

and the weather was the worst that could be experienced. The boats were churning in the ocean terrifically, but one boat seemed to settle serenely on the ocean's surface, the sun broke through, and almost as a spotlight the sun shone on the ship showing the name of the ship and it was U.S.S. California! So, Hub, get on that U.S.S. California and ride through to sunshine. Good luck, Hub.

Ens. H. J. Ulrich,
Com. M.T.B. 3rd Fleet,
c/o Fleet Postoffice,
San Francisco, Calif.

January 15, 1944.

Dear Coach:

I haven't been away very long, but can tell already how much things like your Jayhawk Rebounds help out. I left the states in December and am temporarily stationed here awaiting further transportation. It is one of the many islands out here and is very beautiful consisting of very dense foliage and many flowers, shrubs, and other tropical life. If the circumstances were different it would be a very pleasant vacation. Ha.!

The weather is hot and wet, the humidity is very high causing metal to rust quickly and envelopes to stick together. Mold accumulates on everything left idle for several days. It rains at least once every 24 hours, and when it isn't raining the sun is extremely hot.

I want you to tell all the boys hello for me and give the P. E. fellows a word, and don't forget old Nesmith - remind him I will be around for my rub-down in about a year.

Sincerely,

Hub. "

Ensign Ernest J. Vanek,
U. S. Naval Pre-Flight School,
St. Mary's College, Calif.

January 4, 1944

Dear Doc:

This is just a little note to let you know that we certainly miss seeing some of those good basketball games that we used to see. Hank Luisetti is one of the officers on this base. I can easily see why John Bunn had such a wonderful basketball team. He sure has an eye for the basket, and is a darn good team man also.

You probably know by now that I was assigned to the athletic department and put into the swimming department. Besides teaching at least four hours a day, I have had the assignment of keeping up permanent records for approximately 1700 cadets who have to pass at least 8 tests to graduate. Some pass as high as 17 tests; the additional tests better their grades. This month I have been given the head of the Swimming Sports Program Dept. This consists of handling about 125 cadets every afternoon from 4 p.m. to 5:30. These cadets are divided into 5 platoons and each platoon has a coach. We have competition for these cadets in individual events, relays and water polo.

Give my regards to Henry and the gang. I hope you have a very successful basketball season.

Sincerely,

Ernie. "

So Ernie Vanek is associating with Hank Luisetti! Hank is a great guy, Ernie. Tell him that he sold me a membership in the "Buck a Month Club", Stan-