

U. S. Experimental Range
O'Neale, Calif.
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Dear Coach Allen:-

After being in the West for nearly two years, and also having been in the East a year, I am convinced that the good old Mid-West takes the "steak" when it comes to basketball. The West just doesn't get enthused about it - period. The East has a touch of enthusiasm, but the Mid-West is overflowing in it. Take Iowa, Kansas, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Minnesota, Nebraska, & Missouri and Oklahoma. They can't be beat for community spirit, team spirit and that all out spirit for basket ball.

In a small country town, the ladies will have their little feuds, scraps, about Susie's dog getting into Marie's garden, etc. But they both go to see good old "Po Dunk" Center play

and all pull together for their
bays to come through. That Mid-
West spirit is great. Perhaps what
helps to put the Mid-West across
is the various types of weather, types
of seasons throughout the year. I feel
that the changes of seasons, makes
for better rounded personality - more
vim, vigor & vitality, such as the
Iowa Hawkeys and Iowa State
Cyclones had.

Was reading a clipping I
had on a big game that was to be
played - Iowa State vs. Kansas at
Ames. In the clipping was this
statement: "we aren't going to Ames
just for the ride." After reading
about the game and the outcome, I
concluded the Jayhawkers probably
went to view beautiful Iowa, also its
great basketball team. But that
statement gave me new courage to.

always give ones best, have confidence that one can do things and get things accomplished. Will to do, plus that Med-theat-enthusiasm gets results, gets one places.

I believe you have written a book on basketball if I am not mistaken. What is the charge of the book? Would like to get one for my personal library.

I am an Iowa, - my home Wayland a country town of 575 population. The Wayland High School Dutchmen had another great season Nov 22 last 4. For the past decade they have won 20 games or better.

Following is their seasons record.

	Score	opponents	score.
Wayland	42	Ainsworth	18
"	39	Wymon	24
"	59	Alde	28
"	22	Crawfordsville	36
"	33	Winfield	31
"	41	U. High of Iowa City	49

	Score	Opponents	Score
Wayland	68	Wapello	17
"	37	Cotter	22
"	50	New London	29
"	69	Kalona	22
"	41	Winfield	35
Henry County Tournament. Mt. Pleasant County Seat. - 5,000 + pop.	58	Olds	34
	37	Mt. Union	20
	23	Mt. Pleasant	27
	41	Crawfordsville	40
"	40	Ainsworth	23
"	50	Cotter	30
"	57	Wynon	31
"	57	Wapello	35
"	65	Olds	26
Sectional Journey "Class B."	53	Brighton	28
	44	Cotter	30
	52	Crawfordsville	32
	50	Wynon	29
	37	Yarmouth	20
District Journey "Class B."	30	Denmark	34

Thus the Dutchmen won the traveling trophy from Cotter first of season to whom they lost it the end of season before. Lost it to Crawfordsville on our home floor. regained league

it on their floor 41-40. also won trophy as did Crawfordville Cyclones for being co-Champs of league. Wayland took second place trophy in county tourney Non sectional tourney trophy, but lost to a faster Denmark team in district finals.

My letter is too long already but when it comes to basketball I just don't seem to come to an end. I love it and enjoy it.

At present I am serving my God and country in Civilian Public Service.

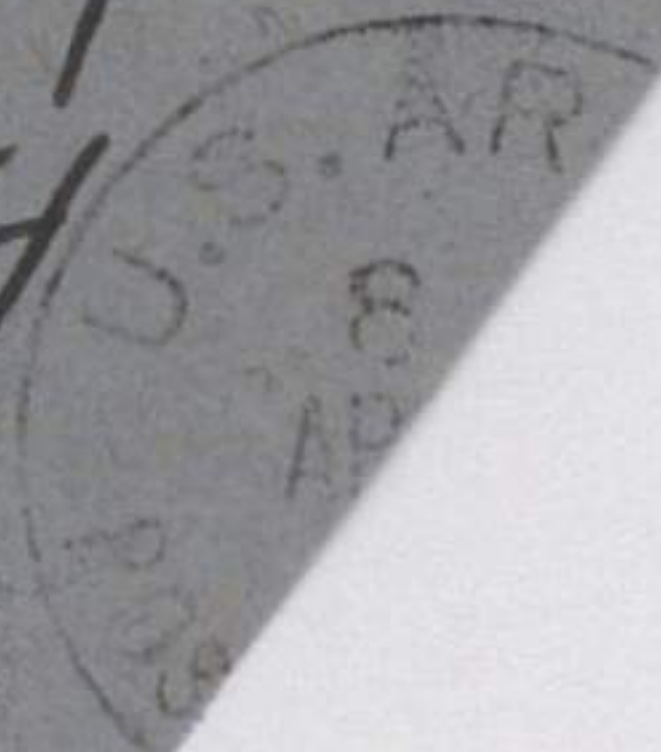
Wishing you the best of health, success and happiness,

Sincerely,

Art Freyberger

P.S. Have seen some good teams in Kansas play - 1936-38 - Newton Railroaders & Hutchinson Salt Hawks.

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Dear Dr. Allen,

24 April

I'd like to congratulate you on your recent victory at the polls; I was very pleased to see you entering that phase of public service.

I remember Bobby saying 10-12 yrs back that you'd someday engage in politics.

From my particular front, I have little to report; things have quieted down now that the trapped Krauts in our rear areas have been corralled and our supply lines reopened. We have been sitting here on the Elbe River for some time, straining our eyes for a glimpse of the Russians, who are very close since we were given a "no fire order" not 15 min. over

ago.

By the way, these Russians really surprised me by their size; I'd always pictured them as a large people, while actually they run short and rather stocky. We liberated thousands of them from the Kraut P.W. camps, so I got that much of a view of them.

It was quite a rat-race getting her from the Rhine; more often than not, we moved day and night, sometimes meeting stiff resistance, sometimes none whatsoever.

I think for the first time, we, who fought in France, Belgium, Holland, who cracked the Siegfried Line and who stopped the "square heads" in the Ardennes offensive last winter, got

a thrill out of war — this was when we'd free the allied P.W.'s and slave laborers. There were undescribable scenes of joy at the sight of us Americans; there were innumerable cases of P.W.'s joining our task force and helping us fight; one American even got wounded in so doing.

The spud with which we advanced produced many humorous incidents. We'd received orders to hold up in a certain town one night, so about midnight we rolled into this town and distributed our troops thru out the town and everyone got ready to get some much needed sleep! It was a very black night, among other things. Well, the sentry we had outside our billet began walking his post,

and what does he find near an adjacent house but a german sentry also on post outside his headquarters. So we had to go round up about a company of Krauts who were in this town.

Many times we rolled into towns that still had electricity and running water.

We took Bammer during our drive, but the air corps hadn't left much to take; it has certainly been beat to rubble.

I was awfully sorry to read in the grad. Magazine of Bill Bever's death; he and Bob and I started in K.V. together.

Spring has hit north Germany in

love now; we're all getting the
usual fever and just plain lazy.
I imagine spring has reached the
campus; I can picture how
lovely it must be at home and
hope that somehow we can manage
that last trip....

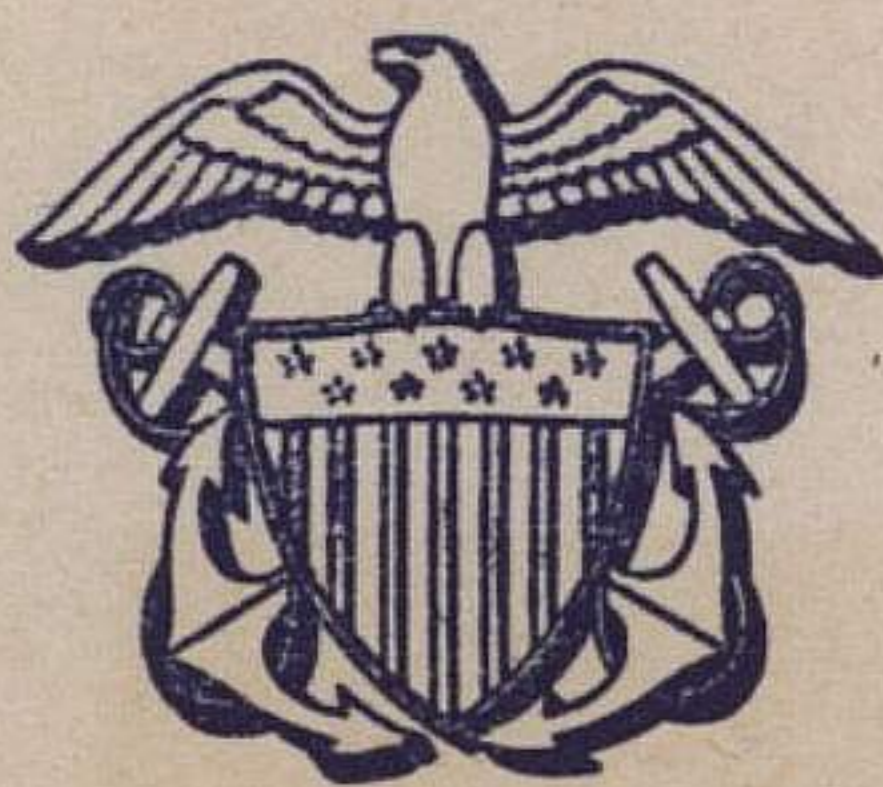
I imagine Bob has developed
a fine bedside manner; isn't he
in Kansas City?

Give my regards to Mrs. Allen
and to the rest of your family.

Fraternally yours,
R. J.

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April 8, 1945

Dear Dr. Allen,

I'm a little late in writing, but I want to thank you for sending me your Jayhawk Rebounds. It's good to "catch up" on news of K. U. men all over the world. I'm very happy to be on your mailing list. The other day I ran into Bill Bunson, Phi Delt, (K. U. footballer of 38+39) he had just returned from a year in England and North Africa - Bill's an AM²/_c in the Navy, he was anxious to get a leave to see his wife and son who was born while he was over seas. Enclosed is a little piece from an old N. Y. paper, you certainly had the right dope about the betting on college basket ball - despite the news paper denials of some alleged sports men.

I hope you and Mrs. Allen are well, please give my best regards to all your family.

Sincerely yours
Harry Frazer Jr.

18 June 1945

"Somewhere on Green"

Dear Mr. Allen:

I am very pleased that I'm on your mailing list for the "Rebounds". I have been unable to enter N. U. as a student due to a bunch of yellow-bellied Rats that call themselves the people of the Rising Sun. A lot of us out here believe that their motto now is "The Sinking Sun". At least I hope the setting of the sun will signify the end of war and the beginning of long and rightful peace. Then and not until then will we be able to settle down in some good seats in Stock Auditorium and see Championship basketball games again.

My brother was acquainted with most of the basketball ~~played~~ players you had in 1942 & 43. I knew some of them. One of the greatest stars to ever hit N. U. in my estimation was Ray Evans. I saw the Second Air Force Vs Iowa Seahawks at Lincoln last year and Ray looked good. About the smoothest basketball player I remember was Fred Haidle. I'm not sure of the spelling of his last name. But I'm sure you will agree with me on that score. As far

as picking the best of K. U. Basketball anyone would have a hard job. I would like to see your team (that is of stars of the last ten years for K. U.) picking in the next issue of "Rebounds." How about it? Howard Engleman was another great. I was sorry to hear he was burned and is in the hospital at Siapan. I wish I could get up to see him but that is pretty hard to do.

Your story "Listening for a Downing Plane" was good. I'm sure you have lots of other stories + I know that everyone receiving the "Rebounds" would appreciate reading them. Bill Johnson was a liab before my time as a basket-ball spectator but he must have been great.

I have received the May + also the April "Rebounds". The one for April came yesterday and the May issue came today. I'm looking forward to the following copies.

I was glad to hear that "Nit" was commissioned. Sorry to hear that Bob is coming in. I don't like to see anyone get in the service as I've experienced over 2 1/2 years in it. I'll admit that a years training would do anyone good but a year under your instruction

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would show lots more to the theory of
"Team work"

I was very glad to get the news from Dad that you had been elected to the Council. I know that it will do a lot for our City. When all of us get back home there will be lots to do & sport is one thing fellows like myself will want more of. I've seen lots of states and lots of towns since I've been in the Army and I'll still be back to Lawrence to live. They can have their big towns and as far as states go give me Kansas & a lot of friendly people even if they aren't acquainted with you. I'm sure Mr. Tunis was well pleased with the friends he made while there and knows that in the Jayhawker State there is a friendly attitude toward most everyone.

Well I've carried on here for about three pages of the worst penmanship you have encountered so I'll close and leave you the job of continuing to produce championship basketball teams. Tell Mrs. Allen Hello for me. Save a ticket for the first Basketball game when I get home.

Sincerely,
Bob Fisher

Halle, Germany,
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Dear Dr. Allen,

I want to write to you mainly to express my appreciation to you for sending me a copy of the Rebounds. I think that it's a great piece of reading material. It is something which I wanted to receive when you first published it but since I thought that it was primarily for 'your boys' I was hesitant to ask for it. And, I'm definitely looking forward to more of it now that I've had a taste of the cake.

Perhaps, Dad has told you that I am on my way home--not to stay I'm sure but at least for a visit. One of the highlights of my journey through I hope will be the Hill. Undoubtedly there have been a lot of changes there since I saw it last. I'm anxious to see the new chapel. And, having the old shack down which used to be west of the Engineering building should be a big improvement. It's going to be hard to wait for that old Hill to show up on the horizon.

Those Jayhawker athletes are always something for me to watch and read about. That victory of ours over NU in football wasn't so startling, but after forty some years a fellow had to let of a certain amount of steam. I was ready to fight after reading the account of the Aggie football game, but then you and the round-ballers gave us sweet revenge in the victory at Aggieland.

That fight you gave us for the Big Six flag was a thrilling one. Nearly everyday I looked in the Stars and Stripes for a KU victory. I was a bit disappointed when IS took us into camp in that last game. However, I'd rather be beaten by them than any other Big Sixer. By the way, I was in Duren, Germany the night I received the score of that game. I felt much better after that night when I dreamed that we swamped them 75-14. That's the way I like to beat them.

We have been playing softball around here in the evenings. A good bit of the time we let the work slide to get out to the games on time. Some of the fellows around here are very good players. The team I've been playing with has been fortunate enough to be one of the best around here. A few nights ago we played an officer team for the championship and a \$75.00 pot. Our boys were a bit too sure of themselves and lacked that fighting spirit. We lost the game 2-0. Still, I'm positive that we have the better team though I admit that victories are sounder proofs than opinions.

I'm not sure what the T. P. Hunter memorial fund is; but without looking I know that it is something good. T. P. was one of the finest fellows I ever knew. If I get back there I intend to add my bit to the fund.

Until I get to see you personally, good luck to you and all the Jayhawkers.

Sincerely,

Alan

May 25, 1945.

Mr. Ray Frisby,
200 N. Star,
El Dorado, Kansas.

Dear Ray:

Forgive me for not answering your letter sooner. I have been out on commencement speeches for the past two weeks. I quite agree with your attitude that you should get as much college as you can before you go into the service.

I presume that the University has mailed you a general catalog. If not, you write me right away and I will see that one is sent you. We have a very splendid aeronautical engineering course here and I know that you would be delighted with it.

If you feel that you shouldn't join a fraternity I would not, because your residence hall will give you board and room much cheaper and you will be with a bunch of outstanding students, academically and otherwise. It is not necessary to belong to a fraternity to be an outstanding individual at the University of Kansas.

Since you will not be 18 until next January 19, and since you would have about six weeks after that before you would possibly be called, you would have a mighty good opportunity to finish nearly a year's work. You could enter this summer. In that case you would get two semesters in, which would be of very definite advantage to you. Then, after your service, you could come back and Uncle Sam would pay the freight. If I were you, I would certainly gamble on this opportunity. If you need work we can give you work at 50¢ an hour, and give you as much as you can afford to take with your school work.

Regarding the courses, fees, tuition and so forth, you will find that in your catalog, and it is very accurate. I would say, Come ahead, and I assure you I will be glad to have you on my squad.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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May 6, 1945

Dr. Forest C. Allen
Basketball Coach
University of Kansas.

Dear Dr. Allen

Please forgive me in being so late answering your letter. I'm very sorry I could not meet you. There are many questions I would like to ask.

I won't be 18 till next January 19 and I want to get as much college as I can.

I am interested in Aeronautical Engineering.

I was invited up by a fraternity. They are very nice but I don't believe I can afford one as I will have to work my way through. I have an application for a scholarship to a Residence Hall.

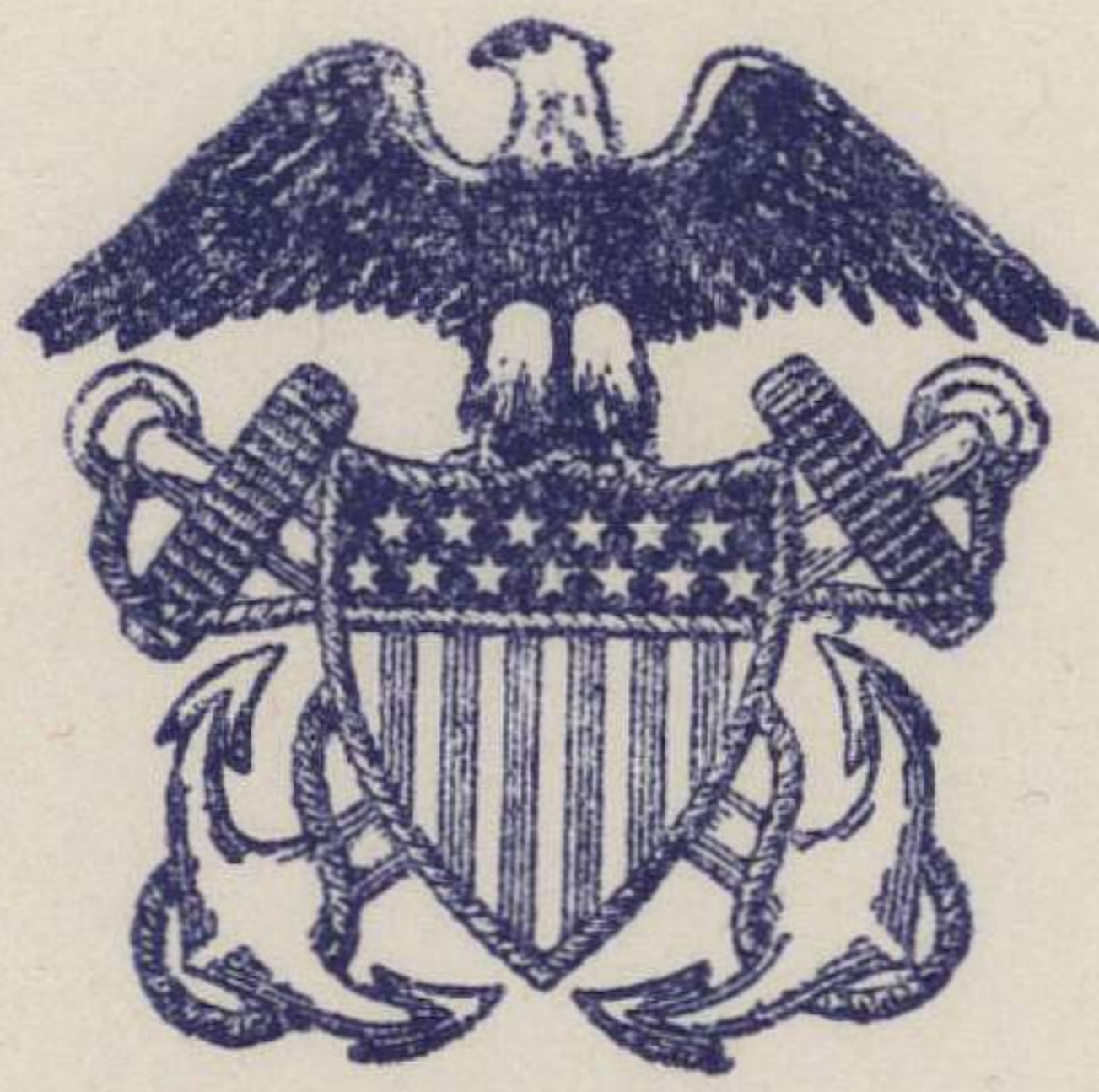
As for sports I realize all you know about me is what you are told but I am sure that anyone down here will be glad to serve as references. I don't play football although I did go out this year.

We didn't have any players
so I started at end. I went out
for track this year for the
first time but I'm not very
good at it. But I like basketball
and if the courses in engineering
up there and the financial
requirements make it possible
for me to attend I would like
a chance to play under you.

I realize you are a very
busy man but if you could
possibly find time I wish
you would write me. I would
like information concerning
courses, fees, dues, and
general advise as whether I
could get enough engineering
this summer to make it
worthwhile coming or
not

Until I hear from you
I am sincerely yours

Ray Frisley



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June 15, 1945

Dear Dr. Allen,
Just a note to let you know how much I appreciate your newsletters - we haven't had mail for a couple of months but Jim's looking forward to another one or so when our mail does catch up again.

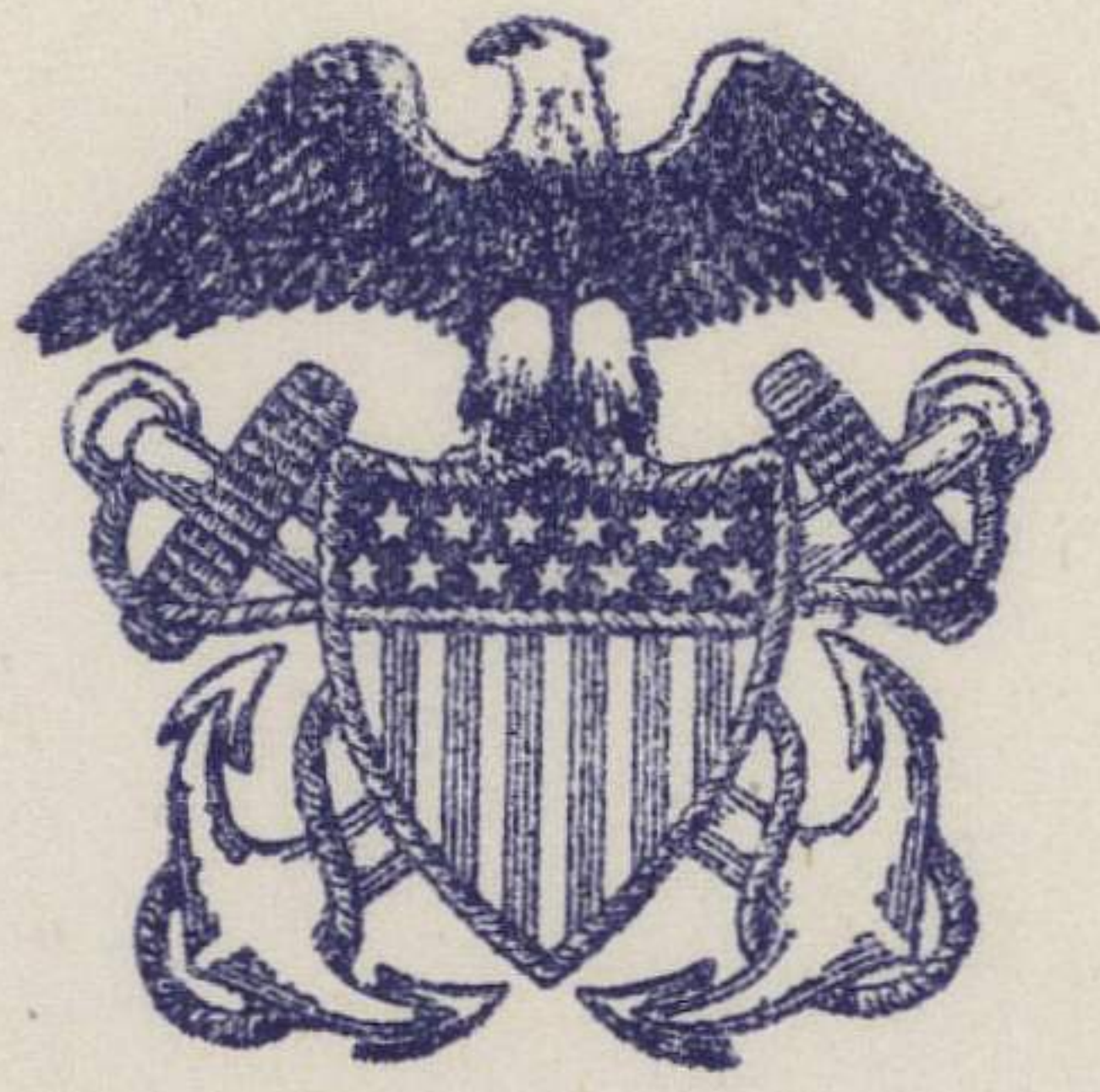
Doc, the one dedicated to T.P. Hunter, was certainly a masterpiece. I only knew him by sight, but anyone who knew him must really treasure that letter. We have certainly lost some fine boys.

Do you remember Jean Thomas from Waterville don't you, Doc? You and Sully and Jean and I were on an intramural broadcast over KFKU one night. It was really a shock to everyone at home when she was killed in a plane crash near Sardinia. She was with the Red Cross.

Nothing much has happened to this particular branch of the Fitzgeralds. Don is doing fine with his cartooning - the Army wouldn't take him because he had osteomyelitis. You would never know it to look at him now, but he had 5 years of it and 6 major operations.

Jed, my younger brother, finished high school this year, and will probably be in the Army soon. He was football and

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basketball Captain, and he can handle that ball, Doc. I'd like to see him at K.U., but he's sort of a protegee of Fritz, know. Fritz used to coach at Waterville and referees a lot of games around there.

He's a fine fellow Doc - a little hot headed but he's a good clean sport. I hope he gets a chance at Kansas State.

I'd sure like to run into Sully or Horace Mason or some of the other boys. It has been a long time since I've seen anyone from K.U.

I don't know if I told you I was married - to a K-State gal if you can imagine that. We have a 6-months old boy named Barry whom I hope to get acquainted with right after the war. If he's half as flashy as the family claims I expect he'll be in school in another year or so.

My little sister is starting to K.U. this fall so I should get some of the news from her - the football scores anyway.

Anyway, I certainly appreciate being on the mailing list, and hope that you and all your family are well. You can certainly be proud of Bob's record as a medical student so far and I know he'll make a great doctor.

Sincerely,
Fitz

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P.S. I can see I didn't do such a thorough job of reporting here, doc. you might wonder what an ATA is - most people do.

It's an ocean going tug - good duty as far as I'm concerned if they could only keep up with us on mail. We've been around the Philippines and the Carolines, and that is about all I'm allowed to say.

Dear Doc,

15 June

I just received your 26 May
"Rebounds" and really enjoyed
it. your account of Bill
Johnson's game against Okla.
had me almost as entranced
as did the actual game - I
was one of the Lucky Boy
Scouts who got to usher at
that game; I shall never
forget the tremendous ovation
Bill received when he left the
game near the end.

I was awfully sorry to learn
of "Rope" Engelman's injuries and
I, like you, certainly hope
they are minor and wish him
a speedy recovery.

It certainly looks as if

the army is determined to give us a sight seeing tour of Germany; we've been shifted from the Hannover area down to the Mannheim - Heidelberg zone where, for the present, we're occupation troops. Everywhere we go, however, seems to be full of places of historical interest. We stayed several weeks in Hameln where Pied Piper raised a bit of red long ago (too bad he doesn't come around every few years in the 20th century - it'd save the world a lot of grief) and I retraced his route just for kicks. Hameln is, for the most part, undamaged and one can see the quaint architecture of the smaller German towns. Hameln, by the way, has written city records

as far back as 784 A.D.

Hiddleberg was almost a disappointment to me, mainly because, I suppose, I'd expected a beautiful university like K.V. I that I didn't see; the countryside is lovely, but so are a million other spots on this globe.

I've arranged a series of tours to these castles, bridges, and other historic spots for my men and they seem to enjoy the opportunity to sightsee on Gov't time.

Athletics is playing a most important part in our plans to keep the men occupied; we're very lucky in having a big modern swimming pool in our area and if it's ever quit raining and warm up, the men will really go for the pool.

In addition to swimming, we have several ball fields, volley ball courts, boxing facilities, and a string of 20 horses! Thank god, practically all Americans are interested in some form of sports.

Do you remember Fred Wickham, Rae? He went to H.S. with Bob and me; his father ^{my} was up at Fort Leavenworth then and the family lived on the 1000 block on Mississippi. Later Fred lived at my home while attending R.V. I got a note from his wife, whom he married after he left West Point; in which she said he was still listed as missing on a bombing mission over Sofia, Bulgaria on March 1944 even tho the grave of one of his

crew members had been located.

I was fortunate to get a week's leave at the Riviera in Cannes, France. It's as close to heaven as I expect to get - I never expected the army would ever allow a rest center to be that perfect. Of course, as usual, the "battle weary" rear echelon officers outnumbered the "undeserving" combat soldiers, but by now we expect that.

I see by the papers where you and Mrs. Allen have left SDI Sa; that change will be hard to get used to, after so many years of me dropping by.

It's bedtime, Doc. Give my regards to Mrs. Allen and the rest of your family

Paternaly yours,
R. J.

R.W. Farris Ph.M. 2/c

U.S.S. Lubbock (APA 197)

% Fleet Post Office

San Francisco, California

19 April 1945

Dear Doc:

Yesterday we got into port and found a great amt. of mail waiting for us. Amongst those for me was the last copy of the Rebounds, and as usual I was most happy to receive it. Thanks a lot for sending it to Chapman. I have a letter from him and he says he enjoys it very much. He has been moved to the Capt at Colorado Springs now and is improving a lot. I hate to read of those who have been killed but that we must expect, because it is hell as he killed. It seems most of our Kansas boys get it in the marines and I don't wonder because they seem to be the ones who always draw the impossible jobs. We were at Iwo and I had a good safe ring side seat, where I could watch, and believe me it was ^{hell}. When they went in there they met a wall of hot steel and hell fire. Thank God for them and the fact they love their Country so much they give their lives so willingly. I lived with them here on the ship for several weeks and I know them to be the best the U.S. can produce. I only wish we had.

ten times as many and this war would soon be over.
Back in states when I read "The Marines have landed and
have the situation well in hand." I just regarded it as
a good War loan poster, but now I find it is an
actuality anywhere they go. I hope every one back
home realizes what men they are. I have also seen
the army work and they are a fine lot of men, but
the difference is that of the freshmen you get and
afterward make into one of your fine Championship
Basket Ball teams.

Well so much for that and needless to say I
would sure like to get back home and be able to
get up to see some of your games. However I haven't
found it bad at all. I have had many wonderful
experiences which I will remember all the rest of
my life and I am sure make me a better man.

I read about different ones I know who
are out here, and some are on ships which have
been in the same Conway as we are, but so far I
have not been able to see any of them. We have been
on the move a great amount of the time since
we left the states.

Incidentally I had the great honor of becoming a
Shellback the other day and must say I enjoyed it
very much. Most of us came out with nothing but our
fireclay suit, hair gone and a lot of oil and other
things so numerous to mention all over us.

I guess this will be it for this time so my
best to you and all my friends in Lawrence. Thanks
again for sending the Rebannels to Chapman.

As Ever.
Rich.

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