

in my spare moments. I also have a large refreshment hall and a nice ice cream parlor. Five thousand men or thereabouts visit this large center every day. It is a terrific boost to their morale -- fighting men off the ship who come here and play, relax, eat ice cream and rest up. Admiral Nimitz stated the place is worth five battleships. I am carrying on and enjoying the work immensely. It is seven days a week and as much as 15 hours a day. The men come as early as 5:30 for a pre-breakfast work out, and often come back at night."

Congratulations to Roland Logan and the fine work that he is doing. He was always the life of any party. On football trips as a player he always led the singing, and as trainer of the teams he had the boys in high spirits as they gathered around the piano at the hotel or wherever they might be.

In my Jayhawk Rebounds letter to our service boys, as of February 15, we published a letter from Captain Fox Durand of the Marines, one of our old varsity basketball and track stars. He states, "I was roughly indoctrinated into action on November 20th when I landed in the assault wave against the Japs at Tarawa. After having my landing craft shot out from under me when 100 yards from the beach, I spent nearly two hours swimming in the water before reaching shore. These Japs are worthy opponents and we Marines don't underestimate them. I was lucky to survive since about half of those in my craft were killed and several others wounded. At present we are in a rest camp, so called, where we are again undertaking strenuous training in preparation for the next operation. We manage to work a couple of hours in our daily schedule for athletics and have organized basketball, baseball and volleyball teams."

This morning Coach Henry Shenk received a letter from Captain Durand. This letter, dated March 1st, states, "We are now at a base camp training hard but also enjoying a lot of good sun and surf bathing. The temperature is mild enough that we never wear shirts and use only one or two blankets at night. We are far removed from a town and therefore removed from all dissipation, so all of us are really getting in tip top shape. I weight 195 pounds at present."