

medal was presented by Col. Henry E. Tisdale, now commanding Fort Benjamin Harrison. Mr. Nees was escorted to the stand by Capt. Robert Patterson. The citation was read by Capt. C. E. Lyon. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Nees and their four remaining sons reviewed the troops of the Air Corps Provisional Training Battalion.

"Take up our fight with the foe
To you - from failing hands we throw the torch" - - -

To show you that our citizens on the home front are keeping faith, the University of Kansas personnel did the greatest job of giving they have ever done. The faculty, employees, students, officers of the Army and Navy of this community gave a total of \$5,356.59 to the National War Fund and Community Chest drive here in Lawrence. Our total combined quota for Lawrence and Douglas County was \$29,617. As chairman of the drive for the University I deeply appreciate the loyal and even enthusiastic giving of these fine people who are backing our boys up in a most loyal way.

And to you ever-victorious basketball champions of the Big Six for 1943, I have good news. Mr. Julius Marks called me and states that the basketballs have finally arrived. We are sending these to the mothers, wives, and sweethearts of the boys as directed some months ago by these champions. I trust that when you boys get out of the service that you may proudly exhibit them as a symbol of a team that started with some disunity but finished gloriously under very, very difficult handicaps. It is the rocky road that you negotiate victoriously that causes many happy recollections of victorious struggle.

Dean Nesmith just brings in a letter from Lt. Ole F. Nesmith, V.D.1, c/o Fleet Postoffice, San Francisco, California, in which he says? "It is cool and cloudy and things are swell up above, For further comment read your daily newspapers."

From this cryptic comment we can intuitively judge that there is a lot of hate up in the sky.

And I have a letter which just arrived from Ensign Delbert Campbell, USS - LST - 241, c/o Fleet Postmaster, San Francisco, California, sending me a blank check wanting the Kansan sent to him pronto so that he might keep up with Mount Oread news. Delbert says: "We have gone 19 days without seeing land, but will arrive at port soon. Last Saturday we picked up by short wave the football score and heard K.U.U. beat Washburn."

Wishing you all happy landings, good hunting, and a victorious return, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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