

Sporting Comment

Dutch Stamberger Is Passing the Ammunition....The Distinguished Flying Cross to K. U.'s Charlie Black.

(By The Star's Sports Editor.)

CHANCES are that Dutch Stamberger, former golf pro at Old Mission, has done his share of praising the Lord. We don't know about that, but we do know that Dutch has been passing the ammunition.

In a letter to our Roy Johnson, Dutch says as much.

"Since we are permitted to tell something of our experiences up to March 1 maybe you'll be interested in some of them," Dutch writes. "We have made two raids on Tokyo, which were the first ever made there by carriers. In one of them we got so close we began to think maybe we would get 'liberty' there and made preparations to visit Tokyo Rose. Also during the month we covered Iwo Jima and made a raid on Okinawa . . . I have a gun mount during battle where I help pass the ammunition, so I get to see a lot of action . . . One thing we all know out here is that these navy pilots sure are good. For every one we lose the Japs pay many times with their own planes."

Mr. Johnson surmises that when Dutch returns there'll be many a buzz party in the locker rooms at Old Mission.

His Scoring Is Still High.

CHARLIE BLACK is still doing a mighty good job.

It wasn't so long ago that Charlie was one of Phog Allen's Greats in K. U. basketball. Since then he has been in a far tougher game, but he still delivers in the clutches as he used to do for the Jayhawkers.

Testimony in support of that may be found in a letter to Charlie's mother in Lawrence. Under date of April 12 and signed by Brig. Gen. B. W. Chidlaw from the headquarters of the 12th air force the letter read:



CAPT. CHARLES BLACK.

He is still doing a first class job.

"It is with pride that I take this opportunity to write and tell you that your son, First Lieut. Charles B. Black, jr., has earned the Distinguished Flying Cross for superior performance of duty in action against the enemy.

"Despite a heavy overcast which forced him to fly at minimum altitude and through accurate enemy ground fire, Lieutenant Black made repeated photo runs over vital enemy targets, thereby contributing greatly to subsequent tactical operations.

"His courageous act richly merits this high honor and I share with you the pride I know you feel. Airmen like your son, by their great courage and perseverance, maintain peak standards of combat efficiency and encourage the devotion to duty which marked our progress toward ultimate victory."

Lieutenant—make it captain, for promotion has come to the lieutenant since the letter of his commanding general—Black is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Black, 1709 Louisiana street, Lawrence. Mr. Black works for the Stewart-Warner Alemite company of this city. As we recall, Captain Black has another year of collegiate athletic competition and your guess is as good as ours as to whether Phog would like to have him back.

Captain Black's wife and daughter, the latter 4 months old, live in Kansas City. The airman has not seen his daughter.

C. E. McBRIDE.