

IN REPLY PLEASE  
REFER TO:

U. S. NAVAL TRAINING STATION  
GREAT LAKES, ILLINOIS

June 12, 1941

Mr. "Phog" Allen,  
Basket Ball Coach,  
University of Kansas,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Friend "Phog":

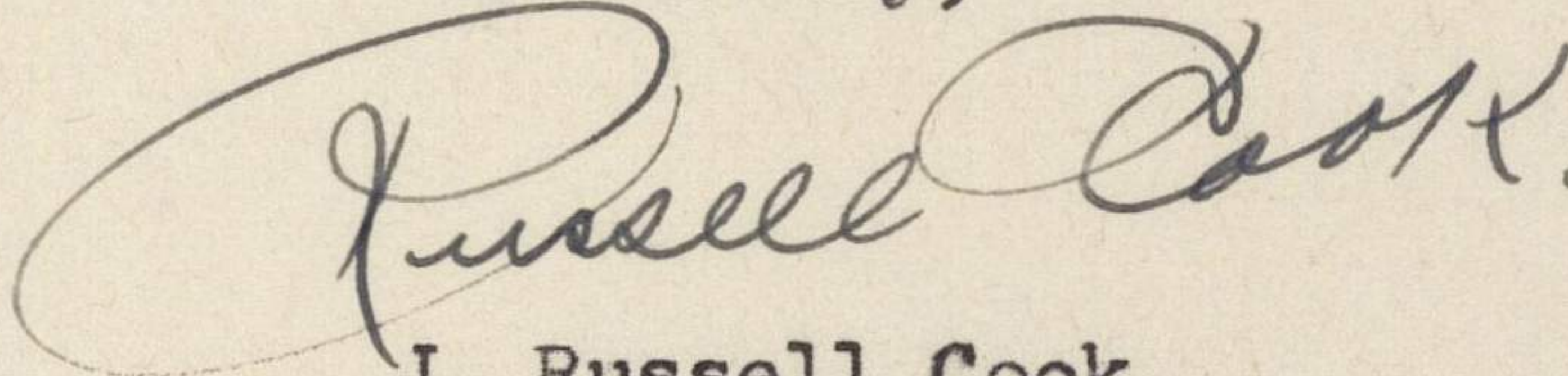
You will remember me as coach at the Danville  
Indiana Normal College, and later National Director of  
Americanism, The American Legion.

Recently I was called to active duty after  
having a number of years in Washington, and naturally  
am out of touch with Inter-Collegiate Athletic Activities  
in the Mid West, so came to you for assistance.

Will you list for me eight or ten outstanding  
basket ball players and their colleges, who are graduates  
and have military problems ahead of them.

I trust you will treat this request as con-  
fidential, and I thank you very much--come and see us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "J. Russell Cook". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

J. Russell Cook,  
Lieutenant, USNR,  
Athletic Officer.