

Cpl. Hoyt Baker writes me from Camp Haan, California, and says, "I was reading the sports page of the Los Angeles Times today and ran across this clipping. I guess Ray Evans is really doing all right for himself this year. . . . It won't be long now before your basketball season gets under way. Is Sparky McSpadden still in school?"

No, Hoyt, Sparky was transferred from this Navy V-12 unit the first of November for advanced training in New York. His address is Harold McSpadden, A.S., V-7, USS Prairie State, West 135th & N. River, New York, N.Y. I heard from Sparky a few days ago. He says, "I had a swell trip back to N.Y. - it really brought back some swell memories of that trip two years ago. I considered myself plenty lucky to get to play with such a wonderful team. . . . Lot's of luck in the round ball campaign - I'll be pulling for you 100%."

Ensign Russell J. Chitwood says, "Am now stationed at Terminal Island, San Pedro, Calif., Naval Air Ferry Service, VRF-3. This will be a permanent assignment as far as I know now. Would appreciate hearing of any Jayhawkers out here. Looking forward to the next Rebounds."

Ensign J. Fred Harris, Navy 122, Box 19, Fleet Postoffice, New York, says, "I'm now stationed on temporary orders for 30-60 days in Panama. I'm not very fond of the idea but there is little I can do about it. I would much rather be at sea. Sounds funny, coming from a mid-western farm boy who had never been on a ship until he joined the Navy, but there is something about the sea that a fellow likes. . . . Received some pictures the other day of the wife and son, and they both looked awfully good to me. Mike is growing like a weed and if I don't hurry and get home he will be a grown boy. He is cutting his teeth now and getting cross."

Lt. (jg) Roy Edwards, U.S.S.S.C. 1054, Fleet Postoffice, San Francisco, Calif., writes, "We have moved around quite a bit these past few weeks and your Sept. 12 Rebounds just caught up with us. The edition was a fine tribute to a great boy. You expressed so completely the thoughts of all of us who knew T. P. . . . Enclosed is an article about Ray Evans which I found in the island paper. He must be doing a fine job."

I was delighted to receive a letter from Don Ebling, dated the 14th of October. Don says, "It is hard to realize T. P. has made the sacrifice. Doc, every day the list gets longer and it seems to show a steady trend; I guess until this thing ends the lists won't decrease. We know one thing, it is up to us to make years to come void of wars. Doc, I just heard that Bruce Voran was severely injured. If you should know anything about his condition or whereabouts would you drop me a card as I'd like to write him before I leave the States. . . . On the 16th of October I leave for Norfolk, Va., for five weeks training with the nucleus crew. Upon the completion of said task I report to Fore Rivers, Mass., to pick up the rest of the men at the commissioning detail and for permanent duty aboard the U.S.S. Alex Diachenko, APD 123. Hence, I should be at sea before the first of the year. . . . I have heard from Rope (Engleman) once or twice; also received a picture of his wife and boy. He is hoping to be sent back in the near future. I wish I could pass information on about some of the work his ship has done. . . . Please give Ole Dean the grip and tell him I need a check on my 'sac'. If you have a new letter out within the next five weeks please send it to 529 Maycox, Norfolk, Va. We plan to be with Paul Masoner and family quite often."