

Doctor, I've chucked one baseball game out here. Aside from handling my boat and squadron navigation duties, I handle the recreation for the squadron. Naturally for no reason other than it is always warm out here, I included a whole supply of baseball equipment in our cutlay of recreational supplies. In the one game that we have played out here, we managed to eke out a 6 to 5 win. When we are relieved for a rest period, I intend to get back in shape for a few more games.

Since this is our night to patrol, I must close to get in some "sack time". Doctor, I really would appreciate receiving your monthly news letter and would you say hello for me to Mrs. Huiteen, Mrs. Webster, and Mr. Falkenstien. Please give my congratulations to Henry Shenk on the victory over Mizzou.

Sincerely,

Knute Kresie."

Knute Kresie, the demon speed ball and enigma curving artist, mentions Dorothy Lamour. I am surprised at you, Knute, because you always specialized in different curves before you landed in the Pacific. Knute, we are tickled to death to hear from you and I am passing on your good wishes to all the good people that you asked me to contact. I am glad to know that you eked out a win in the closest possible fashion. We know that you have got a lucky number and that it will be a winner.

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Somewhere in England. 13 Jan. 1944

Dear Doc:

Just a line to let you know generally where I have ended up at this

stage of the game. We are having as good a time as we can have, still doing the best we can to put an end to this mess. The country is pretty, the weather typically English - cold and damp.

The cities give you a different feeling than those at home. You can certainly tell these folks have taken plenty. The British are friendly and very cooperative. I have enjoyed talking and working with them. The use of the pounds and shillings still confuses me, but its great sport. I haven't seen a Rugby game as yet but intend to soon. This is just a line to let you know my set up and to ask you to send me a copy of your newsy letter and a personal line when you have time. Mail is really appreciated. Give my regards to everyone and let 'em know we're right in there fighting all the time.

Sincerely,

John."

Delighted to hear from you, Johnny. We are printing your letter along with the other boys' letters so that all of your good friends will get in on the splendid information that you fellows pass on to me, and I pass on to them.

Ensign Howard G. Engleman, USNR, USS England, DE 635, c/o Fleet Postoffice, San Francisco, writes and tells me to "just keep on building character." Well, I guess that is all I am doing now because we are not winning many ball games. But Howard meant it seriously, and I appreciate his kind words. He says, "My kindest regards to Mrs. Allen, Bob and all the other dear ones in Lawrence. I sure get lonesome out here for the notes of Rock Chalk but I know some day we'll have a great reunion. Lots of luck for the remainder of the season. The Japheads all over the world are rooting for you."