

Medicine Lodge, ^{1 B} Mo.

February 17, 1943

Dr. F. C. Allen.

Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Dr. Allen:

Just a line to thank you for your kind remembrance to us. We appreciate it very much. We enjoyed Bill while he was home although it was all too short. I had planned a trip to Lawrence shortly after Xmas. But various things prevented me from coming. At that time I planned to thank you for taking Bill on the eastern Tour. When he told us in detail about it, I realized more than ever just what it meant to him. He was more thrilled than words can tell. He said, "Mother, I'll always remember

that trip, the association with my coach and team, the contacts with so many worth-while people, (many of whom were K. U. Alumni) and the wonderful things that we did."

I wish to congratulate you on your Basket Ball Team. We are most proud of your record. We are proud that Bill is a member of the squad. Athletics count more during these times than ever before. It is this training that conditions our boys and gets them in shape for the demands of war. Not only that but athletics help make a man a real man, teaches him to be able to take it and tends to build character. After all character is what really counts. We feel that Bill has gained by being on your

squad. we hope that he does
what is expected of him and that
he improves enough to play more.
Thanking you for all that you
have done for our son and wishing
you the best of success. I am.

Sincerely

Mrs. C. L. Forsyth

P.S. I hope to be in Lawrence
some time soon and will look
forward to meeting you again.

November 10, 1942.

Mr. F. M. Farmer, Principal,
Colby Community High School,
Colby, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Farmer:

I am sorry that I have delayed in answering your good letter of October 29.

The time consumed in college is $3\frac{1}{2}$ seconds from the time the ball is taken off the backboard until it crosses the division line; that is, on a driving offense. In high school the time would be slightly less than this because the court is shorter. I always figured from three to five seconds a team with a rushing offense to get a shot at the basket after they take the ball off the opponent's backboard.

For the set plays it takes about 15 seconds, but the ball handling is slower and surer and after the team crosses the division line they must set all their men and then begin with a slow deployment. Personally, we come across the division line in about 5 seconds and the play is pulled in about 5 seconds more, or a total of 10 seconds on a set play. On a fast breaking offense we will get a shot at the basket from 5 to 7 seconds.

Personally, I like the two men in and three out offensive set play formation because it leaves the area around the basket open for a drive in. My two forwards are about 8 feet from the corner, end line, and side line on each side, and my three rear men are about 8 to 10 feet from the side line and about eight feet from the division line. The reason I do not favor three men in is because the post man's defensive men congest the area around the basket. If you have an exceptional post man you can float him in from one of these set forward positions and alternate that type of play with your set play with the forwards in the corner.

Answering your last question in the last paragraph, we stress pressing the opponent's guards, but it is, as you say, rather loose guarding. If you press them too closely they will drive by. I like the retreating defense with a checking pressing game. We act as if we are going to play them close but we drop back because the five men present a more complex problem in driving through than if the defensive men are distributed out over the whole court. I think you can get that point.

I am still playing the stuff outlined in my book, with variations according to the power of the attacking team.

Trusting this gives you the information that you desire,
I am

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

COLBY COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

F. M. FARMER, Principal

COLBY, KANSAS

October 29, 1942

Dr. Allen
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Allen:

I wonder if you would take a few minutes to answer several questions for me. As you know there are many school men who will have to go back to coaching again this year to keep the school program alive and I am one of them. I know your help on the below questions would guide me in some decisions this year.

Several years ago, I believe between 1930 and '34 a study was made of the actual time in a game that a team had to score, that is, after taking the time used in held ball, out of bounds, bringing the ball up to the defense and other time consuming phases of the game. What I would like to know is do you have the time left to score information?

Perhaps this question is answered as far as you are concerned by the fact you have I believe favored this type set up; the question is the ~~is~~ a base floor formation set up that gives the offensive team a better driving angle than others, for example, does the three men out and two in offer more strength to the offensive team than a two men out and three men in?

In reading your books on basketball I have noticed you stress pressing the opponents guards as they bring the ball up the court, should this be a loose guarding pressing game, or close? What tactics do you advise other than those outlined in guarding situations in your books.

Yours truly

F. M. Farmer
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KANSAS STATE COLLEGE
OF AGRICULTURE AND APPLIED SCIENCE
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DEPARTMENT OF
PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND ATHLETICS

July 16, 1943

Doctor F. C. Allen
Director of Physical Education
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Doctor Allen:

I realize that I am a little late in making up my mind as to what I am going to do this next year. I have decided to stay here in the high school. They have given me a very attractive offer, and I feel this is probably more permanent and definite for me at present.

I know I would have enjoyed working with and for you and Henry Shenk a lot, and I may be making a big mistake. However, in face of the housing situation, moving, and the duration proposition for me there, it seems my decision is sound.

I do truly appreciate the opportunity and your interest in me.

Sincerely,

Lud Fiser

Lud Fiser

LF:vf

July 13, 1943.

Mr. Lud Fiser,
Coach, Manhattan High School,
Manhattan, Kansas.

Dear Lud:

I desire to know what decision you have made
in regard to your possible change. It is necessary
for me to have your decision at an early date. I will
appreciate your reply.

Very cordially yours,

FCA: H

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

June 5, 1943.

Pvt. Wilson R. Fitzpatrick,
Co. B, 1st C.W.S. Trng. Regt.,
Camp Siebert, Alabama.

Dear Bob:

I was mighty happy to have your letter of
May 24th, and we will follow your instructions regarding
the gold basketballs when they arrive.

Bill Brill's address is:

Pvt. Wm. H. Brill,
Co. D, 10th Bn., I.R.T.C.,
Ft. McClellan, Alabama.

Hope you can get in touch with him.

We are preparing a mimeographed letter to
send to all the boys telling of their locations and
activities, and I will send you one as soon as it is ready.
I am sure you will enjoy reading about the boys.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.



CAMP SIBERT, ALABAMA

May 24, 1943

Dear Dr. Allen,

I received your letter the other day and since it came on the week end I did not have a chance to answer it. The week end is usually a busy one with inspection and passes. This Sunday we had to fire machine guns so we didn't get any passes. This camp is in the South but the weather is nothing like I thought. It is as hot and dusty as Kansas and sometimes real mucky. The Camp is a Chemical Warfare camp. I have been down here 10 weeks now but spent the first week in the hospital so I was transferred to another Company and lost two weeks. The first four weeks were the hardest but now the work isn't bad. This Company had a Captain that was lazy and so we didn't double time. Now we have a new Captain and today we double time $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile and one half of the Company fell out. The Army is a great place to get

the fat of some of the fellows. We are doing about 35
push ups a day and learning different holds. We have
about 1hr. or more of exercise a day. We eat real good in
this Company, the food is better than the 1st Company I was
in and there is more of it. This is a poor location for
soldiers or passes as it is nearly impossible to get out
of town. The Army life hasn't been had at all so far.
We all hope to be assigned to the Air Corp and get
out of here. We are through the week of July 3rd. I want
the gold basketball I would appreciate it very much
if you would send it to my sister in Kansas City. Her
address is - Miss Betty Fitzpatrick - Employers Reinsurance Corp.
Insurance Exchange Bldg.
21 W. 10th St.
Kansas City 13
Mo.

Bill Brill is down here about 40 miles from this Camp
and I wonder if you get his address if you would have it
sent to me please.

Sincerely yours,

Bob Fitzpatrick

Pvt. Wm. W. Brill,
Co. D, 10th Bn., I. R. T. C.
 Ft. Mc Clellan, Ala.

May 31, 1943.

Mr. William Forsyth,
Medicine Lodge, Kansas.

Dear Bill:

I was glad to have your letter of the 27th instant. I thought you did exceptionally well for a sophomore. We did not have any differences, that I recall, except the time when you were not training. That, of course, would never have happened had you trained.

Personally, I thought you had a lot of basketball ability, but of course Schnellbacher and such men as you had to face were just a little too much for you. And too, Sparky McSpadden and Dixon were the only sophomores that got to play a great deal, outside of Otto. When you have an ever-victorious team in Big Six competition all of us will agree that it takes a rare sophomore to beat one of the other fellows out of a position. Sparky trained perfectly, had the old fire and will to win, and gave everything he had both on and off the court.

Ray Evans was another boy that gave everything. You always find the fellows who give everything will never be denied a place on the team.

I am happy that you got your "K" and I will be glad to send your father the basketball when it comes. It should be in soon. Please give your good mother, your dad and your uncle my kindest regards and remember, Bill, I am for you a thousand per cent. When you come back I will be counting on you giving that extra ounce of devotion that you withheld slightly heretofore.

I am sending you a mimeographed letter that I have written to the boys in the service. This will bring you up on the addresses and location of them. The inking is not good but these are some of the rejects that we didn't mail out. Hope you enjoy it.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

Thursday
May 27, 1943

Dear Doctor Allen,

In regards to your letter concerning the gold basketball and sweaters, it would please me very much if you would send the gold basketball to my father, Mr. C. L. Forsyth, here in Medicine Lodge. As you probably know I already have my sweaters.

After basketball season I never did get to thank you for making me a letterman at K. U. I want to do so at this time. It really meant a lot to me to say that I received my sweaters playing basketball at K. U. under you. Truthfully I really don't think I deserved the award because of the small amount of playing

I did.

after¹ the war if I'm still kicking I hope to come back to K.U. and try to play some more basketball. It might be with a fresh start that you and I could get along much better than we have done in the past. Anyway after the war I won't be a green sophomore and will have a little more sense. ^{I hope.} I sincerely ^{wish} hope that the differences between us may come to an end now.

Have you heard from Otto or any of the other boys? I hope some day to see them again, especially Otto. He is such a swell kid.

Wishing you the best of luck.

I am

Sincerely yours,

Bill Forayth

P.S. Thanks again for the K. award



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April 30, 1943

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

Dear Dr. Allen:

Indeed thank you for thinking of me with the mimeographed letter to the boys in the service.

This is an excellent idea indeed and I will make it a point to show it to Mrs. Don Ebling, who is back home now after enjoying a stay at Norfolk during part of Don's training, then a most enjoyable stay in San Francisco and San Diego where he had further training on the destroyer Farragut.

Mrs. Ebling was Marjorie Siegrist, a very good friend of ours and our daughters room mate at Lawrence.

I hope this good letter will reach Don, but I doubt it. We think he is in the Aleutians, but this is just between you and I, and we must not let the government know that we know it. Marjorie, Mrs. Ebling, got it through their very very private code.

Again thanking you for the kind remembrance, I am

Sincerely,

W. W. Fuller

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April 17th, 1943

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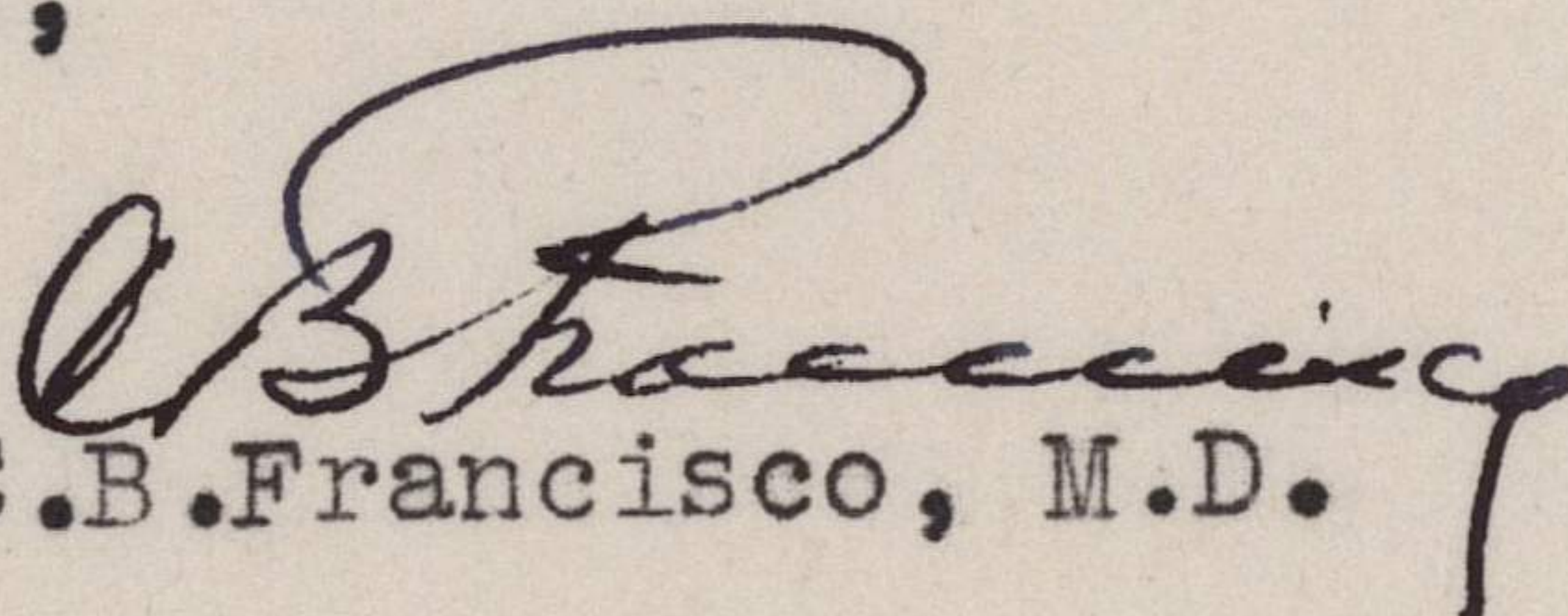
C. B. FRANCISCO, M. D.
C. L. FRANCISCO, M. D.

Forrest C. Allen
Director of Physical Education
Varsity Basketball Coach
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Director Allen:

I shall give you a ring when I come up
to Lawrence on the thirtieth and will be
pleased to see you.

Sincerely,


C.B. Francisco, M.D.

CBF*HF

P.S. I was delighted to hear about Ray Evans
and believed to know that he had gotten
to Florida. C.B.F.

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

In re: Dave Shirk

Dear Director Allen:

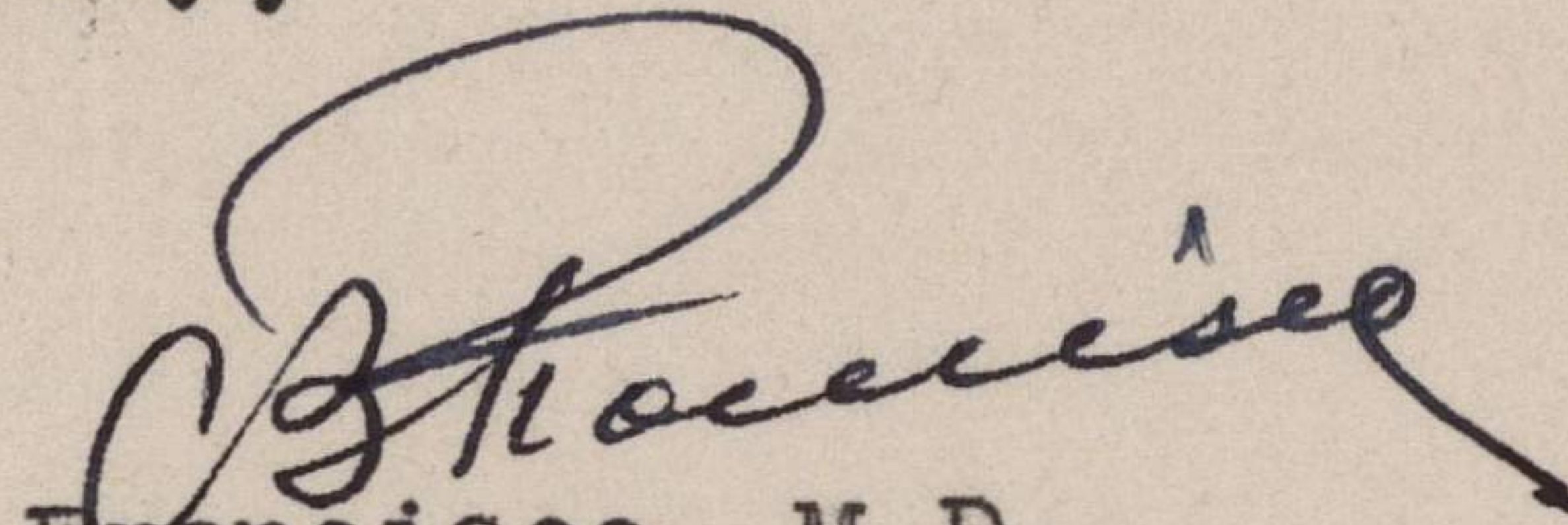
I am sorry to have been a little slow in looking up
Dave Shirk and his x-rays.

I saw him on March 1st., 1938 and he stated then that in
July, 1937 he did a back flip dive and injured his foot which became
swollen and uncomfortable and had had a little trouble since.

On examination at that time I was not able to account for
the pain he complained of in the region of the right great toe joint
as the physical examination was negative as were the x-ray findings.

I furnished him with an anterior arch pad, told him that
I did not see any contraindication to his playing football and if he
had any further trouble to let me know and I have not heard from him
since, so hope he is all right.

Yours sincerely,


C.B. Francisco, M.D.

CBF*HF

April 12, 1943.

Dr. C. B. Francisco,
Argyle Building,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Dr. Francisco:

I promised David, when he called up, that I would call Capt. Ted O'Sullivan this morning and find out what really happened to Ray Evans. I did so, with the result that Ted said he was shipped out Tuesday following the Sunday that you and the rest of us got busy in his behalf.

Both Ted and Ray promised me that Sunday they would let me know as soon as anything happened, but I know how busy the Army people are, and you and I have both raised sons and know they are poor correspondents.

Again, thanks so much.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

Pvt. Raymond Evans,
A.F.R.T.C.,
St. Petersburg, Florida.

April 12, 1943.

Dr. C. B. Francisco,
Argyle Building,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Dr. Francisco:

I talked to Dave Shirk, coach of Augusta, Kansas, high school, regarding the possibility of his coming into our department next year. He stated to me that you had examined him and taken pictures of his foot where he had some touch of arthritis.

I am wondering if you would give me your opinion as to the condition Dave was in at that time. I am not sure whether Dave came to your clinic out here, but it was my understanding that he went to the University of Kansas Hospital at Rosedale and that some pictures were taken of his foot.

Dave thought he might be placed in I-A, but I am sure with this history of arthritis he is not apt to be called. We are looking for someone who can assist us as all of our physical education majors are leaving for the Army and most of our young men are gone. Therefore, our only hope is getting some individual who is in a deferred class due to such case as Dave's.

I will appreciate this information at your convenience.

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

April 15, 1943.

Dr. C. B. Francisco,
Argyle Building,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Dr. Francisco:

I understand that Friday, April 30th, is your regular clinic day at Lawrence. I would like very much to see you for a few minutes some time during the day, at your convenience.

Cordially yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION

March 29, 1943.

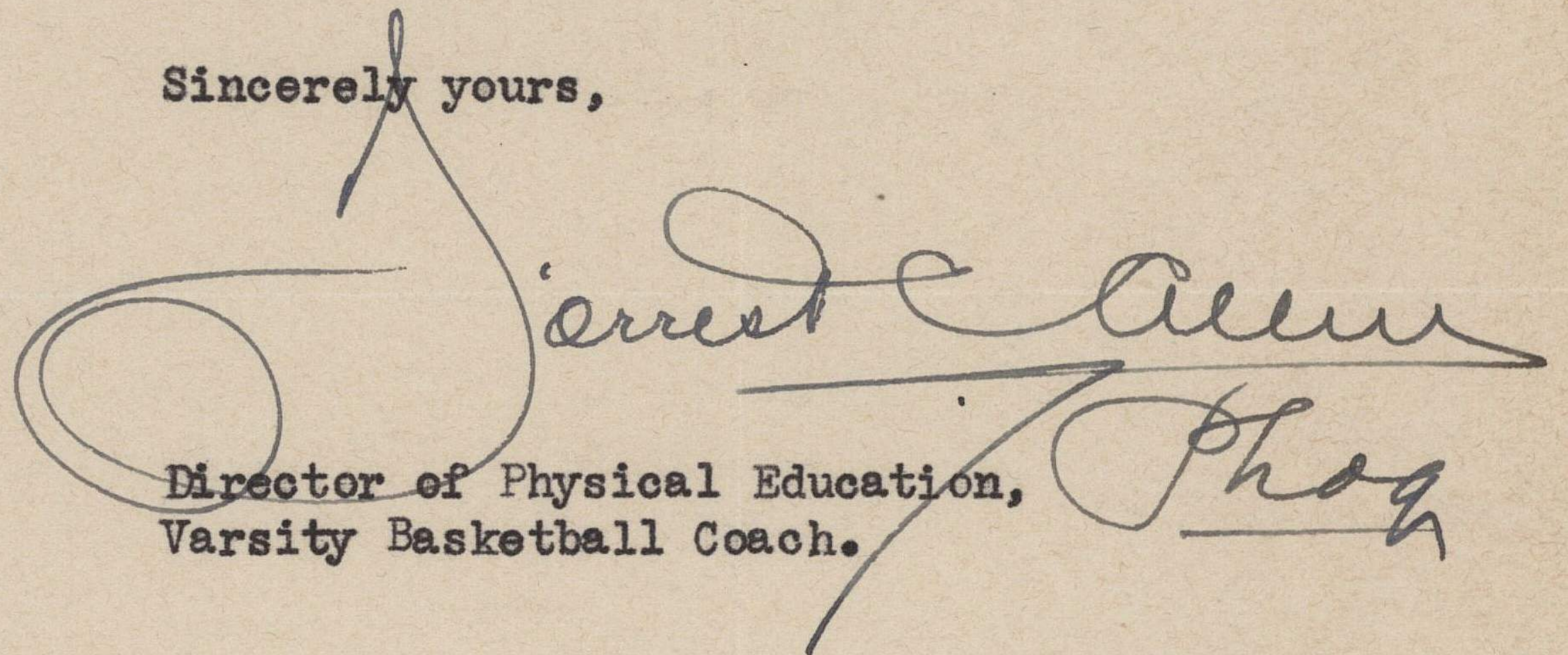
Dr. C. B. Francisco,
Argyle Building,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Dr. Francisco:

I just had word from Leavenworth this morning that things are shaping up so Ray apparently is going to get away without being delayed. I want you to know how very much I appreciate your kindness in offering to see the Commandant. I have been assured, however, that things are working out for him to get his desires, and I will wait until I see you sometime to make full explanation.

I would rather not write it, but I do appreciate a thousand times your willingness to help.

Sincerely yours,


Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

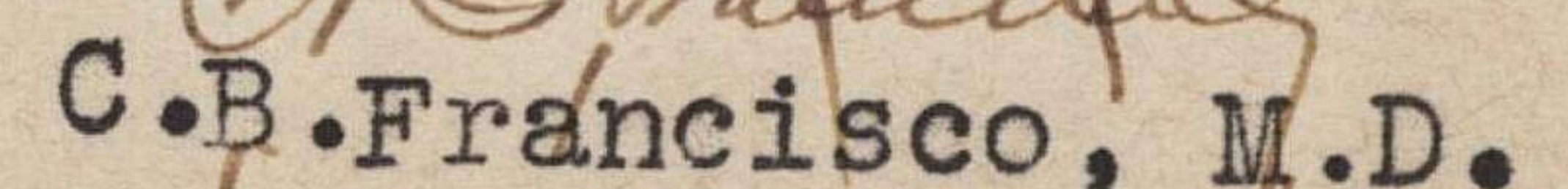
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Dear Phog:

I called the Colonel Monday and he was very sympathetic and very interested and said he would look into the matter and felt it would be possible in time to work it out. Needless to say I am delighted that it is working out because I did not like the deal at all.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Sincerely,


C.B. Francisco, M.D.

March 31st., 1943

April 5, 1943.

Mr. Milford Franks, Jr.,
Rancocas, New Jersey.

Dear Milford:

Thank you for your very nice letter. I am glad to know that you are interested in basketball, and hope you enjoyed our game against St. Joseph's.

I am enclosing an autographed program of one of our home games which I thought you would enjoy.

I would be happy to meet you, and hope that you will drop in to see me if you are ever in Lawrence.

With best wishes to you, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Rancocas, New Jersey
March 29, 1943

My dear Dr. Allen,

You undoubtedly receive many letters in a day. Among those you will probably find some funny letters and you will probably think this one so.

However, as I am very much interested in basketball I would be very much pleased if you could send me an autographed photograph of yourself. I have read your book "Better Basketball" and my father saw your team play this year against St. Joseph's College, whom you beat 63-38, in Convention Hall in Philadelphia. I hope some day that I may be fortunate enough to make your acquaintance.

Sincerely yours
Milford Franks Jr.

March 19, 1943.

Lt. F. R. Frink,
333rd Inf., A.P.O. #84,
Camp Howze, Texas.

Dear Rusty:

We were delighted to receive your letter and your fine contribution to the American Red Cross. We do appreciate your loyalty to the University drive. The Red Cross drive went over in a big way here on the hill. The town people are admitting they slipped a little, but the hill people surprised everybody by their generosity and willingness to give.

Bobby is coming home the 25th and will be here until the first week in April. He, Mit and I are going to continue with our three-way golf match that we started last summer. Bob is working pretty hard but is happy. I will show him your letter when he comes.

Eleanor, who is also at the University of Pennsylvania, is getting married this fall.

Mrs. Allen and I both extend our best wishes to you, and wish to congratulate you on your progress in the Army. You are doing a swell job and we are proud of you. I read your letter to Dolph Simons, of the Journal-World, and he was mighty happy to hear from you. I also want to call your mother and let her know how much we appreciated your letter.

With kindest regards and best wishes to you, I am

Fraternally yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

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Dr. F. C. Allen, Chairman
University Red Cross Drive
Lawrence, Kansas

Camp House, Tex.
Mar. 14, 1943

Dear Dr. Allen,

I have just got in from a few days work in the field and in glancing through the stack of Lawrence J. W., I noticed the results of your K. U. Red Cross drive; I'd like to make my contribution, even tho I'm no longer a part of K. U.

In addition, I wish to extend my congratulations to you and your team for their fine showing this season; I'm sorry, though, that the team missed the show in Kansas City.

The show around here isn't so good — too much to do and not enough time. I've got a staff job, that of Bn. operations officer, and can almost get overworked!

Hoping this finds you and your family in the best of health, I remain
Yours,
F. R. Frink
1st St., 333rd Inf.

March 29, 1943.

Dr. C. B. Francisco,
Argyle Building,
Kansas City, Mo.

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Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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March 3, 1943.

Mr. Forrest C. Allen,
University of Kansas
Lawrence Kansas.

Dear "Phog":-

"Orchids" to you and your Basket Ball
team.

The Alumni and the friends of the University
are proud of your achievements.

My kindest personal regards.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'C. Allen', written in dark ink below the typed word 'Sincerely'.

March 15, 1943.

Mr. W. W. Fuller,
Fuller Grain Co.,
Board of Trade Building,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Mr. Fuller:

You bet, I would answer words of congratulation from you to our boys. We think that you are a swell sportsman and a fine supporter of the Jayhawkers. For that reason we thank you for your kind words.

Wishing you and yours a long life, health and prosperity, I am

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.



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March 10, 1943

Dr. F. C. Allen
Department of Physical Education
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

This is merely to congratulate you on another very successful season with "your boys".

It is probably just as well that the armed forces prevented your entering the N.C.A.A. Tournament, because I feel positive that with your first five intact, you would have gone to the finals in New York which would have proven very expensive for me, as you know full well that I would have had to have been there.

I am sincerely hoping that this big struggle is over soon so that we can get back to normal, or to school.

With very best regards, I am

Cordially,

WWF:G

Do not answer - you are too busy.