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Correspondence . . .

5 July 1945

Dear Sir:

At this time I desire to submit my correct address and to report my marriage of June 3, 1945, to Rene Edward DuBois, M.I.T., class of '40. Our marriage took place in the Holy Ghost Chapel, Manila, Philippine Islands, and amidst all the devastation of Manila I managed to find a Chinese wedding veil and have a wedding dress of white parachute.

I have been with the American Red Cross overseas for 13 months and for the past six months have been attached to the 380th Bomb group.

I wish to close with mention of your letters from Ted Beaird to us over here; it was great hearing about our former fellow students.

Sincerely,

ELIZABETH PATTON DuBOIS, '39drama
American Red Cross
A.P.O., San Francisco.

17 July 1945

Dear Mr. Beaird:

I've shifted oceans now as the Navy feels it has more needs out here than it does in the Atlantic at present. They might have something there.

I get a big bang out of reading about the Sooners who are out here. I know where a lot of them are, but I always seem to be where they aren't.

Since you're the most logical person I could think of to write for information I'm dropping you a line. I want to know something about an educational organization in Chicago which advocates a complete education through a series of books and examinations on those books. If I can get the name of the organization that will be sufficient.

Universities are in for some tough problems after this war. There is going to be a demand for lots of really serious education. There is going to be even a greater necessity than there will be demand. It's indeed fortunate that O.U. has a few like yourself who will be able to see the problems of the servicemen before they get back. I'm continually surprised by the enlisted man's desire and willingness to acquire more knowledge.

Sincerely,

JOHN LEAKE, '41-'44
Lt. (jg), U.S. Navy
F.P.O., San Francisco.

13 June 1945

Dear President Cross:

It is good to know that some work of this kind (veterans' rehabilitation) is being done by the University.

Largely the people of the United States fail to realize the significance of their excellent school opportunities until they have an opportunity to see the public schools of Europe. I am very proud of our educational system, and the work you are doing while the war is still in progress.

Sincerely,

J. ERNEST BAKER, '37m.ed
Maj., A.A.F.
A.P.O., New York.

11 June 1945

Dear Ted:

I've just read an overseas news letter signed by Benedum but containing an article by you and it set me to reminiscing.

My most vivid memory of you is when, as chairman, you distributed the ballots from the judges in the finals of the high school debating tournament in 1930 when Enid defeated us (Miami) by a score of 3-2. Since then your name has been associated with a series of pleasant recollections of the school that means more to me than any I have ever attended. I am receiving the *Sooner Magazine* regularly and particularly enjoy those articles that tell me what my old friends are doing.

Keep up the good work, Ted. I doubt if you realize how strong an influence you are in tying the alumni together. We who are now widely separated realize it more and more.

I am on the staff of the chief Ordnance officer of the theater. My work has largely been in the field, however, and as a result I've really seen the country. In England from Glasgow to Southampton and Plymouth to Edinburg. On the continent from Cherbourg to Marseille to Nurnberg to Antwerp mostly in a jeep. Occasionally a Cub or a C-47. It's been hard work but interesting since I think I've seen as much of why we won the war as anyone over here.

Lt. Col. Rollin C. Boyles, '25, is on the same staff in charge of the assembly and storage of all vehicles received in the theater. Capt. Thomas P. Ryan, '42eng, was here for a while working in ammunition but is now back at Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth. Lt. Col. Paul Reeve, '37eng, is in the industrial division while Lt. Col. Nathan B. Chennault, Jr., '37eng, is in planning. Ran into Capt. Nathan Anderson, '39eng, as I was coming in on a plane from Germany. Nathan is now stationed at Rheims with the assembly area command.

Saw Col. George Shirk, '36law, at the sales store in Paris. He is doing a swell job in Special Services in Hq. Com. Z. Lt. Col. S. E. Lollis, '38eng, is now at Mannheim but is hoping to get home soon, as he has 133 points. I hear occasionally from Maj. Marvin F. Owens, '37eng, who is now on the Pacific coast. His brother, Maj. Ben T. Owens, '40ba, Marines, married my sister, Mary Grace, and is now back in the Pacific theater, having had a furlough in the United States after 26 months in the Pacific.

The above are only a small part of the gang I would like to see, but in lieu thereof enjoy reading about them.

Sincerely,

JOHN R. WALLACE, '34ba
Lt. Col.
A.P.O., New York City.

June 5, 1945

Dear Mr. Beaird:

Your letter, accompanied by several back issues of the *Sooner Magazine*, reached me a few days ago in San Francisco, and you will never realize

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The Cover

In preparation for the 1945 football season, Coach "Snorter" Luster and two of his boys spend a hot summer afternoon cogitating over movies demonstrating plays and tactics. From left to right: John Harley, end, Navy trainee from Tulsa, Thurman Tigert, guard from Amarillo, Texas, and Coach Luster.

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