

LONG BEACH PUBLIC SCHOOLS
LONG BEACH JUNIOR COLLEGE
LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA

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Dr. F. C. Allen
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Dear Dr. Allen:

You don't know how much I appreciated your writing me such a humdinger of a letter. I am making application to the Marine Corps for a commission in the physical fitness program. The Lieutenant that looked over my papers and letters picked out your letter and put it on top of all of them and said, "We will put this one first, as it is worth more than all the others put together". He said, "That is a very fine letter and is the king pin of them all". So thank you again for your cooperation in this commission application. I will let you know as soon as I find out anything definite. It will be about two months before I know whether it goes through. The Colonel was very nice and said he would like to have me as he had a spot for me. Many things can happen on a deal like that, so all I can do is hope for the best and wait.

In your letter you wrote Milton had had a good raise and was doing very well. I am glad for him and I know it means a lot to you to have him settled and working for something lasting. I noticed in the graduate magazine Bob was one of the honor students last year. That must be a thrill to have a son make such a fine record in your own school. Bob is a good boy and will do all right wherever he is located.

The 18 year old boys are dropping out of our school every day and enlisting in some branch of the service they want. We have many who are in the reserve, so it will not seriously hurt our school this year. I can't predict what the effects will be a year from now.

So far, we haven't curtailed our athletic program, but I fear the gas rationing will do that for us before the year is over. We are planning to go ahead with our basketball season. I start practice tomorrow. We have 8 miles to go to a gym, so that may have some influence on the number that will turn out this season. Since the quake we ^{have} had but one gym in Long Beach and all of us use it. That complicates things since the gas rationing will necessitate using bus service and that will be difficult for many boys.

Again, thank you for the fine letter. If I can be of any assistance to you at any time, please let me know.

I'm wishing a very happy Thanksgiving to you and Mrs. Allen.

Most sincerely,

Griff