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Dear "Phog"....

Thanks a lot for putting me on your mailing list to receive the JAYHAWK REBOUNDS. I often had wondered where Charlie Black, Gordon Gray, Maurice Holden, Horace Mason, et al, had finally landed. Their names brought back pleasant memories.

You are doing a grand job with the letter and believe me I know how much it is appreciated. Letters from home or news from our friends come first to a service man.

I was glad to get the K.U. football schedule and also was happy to see a couple of games with Washburn. Wish I could get home for a game or too, but it looks rather doubtful now. If nothing happens, however, I'll get back to see your basketball team in action.

I'm afraid my sports menu will be rather slim this season. Most of the foot ball games down here will be played in the daytime, because of the blackout, and it will be difficult for me to officiate or to be a spectator in the day time.

Since joining the army I have been in seven camps and have traveled nearly 7,000 miles. During the past five months, I've never been in one camp more than two months. Being permanently stationed here is a relief. My hours are good---8 am. 'til 5 pm--and my wife joins me in ten days. We'll live in Miami until I'm transferred or make that long trip. At present, I'm waiting to go before the OCS board.

The war news looks good and let's pray we'll all be home before long and that the lights will go on again in a peaceful world. Thanks again for everything and give my regards to all.

With all good wishes,

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