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Homestead Army Air Field,  
Homestead, Florida.

Jim sends us the "Clipper", the official  
publication of the Homestead Army Air Field,  
which carries the picture of a bathing  
beauty dressed in leopard spots. First thing

we looked at were her eyes. The caption beneath the picture says, "How would you like to wake up Christmas morning and find her in your stocking? The curvaceous beauty in the bathing suit (or had you noticed the suit?) is Miss Vivian Austin of Universal pictures. Miss Austin is the possessor of 18 medals won in swimming, diving and life-saving competition." I'll bet she didn't get any of those medals from the soldiers!

Pvt. Charles R. Chapman,  
29th Training Group, Sqdn B,  
Jefferson Barracks, Mo.

Charles is the son of my old golfing partner from McLouth, Kansas, "Dutch" Chapman. I was delighted to help him get in the Air Corps.

While in Coffeyville this month at a football banquet I had the pleasure of going over to visit with Bill Huggins, the brother of Charlie Huggins, who played on Colorado's Big Seven championship basketball team two years ago. Colorado went to the finals against Stanford. Bill Huggins had some bad luck with arthritis but he is one of the most cheerful shut-ins that I have ever known and he is a living athletic encyclopedia. We are sending Bill a Rebounds and assuring him that no where have we seen exhibited more courage. Keep up the fight, Bill, you are a great soldier!

To Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Jessen, of Peabody, Kansas, who have been great loyal K. U. fans and have been responsible for sending us Hoyt Baker and Charles Moffett, two sterling all-round athletes, - we send our very best.

I wish now to acknowledge greetings from Glenn Catman, Sl/c, Athletic Dept., U.S.N.A.S., Olathe, Kansas; A/S Edward Sayers, Sqdn. 27, AFCC, Santa Ana, Calif; Miller Cameron, 347 W. Parker Blvd., Baton Rouge, La.; J. Donald Keown, 219 N. Webb., Caldwell, Kansas; the genial editor of the Southern Coach and Athlete, and basketball coach at Georgia Tech - Dwight Keith; Willard L. Winey, PhM 2/c, Hq. 1st Bn, 7th Marines, c/o Fleet Postoffice, San Francisco, Calif.; Lt. Jack M. Werts, Prov. Sqdn. F, Salt Lake Air Base, Salt Lake City, Utah; Matt Heuertz, 533 E. 6th No., Provo, Utah; and Ensign Delbert Campbell, USS - LST 241, c/o Fleet Postmaster, San Francisco, California.

I had hoped to have a Christmas edition of the diaries of the boys who made the trip to New York last year to send to the mothers, but since this did not materialize I want to give you a few excerpts of the diaries of the boys who did turn them in.

Paul Turner: "The University of Kansas Jayhawkers left Lawrence at 2 p.m. Dec. 22 on the Santa Fe railroad for the East where they were going to play four of the top basketball teams of the nation, namely: St. Bonaventure of Buffalo, Fordham U. of New York; St. Joseph's of Philadelphia; and St. Louis U. of St. Louis, Mo. Accompanied by the trainer, the publicity manager, and Dr. Allen, the squad of 13 boys were leaving for what any basketball player would call his "dream" trip.

Dec. 24. Armand, Otto and I were told that we were to have Christmas Eve dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Nelsen, in Detroit. Mrs. Nelsen is an alumna of K. U. We have many friends in common and I never felt more at home outside of my real home in my life. The Smileys and the Nelsens were very friendly. Mr. Nelsen worked for the U. S. Rubber Co. and Mr. Smiley worked at the Detroit Immigration