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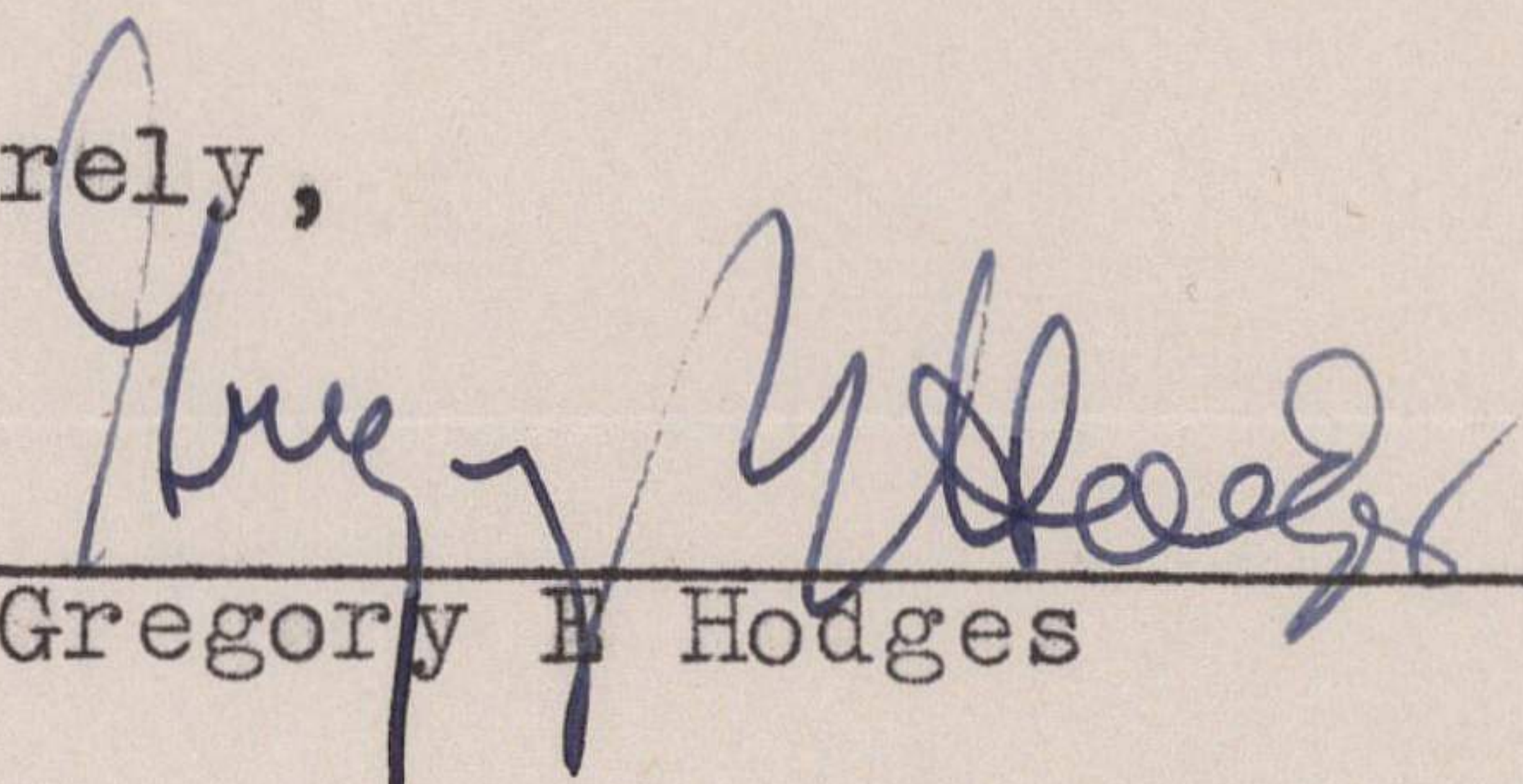
Mr. Forrest C Allen,
Director of Physical Education,
University of Kansas,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Dr. Allen:

The Hodges family wish to thank you
for your expression of sympathy in the time of
our sorrow.

You knew Alex intimately so you can
understand how we all feel. I don't need to tell
you how much he admired you and your work and
how we appreciated all that you did for both of
us while we were in school at the University.

Sincerely,



Gregory E. Hodges

December 30, 1943.

Mr. W. R. Horn, Coach,
Boys Industrial School,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Coach Horn:

I am very sorry that we are unable to accommodate you in the way of used basketballs. Good basketballs are at a premium, and inasmuch as we are giving physical training to both the Army and Navy trainees at the University, the balls soon wear out. I regret that we are not able to help you.

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Director of Education

Topeka, Kansas

Dec. 11 1943

Coch F. C. Allen
Kansas University
Lawrence Kansas

Dear Mr. Allen.

I am taking the liberty of asking a favor of you, not so much for myself as for the boys here in the school. They have no basket balls and it seems impossible to buy them. Do you have any old ones in your department that have served their usefulness for you, that you might send us? We would gladly pay what they are worth.

I am director of Phy. Ed. and somewhere too late to order balls while they were on the market. We have four different companies of boys and each group have their own gym so we have use for a number of balls. Each Co. has about 150 boys and all are anxious to play ball.

A colored boy by the name of Wesley Brown

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from Lawrence, who has worked your car at
different times told me to write "Johnny Allen"
and he would help us.

I am getting a fine response from most
of the boys in my athletic work and feel
I have a chance to do a lot of good work
here for these boys as I get my program
organized.

Assuring you that any help you may
give us will be greatly appreciated by
both the boys and myself. Stop and see
us sometime.

Yours truly
W. P. Horn, Coach
B. I. S.

December 29, 1943.

Mr. Harold A. Hoeglund,
Superintendent of Schools,
Ketchikan, Alaska.

Dear Superintendent Hoeglund:

I feel very guilty in not answering your good letter sooner, but it came just before a football game with Missouri and since then I have been out of town much on speaking dates and basketball games.

Without making more excuses, I will state that if you would write to the head of the A.A.U. at Denver, Colorado, Mr. Willard M. Greim, I believe you could get the information you desire. He is head of the physical education department for the Denver Public Schools, and I am sure a letter addressed to him will give you all the information needed.

These teams in the States are pretty tough. They are former college players and most of them are recruited from older and taller men, as a rule. I believe the only chance you would have with these fellows would be by giving everything you had in the way of rigid training and other cooperative measures. In other words, it would be necessary to be better than those other fellows in physical conditioning by running their hearts out and hoping to beat them after that.

I certainly would like to see a team of your boys go to Denver and clean up some of these high-powered independent teams. You will understand none of them are high school teams but they are from an older age group. If you could win it would be one of the sensations of the century.

I was mighty happy to hear from you, and assure you that I do remember you very well. Congratulations on your superintendency, and may the New Year be a very happy and successful one.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

December 30, 1943.

Mr. Joe M. Hail,
Box 647,
Parsons, Kansas.

Dear Joe:

I was very happy to hear from you, and I thank you for your Christmas greeting. I hope that you had a very merry Christmas and will have a happy New Year.

I am sending you a copy of our Jayhawk Rebounds which we send to all our boys in the service. You may find the names of some of the boys you know.

With best wishes to you, I am

Very sincerely yours,

FGA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

Parsons, Ks
Box #7
Nov. 29 1943.

Parsons, Ks.

Hello Dr Allen.

I wanted to
thank you for every
thing that you
have done for
me. and again
I wanted to
thank you for
those tickets you
gave me last year
for the basketball
games.

I sure hope
you win the
Big Six this year
in Basket ball.
Well happy
new year and

A Merry Christmas
to you Dr Allen.
yours truly
Joe M. Hail

December 16, 1945.

Miss Veta Lear
Dean Paul H. Lawson
Dr. Lawrence Woodruff

Dear Friends:

I just received a communication from Frank Harvi, Jr.,
and wanted you to know of his Christmas wishes for you at
this time.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

PCA:AH

December 22, 1943.

Lieut. Paul D. Hinkle,
Athletic Officer,
Great Lakes Naval Training School,
Great Lakes, Illinois.

Dear Tony:

This letter will introduce to you Arthur Arnold Cansler, aviation cadet, who has been on my varsity basketball team for the past three weeks. He is being returned to the Great Lakes station.

Cansler has played in four of our six games and has given a fine account of himself. He is cooperative to an unusual degree, has a fine personality and has the ability to make friends among his fellows. He is wise on the skills of basketball and in my opinion is a very fine athlete and a fine influence to have on your squad.

Doubtless you have more athletes than you can handle, but if you are in need of an additional fine athlete I am sure Cansler will do you no harm.

With congratulations on your fine football and basketball record to date, and with kindest personal regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

December 10, 1943.

Mr. Lacy Haynes,
Kansas City Star Bureau,
Kansas City, Kansas.

Dear Lacy:

Hub Brighton called and said the police reporter was desirous of having some tickets for his group and Dr. Spake for our game in Kansas City tomorrow night. Last week I asked Clyde Baker to take care of this detail. I will certainly see that this is done. I thought it had been done before.

Anxiously awaiting an opportunity to shake your paw and to say hello, I am, as always, at your service, and one of your willing servants,

Sincerely,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

December 8, 1943.

To Whom It May Concern:

I am very happy to write in behalf of Grant Hunter, a former student at the University of Kansas. He is a highly intelligent young man, conscientious in his work, and thoroughly dependable in every way.

Grant Hunter is clean, capable and efficient. He has no bad habits, is loyal to his superiors, is cooperative and industrious. His character is of the best.

I am happy to recommend him without reservation or evasion.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

November 26, 1943.

Mr. Gregory Hodges,
1303 Valentine Road,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Gregory:

I was shocked when Dr. Don Carlos Peete told me that he had noticed in the paper of the passing of your brother, Alex R. Hodges. I had not known that he was ill and it seems difficult for me to believe. I was extremely fond of Alex. He was such a grand chap.

Will you please convey to Alex's wife and child my sincerest sympathies? And to you, I want you to know that I also extend my sincerest sympathy. Will you tell your sister that Alex was one of my favorites. There is so little a person can say or do in a time like this, but I did want you to know that I too understand.

With all good wishes, I am

Faternally yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

November 30, 1943.

Miss Edna Hill,
Department of Home Economics,
University of Kansas.

Dear Miss Hill:

I am called to a clinic in Kansas City at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon, December 4th, but I will endeavor to get back in time for at least a part of the Nursery Committee meeting.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

ARMY BASKETBALL ROSTER

(Number)

November 30, 1943.

Dr. Robert A. Hunt,
The First Methodist Church,
Salina, Kansas.

Dear Dr. Hunt:

Your letter of the 29th is entirely satisfactory. I am sorry that your daughter Margaret was ill, but I am happy that she is getting along at the present. Please give my kindest regards to your family and to the daughter.

I am sending you a Jayhawk Rebounds which gives you the dope on our family. Mrs. Allen is in California visiting Mary but she will return December 6. Thank you for your good wishes to the family. I assure you they are reciprocal.

I had a nice visit with Bobby Hunt when he was here.

The Jayhawk Rebounds will give you the addresses of Mary and the rest of the children. I get out these letters once a month for the boys in the service. We have Bobby on the mailing list. Would you like to be put on the mailing list to receive these as they are issued?

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

THE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
SALINA, KANSAS

ROBERT A. HUNT, MINISTER

November 29, 1943

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

My dear Dr. Allen:

It was a disappointment to me to not see you when you were in Salina. Mrs. Hunt has been away for more than two weeks, and I left Salina Monday morning, November 22, to go to Lebo, Kansas, and just returned late Sunday evening.

Our daughter Margaret, in whose home you stayed when you were there, spent a week in the hospital in Emporia; we brought her home last week. I intended to write you a letter before you came to Salina telling you I would not be in the city.

I heard your broadcast one night last week while sitting in the old Edwards Home Place at Lebo where Margaret now lives. It is just at the edge of the little town.

I trust all of your family are well. I used to hear from Mary once in a while, but she has ceased writing to me. If I had her address I would write to her. I have a little feeling of personal responsibility for her domestic happiness, and I like to keep in touch with her family. I would be glad to know also where Bobby is and what he is doing.

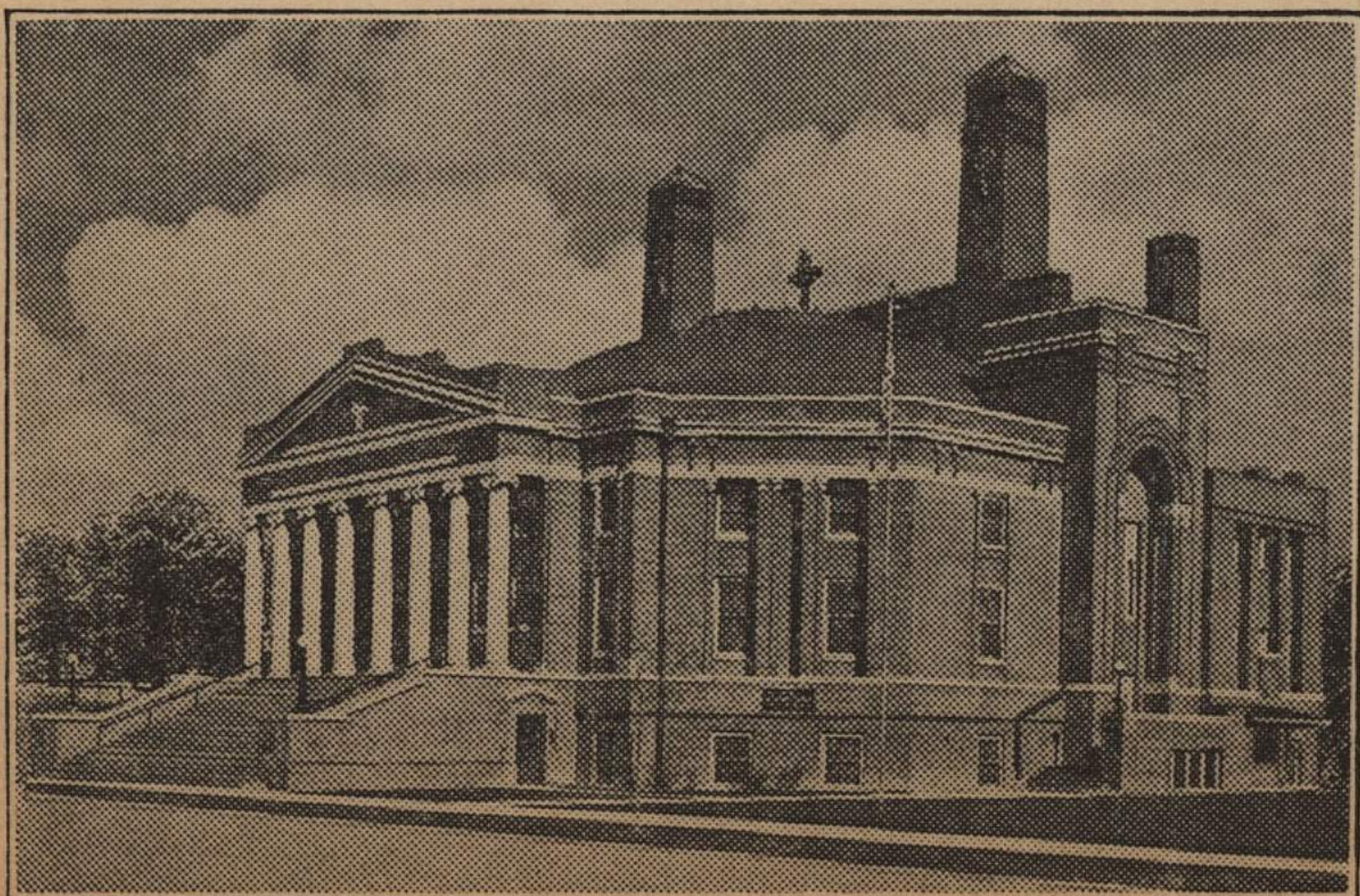
Our Bob said that he saw you recently when he was in Lawrence for a few hours. He writes me that they are re-classifying them now to see if they are in the place for which they are best fitted. With that as a measuring stick, I should think that he would stay right where he is.

Kindest regards to Mrs. Allen, Mit, and the rest of your family and best wishes for a happy Christmas season.

Most cordially,

RAH:js

Robert A. Hunt



November 20, 1943.

Rev. Robert A. Hunt,
First Methodist Church,
Salina, Kansas.

Dear Dr. Hunt:

I am to speak in Salina on Monday, the 22nd, before the Parent-Teachers Association, and hope I have an opportunity to see you and Mrs. Hunt. I will stay at the Lamer Hotel and will make it a point to get in touch with you.

Very sincerely yours,

PCA:AE

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

October 30, 1943.

Mr. Robert Harrison, Coach,
LaCrosse High School,
LaCrosse, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Harrison:

We are sorry that we do not have any current football films available at this time. I have referred your request to Mr. Fred Montgomery, director of Visual Education, and he is sending you a catalog of films. I think you will find some football films listed which would be very fine to show your boys.

Sorry that we do not have any films that we could let you have at this time. Possibly later in the year we may have some available.

Sincerely yours,

Henry Shenk,
Football Coach.

October 29, 1943.

Mr. Robert Harrison, Coach,
LaCrosse Rural High School,
LaCrosse, Kansas.

Dear Coach Harrison:

I am referring your letter regarding football films
to Mr. Henry Shenk, varsity football coach, with the
hope that he will have something to send you.

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

GEO. C. WEBER, Director

GEORGE J. HUBER, Treasurer

A. D. KAUFMANN, Clerk

La Crosse Rural High School

GEORGE D. KEITH, Principal

La Crosse, Kansas
Oct. 28, 1943

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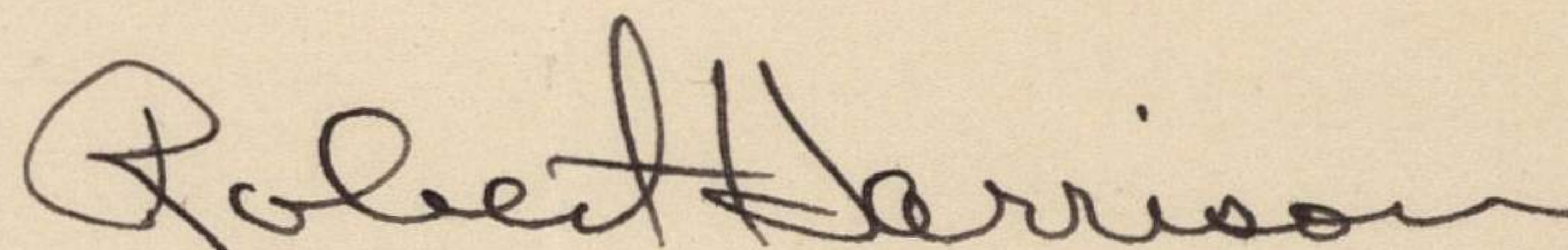
Dear Sir:

I am writing you to try to rent some of your foot-ball films (16mm) for the purpose of showing them to our football boys. If you do rent them drop me a line or send one out. I would like to have one to show Nov. 2 if it could be arranged.

I would like to have some actual taken from your games to study the different formations and their execution.

Thanking you in advance for your consideration in this matter.

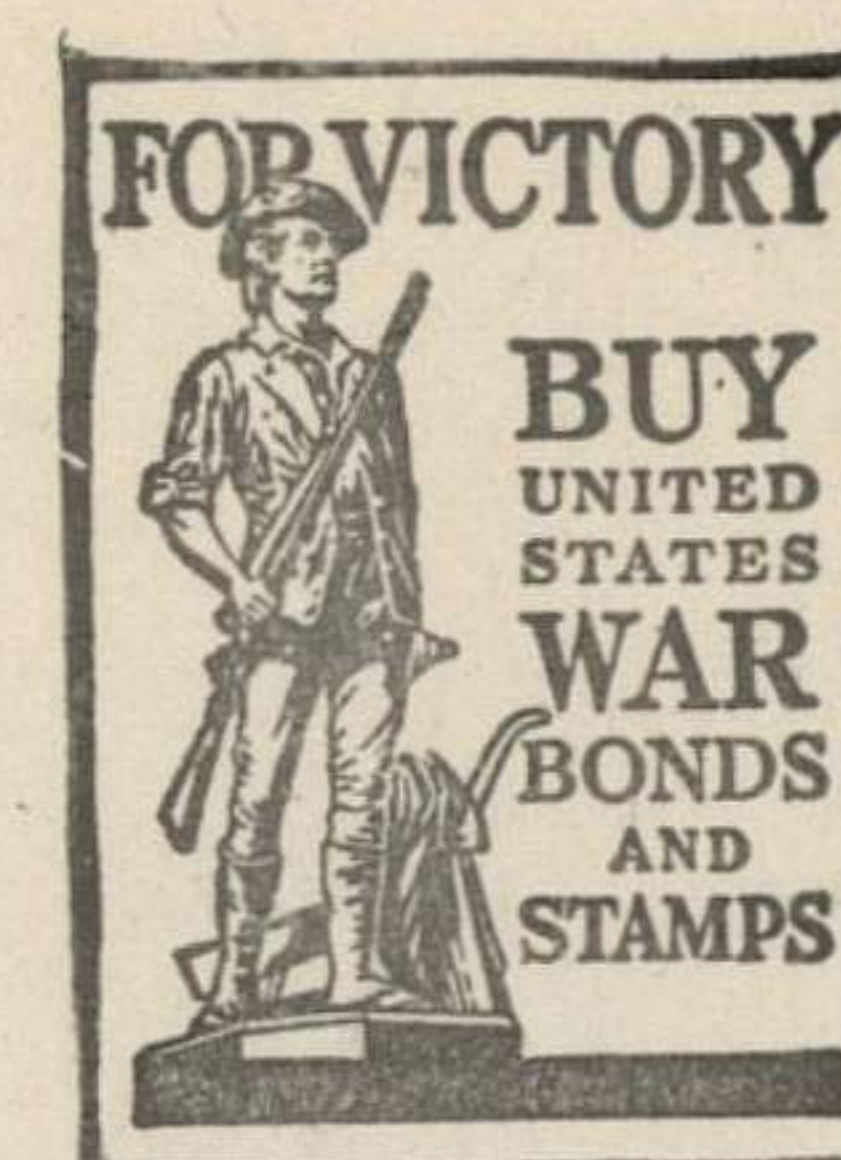
Yours sincerely



coach

Address Reply to:
The Office of Naval Officer Procurement,
Second Floor, Finance Building,
1009 Baltimore Ave., Kansas City 6, Missouri,
and not to the signer of this letter.

BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL
NAVY DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF NAVAL OFFICER PROCUREMENT
KANSAS CITY 6, MISSOURI



REFER TO NO.

NOPKC-12-jsg

26 October 1943

Dear Dr. Allen:

Reference: Hovey Horace Hanna

Applicant for commission, U. S. NAVAL RESERVE

In placing this important matter before you, it is sincerely regretted that a personal letter cannot be sent, but to do so would make it necessary to divert energy now focused on other wartime duties.

The conscientious thought given your reply to this request may affect the welfare and safety of many men, as the man about whom we are writing may eventually be in a position of command. Therefore, the requested information is of more than usual significance.

Please tell us in detail what you can about this applicant. For your convenience we have enclosed a form which covers the essential items upon which information is desired. It would contribute to our appraisal of the applicant if you would place your answers below the questions on the enclosed sheet.

A return envelope is enclosed. Your reply will be kept in strictest confidence and will have an important bearing on the final decision. Please accept our thanks for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "F. D. Kelly".

F. D. KELLY
Lieutenant (jg), USNR

Dr. Forrest C. Allen
801 La. St.
Lawrence, Kansas

Answered Oct-28-43

October 18, 1943.

Mr. Emil W. Harman,
Bellflower, Missouri.

Dear Mr. Harman:

Miss Ruth Kenney, of the Extension Department, called to see why we had not graded more of your correspondence lessons. She states that you were quite anxious to have them returned because you were coaching and you wanted to get the criticisms and comments by me of your papers.

We have been tremendously busy in our Department of Physical Education with the soldiers and sailors and civilians, and too, we have a National War Fund Drive, in which I am serving as chairman for the University. These and countless other things besides my administrative work have kept me from giving full attention to your papers. Of necessity we grade these only when we have leisure time because this is not a part of our regular yearly work, although we are happy to do additional work when opportunity presents.

In the introduction of your course I read with interest your age and basketball experience. Your purpose in taking the course is naturally to fit yourself to a better degree for your coaching. You failed to enclose a snapshot or else it was not in the papers when they arrived.

I will return your papers to you very shortly, but in glancing over your work I find that it has been quite thorough. If you are able to retain the work that you have put on the papers I am sure that you will do a good job of coaching. However, remember, please, that it is the proper execution of fundamentals, individual as well as team fundamentals, that determine the real basis of a successful coach.

I do very little scrimmaging until I have built up my boys on pivoting, passing and shooting in their individual techniques. Then build your team like you would build a house with building blocks. The morale and esprit de corps is the cement between the blocks.

I will be happy to have you write me and ask me questions concerning anything that you think might help you in becoming more efficient in your coaching. For instance, in your assignment number seven you write, "The low dribble is used to protect the ball and generally is used when the player is dribbling in close quarters and when crowded by the opposition." Now, if you will take the book and study it and then see that

all your dribblers dribble low, protect the ball and pivot properly, you will have one of the fundamentals mastered of which I speak.

Again, may I say that if you retain what you have written on paper, you will be a good coach.

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

October 18, 1943.

Mr. Bill Howie,
1310 Kentucky St.,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Bill:

We were delighted to have you as our guest at Rotary this week and we are more than pleased with the fact that you will speak to Rotary next Monday, October 25. Your wonderful experiences will be a delight to hear.

We in Rotary do not look at it as being entertained, but rather being given vital information that will make us better citizens in that we learn more of your hardships and dangers. If every civilian could hear the things that you will be able to tell us I know that they would work doubly hard and be enthusiastic about every effort in which they indulge.

I only mention this because you spoke as if you might be entertaining us. You are instructing us and making better Americans out of us.

I will call for you about 12 o'clock next Monday at your home. Thank you for offering to serve us.

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

President.

October 20, 1943.

Mrs. Betty Harris,
1110 Quindary Blvd.,
Kansas City 2, Kansas.

Dear Mrs. Harris:

I am enclosing a letter which Ray asked that I write for him and send to you. I will be happy if you will forward it to him, as I do not have his address.

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

October 20, 1943.

To Whom It May Concern:

I am happy to write in behalf of Ray Harris, a former student and a fine track athlete at the University of Kansas.

He entered the University as a freshman in 1937, and competed on the varsity track team in 1938, 1939 and 1940.

He has a fine personality, is a young man of excellent character, and has shown qualities of leadership. I am glad to recommend him for consideration in the Army Air Corps.

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.



Oct 15

Dear Sir,

I am in the Army and have been placed in the Army Air Corp. I have been ask to take to my basic training station, three letters of recommendation. Would you please write a letter for me. Address it to my wife, and she in turn will send it to me when I am stationed.

Do you know where Paul Mosner is at the present time?

I want to thank you again for your past favors and for this great favor.

Yours

Ray Harris

P.S My wife address
Mrs. Betty Harris
1110 Quindaro Blvd
Kansas City (2) Kansas