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Mr. Louis Keefer  
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Dear Mr. Keefer:

Your letter re: the Providence College Army Specialized Training Program unit was turned over to me. Enclosed is information that might at least get you started on revising your book Scholars in Foxholes. I must admit that I have not yet read it, but I have a copy through inter-library loan. It looks very well documented and readable, too, and I am sure the school would be pleased to be included in your updated version.

Included here are:

- 1.) Rosters-note Company A lists only 1 team. I don't know if there were 2 teams as there were with Company B.
- 2.) 1945 Veritas. The school newspaper had ceased publication by the time of ASTP Activation. The Veritas, the school yearbook, concentrates mostly on the (very small number of) Providence College undergraduate students, but there is the enclosed page devoted to ASTP. We have most of the photographs used here.
- 3.) Fort Friar Crier, a mimeographed newsletter, was prepared by one of the faculty and mailed primarily to Providence College Alumni and dealt with alumni rather than ASTP.
- 4.) The local press, especially The Providence Journal, did cover the goings on here quite nicely. The human interest story of January 16, 1944, is interesting. We do not have these photos.
- 5.) Report by the College of Arts and Sciences Dean Arthur H. Chandler, O.P., to the President of the College John Jordan Dillon, O.P., July 17, 1944.

I didn't bother to include anything from the College of Alumni Association bulletins, for they really did not deal with this in much depth.

It may interest you to know that there is an effort underway to have a 1998 reunion of the Providence College unit. The following person contacted the records office for a roster:

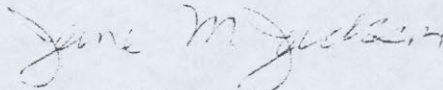
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He would probably be a good person to start the interview process.

If you need any further information on the Providence College Program, please do not hesitate to contact me at the above address or at (401) 865-2377.

With best wishes for the success of your search, I am

Sincerely,



Jane M. Jackson  
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