Col. L.E. Hibbs West Point Military Academy West Point, New York

Dear Col. Hibbs:

I am confirming my wire of even date as follows:

"Railroad routing us Buffalo, Alabany, arrive West Point 9:20 morning 26th. Thank you for gracious hospitality."

I want you to know how very gracious you have been in making our stay both educational, profitable and socially pleasant.

I immediately took the matter up with the railroad and on account of the condition of the weather at this time, they have planned to route us from Buffalo to Albany and we will come down on your side of the river.

We are looking forward to having the extreme pleasure of meeting you.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation Varsity Basketball Coach LAWRENCE, KANSAS DECEMBER 18, 1940

WIRE

COLONEL L.E. HIBBS
WEST POINT MILITARY ACADEMY
WEST POINT, NEW YORK

RAILROAD ROUTING US BUFFALO, ALABANY, ARRIVE WEST POINT 9:20
MORNING 26th. THANK YOU FOR GRACIOUS HOSPITALITY

Forrest C. Allen

January 4, 1941 Col. L.E. Hibbs Graduate Manager of Athletics U.S. Military Academy West Point, New York Dear Col. Hibbs: May I take this means of expressing to you our deep gratification for the splendid hospitality you and your aides showed us when our University of Kansas Basketball Squad visited the Academy. In thinking of Major O.K. Niess, Medical Officer of the Squad; Capt. Ed. Messenger, Officer in Charge of Basketball; and Roland Logan, Head Trainer, it seemed as if each outmatched the other in endeavoring to serve us. All of us were tremendously impressed and I want you to know that at no place in our travels did we receive such cordiality. We were sorry indeed that we did not have the pleasure of meeting you in person, but you had things so well organized that there was not a moment's delay in giving us far more than we deserved, but at the same time it made us especially happy to be in the hands of such good hosts. Again thanking you and wishing for you and yours a Happy and Prosperous New Year, I am, Sincerely yours, Director of Physical Education and Recreation Varsity Basketball Coach FCA:1g

Mr. Roland Logan Head Trainer of Athletic Team U.S. Military Academy West Point, New York

Dear Roland:

I have finished a letter of gratitude to Cole L.E. Hibbs, Major C.K. Niess and Capt. Ed. Messenger, thanking them for their exceptional hospitality to us while we were at the U.S. Military Academy.

This letter would not be complete without expressing to you the feeling of our boys when they said that they not only thought you were a regular fellow, but you even went out of your way to show them the best hospitality that they had seen on the trip. The trip to the Academy will always be a high-light that will thrill the boys to their dying day.

There is something about that historic structure there at the Point that gives every American youth an exalted feeling. Through the many years great heroes have emerged from the Military Academy and stood out as beacon lights to these young Americans so that they consider it a great benefit to be in such an environment, if only for a short while.

The fact that these graduates of the Academy who have become officers are of such fine and genteel fiber, so commonplace and easy to get acquainted with that the boys were enraptured with them, caused the team to vote them the best of American goods.

While the students at the Academy go through this strenuous life, I know that they perhaps feel that it is a very hard grind, but there are compensations in all the hard struggling they undergo. No civilian ever visits the Academy, I am sure, without paying a silent and deep debt to these men who through their courage and sacrifice exalt and lift up the mind of those visitors.

Roland, I want to thank you personally for all the fine things you did for us. If at any time I can be of any service to you in any way I will be happy to have you call on me.

Until that debt is paid I wish you a Very Happy and Prosperous New Year. My kindest regards to your family.

Sincerely yours,

### SEEN IN NEW YORK

Dr. and Mrs. Geo. A. Esterly, 2216 Massachusetts, Lawrence, Kansas

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Mrs. Bradbury Thompson- - - 11 W. 69th Street, New York City (Miss Della Deen Dodge)

## SEEN IN PHILADELPHIA

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Reed, 12 Park Place, Swarthmore, Pa.

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Lewis Davidson

Bus: 4318 Chicago Ave., Chicago

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Expenses of Kansas Basketball Squad to Chicago, New York, Philadelphia and Chicago, the team playing in New York, Philadelphia and Chicago on December 28, 30 and January 2, 1941

The Squad left Lawrence, Kansas December 23, going by way of Chicago, staying there overnight, Ann Arbor overnight, on to Niagara Falls and Buffalo, then by pullman to West Point and on to New York City by chaircar. Then to Philadelphia, Washington, D.C. and Chicago, returning to Lawrence January 3, 1941.

The Squad was gone for 12 days and the following men made the trip:

Coach Allen; Trainer Nesmith; Players: Engleman, Allen, Kline, Hogben,

Sollenberger, Sanneman, Buescher, Johnson, Hunter, Hall, Miller, Walker and

Arnold.

\$51.60) effecting a saving of \$19.50 per person between the first-class regular fare of \$71.50, which totals for 15 boys a saving of \$298.50, it is easily recognized that by the many station changes that were necessary in this mode of travel that the expense of service and luggage handling, which had to do with checking and red cap service, would perhaps be rather high.

Each boy carried his own playing equipment in a special athletic handbag. His own personal belongings as well as additional athletic equipment was also carried. There were 51 separate pieces of equipment to be transported. This is mentioned because ordinarily when an athletic team travels, trunk and luggage equipment is checked through the baggage car. It was impossible to handle this in the usual way on account of the type of train service that we used. However, when it is considered that there was a total saving of \$298.50, there is still quite a substantial net saving.

The trip was contemplated as an educational venture as well as an athletic contest and incidentally, the thought of making a handsome net profit was also seriously considered.

Some of the important points under consideration was the desire to have the boys stop at the University of Michigan to visit Mr. Yost and to see the wonderful plant there. For many of the boys it would not be possible to see a large University during their intercollegiate career. It was necessary to stop in Chicago overnight enroute to the East to make better chair car connections. Then the trip through Canada, giving the boys the experience of traveling on foreign soil, the wonders of Niagara, the exaultation of the United States
Military Academy at West Point, the Liberty Bell at Independence Hall, Washington,
D.C., with the F.B.I. Building was stimulating. And then the experiences
of New York, Radio City, and other Washington, D.C. tours, etc. made an educational tour that perhaps was worth the trip from an educational standpoint.

Another item of additional expense was the fact that Mr. Bob Reed, a very enthusiastic alumnus of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, suggested that we come to Swarthmore, Pennsylvania where we would be near the Swarthmore Field House to work out before our game with Temple. While in New York it was not possible to use the Garden and we were forced to go to the West Side YMCA, clear across New York City, to practice. No practice courts is always one of the drawbacks of such a trip. It was necessary to take the train to Swarthmore Sunday night, then we returned for Monday's tour of Philadelphia, Independence Hall, etc. Then returning to Swarthmore for hotel we chartered a bus into Philadelphia for the game; then back to Swarthmore; then taxied from Swarthmore the next day eight or ten miles to Chester, Pennsylvania to catch a train to Washington, D.C.

But with all the additional expense a very fine trip was had and a net profit of over two thousand dollars was made on the trip, which we consider substantial.

While we were gone but twelve days the fact that the team played three games enroute and upon each game day the Squad ate four meals each of these days, this is equivalent to thirteen actual days of eating expense.

# February 1, 1941

Coach Willis "Bill" Statson Director of Athletics Swarthmore College Swarthmore, Pennsylvania

Dear Bill:

You would think that I did not appreciate your good letter written on January 4 from the way I have answered you, but the fact of the matter is that I very much enjoyed your kind epistle, and I wish that I had the time to write you a long letter today, but as is usual we are making ready now to travel down to the University of Wichita and play one of those schools that the boys do not get pepped up much about, but one that is rather difficult to whip.

We have just finished our semester examinations and our first conference game in the new semester is with the University of Nebraska, an altitudenous, gangling and aggressive group of cornhuskers. Their center is 6.8 and they have two burly guards, Fitz and Held, each 6.4; the other two are barely 6. tall so you can imagine our toiling bunch of underlings will have a whale of a job trying to whiddle two big boys down to their size.

Thank you, Bill for the kind things you had to say in your letter regarding our visit East. I want you to know that all of our boys, as well as Mrs. Allen and Eleanor, certainly enjoyed the stay at Swarthmore, and our visit with your levely family. We were all in leve with your levely wife and I want you to know that I thought Mrs. Statson's mether was about the sweetest mether-in-law we had seen.

We got a great wallop out of visiting with your family and if you people ever come west we will be disappointed if you do not drop by the Allen household at 801 Louisiana Street and visit us.

When you see Bob Reed give him my regards and someday I am going to write him and tell him what a swell host he is, but I am so far behind in my correspondence that I am going to have to wait until I get caught up with some duties that are already far in arrears.

Here's wishing you lots of success, Bill. I hope you will clean them up.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation Varsity Basketball Coach ATHLETICS

Jan. 4, 1941

Dear Dr. Allen:

Congratulations on beating Loyola! From the score I saw in our Japens it must have been a thriller. At least you got home with one game in your favor and that was what you hoped you might salvage.

Perhaps from the Standpoint of your basherball season the trips was fruitless but I personally am mighty glad you came east. I surely enjoyed the time spent with you and your boys and lovely Januily. It was an experience I shall long remember with foud thoughts. Having read your "Bashetback Bible " and " Better Bashetball", it was a really fine privilege to shake hands and chat with the man Who wrote those books. No docebt you, mis. allen, Eleanor, and the boys

lujoyed your day in Washington, in spite of the Lewo auxions moments while locating the women of the party! It was certainly grand that you included the nation's capital in the trip for the boys. In a few days my collège team will reassemble and will get under way once more. It seems lette we play three bashetball slasons at Swarthmore. We get under way and Kmas vacation comes, then we play Jour games and mid-year exams cause a lay-off for two weeks; then We Complete the year. I surecely trust that the boys will come through for you in your Conference. I feel sure they will for they are certainly a scrappy bunch. This Stelson joins me in wishing you good luck and nauts to Le remembered & all of you. Sive my regards to mr. allen, Eleanor and Bob and here's hoping Bob Chooses Min. of Gennsylvania medical School, Then we'll Del Domething of him next year. Best rushes & you de Allen, and should you be able to find a few space moments, let me hear from you. Sincerely, Hillis (Bill) Stetson

Coach Willis Stetson Swarthmore College Swarthmore, Pennsylvania

Dear Coach Stetson:

has been received.

Dr. Allen is out of town at the present time but as soon as he returns your letter will be brought to his attention.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Porrest C. Allen

January 10, 1941

Mr. E.J. Medart c/o Fred Medart Manufacturing Co. St. Louis, Missouri

Dear B.J.:

Thank you very much for sending me the clipping from the New York Times.

We had a splendid trip and although we only won one out of three games, the educational value of our trip was beyond question. However, the boys had the flu and are still having it.

We have no great outfit this year due to the fact that we lost some of our key men last year and have not been able to replace them.

Thank you again for your thoughtfulness in sending me the clipping.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation Varsity Basketball Coach

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Jan. 7. 1941

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in anclosed news item from

N. y. Times if you have

not already been it.

Regards

G. J. Medait

Mr. Robert B. Hill, Manager Pennsylvania Farmer 7301 Penn Avenue Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Bobs

I am rather late in acknowledging your very nice letter of January 3, thanking us for the good time that we tried to show you, but which we failed to do by not whipping Temple.

However, it was good to see you, Irone and little Patricia.

Thank you for your good wishes and I assure you that ours are reciprocal for the Hills.

Sincerely yours,

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January 3, 1941

Dr. and Mrs. Forrest G. Allen Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Doctor and Mrs. Allen:

Irene, Patricia and I appreciate very much your thoughtfulness in providing tickets for us to the Kansas-Temple game. It was good to see you both looking so well, and we have written Mary to that effect.

The Hills wish you all the best for 1941, and I am confident, Doc, that you'll hang up another conference championship this year.

Lots of luck.

Sincerely yours,

Robert B. Hill

Mr. Fielding H. Yost Director of Athletics University of Michigan Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dear Mr. Yost:

I desire to thank you personally and on behalf of our Varsity Basketball Squad of the University of Kansas for your generous entertainment of our boys when we visited your great University of Michigan. The boys were deeply impressed with the great institution that you have there.

They also were indebted to you for your kindness in coming down and having a short chat with them. Your great record here at the University of Kansas before you established one of the greatest records at the University of Michigan has been known to each and all of them. For that reason it was mighty nice of you to do the things that you did, and it made a very indelible impression upon our young men.

We enjoyed our stay with you very much, and although we did not win but one of our three games. I am very sure that the travel experience of these boys far outweighed the benefit of the victories even should we have won all of the games.

For that reason I am thanking you sincerely and wishing for you and yours a Most Prespercus and Happy New Year for 1941.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation Varsity Basketball Coach

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December 27, 1940

Dr. Forrest C. Allen Coach, Kansas University Basket Ball Team c/o Director of Athletics Temple University Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Dr. Allen:

I have your letter of December 23rd in which you say that you and your Basketball Team expect to be in Washington on December 31st. I shall, of course, look forward to seeing you and it will be a pleasure to help you and the boys in every way I can.

I am not so sure that December 31st will be a good day to visit the government departments. The departments were all closed the day before Christmas and there seems to be a likelihood that the President may issue an order giving employees a vacation the day before New Years, though the order has not yet been issued. If the departments are not working, it will, of course, not be possible for you to visit the various buildings. I will say, however, that I called Mr. Hoover, Director of the F.B.I., and he said that if you should get here in the forenoon he would be glad to see that you were give the tour of his Bureau even though the departments might be nominally closed. I enclose a letter addressed to Mr. Hoover. His office will be looking for you because of my call, but I think it would be well for you to have a formal letter anyway.

I do not know what your plans are, of course, but hope you will not hesitate to call on me for

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anything I can do and, as I said before, I am looking forward to having a visit with you and the boys while you are in town.

With kindest regards, I am

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Mr. Fielding H. Yost Director of Athletics University of Michigan Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dear Mr. Yost:

It was very gracious of you to offer us the athletic facilities of the University of Michigan.

There will be fifteen in our party and we will avail ourselves of the large dormitory style room at \$1.00 per man; so if you will call the Union we will appreciate it very very much.

We will arrive in Ann Arbor over the Michigan Central at 2:23 P.M., December 24. We are leaving Chicago that morning at 9:15 A.M. We will taxi directly to the Union, then we will get in touch with you. We will inquire at the Union desk for any necessary message you might have left for us.

The Kansas team will be able to work out anytime after 3:30, and since we stay all night at Ann Arbor, if this time is not suitable or if the courts are not available, we can practice anytime that is convenient. Of course, I assume your University will not be in session so doubtless you can make some arrangement for us to work. The basketball court in the Sports Building will be splendid for us. Thank you very much.

Mrs. Allen and my daughter, Eleanor, who is a sophomore in the College, will be with us as we go east. Therefore, I would appreciate it if you would make reservations in the Union Building for a single room for Mrs. Allen and my daughter.

Again thanking you for your graciousness and hoping to see you soon, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation Varsity Basketball Coach

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