

Screwed on Guam
21 June 45

Dear Doc:

Please forgive the crumb paper but it seems writing material is at a premium here and we must take whatever we can get. Perhaps in due time when we get set up better I'll be able to get nicer materials.

As you see, I am on Guam. It is a pretty little island and from what I see it could be developed into a wonderful resort spot. Right now we are having the rainy season and King mud reigns supreme. However, in a few weeks it is expected to clear up and then the heat is scheduled to arrive. My how I hate heat. But I

guess I can endure it. Our setup certainly isn't any Park Avenue Pent house. Yet considering what the Marines had when coming in, I guess we are living in the lap of generous luxury.

Say Doc, wasn't T. P. Hunter killed here? If I ever get time off I expect to look up his grave. I'd certainly like to find where he is buried and pay some tributes to the one swell fellow he was - even though these tributes be somewhat late.

A copy of the rebounds came in today after chasing me all over the U. S. and elsewhere. It was mailed seven weeks ago. I suggest you change my address on your mailing roster.

The rebounds are certainly nice to receive. So many bits of information about my friends and the news from the camps.

I was sorry I didn't see you when I was home during the first part of May. I stopped in your office but you were out. and as I had only 5 days before leaving I didn't quite get back again. These short leaves seem to consist mostly of rushing around to meet old friends - no time at all to relax and really enjoy all their company.

My Wife is in Lawrence now (Leamington to be exact) with my folks. She has started to believe what I've told her about the mid-westernness being more friendly and congenial. also about the superiority of our type of cooking. She writes such to me. Whether it is just to make me happy or whether

she actually believes it is something of which I'm not sure. At any rate she is waiting for our car to be fixed and is then driving to Berkeley, Calif. (Her home) to wait out my return. I suppose she will get a job in one of the large hospitals there - at least that was what she planned when I left.

Air mail doesn't take too long to get here. My wife's letters take 6 days. Since we are a day ahead of them that means only 5 days. I really consider that good work.

Doe, you might read of me in the newspapers or even see me in the newsreels. Just how the story will turn out I don't know. But at least it has large possibilities even though I'm not permitted to write of them. The Army will release the story if and when they see

fit.

Dengel is now at Houston Texas. After finishing his tour of ^{overseas} duty he was sent to Ellington Field for a refresher navigation course. He was offered the opportunity of remaining as an instructor but turned it down. He is now taking what is termed "deployment" and as he says, searching for a fair engine desk job.

I don't see how I can make it back for any football games this fall, but just in case, I'll be pulling. And in any event -

Best wishes to all

Sincerely

"Gibby"

P.S. I finally got my promotion to

1st Lt.

June 9, 1945.

Mr. Ramon T. Garcia, Presidente,
Rotary Club de La Plata,
Casilla De Correo 111,
Republica Argentina.

Dear Distinguished Presidente Garcia:

I feel very guilty in not answering your very splendid letter of November 20, 1944. My successor, President Gerald Hesse, took office on July 1. Our administration in our Rotary Club elects officers every July and they function for one year.

I am the Governor-elect of our Rotary District #123, and go to Chicago on Sunday to attend a small meeting of Rotary International which meets in that city from June 11 to 14. We are limited to less than fifty members at a meeting, so they plan to have four of these 49-member meetings. I am hoping that this terrible war will be over and that we may have our old and wonderful meetings such as we had before the war.

I acknowledge with thanks your bulletin. It certainly was interesting. In our University of Kansas here we had Miss Maude Elliott, our Spanish teacher, translate your good letter, and I want to assure you that it was nice for you to express the sentiment regarding friendly and cordial relations between Rotarians of other countries. Please do not feel that my failure to write you sooner reflected anything other than the fact that I am engrossed in war work continuously. I happen to be secretary of our Selective Service Board and chairman of our War Nursery Board; also have headed up the War Bond drives and the Community Chest drives for our University, which has a normal enrollment of 5,000. As head of the Department of Physical Education we handled ten thousand man hours per week in our department in building better bodies for our boys of the enlisted forces. We had both Army and Navy personnel here who were carrying on their work of higher education, and at the same time conditioning themselves for war efforts. Things are looking so decidedly better that we can at least see the end in sight.

Again thanking you and trusting that in the not too distant future we may have the pleasure of breaking bread with you, I am

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Governor-elect, District #123,
Rotary International.



ROTARY CLUB

DE LA PLATA

PROVINCIA DE BUENOS AIRES - REP. ARGENTINA

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CLUB NÚM. 2192

CASILLA DE CORREO 111

Presidente: Ramón T. García, Vice Presidente: Atanasio Rafael Apreda, Secretario: Juan Carlos Vázquez O'Brien, Tesorero: Santiago Gnecco, Vocales: Federico E. Christmann, Carlos Gómez Iparraquirre, Arnaldo J. Coccaro, Vicente Rascio y Eleazar Almeida (Bastonero).

LA PLATA, OCTUBRE 24 DE 1944

Próxima Reunión - 28 de Octubre de 1944

A las 13 horas - En el Jockey Club

TEMA LIBRE

REUNION DEL DIA 21

La reunión semanal última estuvo asistida por un crecido número de socios, renovándose en esa oportunidad los sentimientos de cordialidad que caracteriza a todas las de Rotary.

La secretaría dió cuenta, entre otros asuntos, de las comunicaciones recibidas del co-director de "La Prensa", doctor Alberto Gainza Paz, agradeciendo el homenaje que nuestro Club hiciera oportunamente a este diario con motivo de su 75º aniversario, y del redactor en jefe del mismo periódico, rotario de Buenos Aires, doctor Rodolfo N. Luque.

25º. ANIVERSARIO DEL ROTARY CLUB DE BUENOS AIRES

La presidencia dió cuenta que debiendo realizarse el día 8 de Noviembre próximo una reunión especial en el Rotary Club de Buenos Aires, con motivo de cumplir el mismo el 25º. aniversario de su fundación, y en virtud de ser este club padrino del nuestro, consideraba que en ese acto debía estar éste representado por la mayoría de los asociados, solicitando por lo tanto, a los presentes, comunicaran con tiempo, a secretaría su decisión al respecto.

Que mientras tanto, había designado para integrar la delegación que representará al club, la que estará presidida por el presidente y secretario en ejercicio, a los ex presidentes y ex secretarios, señores Enrique Herrero Ducloux, Alejandro M. Oyuela, Carlos B. Teobaldo, Héctor Isnardi y Federico Christmann, y Bernardo Dawson, Timoteo Estevez (h.), Raúl Piccinini, Alberto Oitavén, Santiago Gneco, José Martín y Juan Manuel Oría, respectivamente.

Asimismo, comunicó que la Comisión Directiva, había resuelto obsequiar a dicho club con una plaqueta de plata con leyenda alusiva a la fecha que el club decano en Argentina, conmemorará.

Además, se ha resuelto dedicar la reunión del día 4 de Noviembre próximo a este club e invitar a sus autoridades al homenaje que se le rendirá con el motivo apuntado.

Se invitará a nuestro primer presidente don Enrique Herrero Ducloux, para que haga uso de la palabra en este acto.

CUMPLEAÑOS EN OCTUBRE

En el presente mes, han cumplido un año más los siguientes camaradas:

El día	4	Don Héctor Isnardi
"	"	12 " Máximo Anselmino
"	"	21 " Ernesto Riccio
"	"	26 " Alfredo D. Calcagno.

Como de costumbre, se cumplimentará el sábado próximo a los nombrados, recomendándosele con tal motivo su asistencia.

NOTICIA GRATA

Nos ha llegado la grata noticia, que la Dirección de Yacimientos Petrolíferos Fiscales, ha promovido a subgerente de industrialización a nuestro ex socio Dr. Alberto Zanetta y a jefe de producción a nuestro compañero, Dr. Américo Piccioni, ascensos ambos, que por lo justiciero nos ha llenado de una viva satisfacción.

Con tal motivo, ha sido invitado el primero a que participe de nuestra mesa del sábado y al segundo que no deje de asistir, a fin de brindar a los asistentes la oportunidad de testimoniar a ambos, la complacencia con que ha sido recibida la honrosa designación de que han sido objeto.

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FALLECIMIENTOS

El día 13 del corriente mes falleció la señora María D. de Campodónico, madre de nuestro compañero don Lázaro, y con fecha 21 del mismo mes, ocurrió otro tanto con el Dr. Vicente M. Isnardi, hermano de don Héctor, infaustos acaecimientos ambos, que ha repercutido dolorosamente en el seno de nuestro club, el que hizo llegar a estos queridos compañeros su condolencia y representado, en el velatorio y en el sepelio, por sus autoridades y socios.

Reiteramos a don Lázaro y a don Héctor, nuestras más sentidas expresiones de pesar.

ESBOZO SUGERIDO PARA ESTUDIO DE LOS PROBLEMAS DE LA POST-GUERRA

Extraemos de un boletín distribuido por la secretaría de Rotary International, una de las sugerencias preliminares para un estudio efectivo, tomadas de libros, artículos en revistas y folletos que acerca de este tema han sido publicados, la que estimamos de interés como información sobre lo que piensan sobre el particular, escritores y comentaristas rotarios y no rotarios, del mundo.

Transcribimos a continuación el pensamiento del Dr. J. A. Rose representante de Rotary International en el Distrito 12, (Inglaterra) acerca de la habilidad de Rotary para crear una determinación inteligente de obtener Paz. Dice Rose:

“Por medio de agrupaciones de estudio, los hombres pueden adquirir ese gran conocimiento y mutua comprensión que forma una parte de las obligaciones de todo rotario. Donde las agrupaciones de estudio resulten del todo impracticable, todavía queda el camino de la lectura concienzuda. Nuestra causa merece que nos esforcemos por discernir, no los detalles, sino un esbozo de las posibilidades de esta nueva fase de aventura humana. ¿Cómo podríamos realizar esto en mejor forma que por medio de lectura y discusiones?

TRANSLATION

Distinguished friend President:

It gives us great pleasure to write you, in the hope that this, our first letter, may be the beginning of a more frequent correspondence which will permit us to increase our friendship and our cordial Rotarian relationship.

As an expression of this feeling, and thinking that, hereafter, our letters to each other will increase our understanding of each other's problems, we are sending you a copy of our Bulletin, which we shall continue to send each month, and we shall be grateful to have your Club send us everything that may help us to attain our goals.

We greet you with the most distinguished consideration.

"DAR DE SÍ
ANTES QUE PENSAR EN SÍ"



CLUB N° 2192

"SE BENEFICIA MÁS
EL QUE MEJOR SIRVE"

Rotary Club de La Plata

LA PLATA (REPÚBLICA ARGENTINA)

CASILLA DE CORREO 111

La Plata, 20 de noviembre de 1944.

Al Señor Presidente del Rotary Club de Lawrence,
don Forrest C. Allen. Universidad de Kansas.
Kansas, U.S.A.

Distinguido camarada Presidente:

Nos es particularmente grato dirigirnos a Ud. en el deseo de que ésta, nuestra primera carta, sea el comienzo de una más frecuente correspondencia que nos permita ahondar nuestra cordialidad y nuestra franca camaradería rotarianas.

Como expresión de ese sentimiento, y pensando que en lo sucesivo informaciones recíprocas nos facilitarán el desarrollo de una mayor vinculación, remitimos a Ud. un número de nuestro Boletín, el que seguiremos enviando mensualmente, y le agradeceríamos nos envíe ese Club todo cuanto pueda servirnos para el logro de los propósitos enunciados.

Lo saludan a Ud. con la más distinguida consideración.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Juan Carlos Vázquez O'Brien".

Juan Carlos Vázquez O'Brien
Secretario

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Ramón T. García".

Ramón T. García
Presidente

May 28, 1945.

Lt. J. W. Greene,
Box 43,
Goodfellow Field, Texas.

Dear Bill:

I was delighted to hear from you and to know something of your activities at Goodfellow Field.

Thanks for sending Frank Pattee's address. We are sending him the latest Jayhawk Rebounds, and putting his name on our mailing list for future issues.

With best wishes to you and your fine family, I am

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.



OFFICERS' CLUB

Goodfellow Field
San Angelo, Texas

21 May 45

Dr. F. C. Allen
Dir. Phys. Educ.
Univ. of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Doc:

I have been enjoying your Rebounds all these months without so much as a word in return since my job is still cut and dried Ground School instructing. Nothing much happens of interest except a few extra-curricular sports in which I participate. Handball is the chief means of exercise we have down here at this field and I play almost every day.

I heard from Frank Pattee recently and he wished to receive the Rebounds. You may remember him as a freshman football player there in '43. He was to have started at quarterback against Washburn in the first game that year but was transferred by the Navy just before the game. He is out in California now and weighs right at 200 pounds, all of which is mounted on a 6'1" frame. Right now he's on the track squad and has been placing 1-2 in the discus. He plans to return to college after the war, and at the present time he is expecting to come back to K.U. He played basketball for me in high school and I can tell you that he won't hurt the team there a bit, although I think he'll go better in football than in basketball.

Things are about the same with my family except that I have two little girls now in place of one. The oldest is 3, the youngest just past one. The oldest already likes ball games better than does her Mother, and although I had hoped for a boy I think I'll have solid home support if I ever get back to the coaching game.

Things look as though I'm going to be in Army for some time to come. For some reason I seem to be on the 'critically short' list at the present time and the army desires my retention regardless of accumulated points. I have been wondering if the supply of coaches in the high schools of the state is any better than it was a year ago. I'm afraid by the time I get a discharge I'll be hard put to find a good job.

The address for Pattee's Rebounds if you will send him one:

Frank S. Pattee SI/c
Casu 63 3rd Div.
c/o Fleet P.O.
San Francisco, Calif.



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Goodfellow Field
San Angelo, Texas

I know that he will really appreciate a copy since he has lost contact with a good many of the boys he knew there.

It is certainly hard to realize that so many of the good boys are having to give their lives in this desperate struggle. Men like T.P., Freddie Eberhart, Gus Neiss, and other from both K.U. and K-State that we knew are going to be sorely missed in the post-war world. Those are the men that we need to lead the peace and keep it. They are the ones that we shall have to try to replace. The sad part of it is that so many more will have to go before this war is over. The saddest thing of all is that even after final victory we have nothing concrete now to guarantee that in another generation or so others will not have to repeat this greatest of all sacrifices. The world peace efforts are rather disappointing to date.

Keep the Reounbs coming, they are a fine contribution to all of us who are away whether at home or overseas.

Very sincerely,

Bill Greene

May 28, 1945.

Mrs. Alice K. Griffith,
The Athletic Journal,
6858 Glenwood Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mrs. Griffith:

Thank you very much for your letter and check of May 26.

Yes, you may count on me for an article or two next year. But upon the particular phase, I would want to reserve a little time before I make the announcement of the subject. I would prefer to look over the several basketball publications and from a cross-section of all of them I may get something rather pertinent.

I will write you again in the near future and see how my ideas mesh with yours. There certainly are a lot of articles that we could take.

Also, I would like to follow the same procedure regarding any suggestions that I might have in commenting upon the editorials. You will also hear from me regarding this in the same letter.

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

THE ATHLETIC JOURNAL

6858 GLENWOOD AVENUE
CHICAGO, ILL.

May 26, 1945

Dr. Forrest C. Allen
Director of Basketball
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

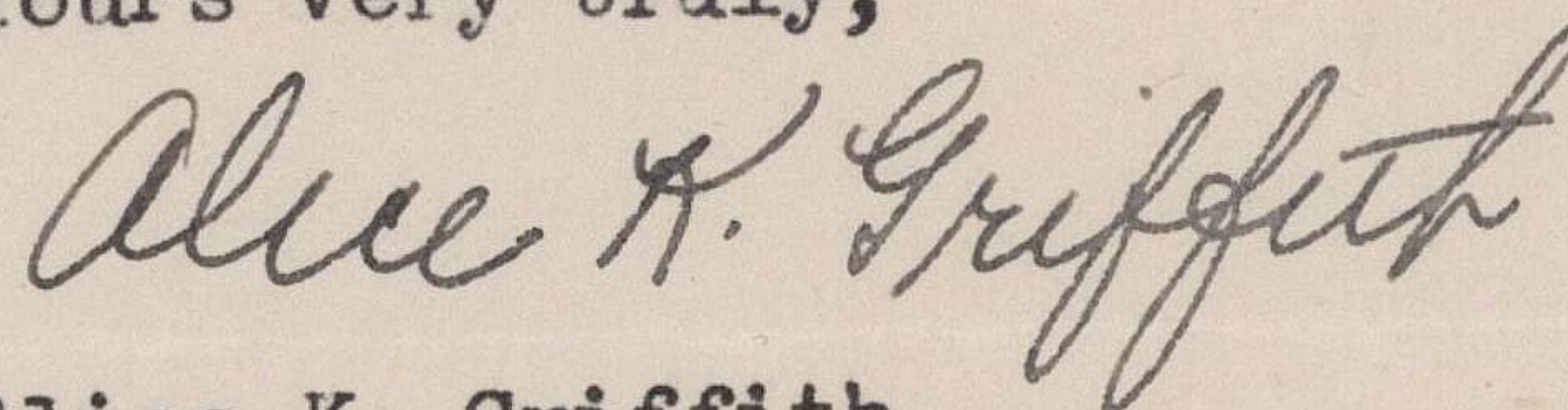
Dear Dr. Allen:

At this somewhat late date, I am enclosing a check for your January article. I wish to express again my appreciation of your co-operation in continuing to write for the Journal?

May I count on you for an article or two again next year and upon what phase of basketball would you prefer to write?

I would also like to ask another favor of you. Will you suggest how we may further improve the Journal from an editorial standpoint? Don't hesitate to criticize us, for adverse criticism will help us. How can we further improve the basketball articles?

Yours very truly,



Alice K. Griffith

AKG:MA

Ens. Michael Guban USNR
USS Eastland APA 163
F. P. O. San Francisco

23 April 1945

Dear Phog,

a thousand thanks for sending me the March issue of the "Rebounds." And "thanks" too, for the remarks you made in reference to my January communique from the South Pacific. Coming from you, Doc, I consider it a real complement.

Unfortunately, I'm unable to use a typewriter in dashing off this dispatch - somewhere in the East China Sea. Haven't been taking too good a care of myself, consequently out of action and now in sickbay - down with a bad case of the flu.

If I had my Remington, I'd bang out another newsy dispatch - the accounts of the USS EASTLAND in the Okinawa invasion. As the medical officer won't permit me to leave my bed, I have to do my writing - sitting up,

with my stationary box as a support as I scratch out a brief outline of our particular phase of this - the nearest "stab" at the heart of Japan.

Our task force went into action on March 26th - landing troops on Kerama Retto. In reaching our objective, we traveled 1,000 miles without being detected by Jap air or sub patrols.

When our troops stormed the beaches of these strategic islands, 35 miles SW of Okinawa, the landings were made with complete element of surprise. Both the Nipponese islanders and Jap garrison forces scattered to the hills.

Within 48 hours, our objective was occupied, PW's ^{were} rounded up and word was flashed back that Kerama Retto was secured. Our casualties were small; might even be described as light, because of lack of organized

! with no opposition!

Rather than stage counter-amphibious landings and make an attempt to re-take Kerama Retto, the Japs held back their concentration of forces on Okinawa, choosing to defend that island against the Americans, who they knew would soon attack. They did on Easter Sunday!

During our occupation of Kerama Retto, the Japs certainly made it "hot" for us. Our anchorage was under numerous air attacks. Our gunners today have bagged five planes. One was a Val dive-bomber, whose 500-pounder just missed our fantail by fifty feet. The other four were suicide planes.

Yes, the fanatical Japs are using such tactics in the Pacific. Pilots deliberately attempt to crash dive ships, rather than make a bombing run, strafe and swim. To meet such an attack, you literally have to knock 'em out of the skies otherwise they

Keep on coming. Happy to report that the APA 163 is still undamaged and afloat. We have experienced many close calls - but are still fighting!

Doc, I had a visitor about three hours ago - just after starting this letter. Alvin McCoy who is covering the Pacific war for the K.C. Star dropped in for a visit. He is returning to the beach - came aboard after receiving a note from me, that I was on the Eastland. So, here's a note for your Rebounds.

You also might be interested in knowing that I ran into Lyle Arnel, who is skipper of APA 210, which is operating in our transport division. Visited with him recently. Boy, it sure was good to see a familiar face from K.U.

Must close for now. Will keep you posted,
Mike

Capt. M. J. Briffin USMC

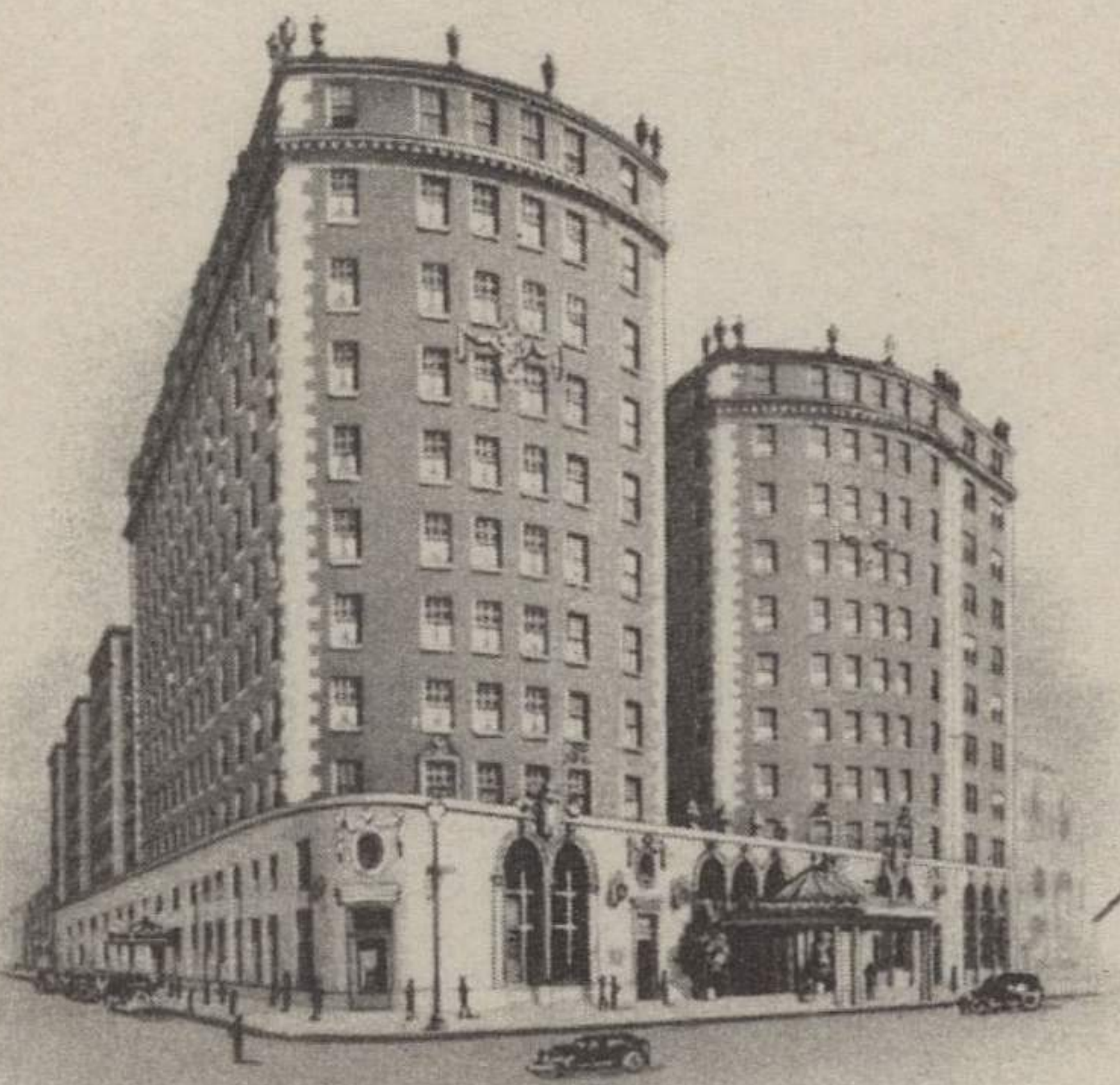
Room 4435

Navy Annex

Arlington, Va.



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Gary annex
Arlington, Va.

The Mayflower
CONNECTICUT AVE. AND DE SALES ST.
Washington 6, D.C.

Sunday
29 April '45

Dear Dr. Allen:

For some time I've been on the receiving end of this correspondence so better get busy and pitch one to even up the score a little.

First of all my very best regards to Mrs. Allen.

The past few months have kept me very busy - but I've enjoyed it since one is usually much more happy when occupied.

My tour of duty at Edenton, N.C. U.S.M.C.A.S. of 14 mo. was a very pleasant assignment. The highlight of course was a letter of Commendation from the Commandant of M.C. Aviation on the Recreation Dept.

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at Edenton, N.C., which was my department. Those are things one hopes for but never expects to receive.

1 March ²⁵ ~~the~~ Navy took over that station and all of Group 8, was sent to Cherry Point, N.C. On 19 April I received orders to report to the Special Services Branch of M.C. Hdqts at Wash., D.C. After 2 weeks here at Hdqts. I was stationed at Wash. & Lee 4. at Lexington, Va. and report back here the first week in June for my next assignment. Naturally I hope my orders read west - but I think it will be farther west than California.

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Washington, D.C. news sounds
The European war news sounds
good. I hope we will receive an
official report soon that that part
of the campaign is over.

Wash, D.C. is a very nice city.
Even with all the big business
and politics represented here it
has a very calm, friendly, and
unhurried attitude that is felt
as one goes about this business of
war.

The trees are at the height of
their beauty and the well kept
lawns & park ways have an inviting
look.

I hope this finds you and
all your family well & happy.

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Sincerely,

Mel Griffin

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P.S.

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CONNECTICUT AVE. AND DE SALES ST.

Washington 6, D.C.

Dr. Allen when I was home
for a day last week where my
2 brothers and father and mother
and I were to gether for the first
time in 37 years. they told me
of the nice tribute you paid
me at Burlington High School
auditorium when you were a
guest there not long ago.

Dr. you don't know how much
good that did my folks and
brothers to hear those nice thing
about their son & brother. I'm
glad you felt like saying them
and I shall ever be grateful to
you for the joy you brought to
their hearts. Griff.

THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION
SCHENECTADY, NEW YORK

OFFICE OF GENERAL SECRETARY

April 28
1945

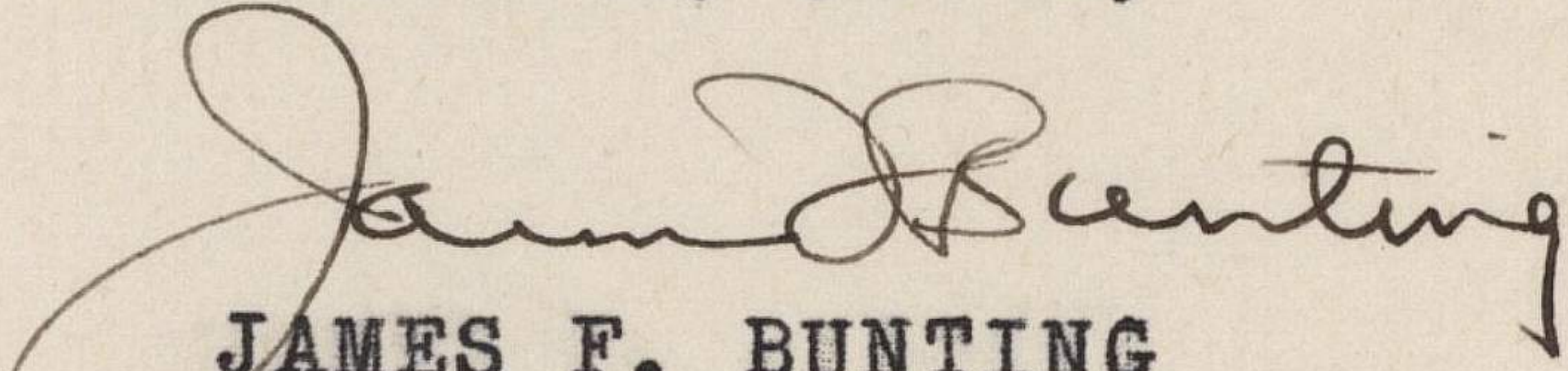
Dr. Forrest C. Allen
Director of Physical Education
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Dr. Allen:

Thank you very much for your fine letter of April 23rd with reference to Laura Glidden Gray. We are grateful to you for the information and for the interest which prompted you to write so thoughtful a letter.

We are considering Mrs. Gray very seriously for a position here and hope that she is going to be interested.

Sincerely yours,


JAMES F. BUNTING
General Secretary

April 21, 1945.

Mr. E. G. Grammert,
Superintendent of Schools,
Lyons, Kansas.

Dear Eddie:

I would suggest that you have a crown of 18 inches from the center of the field sloping to the side. If you are going to have a track around the field I would suggest you have some crushed rock between the track and the football field. That takes care of the drainage better.

The sodding, of course, is the best solution to the drainage problem. If you have a good sod field and a crown of 18 inches in the center, sloping to the sidelines on either side, you will have a field that will drain well. Some think that 18 inches is too much, but you scarcely notice it and it is much more efficient than a 12 inch crown.

I trust this gives you the desired information.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

LYONS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT
LYONS, KANSAS

April 18, 1945

Doctor Phog Allen,
University of Kansas,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Allen:

I am in need of some helpful suggestion in relation to our football field. Our elevation and drainage has not been good. We are now planing to move our field over on its present location some fifteen or twenty feet to make room for construction of tennis courts.

While we are making this move, we plan to grade our field for proper drainage. Also to sod same. Do you have any suggestion to offer as to how many inches drop we should have to get proper desirable drainage ?. Would you suggest the drainage slop be to the sides or lengthwise of the field.

Any suggestion you may be able to offer us will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "E. G. Grannert", written in a cursive style.