

time comes, and only by practicing these hardships are you going to be able to make correct decisions when your head is in a swim.

You are a good, average, ordinary American boy, raised in a fine home. You have fine parents, Bob, parents who worked hard for the money to send you to Culver so that you might improve yourself - not that you might improve your parents. You think this over and figure how much you owe your parents and then you pay them back by just good, ordinary behavior. This will make them happier than anything that you can do. I know you will do it, Bob, and I know you can take it. But be sure that your associations are with boys who believe in construction and not in petty bickering because the food isn't just what every boy would desire.

In closing, Bob, put yourself in the place of the chef. Suppose you had to prepare the meals for the boys. The first thing that would be thought of is to give you muscle building food, give you a proper balance in diet so that you would be a healthy, strong boy able to repel disease. Maybe you wouldn't make it as tasty as some of the boys would like it. But you would send the boys back home with good bodies, better courage and more strength to carry on. Think this over, Bob, and I know that you will want to associate with a pal who knows what law and order are.

And lastly, put yourself in the position of that lieutenant who caught you leaving someone else's tent after taps had blown. Remember, Bob, that if this had been over in Sicily you would have been shot going from one tent to the other. That is how tough discipline becomes when war is on. And lastly, Bob, remember this - the brave man is a man who is not afraid to say the things to a man's face rather than to write a letter and not sign it. All through the years men have disliked that sort of threat.

But, Bob, you have strength of character, you have a fine brain, but somebody got you on the wrong track for the moment. Get right and stay right. You will thank your friends and your advisers at Culver a thousand times for trying to show you the principles of sportsmanship and character that you some day will teach some other boy. To be a Culver man is to be a man. Nothing finer could be.

Sincerely, Your Uncle,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH