

"Have had my own boat since the first of July and with the fine crew I now have aboard, I am hoping to give the Jags a few lessons soon. . . Knute Kresie is in another area and I haven't seen him for quite a while. He is due to be back and see all of you, so maybe he will pop in on you one of these days. I was expecting to do likewise soon, but with all the new fronts opening, I imagine it will be some time yet before they will let me go. . . . Keep the Rebounds coming - they are a bright spot among a lot of dark clouds."

Cpl. James R. "Ray" Harris, writes from Miami Beach, Fla., "I am still stationed on the sunny beach of Florida. I have been here a year now, and I enjoy my work more every day. Our program has enlarged and that makes for more activity. The Red Cross and the Physical Training department are doing lots in helping the fellows enjoy their stay at the Redistribution Station. One afternoon I was in a volley ball game - I looked up the beach and who did I see - Don Ettinger. He had returned from England and was passing through the station. . . Another surprise was running into Gordon Clucas in a dime store last week. Gordon was broad jumping for Kansas when I came to K. U. His stay in Miami was short, because he was going home for Christmas. He had been out of the States for over a year. I gave him my November number of the Rebounds. He said Wade Green is a father now and is a major in the Army."

Thanks for your newsy letter, Ray. We are happy to hear about all the boys you have seen. You asked about Ed Elbel. He is at Randolph Field, Texas, and I know he will be glad to hear from you.

Cpl. Hoyt Baker, who wrote from Oakland, California, just before Christmas, said that he was surprised and delighted one evening when walking down the street and bumped into Wayne Replegle, who is stationed at the Oakland Naval Hospital. I know you and "Bill" will have a great time together, Hoyt, if you have a chance for a good visit.

Lt. (jg) A.M. "Murray" Brown is now at Corpus Christi, Texas, and says, "I know you need no introduction to the officer in charge of athletics here - Lt. Comdr. Sam Barry, who tried so hard to beat Kansas in Kansas City a few years back. I can still see "Repe" grabbing that loose ball and getting set for what was a perfect shot. What an evening that was for Kansas and what I wouldn't give to see another game just like that one."

Ens. J. P. "Paul" Turner, c/o Fleet Postoffice, New York, writes of having seen John Floyd, one of Hank Iba's star basketball player's, whose home was in Kansas. Paul says: "Before I left Norfolk I saw the Naval Training Station beat Fort Bragg by about 40 points. NTS had John Floyd, an Okla. A. and M. boy in '37, '38, '39, playing for them. He's a Chief Specialist in athletics on the base. . . . He used to play high school ball against "Repe" Engleman and Bruce Veran in the Ark. Valley, then he went to Okla. A. and M. . . John said he saw Don Ebling while in Norfolk."

From Lt. Jim R. Surface, USMCR, Dana Point, Calif., comes this message: "One of my good friends at my station in Hawaii was a friend of yours, Lt. Comdr. Rollie Williams, former basketball coach at Iowa U. He was the athletic director at the Naval Air Station where I served for about 18 months. I got to know him fairly well, especially as a fishing companion, and he is certainly a fine gentleman. He was very well liked at the station, and many were the bull sessions which, more often than not, would end with Rollie telling basketball stories - especially about Doc Meanwell and Rollie's playing days at Wisconsin. I could always needle him a little about that last pasting the boys from Mt. Oread gave him, but he was a grand sport about it. The naval officer who had the room across from mine also knows you, and you may remember him. He was Jim Wells, now a Lt. (jg) in the Navy, and formerly a sports broad-