

THE UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER

ROCHESTER, NEW YORK

Echo Lake, Calif.

Aug. 13, 1941.

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

Dear Phog:

In running thru my badly stuffed file of unanswered correspondence I am embarrassed to find your kind letter of June 18th. While perhaps it didn't call for a reply the fact that I have had quite a lengthy visit with Burt recently is reason enough for passing along a little news.

Of course I was glad to learn that Burt left in "good graces", since one can never be sure just how such changes will be accepted by those left behind. He seems to be very happy in his new work altho he says frankly that he is a green pea and knows nothing about it. In that respect he seems to be in the same boat with many others who are attempting similar jobs in this new army development. Certainly it is a great opportunity, a virgin field and one from which he should emerge with greatly increased knowledge and experience in physical education and recreation. Judging from the morale I have observed in the few camps visited he is confronted with a colossal job.

While my family has been here at the lake enjoying a fine Calif. summer I have been down at Stanford preparing for and taking my final written and oral exams for the doctorate. Wound them up last week and I guess the examiners decided to pass me and get me out of the way for they put the final stamp on me and it's now official "Dr. DeGroot". Of course my children are giving me quite a ribbing - after all these years of still being a student, to their embarrassment, but it's OK with me!

We are closing up the place this week end and leaving for home via southern California where we will visit my folks and Burt and Ruth and their new papoose. We are all looking forward to our first peek at the pride and joy with great interest. Burt says he's quite a kid already but he is probably prejudiced.

Planning to work out with the Washington Redskin football team at San Diego for a week thence on back to Chicago for the All-star game the 28th. Don't know our route for sure at this writing but if we are anywhere near Lawrence will stop by and say hello.

Trusting you have enjoyed a fine summer and with kind personal regards to Mrs Allen and the children from the DeGroots, I am

Sincerely,

Aud DeGroot