

service. In this way our letter served a two-fold purpose -- it gave some of the news of the University and it also gave the latest addresses to our fighting Jayhawkers. By this method many of the boys who were unable to get the addresses of their buddies otherwise were able to communicate immediately with old pals.

"Major Fen Durand, in a very short and modest letter of March 20, writes: 'Recently several Jayhawkers out this way made promotions-- Bill Jones to Lt. Col., and Bill McKinley and myself to Major. Jones' promotion resulted from his excellent job at Tarawa as battalion commander - a spot promotion. Jones and I were also awarded Silver Star Medals as a result of the Tarawa action. My father recently wrote regarding your excellent talk to a civic group in Junction City. Your mention of his sons in your talk gave him a real thrill and made him very jubilant. . . Your Jayhawk Rebounds still provide a lot of excellent reading matter for me. Its my only medium for keeping up with what many of my old buddies are doing.'

"First Lieutenant T. P. Hunter (Co. E, 2nd Bn. 9th Mar., c/o Fleet Postoffice, San Francisco), after the rough, tough drubbing that his Marines gave the Japs at Bougainville, wrote that everything was going fine until one day they got his boys in a hot box. He said, 'I thought for a while they were going to call in some of the outfielders and get us out. Using his baseball terminology in a clever way he said that the American Marines retired the Japs in order, which to the Japs means disorder. Give them the old one-two, T. P.

"Lt. Clint Kanaga (USS Elmore, c/o Fleet Postoffice, San Francisco) was one of our American Marines who hit the Japs at Guadalcanal. Then he came back to visit us in the States and returned to San Diego where he took off in a destroyer. And he was in the Marshall Islands fuss. Fred Eberhardt was the only K.U. man that Clint ran across. No doubt there were more. Reports are that Clint is safely back on his ship and off again to some other place.

"We have a number of Jayhawkers manning PT boats - Knute Kresie, Johnny Kline, Hub Ulrich, Eddie Linquist. Knute Kresie says they are not looking for Dorothy Lamours when they buzz around those islands.

"Among our boys in England are Capt. Paul Harrington (77th Evac. Hosp., APO 505, New York); Ens. Ralph E. Schaaque (Navy 246, c/o Fleet P.O. New York); Lt. John a Pfitsch (448 AAA - AW-Bn, APO 638, New York); Pfc. Wilson R. (Bob) Fitzpatrick (Hdq. E.B.S., APO 517, New York) and Pvt. W. E. Bill Bradford (Sqdn B, Fl.1, 17 RCO-AVN, APO 635, New York).

"Ensign Bob Johnson is with a carrier in the Atlantic fleet, and Lt. Gene Haynes is an assistant navigator aboard the battleship Alabama.

"Charles and William Arthur, Navy bombardiers, who with their bombers have smashed every Jap island before invasion, are both back in Lawrence, and Charles was married last night to Miss Ann Bowen. Both boys appeared before the War Dads at the Odd Fellows Hall last Monday evening and thrilled the war dads with their modest tales of bombing Wake, Guadalcanal, Bougainville, Truk, the Marshalls, and other unpronounceable names so far as I am concerned; but they didn't miss a single one of the Jap strongholds. The most thrilling story was recounted by Charles and Bill when they described the rescue of an American aviator who had been shot down and landed in the Truk basin. One of the fliers swooped down and picked the boy up amid the most fierce barrage that the Japs could throw at the rescuers of this boy. And