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Dear Bob:

Mighty happy to have your letter of the 22nd instant. I agree with you that Navy life is rugged indeed, but you will develop tremendously under it, both physically and otherwise. That otherwise means that you have got to accept all types of people that you come in contact with.

The fact that you did rottenly, as you put it, means that your opposition paid no attention to fundamentals, knocked you about and you could not use the better training that you had been taught, but out of all this jostling and knocking about that you are receiving you will develop a philosophy of battling from the word go. And this will help you when you get a little older and a little huskier.

Certainly the Big Ten plays about the roughest of any club that I know of. Please do not quote me to my Big Ten brothers because they would feel badly about such a statement, but nevertheless it is the truth.

Thanks for the article regarding the All Stars. I am on the All Star board, but this board is nothing but a promotion of the Chicago Herald American. I receive letters from Harry Wilson regularly, and he is a nice fellow, but when the Chicago Tribune promoted the All Star football game, the Herald American promoted the All Star basketball game, so it is a promotional project.

I will not write you a long letter. I noticed that Tony Hinkle, as I read it, was lined up for active sea duty. Lt. Buhl of our V-12 group, says he is expecting overseas duty in the very near future. All of the big boys are going to be moved from place to place to take care of our little brown brothers over in the isles.

I will pass on the good word regarding your company commander to Ernie Quigley. Yes, I remember having met your commanding officer. Give him my regards. I am glad you like him. I will also extend your congratulations to Coach Shenk, who feels a lot better than he did