

finishes off the Nips. He closes with a very extraordinary flourish when he says, "See you when Japan joins Hitler in hell."

Otto's teammate, Big, good-natured "Jocko" Ballard, APO 263, New York, writes me on April 24 from Germany. He says he has been in the Kraut country for some time. Jack says, "Have just finished the battle of the Ruhr pocket and am at present (several words deleted). Wish I had the Pflougorville Pflash's address as I might run across him and never know it." "I'll enclose it for you, Jacko."

Continuing, Jack says, "After going thru the Siegfried line, which I might add is really something, I had the honor of being one of the first to cross the Rhine from my Division. Made my first crossing at Worms just north of Mannheim. The next time I crossed just south of Coblenz and have been all over eastern Germany. It has been an education in itself but I would rather see the country without running into an escort of 88's every time you come to a cross-road I never really appreciated the Constitution with all its freedoms until I saw the people of Germany. Really they are in a sad condition when they don't know what's happening to their country until the Allies strike, and boy, do they hit 'em. Not all towns are bombed, some are taken intact with the exception of a few minor reparations, but the majority of the larger cities look like a brick factory, they are so flat. . . . I speak for all of my buddies over here when I say the passing of President Roosevelt came as a complete shock. We first heard it over a Spanish broadcast and then BBC came on the air. I was on the front at the time and could scarcely believe my ears. Hitler's remark about fate taking the world's greatest war criminal made me burn with anger. I'd sure like to be the lucky guy to settle with him. Well, spring is in the air, both at home and abroad. The old familiar call of 'play ball' is echoing from the many ball parks at home. Sure would enjoy seeing a good game. . . . Tell Dr. R. H. Wheeler that I'll be dropping him a line as soon as I can."

My good friend, Lt. Commander A. W. "Jack" Helling, who was with the Seabees in the Aleutians and who is now at the Public Works Dept. of the U.S. Marine Corps Air Station at Cherry Point, N.C., adds rather an interesting line, "Will see you shortly after the Yanks black out the Rising Sun."

Lt. (jg) Arthur L. Nichols, MC, USNR, APA 90, San Francisco, writes from far out in the Pacific to say that he enjoys reading the Rebounds, Art says they are passed along from Kansan to Kansan, and "the copy I now have before me has been on four different ships to my knowledge, and as soon as I have it completed I'll hand it on. There is no greater morale builder than news from home. I recently had the opportunity to have a real old-fashioned bull session with Dr. Dean Brooks, Dr. Francisco's son, Dr. Dave, and Phil Hohe - all are Kansas medics - but that get-together would surpass any Saturday night quarter-back club. We replayed every game in the past Big Six basketball conference. Duties out here as a medical officer don't keep one too busy - at times there is plenty to do - such as in the recent Iwo Jima invasion. All of us there regretted the loss of Fred Eberhardt, a boy that all Kansans can be proud of. With the recent good turn of events in Europe, we are all hoping things out here will soon be at an end. Again let me say that your effort in keeping us informed of the athletics there at K.U. really help to make one forget the combat out here."

Thanks, Art. We will put you on the mailing list, and if you know of other Kansas Jayhawkers that would like the Rebounds have them drop us a line and we will respond pronto.

Lt. Gordon Stucker, who lettered in both football and basketball two years prior to his entering the service, has received his commission at Fort