

Physical Training Department
Maxwell Field, Alabama
March 14, 1942

Dear Dr. Allen;

This short letter is being written to offer my belated congratulations on your twenty fifth anniversary of coaching at K.U. and also on your fine season. I received newspaper clippings which told of your sponsoring a scholarship, your twenty fifth anniversary ceremony, and of your fine coaching record. Dr Elbel also mentioned the recognition you received.

Down here at Maxwell Field, things are coming right along. We are undermanned at the present time because a group of our men are in Miami, Florida taking an Officers Training Course. In about a month I am expecting to go down there for training myself. We will be commissioned as Second Lieutenants with prospects of promotion after a few months as I understand it. No one seems to be able to say exactly what the position of the physical training department will be.

Mr. Swanson from K.U. is now stationed at a field in this area. He made a very good impression while he was here taking his preliminary training. A man or two from Kansas State are also directing physical training in this area.

Basketball is one of the most popular sports with the Cadets here. Of course all of our work is conducted outdoors so many activities such as basketball are not played as well as they might be if we had plenty of indoor floor space.

At the present time I am due out on the field for a formation so this will have to end here. Best wishes for your continued success and my regards to Mrs. Allen and your family, I remain

yours Very sincerely
John Cress