

Maj. E. B. DeGroot, Physical Training Officer for the Fourth Air Force, 180 New Montgomery Street, San Francisco, says, "Thanks very much for keeping me on the mailing list for Rebounds. You really out-did yourself in the last few issues. You have a wonderful idea in this letter, and I am sure that the men overseas appreciate it greatly. It has been very interesting to me to follow all these boys through their military careers since leaving the University. The Rebounds, too, is the only contact I now have with the University. . . . Very few K.U. men seem to find their way into this Air Force. You may be interested in two former physical ed majors that we obtained for this Air Force, however, both of whom have performed very well. Bill Arnold was a sergeant in physical training at one of our bases near Fresno. He did such an outstanding job that we sent him to OCS and he now a second lieutenant somewhere in the Middle West. 1st Lt. George Stapleton we obtained by requesting his transfer from Florida. He is now base physical training officer at Walla Walla Army Air Field, in the state of Washington. He is doing a swell job up there keeping our bomber personnel in shape to bomb Tokyo and Berlin.

"It was a great surprise and pleasure to see Chancellor Malott a few weeks ago in the Officers' Mess at this headquarters. I didn't know that he was connected with the air force in any way and he had forgotten that it was the Fourth Air Force in which I served. We discussed K.U. and Lawrence, of course, at some length.

"I was able to get down to Los Angeles to see Dud (Burt's brother) make his debut into pro-football coaching when he played our Fourth Air Force football team in Los Angeles. We should have beaten him decisively, but he capitalized on the breaks. I was happy for Dud to see him win his initial game, and it has been good to follow his success in all his succeeding wins. I certainly hope he can win the National Championship in his first year. Many educators, of course, have raised their eyebrows at a Phi Beta Kappa and an outstanding physical educator going into the tainted ranks of professional athletics! The National Pro Football League, however, is conducted on a pretty darn high plane. As George Marshall, the owner, says, the professional teams admit that they pay their players but many universities and colleges hypocritically deny that they do! Dud debated the move for a long time, but his salary is such that he couldn't afford to turn it down."

Col. Karl F. Baldwin, former commandant of the R.O.T.C. here, tells us something of football in Australia. Col. Baldwin writes, "I have been seeing the football contests in Melbourne over a considerable period, and each time have thought of you wondering if you would be interested in perhaps a study of football as it is played in this State according to the rules which are quite different from Rugby and other types played in some other parts of Australia..... The war being on, the teams are not quite as good as would normally be expected, but an attendance of 30,000 at the games is not unusual. There is something doing every moment of the game. It is by far the best football game I have seen from the standpoint of spectators' interest. The scores, of course, run very high, frequently one team or both scoring more than 100 points. To me, it might be styled as foot-basketball since the ball is everything. The quibbling and delays so common in our game are not present in this, and it seems to me to have great value as a game which can be participated in by a large number of players. Our ball is not exactly suited to the game. The Australian ball, I believe, is slightly heavier than ours, and much more rounded at the ends. I thought you would like to look this folder and Primer over and perhaps study them a bit."

Thank you, Colonel, we are delighted to have the rules of this game.