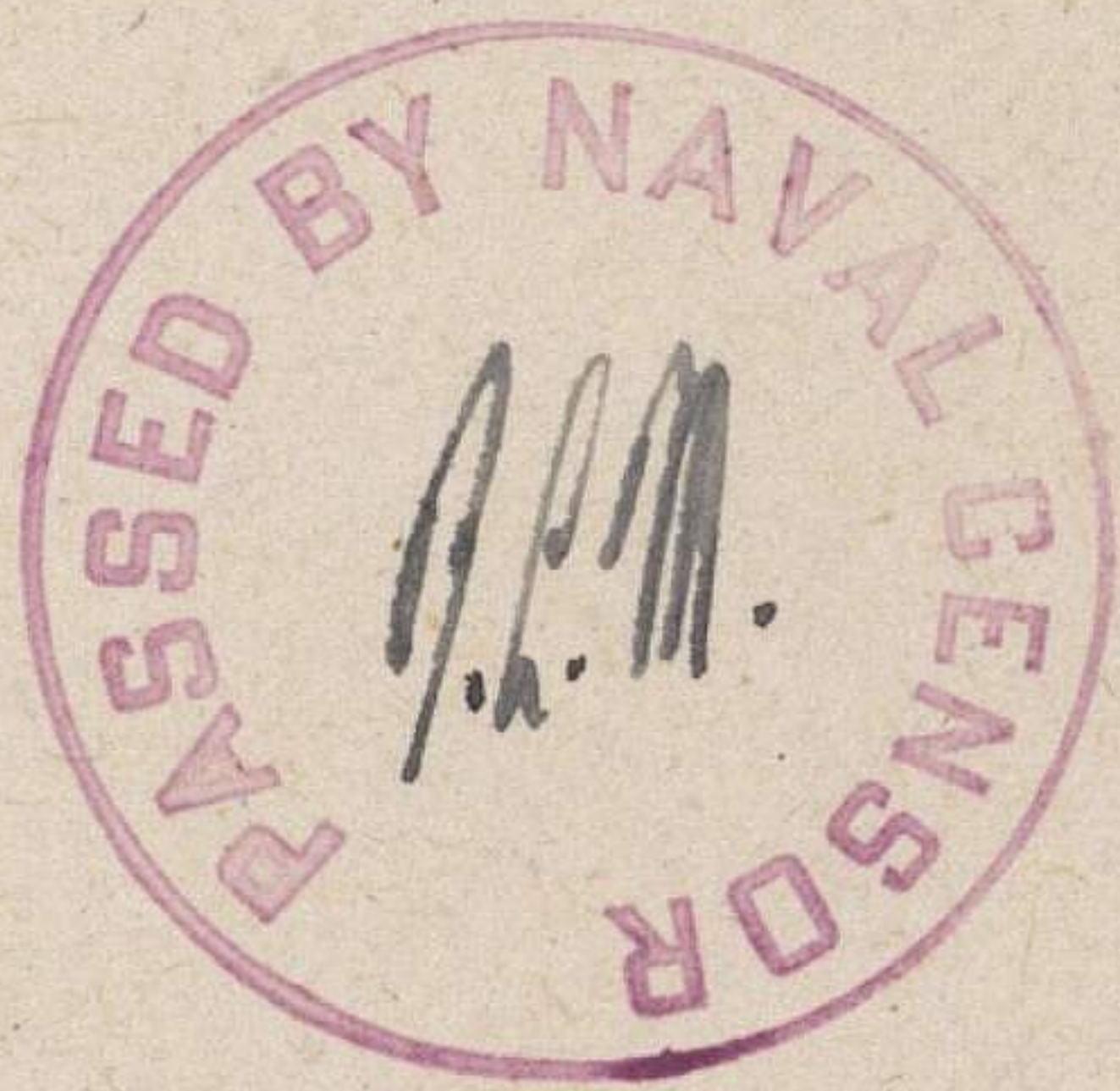


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Lawrence, Kansas.

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8 MARCH, 1945

Dear Doc—

We came back to port the other day after being out on the invasion you probably have been reading about the last few days. All I can tell you is that the newspapers just aren't fooling when they write about how tough it is. I hope I never have to see anything like it again. We were around for a week and if I had had any hair it would now be gone or white! We are back in port now, luckier than some, but not as lucky as others. Personally, I am all right, which is more than I can say for some of our crew. Sorry, but that is the extent I am able to say about it. Anyway no part of it makes a very pretty story.

I think I would be giving away no naval secrets of ship construction if I were to tell you that on our tank deck which is about 200 feet long and 40 feet wide with a 14 feet ceiling, I investigated and sorta took over the construction

7/ of two backboards for a pair of basketball goals we had in our recreation pit. The playing court was a little hard, being of steel and the sidewalls were of the identical sturdy material, but we had plenty of room to rush through on set up, so with the exception of a few bruises the casualty list as a result of the so-called basketball game was very low. Our crew hadn't been ashore for over three months and with a number of days of super tension to get over, we had quite a time. I heard from Bruce Vank the other day, and I agree with him when he remarked that he never realized there was so much work to the game of basketball.

I scarcely however, that it was one of the first times, a basketball game had been played aboard ship with anything like regulation dimensions for a court. The opportunities for such activity is quite limited however, for we have ^{been} and will be loaded most of the time. It's amazing what a game basketball is though, Doc, - the boys

5/ I was interested to hear that old Ben
has gone overseas. There is no doubt that he
will turn in a great job - that don't come
any better than old Dean. I would
appreciate you conveying my regards to
Milton and his wife, and also to Bob
with congratulations on his degree and commission,
but I hate to see good talent like his wasted
in the army - the sea going branch is the
place for him. And if you happen to remember
me to Mr. Quigley, I'd appreciate it.

My wife, Lois, is working as a chemical
technician at Hercules Powder plant. She lives
at 1609 Tennessee in Lawrence, and likes her
work very well, but it is a strictly duration
affair, because we are going to concentrate on
raising our own basketball team when this
is over.

As always, my warmest personal regards
to you and Mrs. Allen -

Sincerely,

Bark

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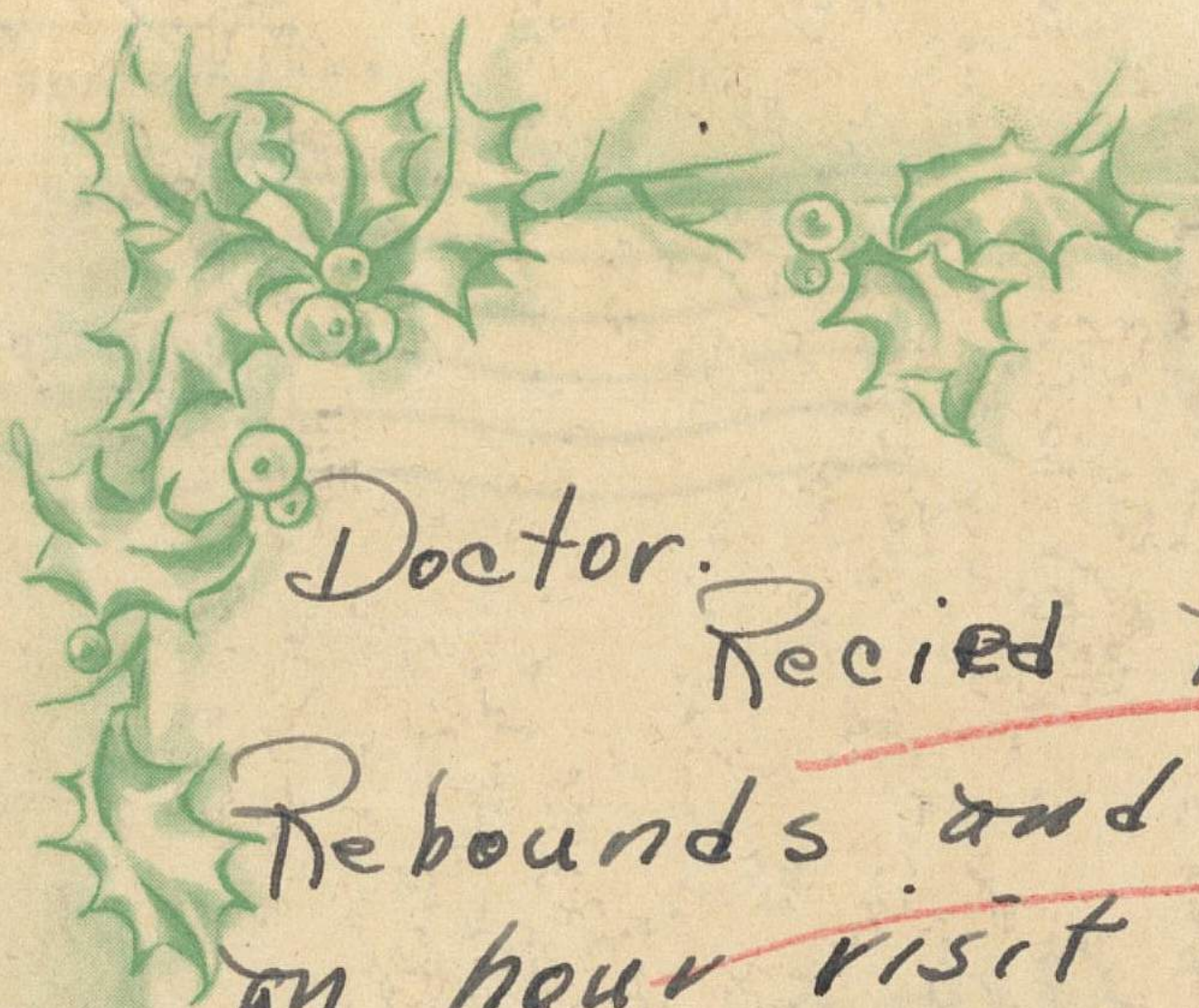


Dr. F. C. Allen
Lawrence,
Kansas.



GREETINGS

MERRY CHRISTMAS! IT'S IN THE BAG!
With pleasant surprises galore-
And a NEW YEAR
so doggoned happy,
'Twill please you even more!



Sun. 17, Dec.

Doctor.

Recied the Jayhawk
Rebounds and as usual had
an hour visit with old friends.

As you can see by
the return address I did
make Bainbridge.

Have been seeing some
good B.B. but miss that man
drinking all the water from
the qt. bottle. And of course
Dean holding him on the bench.

My regards and Thanks
to you and yours.

Thanks again

Ramie Burns



August 22, 1945

Dom. A. Bruno, SPA 1/c
Fleet Recreation
Fleet Post Office, Unit 1
Portland, Maine

Dear Mr. Bruno:

I am writing you at once so that you will have the information you desire at your earliest possible moment. I have written a new book, "Better Basketball", published by McGraw-Hill Company in New York. This book sells for \$4.00 and is everything that you would want in the way of information in meeting present basketball play situations.

I am sending you some printed matter on the book and, if and when, you should decide that you want this, I would be glad to mail it to you.

If you will enclose a money order for \$4.10, the 10¢ for postage, I will be glad to autograph the book and mail it at once. With every good wish to you, I am

Sincerely,

Forrest C. Allen
Director, Physical Education
Varsity Basketball Coach

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UNITED STATES FLEET RECREATION CENTERS
LONG ISLAND,
LITTLE CHEBEAGUE ISLAND
CASCO BAY, MAINE

Dear Mr. Allen;

Would like to know if you
can send me some Basketball
material, as I am planning a
Basketball Clinic here at the
Navy Athletic Center, for the service
men and the civilians of the
Portland, Me Area.

I have read your Basketball
Bible, which is very, very good,
I know that you can help me
a great deal, cause your just
the man that can give me

UNITED STATES FLEET RECREATION CENTERS
LONG ISLAND,
LITTLE CHEBEAGUE ISLAND
CASCO BAY, MAINE

the best information on the great
sport of Basketball.

Hoping to hear from you
very soon, as I plan to get my
clinic started on the latter part
of November.

God Bless and protect you
always -

Yours in sports
Wm. A. Burns.

AMERICAN LEGATION
OFFICE OF MILITARY ATTACHÉ
MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA

375 Collins St.,
7th June, 1945.

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

Dear Phog:

I appreciated very much your letter of February 8th in which you cautioned me about taking care of myself better. I have been trying to do that over here and have pretty well succeeded. A report did get out that I would be in the hospital for two months with bursitis. I was back on full duty in 25 days. When I had a similar case in my right shoulder 18 years ago I was 6 weeks getting out of Walter-Reed. So I think I must be in pretty good general health.

At any rate I am still giving Rotary addresses and speaking to other organizations. I think Angus Mitchell has heard my talk on "Those --- Japanese" 26 times. I am on for a short talk on the 4th July at a theatre here.

My contacts are pretty much everybody from the Prime Minister down, all in all its a very healthy existence.

I took time off to visit Manila with the retiring Minister, Mr. Johnson, and it was a rich experience.

I enjoy the Jayhawk Rebound very much, though I find I do not know too many of the people you mention.

The Australian football season is on here and showing extremely good form. Much better than previous years due, I think, to the return of certain soldiers and less control by the manpower authorities. I do like the Australian game. Meanwhile if you continue to play the American game, chalk up another victory over Nebraska. I wasted a lot of perspiration and cheering trying to stimulate victory over that team during my five years at K.U.

I have no late word of my boy, and do not know whether he ever reached Japan or not. Members of my family are all well otherwise and I still have some hopes of Mrs. Baldwin coming out, though I am not too optimistic of the Department approving of such a visit.

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Give my very best to the good people of Lawrence,
including especially the Rotarians and your fine lady.
There are no better people in the world than those who
live in Lawrence on the Kaw.

Faithfully yours,

Karl P. Gallucci

Cpl. Karl R. Baldernin

U.S. mil att.

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Carl Postmaster General



Doctor Forest C. Allen,
Director of Physical Education,
U of Kansas,
Lawrence
Kansas

Karl R. Baldernin

June 30, 1945.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bennett,
Holton, Kansas.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Bennett:

I appreciated your kind note of June 18th, and assure you it was a pleasure for us to pay this small tribute to your son.

We are just now getting out a new Jayhawk Rebounds and will be delighted to send one to your brother, Robert Kaul. We will put him on our mailing list so that he will receive the letters as they are issued.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

Holtan Kane.

June 18, 1945

Dr. F. C. Allen

Dear Sir;

Mr Bennett + I wish to thank you for the copy of Jay Hawk Rebounds, + especially for the tribute to our son Tom. He was so enthusiastic about K. U. + looking forward to the day he could return.

My father Robert Kaul now hospitalized in San Diego, a graduate of K. U. Law School, I am sure would enjoy a copy of Rebounds, will enclose his address, Lt. R. H. Kaul U. S. N. R.

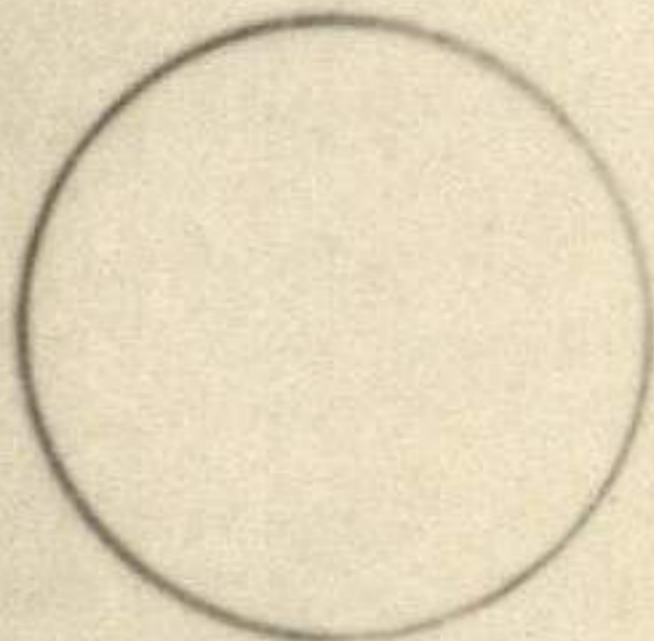
335643 U. S. Naval Hospital
S. O. G. 38-2 San Diego Calif.

Thanking you for this favor and your kindness to us.

we remain Sincerely,

Mr + Mrs Walter Bennett

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Cpl Jack Ballard, 17082
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APO 263 c/o Postmaster
New York, New York

21 June 1945
Simbach, Bavaria

Hi Doc:

Just a few lines from me and then I will have to run. I received the last copy of the Rebounds, and I want to thank you for Don Eblings address. I sat right down and wrote to him. I haven't had the fortune to run across Johnny Pfitsch, as he was operating in another zone. I tried to get some transportation up to the north where he is, but I was unable to swing the deal. You see, we are going to the Pacific, via the states, and the vehicles have to be kept in readiness for the time when we will get our orders. I will have a long visit with you upon my return and catch up on what I leave out of this letter.

I was more than sorry to hear about Howard Engleman. The same day I received your letter, there was an article in the Stars and Stripes about how many blood transfusions, plasma injections, and the various shots he had had to sustain in his recovery. I hope that he is back up and on his feet soon.

There was also an article in the Stars and Stripes about Charley Black getting the DFC. I really think it was a swell that he got the high award. These Jayhawkers are really making a name for themselves in this great war. Speaking of awards, I was on the receiving end of The Bronze Star Medal for some action up around Cologne that the General said was heroic action against an enemy of the United States. There really wasn't much to it, and I didn't think that my actions warranted a decoration, but that is how it goes.

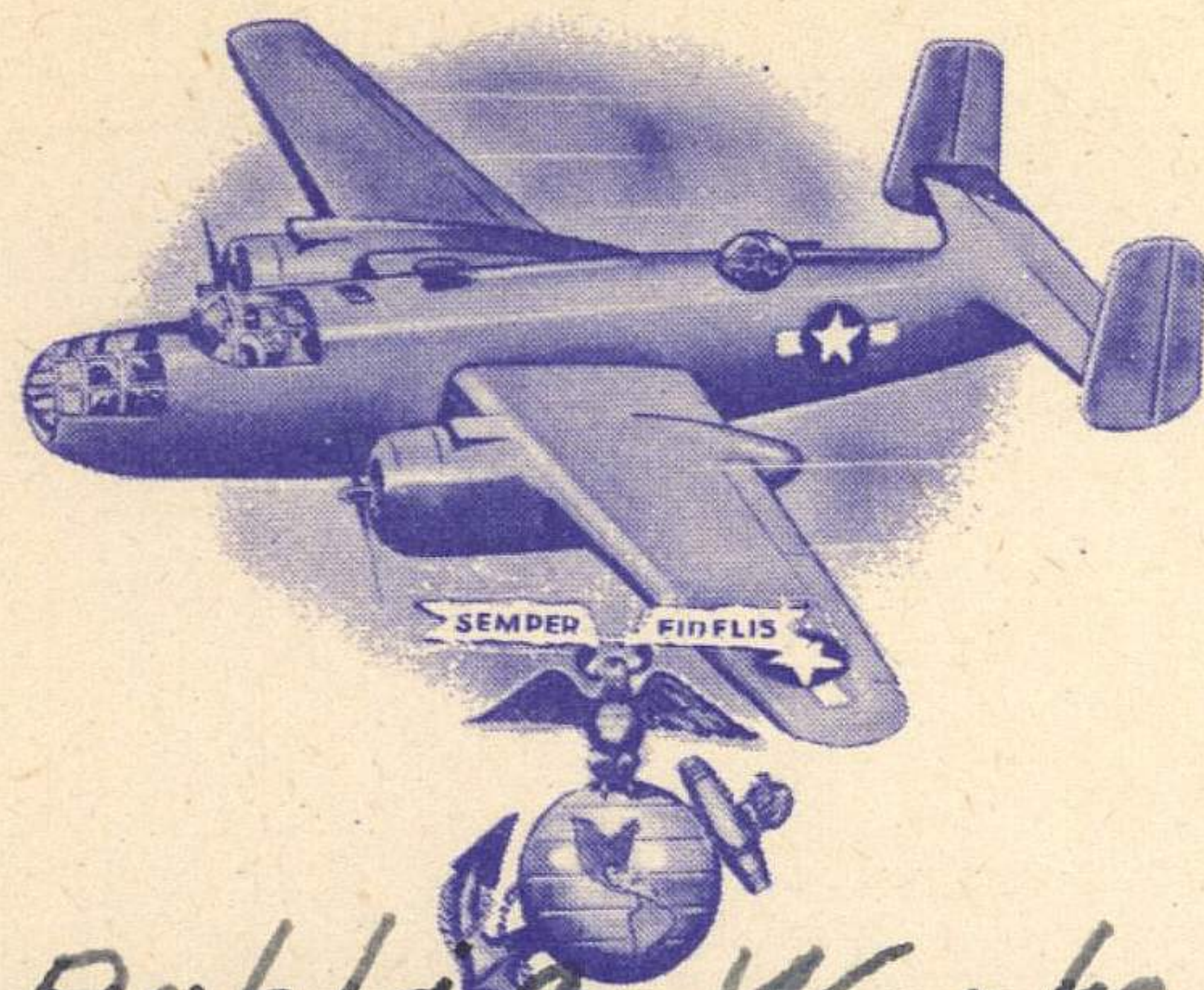
Doc I am late as usual, but if by chance I miss out on seeing Charlie Black, please extend to him my heartiest congratulations on his promotion, and decoration, and above all congrats to both he and Terry on that new baby. Here's hoping that I get to see him!

We are having a great time over here with our athletic program. Baseball is the predominating game at the present time, but football and basketball will follow in their respective seasons. We are allowed 50% of our time for athletics, and the fellows really eat it up. It isn't uncommon to see them out playing after supper until nearly dark. Isn't that swell?

Well Doc, as I said in the beginning of this little letter, it will be a short one. I'll have to run for now, but I'll be seeing you one of these days soon, thanks again for the addresses.

Sincerely your friend

"Jacco"



Public Works Dept.
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS Air Station
Cherry Point. N.C.

Dear Mr Allen:

Received your "Rebound"
today. It has followed me across U.S.A.
twice and I was very pleased to receive it.

At present, I am attached to
the 9th Marine Air Wing. Stationed at
Cherry Point N.C. in the Hdqtr's Squadron,
Public Works Dept.

The weather here now. is
nicer than it was when I saw you last
March.

I must close and please my
regards to all of my Kansas friends.
Will see you shortly after the "Yanks"
"Black Out" the "Rising Sun"

Your friend
Jack

New Address
Lt. Cdr A.W. Helling U.S.N.R
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U.S.M.C.A.S.
Cherry Point. N.C.

Lt. (jg) F.M. BUKATY, USNR
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January 31, 1945

Dear Doctor Allen:

In port for a short stay so this is just a line to say, "Hello".

When in Lawrence sometime ago I did want to have more of a conversation with you instead of our few words of exchange. I did my best trying to find you stopping at your office and home but to no avail. After visiting with Mike for a short while after the Kiwanis dinner I failed to see you leave. Just want you to know that I was disappointed as I was looking forward to our visit. Returning to New Orleans after my leave I was assigned my ship and have been at sea every since with little time in port.

Since coming aboard this vessel a lot of water has gone under my feet. Have visited many foreign ports which was an experience to see but have seen entirely too much water which I wouldn't say is enjoyable. Not being able to mention the port I can tell you that I have been to India. It is beyond comparison the worst country I have ever visited. When the good Lord laid it out He surely must of had an off day. Some of the sights you see hardly would be believable unless one witnessed it himself. People by the millions, diseased, undernourished, and exploited, mill around the country everywhere. Much has been written about their customs, mores, and religious beliefs, by more qualified men than myself so I'll not venture into detail in this regard. I am only thankful that we departed from the country before contracting some form of deadly tropical diseases. Before returning to the states we will have circled the world covering more than twenty-five thousand miles.

Our mail is having a great deal of trouble catching up with us as we move so hurriedly from port to port. So far we have only had one mail call so I am at least for the latest local and sporting news. I have received your monthly News Letter on numerous occasions and like many of the others express appreciation for such welcoming news.

Doctor, hope this letter finds you in the best of spirit and health- please remember me to all the boys in the athletic department. Wishing you luck in the coming basketball season- may you continue to be ever victorious.

Respectfully yours,

Jim Bukaty