

August 13, 1945

Mr. Gene Anderson  
252 N. Eighth Street  
Salina, Kansas

Dear Gene:

I am sorry that our athletic director, E. C. Quigley, was not able to call upon you last weekend. I put in a phone call for Dan Bolen to inform him of Mr. Quigley's illness, but found that he was out of town. This afternoon I was able to talk with Mr. Bolen and explain the matter to him. He doubtless has already transmitted this information to you.

I asked him to call you telling you that I would come up now but this week we are finishing our eight weeks summer session and I am teaching in summer school. Therefore, I will have to wait until this school work is over, but I want you to know that I am anxious to talk with you and interest you in the University of Kansas. I want to explain how we can place you in a job here at the University which will enable you to get a fine education and at the same time permit you to play on a good Kansas basketball team.

Won't you write me and tell me where you are working in Salina, so that I may arrange a trip over your way? Of course, I want to talk with your family as I want them to know the arrangements that we can make in your behalf.

Mr. Quigley's illness will prevent his getting out to see you as he will be confined quite some time here. With all good wishes I am

Sincerely,

Forrest C. Allen  
Director, Physical Education  
Varsity Basketball Coach

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cc: E. C. Quigley  
Dan Bolen



August 14, 1945

Mark J. Alexander  
Lt. Col., Infantry  
Actg. Asst. Comdt.  
Headquarters, Parachute School  
Fort Benning, Georgia

Dear Mark:

I am happy to acknowledge your letter of August 9 and to assure you that anything that I can do for you at any time will most cheerfully be done.

Call upon me at any time. With continued good wishes for your every success, I am

Sincerely,

Forrest C. Allen  
Director, Physical Ed.  
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HEADQUARTERS THE PARACHUTE SCHOOL  
OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT COMMANDANT

Fort Benning, Georgia  
9 August 1945

Dr. Forrest C. Allen  
Director of Physical Education  
University of Kansas  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

Yesterday I received your letter of August 4, and indeed I am grateful for your kind interest.

It seems that I am a bit slow in getting into action on this Veterans Aid organization. I have, however, written Mr. Monypeny, and sent in a day letter application to the State Department of Civil Service, Topeka, as I understand there is a deadline of the 9th of August for applicants.

As Dad may have informed you, I have 138 points for service, and am permanent limited service because of a piece of steel in my left lung. This makes me eligible for separation from the service if I so desire. Sooner or later I must make the change from Army to Civilian life, and the possibility that I might procure assignment as your district representative for the Office of Veterans Affairs is fairly attractive.

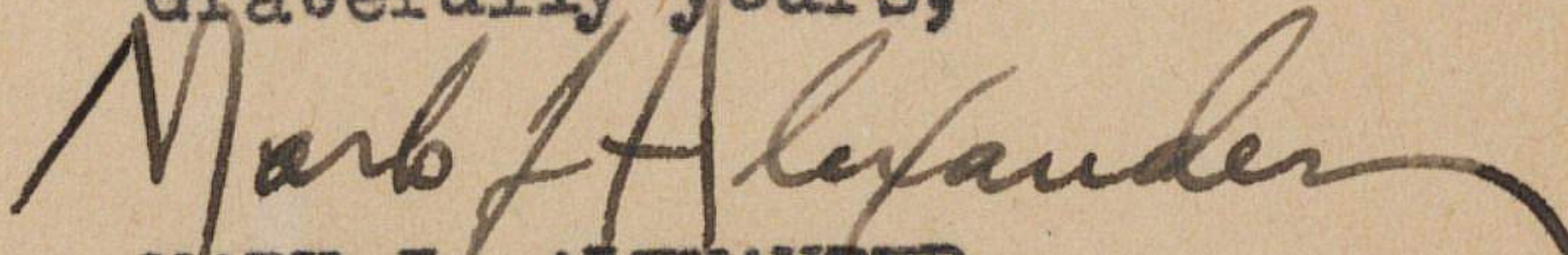
My present assignment as Director of Training for The Parachute School is a very good one, and I am somewhat reluctant to give it up. However, I must sooner or later make the adjustment to civilian life. The possibility that I might be of service to veterans interests me greatly.

My past (4½) years service in the Army will, I believe, go a long way toward qualifying me for the job.

I will be stationed at the AAF School of Applied Tactics, Orlando, Florida on temporary duty until about the 24th of August, at which time I will return to the Parachute School, Fort Benning, Georgia.

I most sincerely appreciate your interest.

Gratefully yours,

  
MARK J. ALEXANDER,  
Lt. Col., Infantry  
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July 31, 1945

Mr. C. W. Abercrombie  
Hartford Fire Insurance Company  
Live Stock Department  
333 Live Stock Exchange Building  
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear C. W.:

Thank you for your very nice letter of the twenty-eighth instant and the nice things that you had to say.

I am deeply grateful to you for the broucher printed by the Navy department, in which they tell the graphic story of Warner's squadron. It is a most gripping story, this wonderful portrayal of the great part that your son played. I want to use this in one of my Rebounds.

I know with what fierce pride you read over and over again this gripping portrayal of one of the greatest fights that men have ever fought. I find myself unable to put into words the things I feel and the things that I would like to say to you.

Sincerely,

Forrest C. Allen  
Director, Physical Education  
Varsity Basketball Coach

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# AMERICAN WAR DADS

LAWRENCE CHAPTER

NO. 33

LAWRENCE, KANSAS

July 31st. 1945

Dear American War Dad:

Keep August 21st in mind. It is the date of our next War Dad Chapter meeting. At that time, under the new By-Laws adopted at Omaha, we will have the report of the Nominating Committee to fill these offices:

President  
Treasurer

First Vice-President  
Sergeant at Arms

All other officers are appointed by the incoming President. It's mighty important that we get a set of good men who will work at this job, and we want you here to help in their selection. Nominations may be made from the floor, when desired, and we may have a little competition.

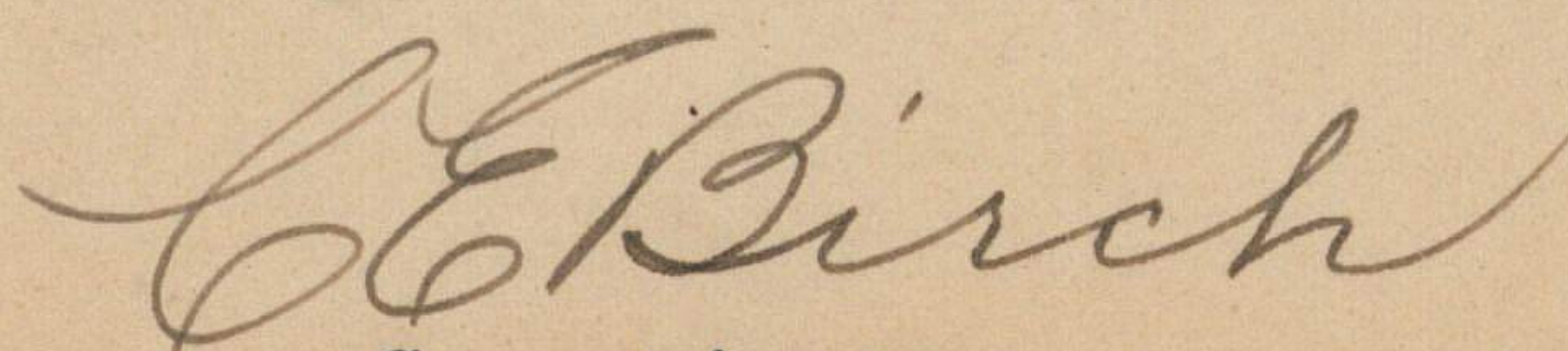
If you do not have a membership card for 1945, come anyway. You can bring your 1945 dues--\$2.00. But we want You more than we want the money.

Two of your officers attended the District Council meeting at Kansas City, Kansas, recently and come back convinced that the War Dads are doing things elsewhere and have a mighty big program ahead. If you could have heard what Topeka is doing, for instance, for boys in Winter General Hospital you would know why War Dads are so highly regarded there. And it's true in a lot of other places. By the way, we voted \$15.00 to be sent to help the boys in the hospital in Topeka. Right now there is a call for six-inch electric fans for some of the boys who need them badly. The Government can't buy them. If you have one, whether in good repair or not, and want to contribute it, call the secretary at 487 or 333.

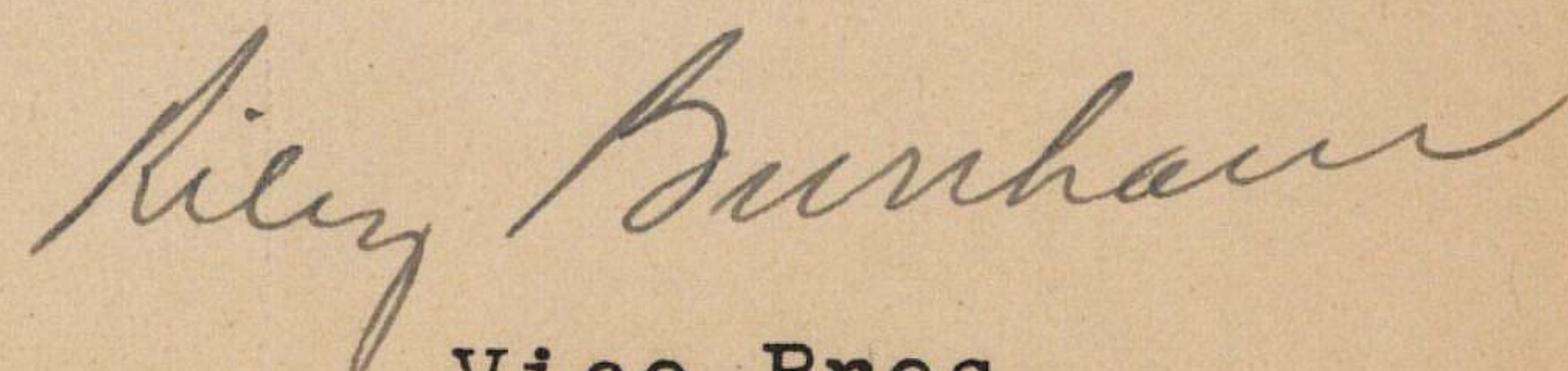
Also there is a call from a Red Cross unit that wants such materials as baseballs (new or nearly new), bats (for outdoor use), golf balls (for miniature course), archery bows and arrows (in good condition), balsa wood (in various thicknesses), and plane model paper. If you can contribute any of this material, contact the secretary. If you favor sending money for this purpose that can be voted at the August meeting. There is always a need.

We are told there will soon be a big demand at Wadsworth for many items which the Government does not furnish but which will add much to the happiness and comfort of the boys who are patients there.

Questions as to employment, loans, education, etc., are already coming up and will do so increasingly. Yes, there is much to do for those who will do it. Will you help? Perhaps your first step may be to come out to the meeting August 21, Tuesday, 8:00 p. m., at the Legion Hall. DON'T FORGET!

  
Secretary

Cordially,

  
Vice-Pres.



July 20, 1945

Mr. C. W. Abercrombie  
5811 Mastin Road  
Merriam, Kansas

Dear Mr. Abercrombie:

It was a genuine pleasure to have a visit with you.  
in Mike Gette's coffee shop. I enjoyed our short chat very  
much.

I am enclosing a copy of our last Jayhawk Rebounds  
and I am putting you on the mailing list for future numbers.

With deepest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education  
Varsity basketball coach

FCA:MEH



June 30, 1945.

Mr. Hubert L. Allen,  
4170 Drexel Blvd.,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Hubert and Virginia, Claire and family:

I am sending you a Jayhawk Rebounds and trust that you will enjoy it.

I certainly got a wonderful kick out of Hubert, Jr.'s letter. He surely has literary ability. I am also sending a copy of the Rebounds to Roberta.

It was nice to have the visit that I did with you good people. I wish we might have more of them. I am hurrying along so will say hello and goodby rather hastily, hoping for another visit soon.

With all good wishes to everyone, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH



June 30, 1945.

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*Allen*  
*July*

Mrs. Roberta Brabant Allen,  
Pleasanton, Kansas.

Dear Roberta:

We have just finished the Jayhawk Rebounds and we trust that some of this will prove interesting to you. It certainly was good to see you and have a visit with you.

I am wishing the best for you and yours.

Sincerely,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH



C199-02 Room 1318  
PALMER HALL  
U.S.M.M. ACADEMY  
KING'S POINT, New York  
June 11, 1945

DEAR DR. ALLEN:

I am now going to school at King's Point, THE UNITED STATES MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY. This is REALLY a swell place. Not much has been heard about King's Point as yet as it is the newest of the Academies.

The athletic schedule here is really something. We play all of the big Eastern schools — including Army & Navy.

I really enjoyed the paper that you put out when I was at sea and I am looking forward to receiving it here.

I don't believe that there are any other K.O. men here. However most of us are college men.

My address is:

C/M M.R. ARROWSMITH  
C199-02 Room 1318  
Palmer Hall  
U.S.M.M. ACADEMY  
KING'S POINT, New York.

Best of luck to you.

Sincerely  
Rex Arrowsmith



Westmoreland, Kansas  
June 9, 1945

Mr. E. C. Zigley  
Director of Athletics  
University of Kansas  
Lawrence, Kansas

~~Dr. Allen~~

Dear Sir:

As the weeks pass by, my hopes grow and my chances are improved of attending "K. U." this fall. As my plans are laid now, I will enroll in the fall semester, September 24-25, 1945. I would also like to come to the campus one day during the Orientation period during the previous week to enrolling.

I received the letter signed by you and the Varsity coaches on June 1, but as I was working in Western Kansas, I never received time to answer until now. But I do want to take this opportunity to thank you gentlemen for taking such an interest in helping me to get a start in college before I have to offer my services to the law. I also appreciate your pleasant invitation to attend your college.

I have no questions at the present that concern enrolling in college. If any develop I will write to the Registrar.

Yours very truly,  
Joe R. Arnold Jr.

Kpj ✓  
Ecj ✓  
Allen



AT 08-11  
Ens. Joe S. Brown- stopped in the office on June 21 -

is now detached from the USS Card (has been hunting submarines in the Atlantic), and is now on his way to N.A.A.S., San Clemente Island, California, for duty involving flying. After about five weeks there he will shove off for the Pacific.

FOR JAYHAWK REBOUNDS (use address above for mailing)



June 6, 1945.

Cpl. Jack Adams, 37512893,  
Btry. A, 777 AAA (KW) Bn (Sp),  
APO 403, o/o P.M.,  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Jack:

I do not know whether this late letter will catch up with you or not. Your letter was misplaced in a pile of correspondence regarding the basketball gambling expose, and I did not pull it out of the file soon enough.

I appreciate your loyalty to the State of Kansas, and I trust that you will stay in Kansas. You certainly have not caused me any trouble in writing, and I was delighted to hear from you. I am sending you a copy of our Jayhawk Rebounds, a publication that we get out each month for our boys overseas. If you are interested, write me another letter giving me your present address and I will put you on the mailing list for the Rebounds.

We would be happy to have you and Massey at K. U. when this fuss is over. We certainly would be glad to have you come and visit the University and have a talk with us after you are mustered out. Drop me a line and tell me how things have been going with you.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

PGA:AH  
Enc.



Luxemburg  
Feb. 8. 1945

Dear Mr. Allen

I'm hoping that you find  
time to read this, with out to  
much bother.

I am writing to you, in  
regards of the Hansas University  
basket ball team, so I wish you  
would send me the scores of  
the games and a little about  
the boys, and who they are,  
and where they are from.

Suppose you would like  
to know who I am, my home  
is at Sun City Hansas, my  
last year, was in 43, we were



the out standing High School  
in the State. I was Massey's  
rooming mate.

I sure wish I was going  
to college this year, but here  
I am, Coach Drake, wants me  
and Massey. but we want to  
stay in Barre.

Guise I've caused you  
to much trouble for now, so  
I'll close for now, hoping to  
hear from you soon

Just a fan  
Jack Adams

Capt Jack Adams 37512893  
Btry, A, 777 AAA (AW) Bn (SP)  
A. P. O. 403 % Post Master  
New York City. N. Y.



Thursday

Dear Dr. Allen:-

Thank you so much for "Re-Bounds" - I can readily see why it means so much to Lyle and to every man in service - its that sunny touch from home they all love.

Johnny is very proud & happy to have his vault. If there is more than an hundred dollars in the world, Johnny doesnt know it he thinks he has it all in the value of his vault.

I am glad you have heard from Lyle. I hope the mail continues to come thru so well.

I'll look forward to reading the "Re-Bounds" I think it is a marvellous thing you are doing for our men at war.

Yours sincerely - Jerry Brown.



Capt. John T. Andrews 0916027  
APO #430, Engr. Dist. #3  
c/o Postmaster, New York, N.Y.



24 April '45.

Dear Phog:

I can't tell you how happy I am  
over your election as District Governor.  
Will you forgive me if I say - "I told  
'em so". It was like throwing a tiger in a  
wildcat fight, but I couldn't believe the  
club would miss the opportunity and they  
didn't! What a club! I wasn't there

I only regret that I wasn't there  
to help. Phog, there is a much bigger picture  
that has a frame all built for your exact  
image and that is the top spot of Rotary  
International.

There was never a more perfect  
set-up and never a better man for the job.  
I talked to past governor Ned Wherry in  
Washington last summer and he agreed  
one hundred per cent.

The combination of District Governor  
and Governor Rotary can do anything they  
set their hearts on. You can't wait on such  
things. Go get them! (Speaking of the above combination)  
A member of the International Board  
of Directors is the first step. In announcing your



Candidates here and now.

Brother I'm really warmed up on the subject and my pen will be busy very soon.

Had a fine trip over. Found India another world and one to be remembered. Flew the "Hump" into China and find it still another world of contrasts.

Enjoyed you last "Debounds." Got a whole ya pick out of Art Anderson's comment on China.

Everything is going fine. I am in good health and watching the food and making sure the water is actually boiled. It's all surface water away here. Right out of the ditches.

Remember me to Mrs. Allen and the family. All good wishes in Rotary and Old Phi Psi.

Allen for President, Rotary International! Who can say no?

Always  
John

(over)



Capt. John T. Andrews 0916027  
APO #430, Engr. Dist. #3  
c/o Postmaster, New York, N.Y.

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ARMY SERVICE FORCES  
FOURTH SERVICE COMMAND  
CAMP BUTNER, NORTH CAROLINA  
Special Service Office

15 May 1945

Dr. Forrest Allen  
Department of Physical Education  
University of Kansas  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

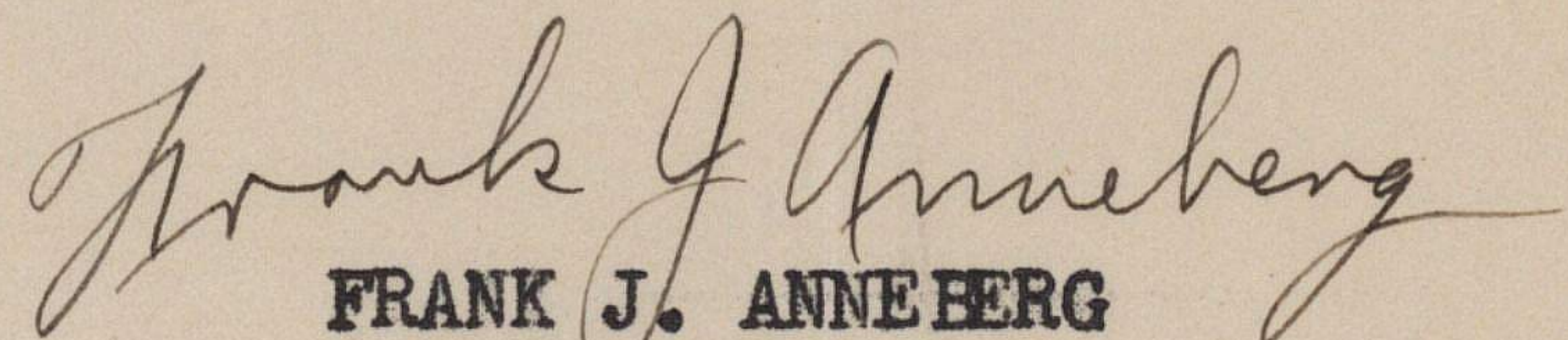
I just received a most welcome addition of your latest "Rebounds". Inclosed is a little clipping that describes one of the activities carried on here at Camp Butner under the direction of my office.

I am fortunate in having a staff of officers and enlisted men who are well qualified for their individual jobs. However, versatility is essential because our work differs so much from day to day. Our Athletic program here is more of the show type rather than one of participation. Captain Robert G. Ayers, our Athletic Director, is at the present time, coaching a most successful baseball team. Their record to date is 10 wins out of 13 games played. I am hoping that he will be as successful with our football team in the Fall.

My supervision includes that of the libraries, Service Clubs, theaters, athletic programs, theatrical shows of all kinds, and the supply of all recreational facilities.

My wife and little girl Victory Lee, aged 2½ years, are in fine health and with me. We are all anxious for any news from Mount Oread and read the Jayhawk Rebounds together each time they come. Please give my regards to all of our friends.

Sincerely yours,



FRANK J. ANNEBERG  
Major, CAC  
Chief, Special Services Branch.



MAY 13, 1945

# Morale-Boosting Programs Staged At Camp Butner

## Hospital Patients See Their Share Of Entertainment Card

It is widely recognized that a happy mental attitude—good morale—is vitally important in healing the sick. It is equally well known that proper recreation is conducive to this happy mental outlook.

In the U. S. Army, providing recreation is the major task of that branch known as Special Services.

Now, by fitting the foregoing statements together it is easy to comprehend the importance of the ambitious program of recreation carried on by Special Services for the benefit of patients at the huge U. S. Army Hospital Center at Camp Butner—a program which includes band concerts, stage shows, dances, motion pictures and athletic events, made possible in the General Hospital by Lt. M. M. Gurian and his crew of 12 enlisted men and one WAC.

In the words of Lieutenant Gurian, "Special Services has a dual function at this hospital, (1) to bring entertainment to all confined patients right in their wards and (2) to handle the overall entertainment for ambulatory patients who are physically able to leave their wards." These are very different phases of the job, and are handled as such by the genial officer and his men.



## Camp Butner Ward Show

Shown in the picture above is Special Services Swing Group entertaining overseas patients in a ward of the U. S. Army General Hospital at Camp Butner, commanded by Brig. Gen. Roy C. Heflebower. Members of the group (left to right) T-5 Howard Siegel, arranger; Sgt. Samuel Kaufman, Pvt. Alan Bergman, Sgt. Nick Barile, band leader; Pvt. Walton Beurink, behind the microphone with back to camera; Sgt. Elray Eck, Pvt. Raymond Shindledecker (a patient at the General Hospital) and Pvt. Ralph Radley. The program is being broadcast over Station WDNC, Durham.



The program for the ambulatory patients is much wider in scope, and the majority of these entertainment features are held in the Red Cross Recreation Hall, where there is a stage and dance floor and the facilities are naturally much better than in the wards.

In the recreation hall appear name bands and guest stars, and stage shows of various kinds are presented.

About the most popular and best attended events are the regular Wednesday night dances, with music furnished by the 336th Army Services Band. Girls from neighboring towns are invited to serve as dancing partners at these affairs.

There are numerous stage shows including USO shows, soldier shows staged by Lieutenant Gurian's personnel and occasionally shows presented by the patients themselves.

An important regular feature is the program of band music for patients presented three times a week in the recreation hall. At these events music of a light, soothing nature is played.

Arrangements are also made to transport ambulatory patients to baseball games and other athletic events both on and off the post.

Scope of the work of Special Services at the hospital is being constantly expanded. For example, plans are now underway for a daily outdoor show of popular music to be held out on the hospital lawn, including a full band concert every Thursday. These shows will be one hour in length, from 12 noon to 1, and will commence as soon as weather permits.

In addition to assuring that good, regular entertainment is provided for all patients, Special Services also takes on many lesser jobs. There are such items as helping with music for weddings when patients are married while in the hospital, and furnishing music for parties given for patients. Then there is the responsibility of taking charge and care of such equipment as musical instruments and motion picture projection machines.

While the entertainment provided by Special Services at the general hospital is primarily for the benefit of the patients, army personnel working in the hospital are also invited and welcome to attend the various shows, dances and other affairs.

At the Camp Butner hospital, the officials of the three agencies that furnish entertainment from time to time in one form or other—namely Special Services, the Reconditioning Section and Red Cross—constitutes a recreation council which



A well-rounded program of entertainment is provided in the wards for the bed patients. It includes full-length Hollywood feature pictures and live entertainment such as bands, USO shows, volunteer civilian entertainment units and shows by Special Services' own unit of musicians and entertainers, which passes through the wards daily providing entertainment for the men at their bedsides. Less frequently, arrangements are made to transport patients in favorable weather to baseball games on the post diamond.

Volunteer civilian groups which entertain regularly on the wards include girl singers and entertainers from Duke University and St. Mary's College, Raleigh.



co-ordinates all recreational activities to assure a maximum amount of recreation with a minimum duplication of effort. This has been found to be a sound plan which functions smoothly and efficiently to the greater benefit of the patients.

Lieutenant Gurian works under the post Special Services office and is liaison officer in charge of Special Services activities at the general hospital.

The personnel under Lieutenant Gurian is a versatile group, every man capable of furnishing entertainment in one form or another. The members of the crew and what each does is as follows:

Sgt. John Castleton, entertainment director; Sgt. Nick Barile, band leader, Sgt. Samuel Kaufman, drummer and plays the vibraharp; Sgt. Fred Skolnick, saxaphone; Cpl. Howard Siegel, trumpet; Pvt. Walton Veurink, trombone; Pvt. Ralph Radley, saxaphone and clarinet; Pfc. Norman Maynard, trumpet; Pvt. Alan Bergman, arranges music for the group and plays the trumpet; Sgt. Elray Eck, trumpet; Pvt. Robert Clark, master of ceremonies, entertainer and motion picture projectionist; Pvt. Robert White, master of ceremonies, entertainer and projectionist; and Sgt. Anna Marie Novack, secretary, costumer and entertainer.



June 5, 1945.

Mr. Richard Allen,  
9839 Winner Road,  
Independence, Mo.

Dear Dick:

Permit me to congratulate you and that fine mother of yours on obtaining the goal of graduation from Northeast High School.

I am sorry that I cannot be present at your graduation, but I want to give you a graduation present. I don't know what it will be, but I will not forget it. It will be something that you need, I hope. If you are too bashful to write and tell me what you want, ask your good mother to drop me a line indicating what your needs are and something servicable. It will be a pleasure for me to do this.

With all good wishes for your future success,  
I am

Sincerely, Your uncle,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.



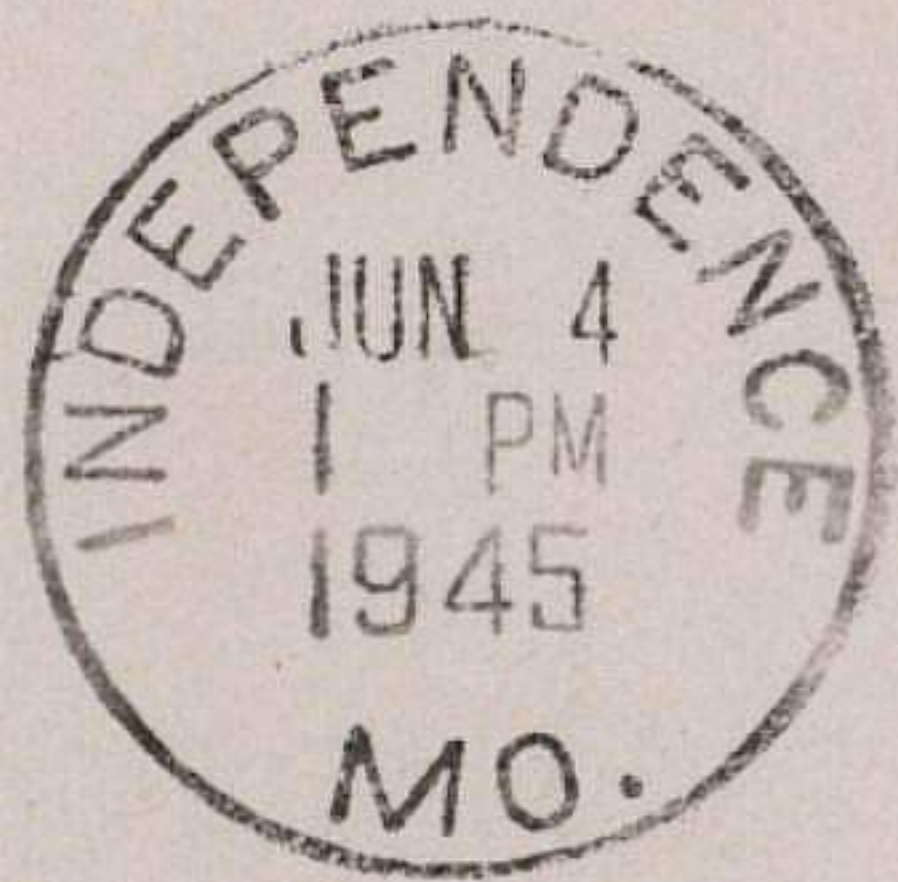
Mr. Richard Allen





The Senior Class  
of the  
Northeast High School  
announces its  
Commencement Exercises  
Wednesday evening, June sixth  
Nineteen hundred and forty-five  
at eight o'clock  
Municipal Auditorium  
Kansas City, Missouri





Dr. Forrest C. Allen  
University of Kansas  
Lawrence  
Kansas