

August 20, 1942.

Colonel Raymond W. Briggs,
Civilian Components Officer,
Headquarters Seventh Service Command,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Dear Colonel Briggs:

Thank you for your letter of August 9th. My secretary has been away on vacation, and I have delayed replying to your communication.

I had no idea you were so well acquainted with my brother, Col. Harry B. "Pete" Allen, who is commandant of the R.O.T.C. at Stanford University. He succeeded Colonel Peyton about three years ago when Colonel Peyton went to Berlin as military attache.

Charlie Black, about whom I wrote you, did not know of the quota for enlistment in time and went to Kansas City and enlisted in the Cadet Aviation reserve. He passed his mental test with a grade of 108, when 84 was passing, and passed his physical examination at Fort Leavenworth with an excellent rating. He is now waiting to be sworn in, which will be some time this week, in Kansas City.

I do thank you for your kindness, and I congratulate you and the University in the action permitting many of these boys to enlist here who doubtless would be forced into the draft if they had to wait until school opened in the fall.

We are playing basketball in Omaha on December 15 and I would be glad to have you and your family as my guests at that time. If you can accept we will be happy to have you. I don't know at the present time what hotel we will be quartered at, but I imagine it will be the Fontenelle.

With appreciation, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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