

Concentrate on trig. You will be way ahead of the boys. Too many of these boys in the Army life, when they get through drilling, think the war for that day is over. I have seen too many of the fellows who spend more time killing time than anything else. They were like the old hobo who "was so tired doing nothing that he was too tired to do anything else." I have seen a lot of them plop down on their cots and rest when they could have been improving themselves. The fact that you are organizing your softball team and working in the other activities makes many valuable contacts for you. Officers are very quick to note the fellows who do their jobs in acceptable manners and they pass those observations on to the superior officers, and the first thing a fellow knows he is on the way up.

Murray is a great fellow and I am glad that he writes you. He and Mit and Bob played golf together the other day. I did not get a chance to play with them. Bob is here until July 18 when he goes back for his first trimester in sophomore medicine. He brought his microscope and some of his books home to keep pretty vigilant on the job. He seems to like his work exceptionally well and he is of course very serious in the job that he is doing. He is quite a dependable chap. It is a real pleasure to see a fellow who will take his peace-time responsibilities in stride and comparable to many of the boys who have war responsibilities and are taking those in a serious vein.

Gwinn Henry is back from his three weeks vacation in Texas. Bill Replogle is at Yellowstone Park as a Ranger, and Vic Hurt is taking his sojourns into Kansas towns and cities looking for boys who are seeking an education but who incidentally have strong gastrocnemius muscles. I think it will be a little more difficult for some of these boys who only want to play football to get their three squares a day without doing something for them. Bill Hargiss is about town and improving somewhat his crippled leg condition.

Neen Nesmith is working out at the Sunflower Ordnance plant. He is foreman in a lumber gang and they raised his pay 80¢ on the hour when he got that job. He was getting 85¢ to start with. Max Kissell and the rest of the football and basketball players got on with the Ordnance gang, but Max contracted pneumonia ten days ago and has been in the hospital. But yesterday he was out and thought he would be able to go back to work in a week. John Buescher, Jack Ballard, Charlie Black and the rest of the chaps are working there and doing pretty well. I hope they save enough money so they will not be in straightened circumstances this fall. Of course, many of these boys will be called, undoubtedly, because the picture at Tobruk and its extended lines is not too reassuring. But the Russians are playing for keeps and they are taking a heavy toll of the Germans. I am sure that when you try to take a fellow's land away from him if he has got