

April 21, 1943.

Mr. G. H. Ahlborn,
Kansas Power & Light Co.,
Atchison, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Ahlborn:

Thank you for your very kind letter of the 19th, but I believe it will be better for me to go directly to the church. I have been to the Methodist Church in Atchison before, and you will doubtless have other things that you will want to do.

I will be delighted to see you at the church next Tuesday evening.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

April 20, 1943.

Mr. Hugo G. Autz,
The Sporting News,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Mr. Autz:

Thank you for your kind letter of the 17th instant, and the copies of The Sporting News carrying your All-America basketball team selections.

I have not seen the issue with the story about myself, and would appreciate having a copy. I will wait until I get this before I write to Mr. Spink. This will give me a splendid opportunity to write him, which, I assure you, I will be happy to do.

With appreciation of your courtesy, I am

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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St. Louis, Missouri
April 17, 1943

Dr. F. C. Allen
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

I've delayed answering your request for six copies of The Sporting News which carried Charlie Black on our All-America team, for we have run short of this issue and will fill your order as soon as some returns from newsstands come in. That should be within a day or two.

I'm pleased to know you read this feature or at least heard about it. I hope you enjoyed the story about yourself written some weeks ago anent our conversation in St. Louis. The Sporting News was pleased with the reaction to its first venture into basket ball, but, we hope more coaches will come to read it regularly.

In this connection, we're pleased to send you these six copies free of charge. If you ever find a spare moment, why not drop a short note to Mr. J. G. Taylor Spink complimenting the Sporting News on its basket ball coverage--that's if it deserves such praise. We could then give this a bit of publicity and would consider it mighty fair payment for the favor of six copies.

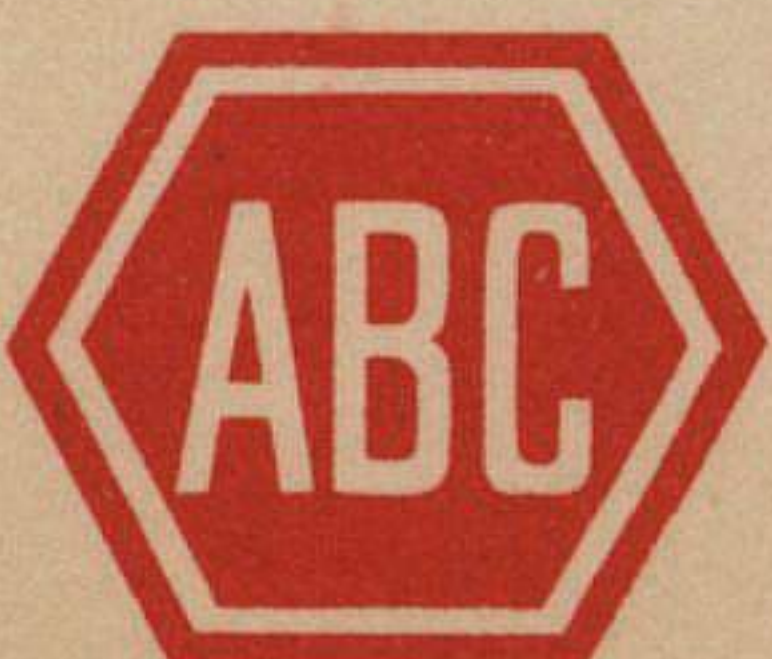
Hoping the idea meets your approval, I am,

Sincerely yours,


Hugo G. Autz

*Some returns came in as I was signing this letter.
They are being mailed to you today.*

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April 23, 1943.

Mr. Hugo G. Autz,
The Sporting News,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Mr. Autz:

Thank you for sending me the copy of The Sporting News of February 18, 1943. I enjoyed reading your very fine and well written article.

I confess to you that I had not known of the new departure of The Sporting News of printing football, hockey and basketball, as you have done this year. I certainly shall want to subscribe to your fine publication for our department here, and also I wish to subscribe for my son who is a very avid reader of The Sporting News. My son is a former member for three seasons of our varsity basketball team, finishing in 1941. He is in the Medical School at the University of Pennsylvania and in his junior year. He has a lieutenant's commission in the Reserve Officers Medical Corps.

Will you please enter a subscription for Mr. Robert E. Allen, 3904 Spruce Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa.? I would appreciate it if you would send him a back copy of the February 18th issue and also one of the April 8th issue. You may send me the bill.

Our Department of Physical Education will send through a Purchase Request for our subscription.

You are not only a good sport writer but you are a good salesman. You have made me conscious of my failure to subscribe to your paper. But as I told you, I thought it was only baseball and did not know that you were following the college sports as you are doing.

Again thanking you and wishing you success, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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St. Louis, Missouri
April 21, 1943

Dr. Forrest C. Allen
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

Though a bit disappointed to think we don't number you among our regular readers, especially during the basketball season, I am happy to comply with your request regarding the issue in which you were featured. This is enclosed.

I look forward to your reaction as it will be conveyed to Mr. Spink and hope you will get into The Sporting News reading habit before long. Last year was our first in the field of football, hockey and basketball. It was my pleasure to handle all this non-baseball news and I am also pleased to report that our response to the basketball coverage was favorable; nothing glowing, but somewhat encouraging.

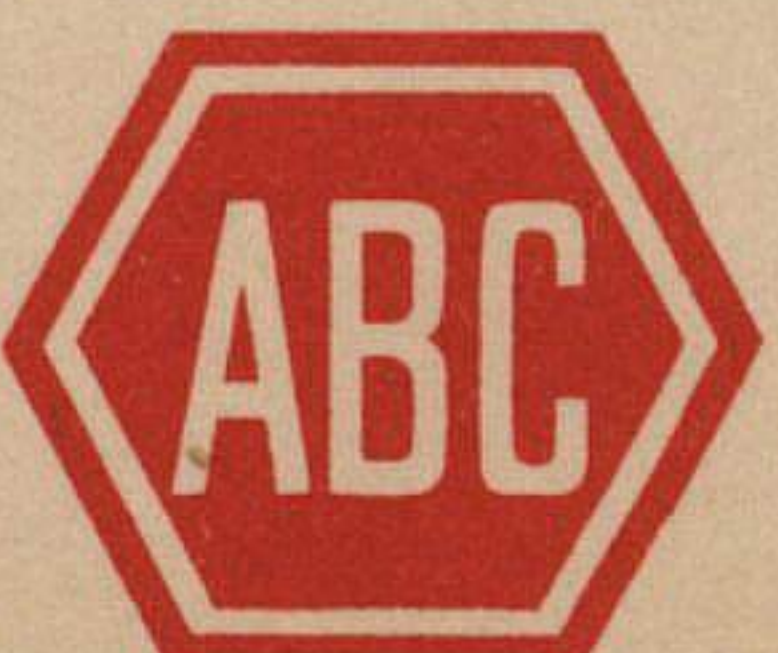
We have been rewarded, for this expensive experiment though, by many letters from the boys in service who find our paper one source for a bit of all sports. Starting next week, Mr. Spink, at another great personal loss, will reprint an eight page tabloid edition of The News for overseas consumption at the War Department's request. This distribution numbers into five figures and we feel highly honored at the recognition.

Your interest in The Sporting News is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,


Hugo G. Autz

HGA:mlm



April 28, 1943.

Mr. Hugo G. Autz,
The Sporting News,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Mr. Autz:

It was a delight to have your letter and we are more than happy to know that you and Mr. Spink were pleased.

I am sending you a check for Bobby Allen's subscription. It is nice of you to put him on the service men's rate. I appreciate the thoughtfulness on your part in doing it. The order has gone forward from the Department of Physical Education to the University Business Office for the departmental subscription.

I had known that your regular edition adheres only to baseball. I read it a lot but have never been a regular subscriber because Bob always bought it, and since the old gentleman generally furnishes the cash I let him read it first and I read it later. Both he and I made our varsity letters here at the University. He played second base and I played first and pitched. I am a hockey fan as well as having coached football here in the twenties. I know that I will enjoy every issue of your fine paper.

I want you to know that Charlie Black got his gold basketball, and was tickled pink with it.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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549 W. RANDOLPH STREET

Mr. Forrest C. Allen,
Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach,
University of Kansas,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Allen:

Thanks very much for those kind words and for the subscriptions. We have entered a subscription for your son, Robert, as requested and will also send him those back copies. We are supplying this under our servicemen's rate of \$3.75 per year. You may send the money order or check to me and I'll handle this personally.

We launch our special eight-page tabloid overseas edition of The Sporting News tomorrow. This is being turned out at the request of the War Department, and one of the eight pages will be devoted to non-baseball news.

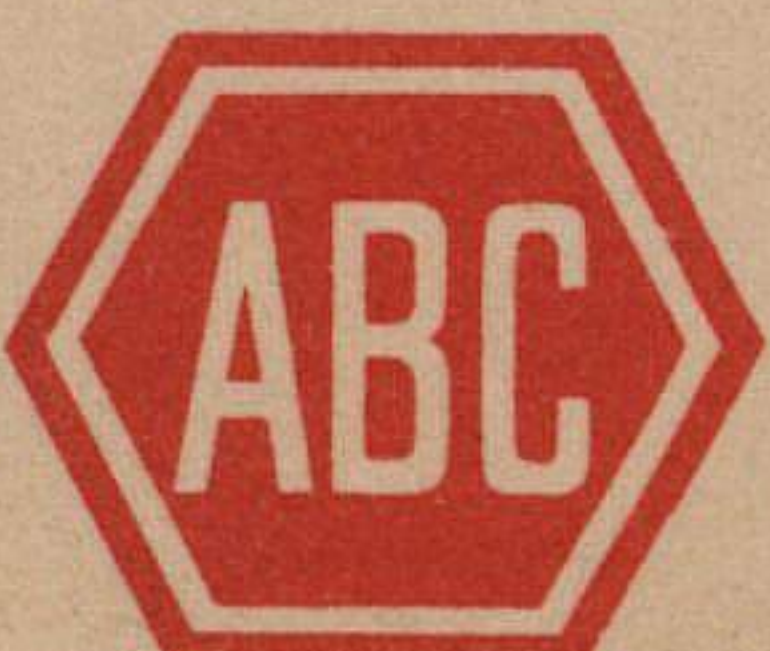
Our regular edition adheres only to the baseball line during the summer months, but we'll return to football, basketball and hockey again in September.

Hope Charley Black received his gold basketball. These were mailed to our All-Americans last week.

Sincerely yours,


Hugo G. Autz.

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January 16, 1943.

Pvt. Wm. J. Arnold,
Group XV, B.T.D.,
A.A.F.T.T.C.,
Atlantic City, N.J.

Dear Bill:

I am hastening to write you a letter which I hope will be beneficial to you in your quest of the desirable position. I am hoping that everything goes fine with you.

Lots of good luck, and we will be pulling for you to make a fine success of it. All of our faculty send you kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

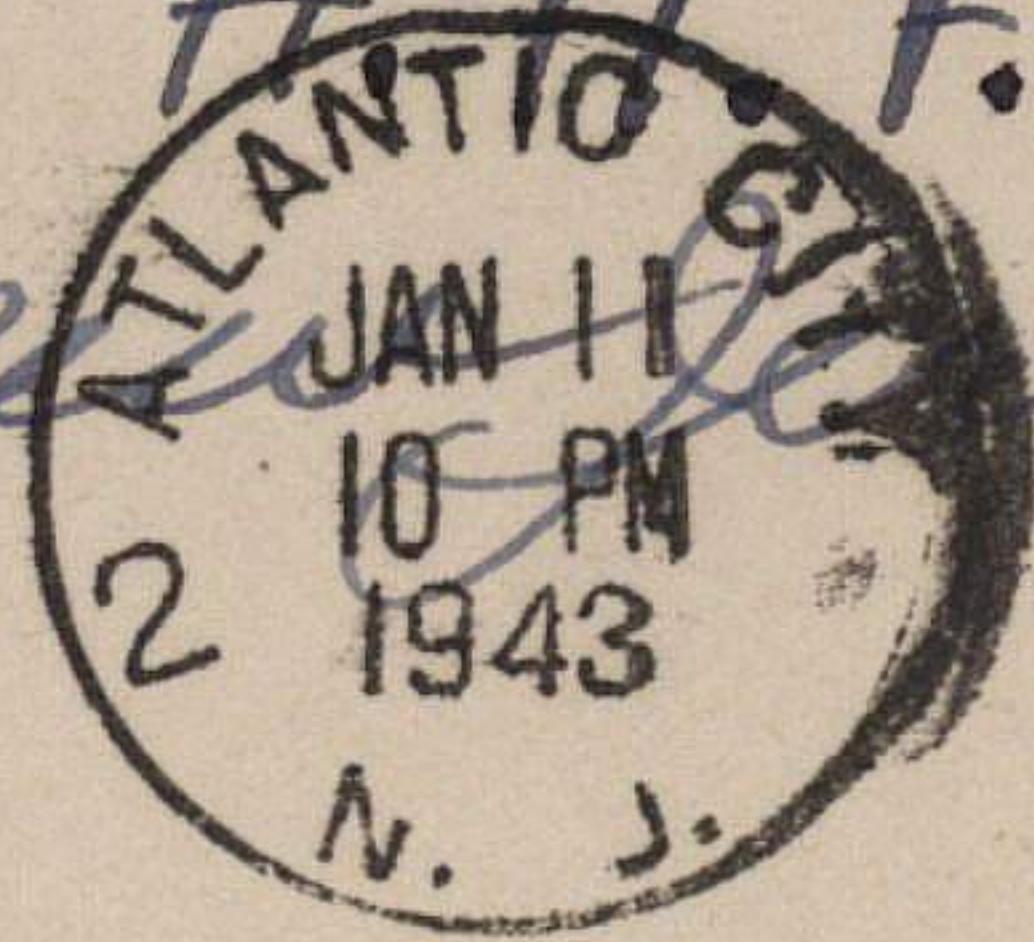
Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Group XV - B.T.D. - A.P.F.T.T.C. *free*

Atlantic City, N. J.



Doctor Forrest Allen
Dept of Phys. Ed. K. U.
Lawrence, Kansas

January 16, 1943.

To Whom It May Concern:

I am very happy to recommend William J. Arnold for your consideration as a teacher in physical education. William Arnold has had three years of work in the School of Education with a major in Physical Education. He is an exceptional gymnast. He has splendid coordination and is very enthusiastic about this type of activity.

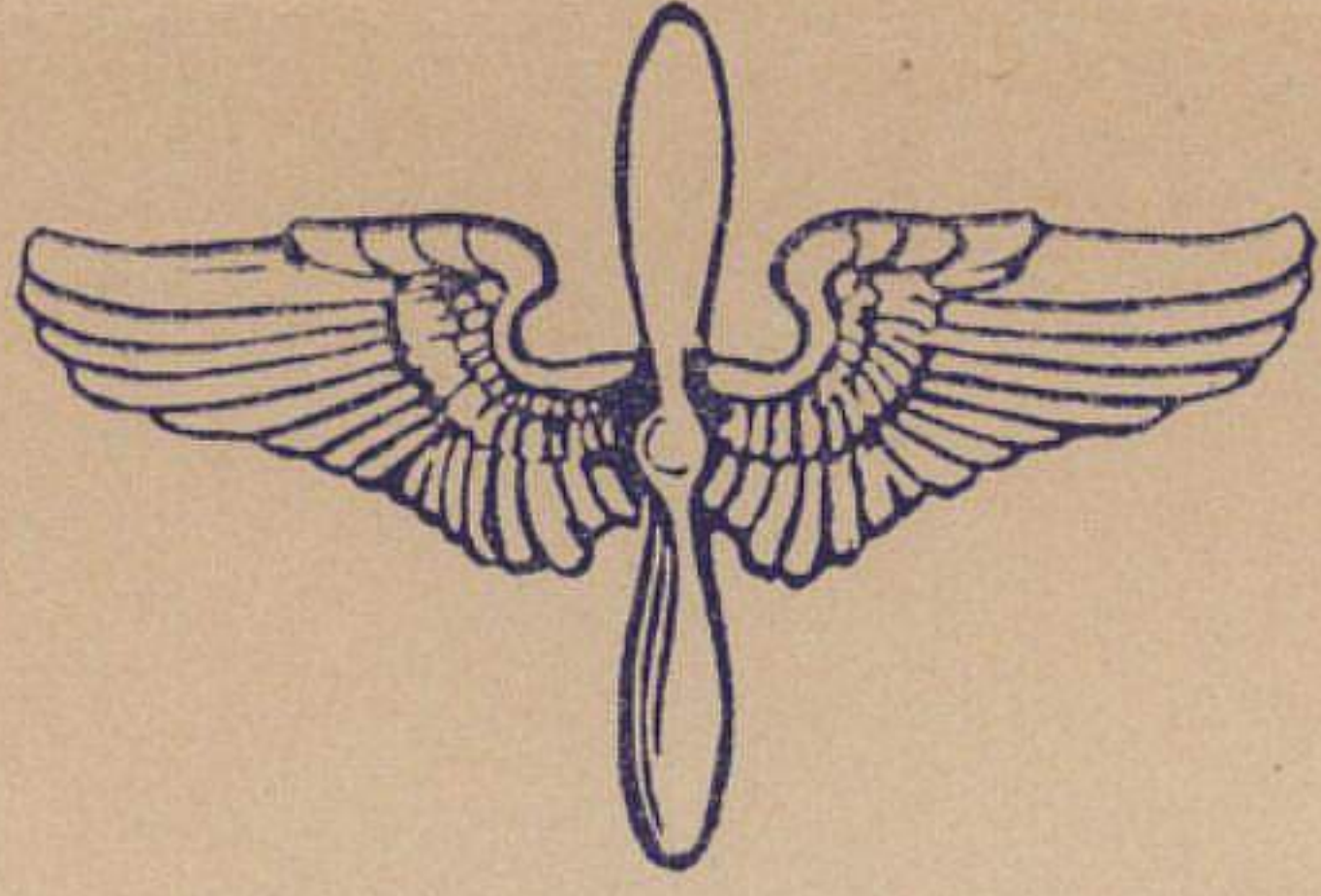
Last year Arnold took second place in a regional Y.M.C.A. gymnastic exhibition at Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He also developed a gymnastic team here at the University among the students.

He is a fine, clean young man who cooperates in an excellent way. He is loyal, dependable and a hard worker. I am very happy to commend him to you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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A. A. F. T. T. C.

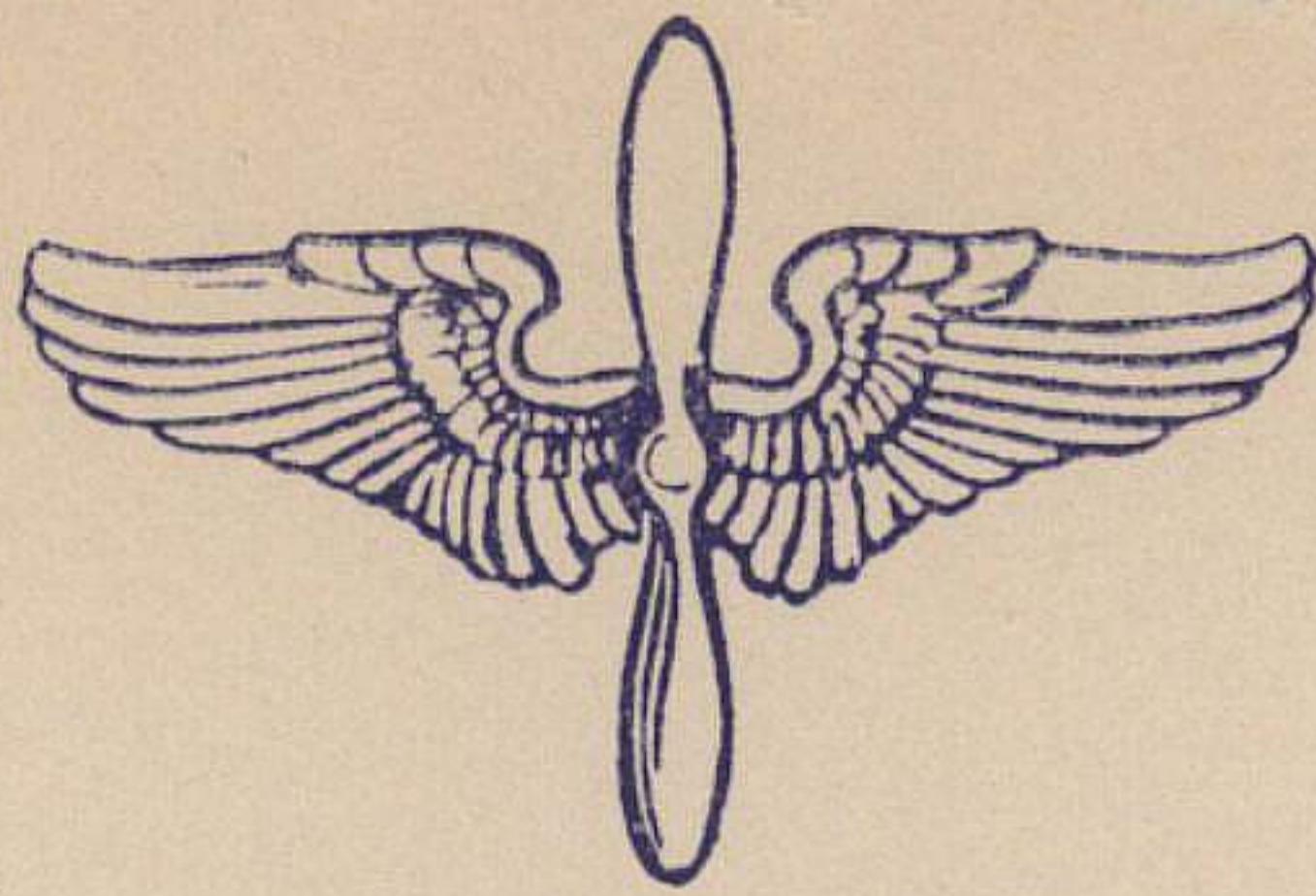
Regional
2nd Place
Mil. Trainer
Y.M.C.A. at bid
Gymnasium

Dear Doctor Allen,
This letter may surprise
you, but it's still "a
letter home".

The theme of this
letter is that I'd like very
much to have a recommend-
ation stating that I am
a P.E. major, and that I
can or have possibilities
of teaching it here. If I get
this recommendation, I
will get a position as
"Permanent Personal" in
P.E.. That's why it means
so much to me Doctor,
I hope you'll oblige me.

As this emblem on
the paper will tell you,
I'm in the Army Air Corps
in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

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BASIC TRAINING CENTER (No. 7)
A. A. F. T. T. C.

Please answer me by return mail, stating the recommendation, your name and title at K. U.

Well, I must get to bed
doctor; I'm hoping I'm
not asking too much.

A former student,
Bill Arnold

P.S.

I appreciate your courses that I've taken. I've had several opportunities to use First Aid, muscle massage, and taping. Thanks a million doctor —

W. A.

April 13, 1943.

Mr. Hugo Autz,
Sporting News,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Mr. Autz:

I would greatly appreciate receiving six copies of your Sporting News carrying your story on Charlie Black, of our basketball squad. If there is any charge we shall be glad to reimburse you.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

April 2, 1943.

Mr. John J. O'Brien, President,
American Basketball League, Inc.,
120 Wall Street,
New York City.

Dear President O'Brien:

Yes, I knew of the organization of professional basketball in the East and I also knew of the stringency of playing floors due to the unavailability of the armory buildings since the war.

In 1905 I played against the Buffalo Germans, which was an independent team with a fine record, and I also knew of the development of professional basketball at that time. However, I have always been under the impression that if professional basketball would develop the character and dash of college ball it would be much more successful. The save-yourself, slow passing and stall of professional basketball I have always thought injured the game. With the large auditoria in the West professional basketball would make a lot of money.

I think the sponsors of professional football did much more with their new venture than the promoters of professional basketball.

After the war I am very sure that the professional basketball promoters will see the great possibilities of the game and develop it to its nth power.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

AMERICAN BASKETBALL LEAGUE, INC.

120 WALL STREET, NEW YORK

JOHN J. O'BRIEN
PRESIDENT

March 26, 1943

Dr. Forrest C. Allen,
Kansas University,
Lawrence, Kansas.

My dear Dr. Allen:

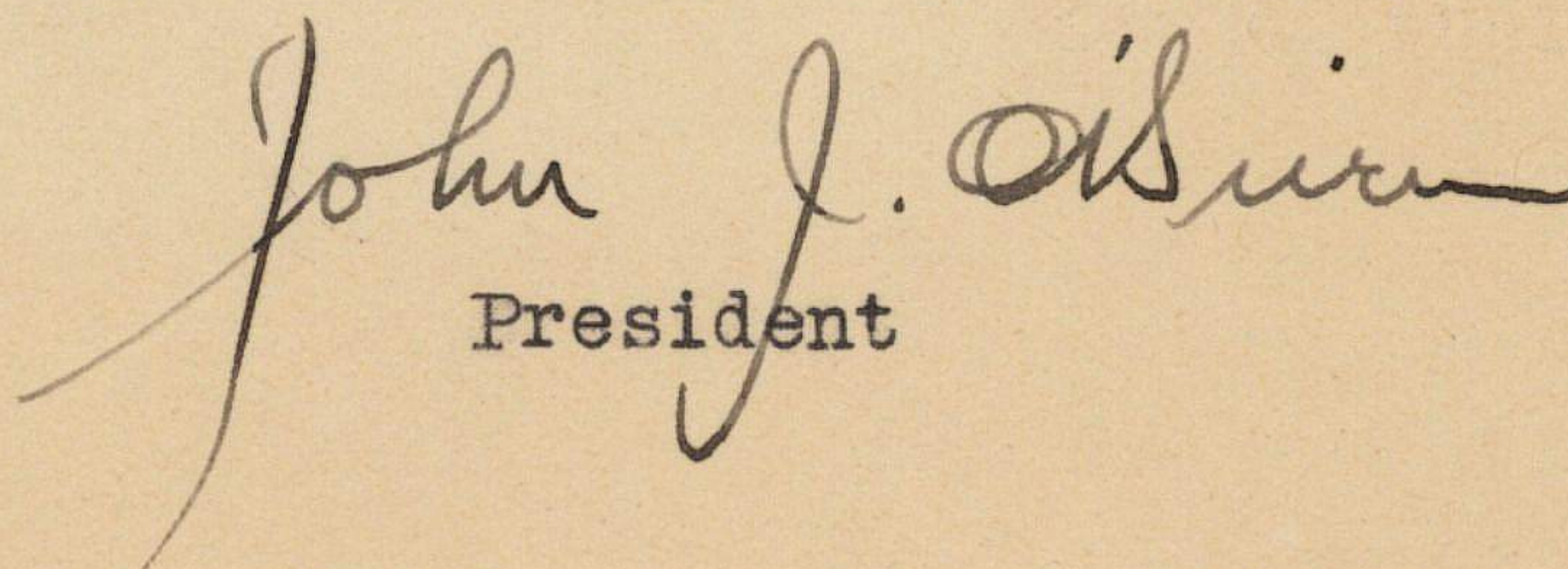
I have the release from the K. U. Sports News Bureau as to the formation of a professional basketball league of countrywide dimensions following the close of the World War.

The American Basketball League has been in operation since 1925. For the first five years of its existence the scope of its activities extended from Boston to Chicago. Since 1931 we have confined our efforts to the Atlantic seacoast. It may seem strange to you to learn that in the principal Eastern cities few auditoriums are available without having recourse to the large armory buildings and this is particularly true in cities like New York and Brooklyn. Restrictions have been placed thereon by wartime measures for the past three years, making impossible the development of the professional game to the proportions that have become nationally prominent in Madison Square Garden. However, we believe that at the close of the war a number of these restrictions will be removed and at the present time we are studying the possible enlargement of our professional league to operate two divisions extending from Boston to as far west as Kansas City and St. Louis. In your section of the country you are fortunately placed in that practically every city of prominence has an auditorium or convention hall desirable for the proper presentation of big-time basketball.

I also might advise you during the period of our existence we have never permitted college players to play under assumed names at any time, nor have we permitted college players to appear in any of our games until they completed their collegiate competition as seniors. Several college players of prominence have appeared under the last mentioned arrangement following the termination of their college course and in view of their not being candidates for track or baseball competition.

Your comments are of considerable value and you may be assured of our interest in learning of anything more you have to advance on this subject.

Yours very truly,


President

JJO'B*S

March 4, 1943.

Mr. M. F. Amrine, Warden,
Kansas State Penitentiary,
Lansing, Kansas.

Dear Warden Amrine:

I was delighted to hear from you and I want you to know that I very deeply appreciate the kind remarks that you made in your letter.

With kindest regards and best wishes to you, I am

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.



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KANSAS STATE PENITENTIARY
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March 2, 1943.

Dr. F.C. Allen,
c/o University of Kansas,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Dr. Allen:

Just a word to congratulate
you on another great season for your
basket ball team, which I followed with
considerable enthusiam.

Do not take time to reply to
this emotional outburst. We are for you.

Sincerely yours,

M.F. AMRINE

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March 2, 1943.

Mr. E. C. Bergeson,
Asst. Director of Personnel,
American Red Cross,
1709 Washington Avenue,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Mr. Bergeson:

One of my students is interested in recreation work with the Red Cross overseas. However, she is not an American citizen, and she would like to know if, as a citizen of an allied nation, she would be eligible for such work overseas.

I would be happy if you would give me this information so that I may pass it on to her.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.



GENERAL GUIDE FOR SELECTING RECREATION WORKERS

FOR RED CROSS SERVICE IN MILITARY HOSPITALS

Women

GENERAL:

Recreation workers are assigned by the American Red Cross to Army and Naval hospitals, both within and without continental United States. Personnel serving as recreation workers are on the staffs of and under the supervision of the Red Cross hospital executives. Their program must receive the prior approval of the appropriate medical officer.

Candidates for positions must be in good physical health as evidenced by a physical examination performed by a physician of good standing with the American Medical Association. They must be citizens of the United States and must be able to furnish a certified copy of a birth certificate or other proof of citizenship. Their records as citizens must be satisfactory to the military authorities as well as to the American Red Cross.

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RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES:

A hospital recreation worker:

1. Is responsible to and will work under the immediate supervision of the Red Cross hospital executive.
2. Plans and conducts parties and dances and arranges committee participation by patients and others.
3. Organizes quiet games, including card and table games; semi-active games, including shuffle board, ping pong.
4. Organizes skits, pantomimes, radio programs, one-act plays, play-reading.
5. Plans musical programs, instrumental, group singing.
6. Supervises handcraft for diversion and recreation only.
7. Provides club leadership, discussion, hobbies, collections.
8. Instructs selected volunteers to render supplemental assistance in the recreation program.

AGE AND SEX:

Women only are considered for these positions. Applicants should be between the ages of 25 and 45. Only persons of outstanding qualifications will be accepted outside these age limits.

THE AMERICAN NATIONAL RED CROSS
WASHINGTON, D. C.

EDUCATION, TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE:

A graduate of college or university, with major in sociology, psychology, physical education, music, dramatics, or arts and crafts. The equivalent to a complete college course may be two years of academic training and three years of work in recreation or allied fields (such as those mentioned above).

At least one full year of recreation experience (hospital, institution, community center, industry, playground, camp), half of which has been spent in the actual conduct of activities; some experience in community organization and supervision of other workers; must have skill in at least two of the above-listed duties and an acquaintance and appreciation of others.

PERSONAL QUALIFICATIONS:

A friendly personality; a sense of humor; tact; a gracious manner; well-modulated voice; well-groomed appearance. Physical stamina; emotional maturity; resourcefulness, initiative, and patience in the face of hospital routine, facilities, and condition of patient; sensitivity to the needs of individuals and the moods of the group; capacity to like and be liked; ability to work as a member of a team, and willingness to accept an irregular schedule of hours. A friendly yet impersonal attitude toward men patients; racial and religious understanding; a recognition of and compliance with sectional customs; recognition of and adherence to military etiquette and regulations. An appreciation of and ability to work cooperatively with volunteers; an understanding of the place of recreation in a hospital environment and its relation to the Red Cross national and chapter program for disabled service men.

THE AMERICAN NATIONAL RED CROSS

WASHINGTON, D. C.

December 9, 1942.

Mr. E. C. Bergeson,
Asst. Director of Personnel,
American Red Cross,
1709 Washington Avenue,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Mr. Bergeson:

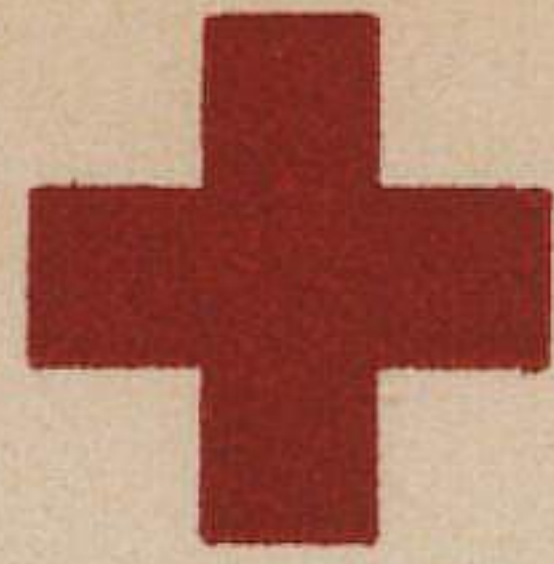
I owe you an apology for not answering more promptly your inquiry regarding Miss Margaret Helen Curd, of 1820 East Kellog, Apt. #11, Wichita, Kansas.

I have given much thought to Miss Curd's possibilities for this type of work and I rather hesitate to make an unqualified recommendation. Miss Curd is above the average in efficiency and has a fine moral background, and her training has been far above the average. But I am not wholly convinced that for this particular type of work she would be able to fill all the requirements under the heading of responsibilities and duties. Her qualifications are ample for some factors, but I would say not outstanding in all.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

PGA:AH



AMERICAN RED CROSS

MIDWESTERN AREA
1709 WASHINGTON AVENUE
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

October 24, 1942

Dr. F. C. Allen
Kansas University
Lawrence, Kansas

Re: CURD, Miss Margaret Helen
1820 East Kellog, Apt. #11
Wichita, Kansas

My dear Dr. Allen:

The above named person has made application to the American Red Cross for the position of Recreation Worker in our Military and Naval Welfare Service. She has given us your name as a reference. We would appreciate any information that you might be able to give us concerning her qualifications for this position. In order that you might know something about the qualifications desired of applicants, as well as the duties involved in the position, we are attaching ARC 825 which gives some of this information very briefly. In addition to relating your knowledge of her qualifications to the duties involved, we should like to have you give us your opinion concerning her ability to cooperate with others on a job which is done under a great deal of pressure and her ability to take the initiative in making plans for doing a recreation job.

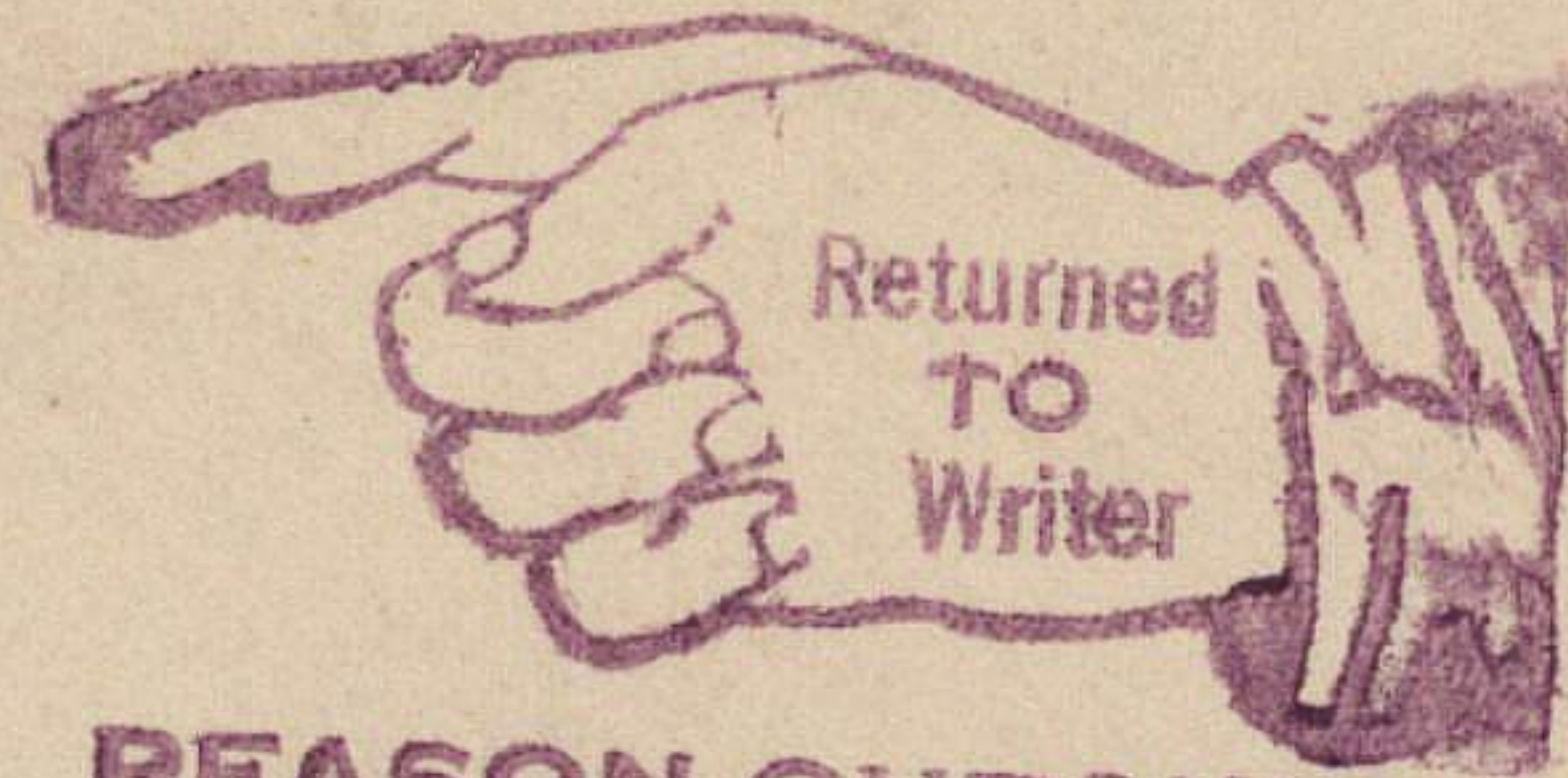
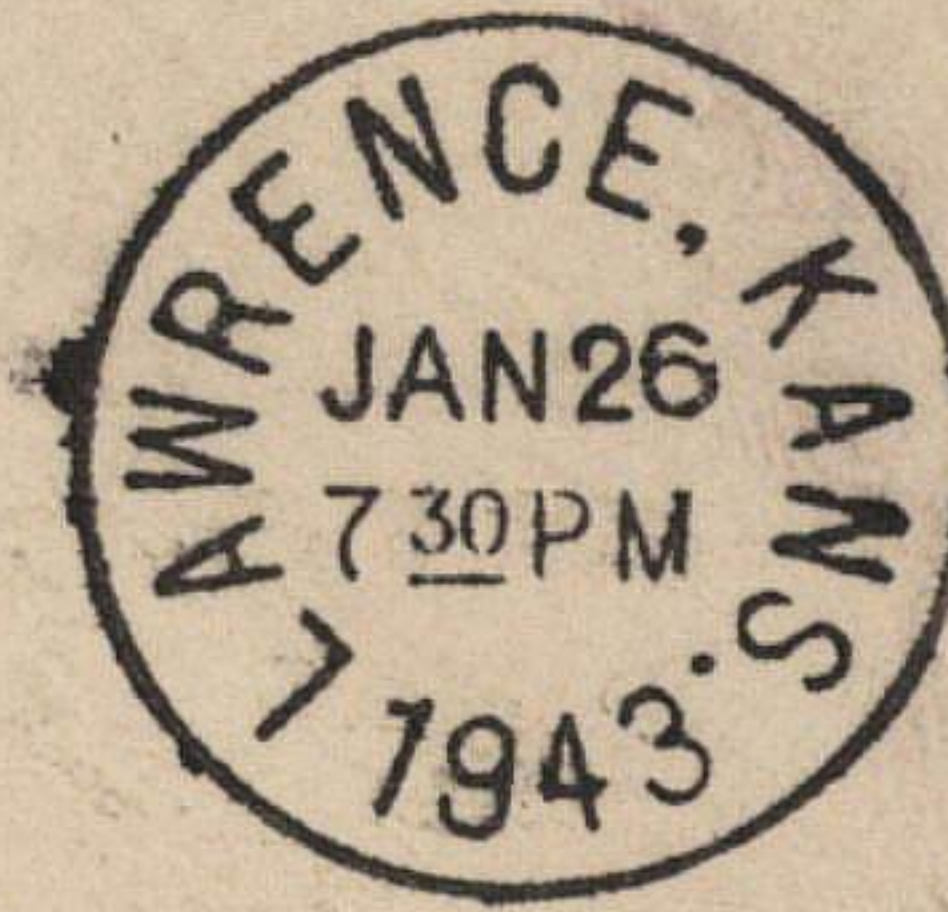
We should like to have your reply to this inquiry at your early convenience. Thank you very much for your assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,

E. C. Bergeson
Assistant Director of Personnel

Enc.:
ARC 825

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Mr.

~~Warren R. Anderson,
Camp Edwards, Mass.~~

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January 26, 1943.

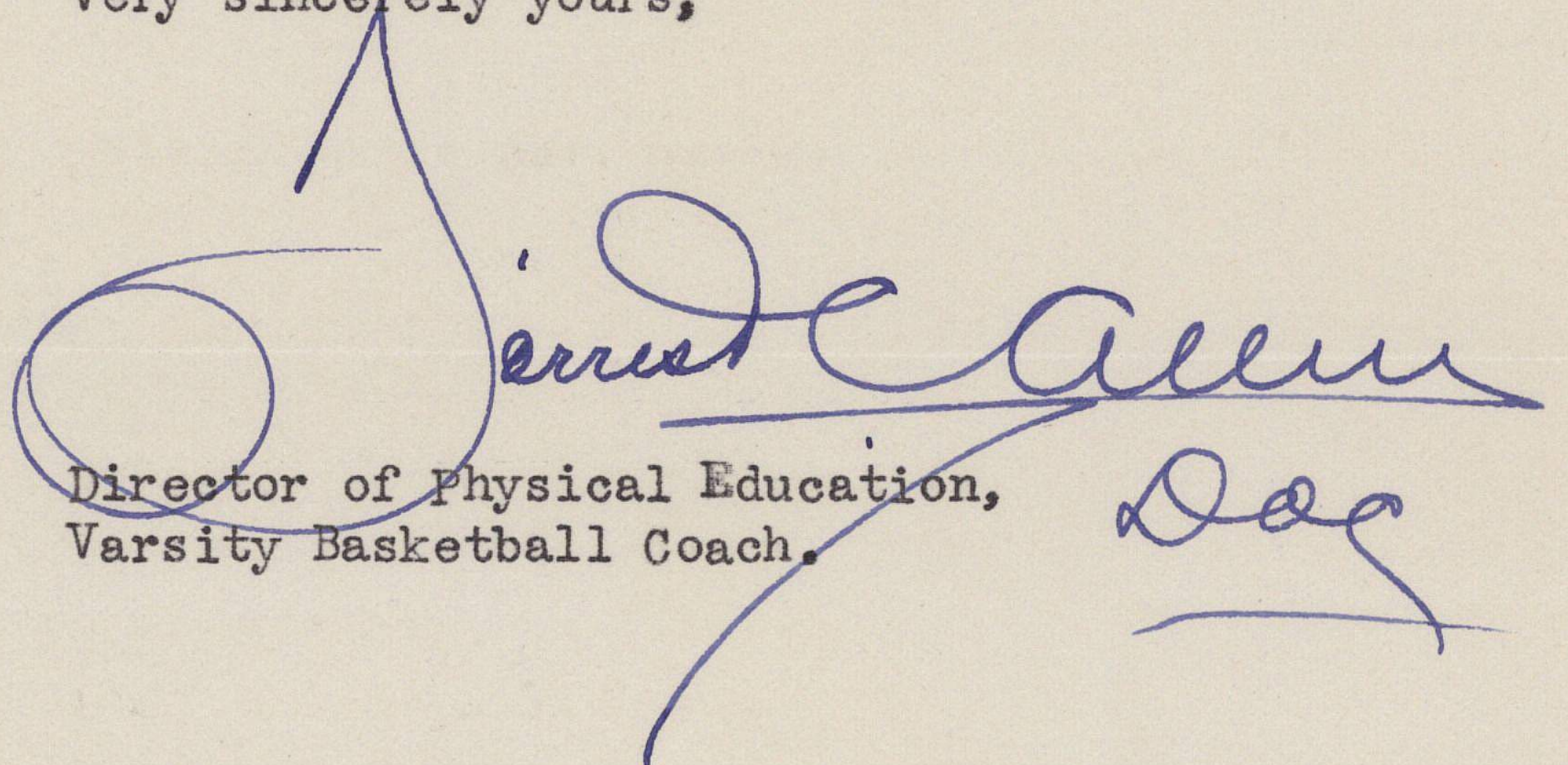
Mr. Warren R. Anderson,
Camp Edwards, Mass.

Dear Andy:

You didn't tell me whether you were general, major, captain, sergeant, corporal, or a buck private. Anyhow, we were tickled to death to have your good letter.

I am tacking your letter up on the bulletin board to let many of the fellows hear from Old Andy, or the Deaton. Dean Nesmith and I were just talking about you to some of our boys the other day.

Very sincerely yours,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ernest Allen". A long horizontal line is drawn under the signature. A smaller, more cursive signature is written below the main one on the right side.

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

February 11, 1943.

Lieut. and Mrs. Richard R. Amerine,
5409 Wyandotte Street,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Denny and Dick:

Congratulations, Denny, to you and Dick on the arrival of Richard Robert Amerine on January 31, 1943. Mrs. Allen and I received the announcement and we desire to congratulate you on this very fine son.

I hope, Denny, that you are feeling well, and I know you are happy. Mrs. Allen and I deeply appreciate your thinking of us in sending young Dick's announcement.

With every good wish for you and yours, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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NORCROSS
NEW YORK U. S. A.

Name Richard Robert Amerine

Birthday January 31, 1943

Parents Lt. & Mrs. R. R. Amerine