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January 21, 1944

Dear Doctor:

Don't faint - because this is not really a letter from the dead, so to speak.

I know that I seem to be a very wayward and errant correspondent, but so darn much has been happening since I last wrote you that I haven't really had sufficient time to settle down and try to send you a half-way decent missive.

I guess the best way to 'let you know' about me is to start from the last time I wrote a letter to you.

As you may recall, I was teaching in the physical education department at the University of California at Los Angeles. Well, in the late spring, just before the school year was up, the assistant football coach asked me if I would like to be his head counsellor for his summer boy's ranch camp. Naturally I said "yes". So during the summer of 1941 I was on his ranch, which is located about 200 miles north of San Francisco. I had charge of overseeing all of the activities for his 'charges' and seeing to it that the other counsellors did their job. It was really a marvelous experience, as we had all kinds of facilities for recreation. Horses, swimming, boating, mountain hiking, and trips way up into the forests of the 'Redwood Empire'. But all good things must end, so back to Los Angeles we came.

I resumed my teaching for the second year at U.C.L.A. and was really enjoying my duties very much.

Just before the end of the Fall semester (Jan.-1942) one of the other department instructors told me of a place where I might be able to pick up some extra money by working nights. The 'place' is the firm on the letterhead. It seems they wanted a man to handle their First Aid work for industrial accidents on the Swing shift (5:30 PM to 3:00 AM).

I went out to the firm's plant and was interviewed to some length by the Employment Manager and the Director of Industrial Relations who finally said I could have the job. The reason for the need for the night First Aid man was that the company was just in the first throes of a long-range expansion program, and the guards (who had formerly handled all of the accident cases) were not able to take on the extra work that was resulting.



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At the time I started with the firm, there were only 450 employees on the payroll. After I had been doing this First Aid work for about three months, the company prepared to really start on a terrific expansion program that was aimed at ending up with a payroll of around 5000 people.

During my working hours, the Employment Manager and the Director of the Department had been 'shoving' more and more of the Industrial Relations work aside for me to do at night, that the regular staff could not get around to in the daytime.

When it became evident that we were in for some really wholesale hiring and would need to maintain a hiring office in downtown Los Angeles, the Employment Manager asked me if I would be interested in becoming an interviewer. Naturally I said "yes". So the middle of April, I resigned from the University (I had been maintaining my day teaching duties there, while I worked the Swing shift at the plant -- 19 hours of work out of the 24!) and moved into a downtown central hiring office that we set up.

After handling this for about a month, I was placed in charge of all personnel procurement for the company, at all plants. I have been doing this since. We have expanded to, at the present time, a total of 3500 employees, and are hunting for more. Our main production 'dream' is a sweet little aeroplane of the trainer type. It is a low-wing, open cockpit job and constructed out of what is called plastic, but is in reality a 'plastic-bonded, molded-plywood construction', to give it the accepted name. It is made by a special process where ordinary sheets of veneer wood are joined with this plastic compound and when the treatment is completed, the 'wood' is now of a synthetic, plastic characteristic.

Another product that we have just finished a contract on, is the huge cargo- and transport-carrying invasion gliders. Then the rest of our work is concerned with sub-contract construction and fabrication of various sheet metal parts for other companies (Lockheed-Vega, Consolidated-Vultee, and Douglas).

You know, it is certainly funny how things move around. In December of 1941 I had not even the remotest idea of getting into Personnel work, and if I had of, I certainly would not of known where or how to start. But by January of 1942 I was started, and now I'm in it so deep I doubt if I ever want to leave it. And all by a happy chance that I knew a little about applying a bandage -- lucky me!!



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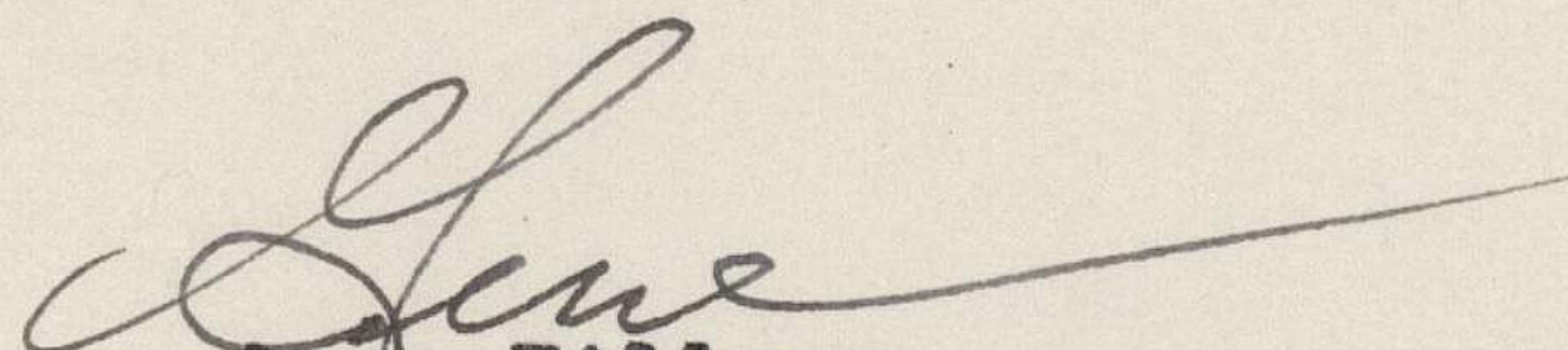
And that is the reason I have been so lax in writing to you, 'Doc', because I have been working tremendously long hours trying to make a go of this thing. I guess I have succeeded, partially, but at least it has been fun and certainly a tremendous experience and thrill. But things now have leveled off to an extent to where I think I can begin to once more observe the little social amenities (i.e., letter-writing!) once more.

Every time I pick up a newspaper, I always turn to the sports (oh!!) page and look in the box labelled 'Basketball Results' to see if KANSAS is listed there. And do you know, its the habit of the victor, but I always look down the left column for the name KANSAS, because that is the place where the winner appears--and, while you may have undoubtedly lost games in the last two years, every time I have seen the results, KANSAS has been in the left-hand column! That's the way it should be, 'Doc'!!

I certainly miss the old campus, and am looking forward very much to the day when I can come back for a 'look-see' around. I intend doing that for the 5-year class reunion, which will be June, 1945. But with the present world turmoil, and everything happening so suddenly and unexpectedly that plan may change. But in any event, when I do 'hit' Lawrence again, you may be sure that the first place or person I will see, is one Dr. Forrest C. Allen.

Guess I better close now, 'Doc', before I begin to bore you too much, and also see if I can't reserve some thing for my next letter.

'Bye for now and lots of continued luck and progress--


Gene Billups

500 Hill St.
Santa Monica, Calif.

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August 30, 1944.

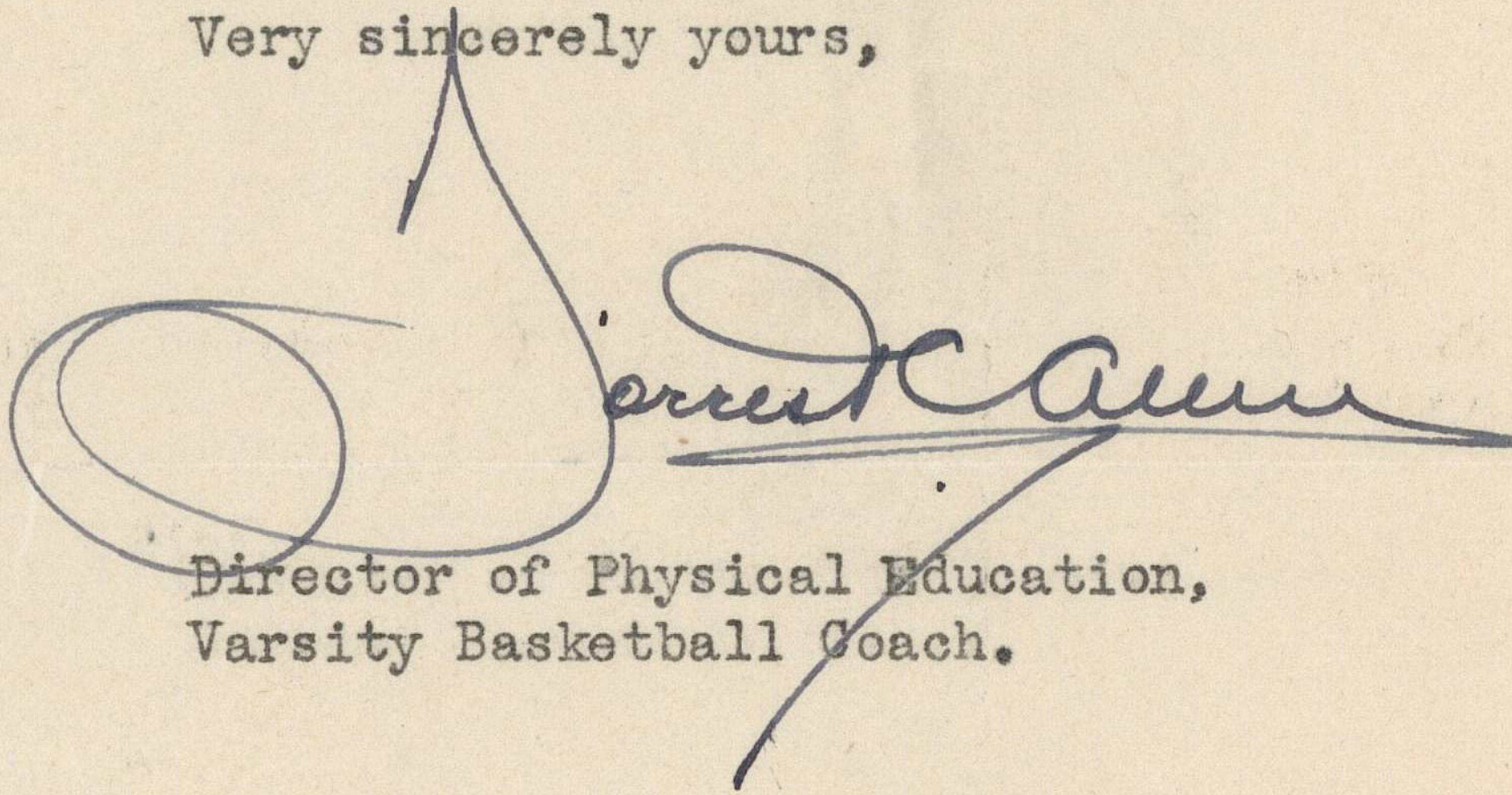
Mr. H. F. Baustian,
Langdon High School,
Langdon, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Baustian:

I have autographed a copy of my text, "Better Basketball", and am sending it to you today by parcel post. I trust that you will derive much pleasure and profit from the book.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Ernest Allen". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name. It features a large, looping initial "E" and a long, sweeping underline.

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Thank you Mr. Allen.

L. W. BROOKS
FOR
STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

Headquarters—Manhattan, Kansas

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Wichita, Kansas
August 13, 1944

ASSISTANT MANAGER
CO. SUPT. AGNES ENGSTRAND

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

My dear Dr. Allen:

Thanks for the swell letter of congratulation! The victory was achieved because of a lot of friends like you, who were willing to roll up their sleeves and dig down into their pockets for the sake of a change. I appreciate it all very deeply.

I enjoyed looking over the "Rebounds". I had not known of that publication until I received this copy. It is a wonderful piece of morale-building that you are doing there, and if subsequent issues would permit, I should like to be put on your mailing list.

Am just back from Wisconsin, where I visited some of my relatives for a few days. Three of that family are in very bad health, and I was glad it was possible to see them. Now I am back at my office, ready for the strenuous program ahead. I shall hope for the luck that you wished me. With kindest regards to the good wife and such other members of the family as you may be in touch with, I am


Very sincerely yours

L. W. Brooks
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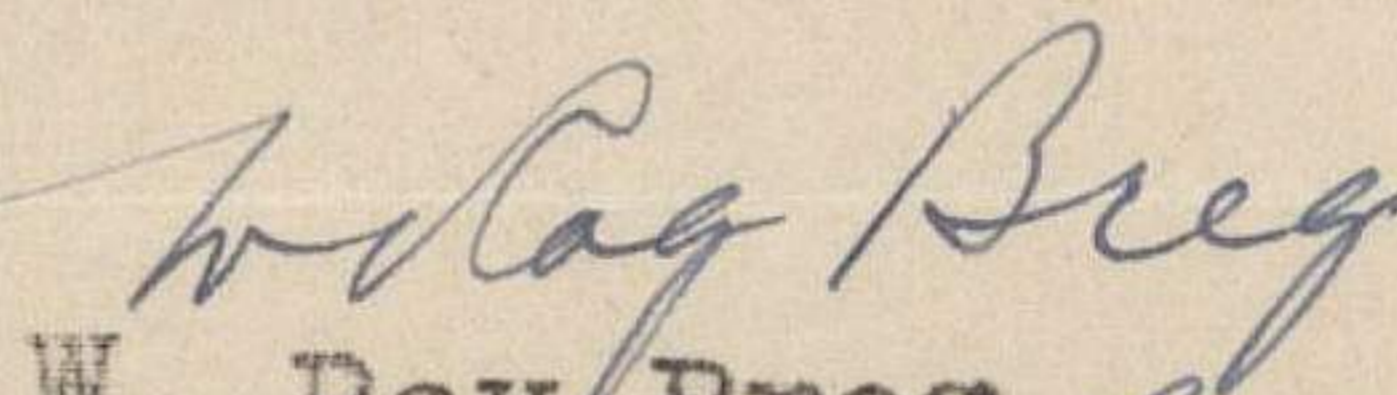
Dear Dr. Allen:

Thank you so much for your telegram, explaining the situation in your office. I am sorry that the "flu" worked such havoc in your office. It is my hope that all are well again and back in their places.

We shall be most happy to have you write the article for us whenever you can. We would use it at the right time.

Thanks for your interest.

Sincerely yours,


W. Roy Breg
Executive Secretary

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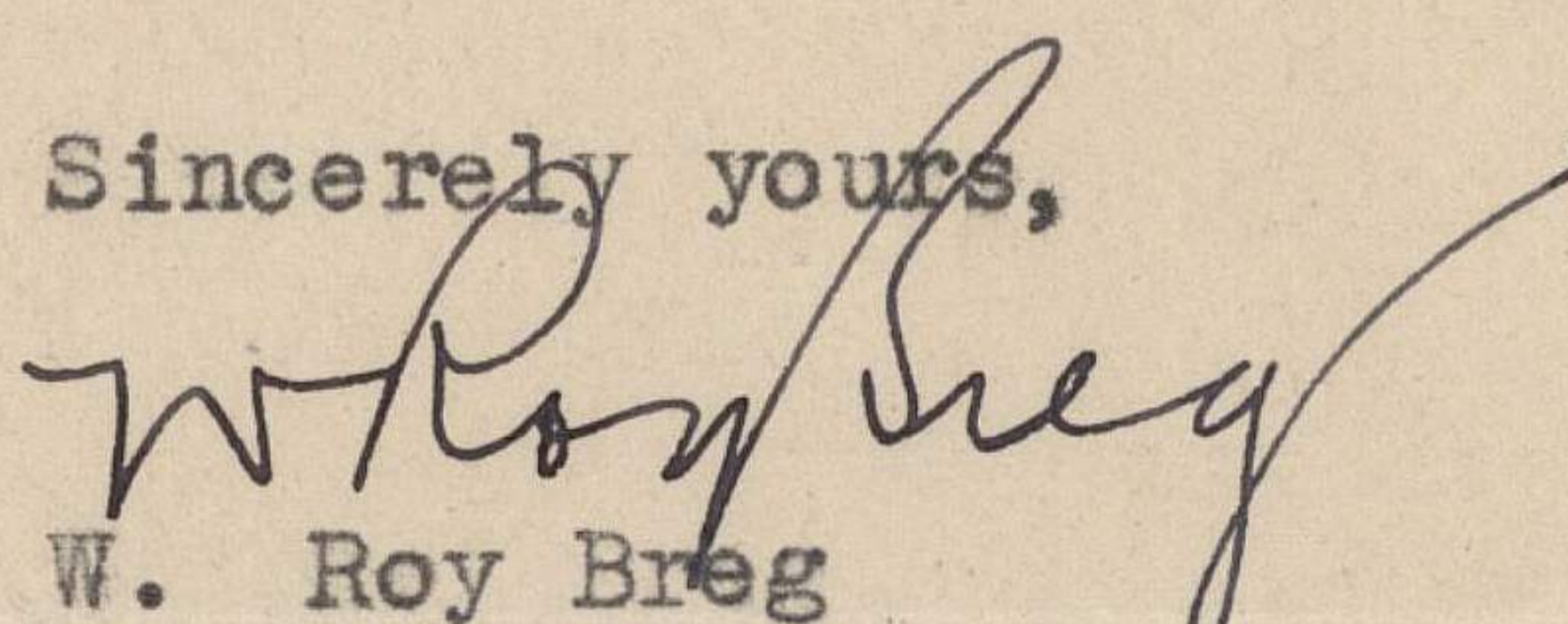
Mr. Forrest C. Allen
Director of Physical Education
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Allen:

In answer to your letter of December 30, we want to say that our next issue of THE ALLIED YOUTH will be the March 1944 issue. Copy for this issue should be in our hands by February 1. We would greatly appreciate it if you could send us an article that we could use in this issue.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,


W. Roy Breg
Executive Secretary

December 30, 1943.

Mr. W. Roy Breg,
Executive Secretary,
Allied Youth,
National Education Association Bldg.,
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Breg:

I have held your request for an article on my desk, hoping it would be possible to give you a reply before this time. However, my administrative duties, in addition to basketball coaching and a rather large number of speaking dates over the state this fall and early winter, have caused me to neglect writing you.

Will you kindly tell me when your next issue will be out, and what the deadline is for an article? It will soon be a little late for a basketball article. I shall be happy to hear from you.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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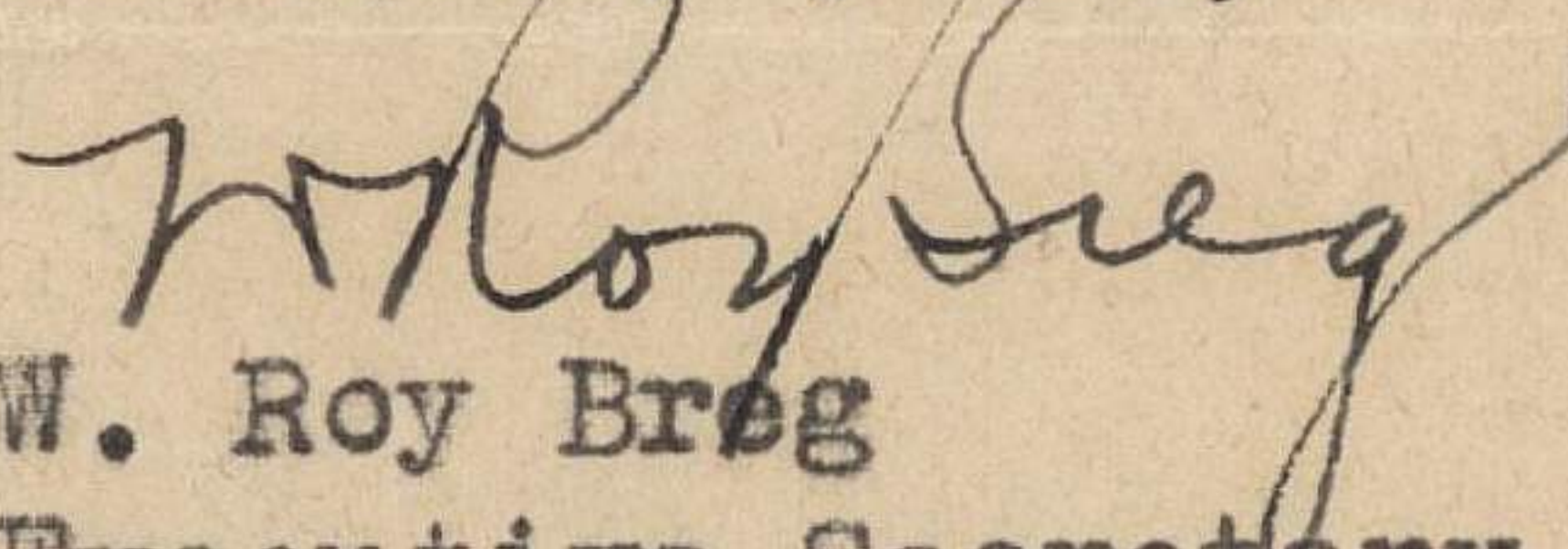
Dear Mr. Allen:

In the latter part of October, we wrote you asking that you write a feature article on basketball for us.

We have heard nothing from you and would appreciate having word from you as soon as possible, telling us if you will be able to do this.

May you have a pleasant Holiday Season.

Sincerely yours,


W. Roy Breg
Executive Secretary

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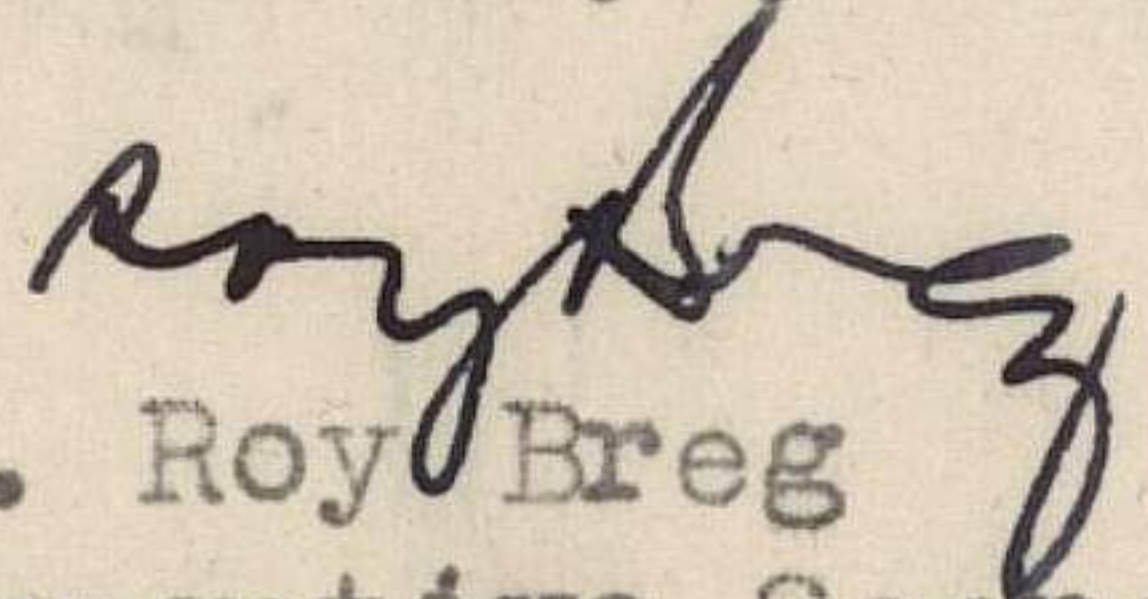
Dear Mr. Allen:

In June, you suggested the possibility that you would be very glad indeed to help us with a feature article on basketball. We are writing now to say that, if you could plan to give us such an article by the last of November, it would be a particular help to us. We would feature it during the height of the basketball season in THE ALLIED YOUTH.

We are most grateful for your leadership in this field and for willingness to cooperate with us. We would also like to have one or two pictures of the team in action.

Your kindness is appreciated and we hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely yours,


W. Roy Breg
Executive Secretary

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