

July 15, 1944.

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Mr. Marvin Teeter,  
Asst. Director of Personnel,  
American Red Cross,  
1709 Washington Avenue,  
St. Louis 3, Missouri.

Dear Mr. Teeter:

I am very happy to recommend Miss Velma Ruth Baker for your Red Cross recreation worker's program in overseas duty. Miss Baker was one of our outstanding physical majors. Before taking up her major work in physical education she was majoring in mathematics. She is a brilliant student, has an exceptional personality, and is wholesomely attractive. She enjoys excellent health, has a spontaneous enthusiasm, and has the ability to make friends easily.

Miss Baker graduated from the University of Kansas in 1938. After graduation she accepted a position at Chapman, Kansas, Community High School, and did an exceptionally splendid job. Her rise was rapid. She went to New York University Physical Education Camp and worked on her master's degree in the summer time. She accepted a position at Battle Creek, Michigan, and then went to Dearborn. She obtained her master's degree from N.Y.U. in 1941.

For some unknown reason, which I suspect was financial, she accepted a position with the Pratt and Whitney Engine Company in Kansas City as recreation director of women. I was rather surprised that she would leave her educational work, but the salary was so much more that it perhaps proved the impelling force. Miss Baker was terminated in Kansas City on June first at Pratt and Whitney. I was so surprised to learn of her being in Burlington that I called her this morning and she gave me this information regarding the termination. I thought she was still with Pratt and Whitney.

In my opinion, Miss Baker would be an exceptional recreation worker. She certainly has outstanding ability. She has a most pleasing personality and her training and natural reactions would enable her to show a friendly yet impersonal attitude toward the men with whom she worked. She has an exceptional sense of humor and her maturity of judgment and sincerity of purpose should demand your very careful consideration of her application. She is cultured, intelligent and personable. In school she showed strong religious training. I am glad to recommend her to you.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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