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LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA

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55 Roycroft Ave.  
Long Beach, Calif.

Dear Dr. Allen:

Some time ago I asked you to write two letters of recommendation, one to the Marine Corps and one to the Navy. On January 13th I was sworn in as a **First Lieutenant** in the U.S. Marine Corps Res. (AVS). The clippings I am enclosing will tell you something about it. I thought you might like to read what the local papers had to say about my work since I have been here. I think it tells you better than I can, so I am enclosing the clippings.

I wish to thank you again for the help you gave me in securing my commission. I will do the best I can to make a good officer so your confidence in me will be justified.

I have enjoyed my work here at L.B.J.C. Since I am to receive a military leave of absence, my job will be here when the war is over. There is a lot of satisfaction in being able to go and to know my job is here when I get back.

Bert C. Smith has been a very fine person to work with and he is one of the best friends I have ever had. When I was ill three years ago, he took my work and did my coaching without a murmur. His advice has always been good and I have benefited much by being in his department the last 13 years. He is well liked by all the physical education men in Southern California. You can be proud of him as a Kansas U. man.

I will be quite busy from now on, but will try to keep in touch with you and let you know where I am from time to time.

I get to finish the first semester, but some time after the first of February I will be assigned to active duty. I took my physical examination last Tuesday and it was marked active duty, so I am all set as soon as the orders come from Washington.

Virginia and I send best regards to Mrs. Allen. When this is over we will come back to Kansas and have a good drink of ginger ale with her. If I remember, that is her favorite drink.

Thank you again for everything Doctor Allen.

Sincerely yours,

