

Moyer, Carl W.

Former High Student, Now Army Officer, Urges Physical Training

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William G. Stark, instructor in the YMCA wrestling and judo course which will open at the Liberty High School gymnasium Monday at 7 p. m., declared that he was more than willing to give his time, training and experience to help train young men in the art of self-defense, especially those who will soon be in the armed forces.

Mr. Stark expressed the belief that nothing would prepare young men better for their military experience than to get into this course which will develop both their general condition and give them specialized training in how to handle themselves in close combat.

He declared that this is not theory but has been proved in the experience of the boys who are "out there" fighting now.

In a letter received recently by Mr. Stark from Lt. Carl W. Moyer, a former Liberty High School student and athlete, the young officer tells how the boys "out there" are benefitting from athletic training

received at school. He is a paratrooper in Gen. Douglas MacArthur's forces. In part he wrote:

"Previous to our paratrooping on the 20,000 Japs last September, as you might have read about, we had our own unit football team, nine officers and two sergeants. I played tackle. We also had a soccer team that played the Aussies, but the Aussie can play the game, and he was the winner. We used these sports to keep us in shape, and a month to the day we were ready for the biggest game.

"We are the 'Real Athletes of the Sky' and some people back there call us 'The Wild Men from Heaven' and the Air Corps calls us 'The Glamor Boys of the Infantry.' But to ourselves we are the best and the 'Real All-American' team that will parachute to the streets of Tokio and be the first to avenge in the hand-to-hand American way what the Japs have done. We did it before and we can do it again.

"This is one man you trained right, 'Bill,' and I sure hope that I can continue to never forget."

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