

courage and determination to win this war. If only some of the people back home could see what I have seen these people go through, they would surely pitch in and do a lot more than they are doing now. It's really remarkable how these people go on through their work as if nothing had happened. . . . I hope I've turned out a team in my crew that has the same old spirit your teams always had. I know now what you used to feel when you had a good bunch of boys working for you. My boys are under a little different code, through. We are playing for keeps over here and we must have teamwork at all cost. I tell you, Doc, I've got an all-American team here and I mean just that."

Melvin Griffin, Hq. Sqd. MOTG 81, USMCAS, Edenton, N.C., writes: "My new assignment is Athletic, Recreation and Welfare Officer for M.O.T.G.-81. We had a squadron at Cherry Point and now we have a group of 6 squadrons. Also received an increase in the pay envelope starting 31 January 1944, with permission to wear two bars on my shoulders. That was quite a thrill when the word came that I had been moved up a rank. I hope I can do the job well and be worthy of their confidence." Congratulations, Griff, and lots of good luck to you.

Mit Allen has tried for the Marines twice, but the spectrum test knocked him out. He and Milt Sullivant both appeared before the Marine Board in Kansas City, but both were color blind. Mit is practicing law here awaiting the call because he cannot enlist in anything at the present dur to the restriction of the draft board. It won't be long now for any of the boys here in Lawrence. Paul Rogers, a member of the varsity basketball team with Mit, leaves this week for Fort Leavenworth. Paul has two children.

F L A S H !! Wednesday morning, February 16. We have just returned from Leavenworth early this morning (1:30). The boys played the best ball of the year in whipping a very good Et. Leavenworth Flyer team. Eight Hundred people were out at the hall ten minutes before game time unable to get in because the auditorium was packed. We admitted them and let them stand around the end lines and sidelines until the entire big floor was packed and jammed with humanity. I have never seen so many people crowded in such a space, but both teams were fine sportsmen and dived into the crowd time after time without hurting anybody.

We may be on our way. At least we are going to promise Missouri and Iowa State each a real battle when they come here on February 26 and March 3, respectively. I may be wrong -- I have been many times -- but I am predicting better days toward the end of our season.

With my very best wishes to everyone of you - health, happiness, and a safe return - I am

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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