

So you see we are getting all of these messages which should make us play better ball. And those messages do make us try more for you, as we want you to know that we are all pulling for you boys who are doing a much grander and bigger job than we could ever perform here at home. But we are fighting 'em for you, fellow. Lots of good luck.

Bob Fitzpatrick, who was a member of our ever-victorious 1943 team, writes us from England. He writes such a swell letter that we are passing it on to you. Bob, we are proud of you. You must have majored in English when you were here. Did you? Anyhow, we want you back to finish, so count on it.

Pfc. Wilson R. Fitzpatrick, England. Jan. 11, 1944
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Dear Doc:

Saw a little article in our daily paper, "The Stars and Stripes", that I thought might interest you. Shows that wherever we go we can keep up with what is going on back home. The same paper also brought some bad news when it had the score of the Missouri-Kansas game at Missouri. Looks like the Oklahoma Aggies have a tough team this year. All we read about is Bob Kurland. I suppose you have or will have soon a now letter coming out. Those letters are swell and I sure look forward to receiving mine and find out where the rest of the boys are. Had a chance to play some basketball over here and tried it one night. You should have seen the gym we played in. It was far worse than my high school gym and that was bad. It was only about 45 feet long and 25 or 30 feet wide. Before I went up there someone told me there was a low ceiling. Well, the rafters hung so low that after you were about 4 feet past the free throw line you could not shoot without hitting the rafter. No matter how close you tried to miss the rafter and hit the basket too, it couldn't be done. The ball either hit the rafter or went under the basket. If you got out to mid-court you could shoot a long shot through the rafter from the sides if you were lucky.

Saw "Red" Ettinger's name mentioned in the paper about a basketball tournament his team won and he tied someone for high scoring. He is well known by everyone that has been over here for some time. Am going to a Phi Delt dinner in London Friday and so hope to meet someone from around home. Know that John Lynch from home and school is here but haven't seen him yet. Everything is fine over here except the damp weather is really cold.

Sincerely,

Bob Fitzpatrick. "

Bill Bradford also writes an interesting letter from England, and Bill, we will print yours along with the other epics. Good luck to you, Bill. We would like to have you back when the fuss is over.

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Dear Dr. Allen:

I was reading in our daily E.T.O. newspaper, "The Stars and Stripes", and the enclosed article about you was in the sports section so I thought I'd let you know that I'm still able to read your "blasts" (which definitely