is only one bit of news which we can offer. John has received his majority on June 30, and is still stationed at Ferrying Division Headquarters here in Cincinnati as Assistant to the Division Flying Safety Officer."

"We are always glad to read the news concerning the Allen family, and send our congratulations to Bob and Mitt on their commissions. John was hoping he would get to see them, but now it looks as though our leave won't materialize until September. We are looking forward to seeing you and Mrs. Allen at that time."

Congratulations Major John and Kathryn on your well-earned promotion. We shall be happy to see you when you come to Lawrence.

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Captain Jack Ballard, 17082781, Troop A, 93rd Cav. Ren. Sq. Mecs., APO 263 c/o Postmaster New York, New York, writes from Simbach, Bavaria, on June 21. "Just a few lines from me and then I will have to run. I received the last copy of the Rebounds, and I want to thank you for Don Eblings address. I sat right down and wrote to him."

"I was more than sorry to hear about Howard Engleman. The same day I received your letter, there was an article in the Stars and Stripes about how many blood transfusions, plasma injections, and the various shots he had had to sustain in his recovery. I hope that he is back up and on his feet soon."

"There was also an article in the Stars and Stripes about Charley Black getting the DFC. I really think it was swell that he got the high award. These Jayhawkers are really making a name for themselves in this great war. Speaking of awards, I was on the receiving end of the Bronze Star Medal for some action up around Cologne that the General said was heroic action against an enemy of the United States. There really wasn't much to it, and I didn't think that my actions warranted a decoration, but that is how it goes."