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they met John Kimbrough's team and were beaten 0-7 but Moon said they stopped Big John cold. Moon said Greathouse (Myrle Greathouse, wounded on Guam) tried out for the team but on account of his injury (shot through legs) couldn't make it yet. I also had a letter from Tom Rousey (another marine hoopster). He went all through Palau and said it was really hell. Said he got through okay but accidentally fell into a fox hole and skinned his face up."....Shorts....Lt. Lonny Chapman, our Oklahoma AAU mile champ three years ago, got his gold bars at Quantico, after going through Guadacanal, whipping malaria. Lonny's buddy, Lt. Jon "Big John" Sharp, now a pilot still operating in the air over Belgium, writes that he is "still alive and in excellent health."....Eldon Ferguson, our crosscountry rambler from Tulsa, and Ivan Evans, ditto, from Putnam City, AAF reserves recently called, are at Keesler Field, Miss. They report that "everybody has a cold down here due to the climate. 't's known as 'Mississippi Misery' or 'Keesler T.B. Instructors who have been here two and three years say they have never gotten rid of their colds.".... Keesler is pretty close to Louisiana which reminds of a good story. A sentry marches daily around the tomb of deceased governor Huey Long, erstwhile dictator of Louisiana. A spectator asked the sentry what he was trying to do patrolling the place, keep people from getting into Huey's tomb? "Hell no," the sentry is said to have replied, "I'm here to see that Huey don't get out."....Lt. Frank Spence has been moved from Ireland to England. "I've seen a few of the buzz bombs and several shot down by fighter planes at night. I always stand close to a nice shelter when I am cheering on the fighter planes," Red wrote, "I miss the beautiful ~~Irish~~ Irish scenery, hospitality and steaks and eggs but I still can't complain because I'm not sleeping in a fox hole."....Lt. (jg) Al O'Horwitz, our rassling Hebrew, is now asst. public relations director at Norfolk after several months service in the Italian, Indian and Southern France theaters (with amphib)....Bill Van Dyke, with the Navy at Honolulu, was married to a California girl recently....Novel Wood, our big center of '38-39-40, is now a major with a bombing squadron in the Pacific.... Capt. Johnny Jacobs jr., son of the Sooner track coach, now has a NY APO....Mitch Shadid is now at Lemoore, Calif....Lt. Pete Cawthon is back at Camp Hood, Texas.... Lt. (jg) Dick Smethers, our four-time Big Six 2-mile champ, recently got a 40-day leave after 17 months as executive officer of a mine sweeper in the Aleutions. What did he do after arriving but have to have his appendix cut out at the Navy hospital at Norman. Three weeks later he checked out a track suit from Wake and was running on the roads....He is now at a minecraft training center in Virginia....Andy "Cueball" Cary, our Big Six 880 outdoor champ from Duncan (first freshman ever to win a Big Six running title), is now an ensign at Fort Pierce, Fla., living in a tent on the beaches....Lt. (jg) Paul Updegraff, No. 1 Sooner sports fan now in the Navy, recently developed pneumonia at Gulfport, Miss. (there goes that Mississippi Misery again) but recovered and is now at Armed Guard school in Norfolk....Major Horace "Happy" Poole sent a Christmas card from Europe. He is with a troop carrier wing....George Boudreau now has a Frisco FPO....Please give us your address changes as promptly as possible and also send us chatter about yourselves and any other Sooners you see....every guy overseas will get his stuff mailed to him air mail.

CLEANING UP FOOTBALL....Oklahoma this year won its second Big Six conference title in a row and kept inviolate a string of 13 consecutive conference games without defeat....No Big Six team has licked us since Nebraska put over that 7-0 deal here in 1942....Thurman Tigart, our guard, made the Omaha World-Herald's all-Big Six.... The Sooners played hull-gull football this autumn, breaking a 25-year record by scoring 227 points and 34 touchdowns, the most Oklahoma has made in a single season since 1919....However Oklahoma this year permitted her opponents an all-time record high of 149 points and 22 touchdowns and football at Norman was 50 years old this fall....The 6-28 defeat to Jim Lookabaugh's Oklahoma Aggies was our first loss to an Aggie team in eleven years, since Lynn Waldorf's Farmers walloped us here in 1933 by a score of 13-0....after the season, Oklahoma turned down a bid to meet the Second Air Force Super-bombers in the Sun Bowl at El Paso, Tex....Dale Arbuckl said, after refusing the bid, "The Navy's 48-hour rule forbade our playing it (most of our boys are V-12s and NROTCs). Besides our squad is tired from its long, hard