

Navy V-12 Unit
Washburn Municipal University
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Dr. Forrest C. Allen
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Dear Dr. Allen

Day before yesterday, the trainees stationed at the unit here received their orders stating that we were to be transferred to K. U. on the 1st. of November. This seemed to all of us the full realization of our hopes as Kansas seemed to be the No. 1 school on our list of schools to be transferred to.

Upon the receipt of a letter from Lloyd Krone, who played at Washburn last year, stating that Oklahoma would probably not use Navy men because of the long trips they desired to take, the question immediately arose in our minds, "What would be your policy at K. U. this year?" Several of last year's team, Stramel, Van Gundy, Ulrich, and myself got together and decided to write you seeking an answer to our queries and find out one way or the other so as to ease our worries during this, the final week. We were very sorry about Krone as he is definitely one of the finest players any of us have ever played with or against.

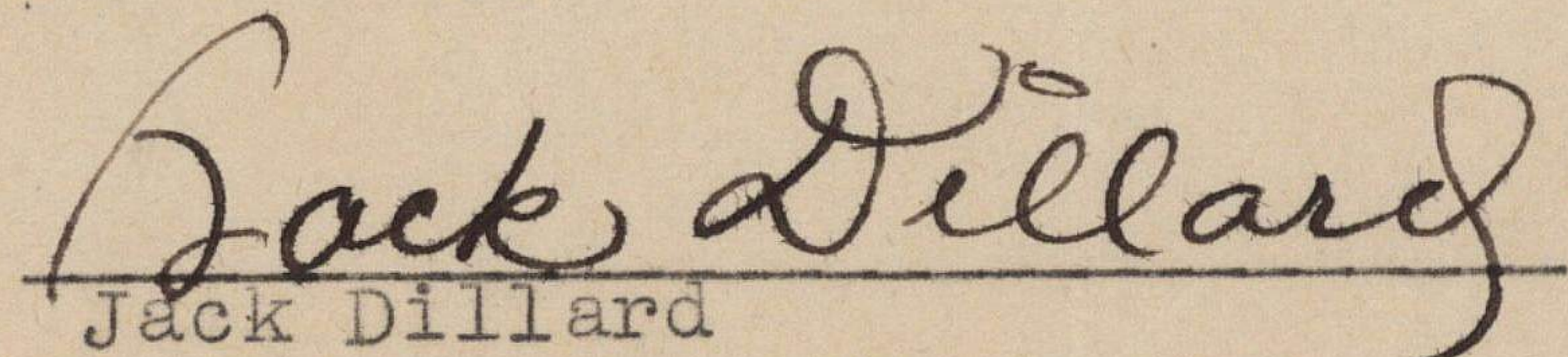
We are also wondering when you will begin practice. We are not scheduled to report until the first of November and wondered if that would eliminate the possibility of coming out for the team.

After last night's game and the terrific beating administered to us, we feel that you might be a trifle leery and doubtful of Washburn athletes. You have a wonderful team at the University this year. Here's hoping that none of them get too bunged up for basketball, which, wrong as it might seem, is usually the case.

You would certainly be responsible for the termination of some doubting sailors' worries if you would instruct us as to your policy with V-12 students this year.

Hoping to see you soon, I remain,

Sincerely,


Jack Dillard