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April 15, 1943.

Mr. W. R. Bill Schroeder, Managing Director,
Helms Athletic Foundation,
117 West 9th Street,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Mr. Schroeder:

I have written Mr. Paul H. Helms, the sponsor and founder of the Helms Athletic Foundation, thanking him sincerely for the great honor bestowed upon me by the Helms Athletic Foundation. However, I do want you to know that I also appreciate your fine work and I realize that you have contributed much. Please accept my sincere appreciation.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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August 26, 1942.

Mr. W. R. Bill Schroeder, Managing Director,
Helms Athletic Foundation,
401 W. M. Garland Building,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Mr. Schroeder:

I am enclosing your questionnaire filled out to the best of my ability. Naturally I would select the men that I have seen the most of and apparently know the most about. I will leave it to the other fellow to tell his side of the story.

It may seem queer that Kansas occupies such a prominent part in this questionnaire, but the fact that we have won 23 out of 30 championships in the Missouri Valley and Big Six conference naturally makes Kansas quite prominent in our section. I am sending you a booklet on Basketball at the University of Kansas published in 1936. Professor W. A. Dill, who published this booklet, has passed on, but this gives you enough dope on the Kansas teams. Since this was published Kansas has won championships in '36, tied with Nebraska in '37, won in '38, tied in '40, won in '41, and this year we were co-champions with the University of Oklahoma.

If there is anything further than I can give you that will be helpful I will be very happy to do so.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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England.
U.S. A. C. F.
Sept. 29-42.

Dear Doc:-

Here I am thousands
of miles from home and
in the army.

Just before leaving
the States I received
the information pertaining
to the grand party
given in Lawrence, for
your past record and
service to the University.

I am very sorry to
have missed that grand
get-together, particularly
the opportunity of
paying my respects to
you.

I am the Orthopedic
Surgeon for the 77th

Evacuation Hospital of
the U. S. Army. (This is
the U. of Kans. Unit.) We
have been in England
for sometime, waiting
to play our part in this
World wide drama. As
yet no real active service
has appeared, but time
will bring bring that
soon enough.

May I take this
opportunity of expressing
my sincere appreciation
to you and your
co-worker (Mrs. Allen)
for the guidance you
so graciously gave

me in my University
life. You not only
gave me your time,
your energy and your
affection but you
offered me the one
thing we all cherish
your sincere friendship.
One of the few high-
lights of my college
career was my association
with you and your grand
family. I often think
of you and look forward
to ^{the} renewing of our
association when the
"Finale" of this tragic
drama has been played.
We hope and pray that

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it will not be too
long.

Give my regards
to Bob - Eleanor, Jane Ed.
Mitt. and your fine
in-laws.

I know Bob is making
an excellent record
in medicine; power
to him.

Yours of utility
man -
Capt. Paul B. Harrington
U. S. Army.

P.S. Please excuse this
stationary. These luxuries
are rationed a bit in
England, you know.

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December 22, 1942.

Capt. Paul R. Harrington,
O-440786,
77th Evacuation Hospital,
A.P.O. 508,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Paul:

I have had your fine letter on my desk for several weeks as one of the "musts", and I am going to write you at length before long, I hope. However, I am going to drop just a note to say hello before we leave today with the basketball team on our Eastern trip.

Bob and Eleanor are both at the University of Pennsylvania, and we play there in Philadelphia on December 30th. Mrs. Allen is making the trip and will spend a few days in Philadelphia with the children. Bob is doing splendidly in his medical work, and in a few weeks will be a junior.

We do appreciate the kind thought expressed in your letter, and our hearts go out to you at this Yuletide season.

With very best wishes for your success, I am

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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May 3, 1943.

Captain Paul R. Harrington,
77th Evacuation Hospital,
A.P.O. 508,
New York City.

Dear Old No. 1 Utility Man:

Paul, I feel as if I had let you down by not writing sooner, but I couldn't let a mimeographed letter go without a personal and warm expression of friendship and best wishes to one of the finest gentlemen and one of the finest captains I have ever had.

I have felt many times that you were a member of our family. You seemed so easy to get along with and so understanding. I have evaluated your friendship very, very highly, and my sincerest wish is always for your safety and your continued success and happiness. May every good thing come to you.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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December 7, 1942.

Mr. Fred Harris,
1020 S. W. 23rd Ave.,
Miami, Florida.

Dear Freddy:

I was mighty happy to hear from you and to know that you are getting along so well. I note that you see George Stapleton and he in turn Max Replegle. I imagine that you have quite a limited time to visit, but you do have an opportunity to run across many of the old Kansas boys.

I wish that I had an opportunity to dictate you a long letter and tell you all that is going on here, but I presume that you take the Journal-World or the Kansan.

I believe we will have a pretty good team, although we were whipped by the Navy Air Base at Olathe last Saturday night in the Kansas City Municipal Auditorium, 40-29. Ray Evans, Otto Schnellbacher and some of the other boys had played a football game on Thanksgiving against Missouri and they were pretty tired, but I believe we have a good team eventually because we have some good material. We will do the best we can under the conditions, but of course this war has to be won first and nobody is greatly excited about championships for championship's sake.

Milton is out at the Hercules Powder Company. He is attorney for them and is doing a might fine job. I told him that I had a letter from you but I believe I will just mail it to him at his address, 2022 Vermont Street. He bought athome out there, at least he has made some payments on it, and I believe hs is going to do very well. Mit is settling down and I think he has a fine future, but he feels like the rest of the boys, it won't be long before he will be in it. He has been flirting with some of the different candidate schools, but I am not sure just what he has done.

Freddy, you write to me again and as soon as I have a little let-up I will be glad to tell you all the news. I am sorry that I am so rushed at the present. My kindest regards to you and Peggy, and all the success and happiness in the world.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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January 13, 1943.

Mr. J. Fred Harris,
1020 S. W. 23rd Ave.,
Miami, Florida.

Dear Freddy:

I received your letter yesterday morning and yesterday afternoon I went down to call on your Dad and Mother. I had a job open as custodian of the towel room here which pays \$75.00 a month, and offered this to your Dad. He told me that he had applied at the Sunflower Ordnance Works, or rather he had applied through the State Employment Office, for a job as watchman, gate-man, custodian or janitor.

I told him that Milton was assistant to the chief investigator at the SOW and I would see what he could do for him. I called Milton just this noon and he will immediately get busy and give your Dad every opportunity, and Freddy, I believe if he can pass a good physical examination he will get by. He will get much more money at the SOW than he would here, and you can count on Mit and me helping him in every possible way.

I was quite surprised to find him in such good health. He looked fine and I believe everything is going to work out.

We are playing the Oklahoma Aggies tonight, but I wanted to hasten this letter to you so that you would feel everything is all right on the home front.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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3 wks ago

J. Fred Harris
Watchman or Gateman
Custodian, Janitor

Call Milton

January 5, 1943
1020 S.W. 23 rd Ave.
Miami, Florida

Dear Doc:

I am writing this letter to you to ask a large favor from you. Today I received a letter from my mother telling me that dad lost his job with the county shops. Since I am so far away there is little I can do to straighten them out and I would like very much if you would call my mother or go and see her and offer your advice to her.

I know this is a pretty big order to fill but honestly Doc you are the only one up there that I can call on and depend on in an emergency. Dad has been in failing health for some time and since A.J. Anderson died he has no one to turn to when he needs help. Dad seems to be lost as to what to do next and I believe that this being let out of a job at his age is about to get him down. I only hope that your encouragement will help him recover. He feels that his age handicaps him too much in securing new employment.

It seems that every time that things go wrong I have to call on you to furnish the brain work but this time it is such a different situation. I think that every thing could be worked out satisfactorily if I were only there to help.

Before I was the problem and finances would work things out but in this case it isn't a case of finances for them its getting dad straightened out and offer a few good suggestions where he might obtain employment. I know anything that you can offer you will gladly do. From Moms letter I gathered that he has tried to get work at the Sunflower Ordinance Works at Eudora but she does not seem to be encouraged over his interview. I do not know what position he applied for but I think he could act as a guard or janitor or some light job. Anything in the heavy line would be too much for him to handle. A job in the open would probably do him more good than anything I know; especially work that does not require very much responsibility.

Please write to me as soon as you have talked to them and let me know what you think is best for him to do. Thanking you in advance for your kindness in this embarrassing situation I remain,

Yours very truly,

J. Fred Harris
J. Fred Harris

P.S. They live at 1044 New Hampshire St in the upstairs apt.

Freddie.

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Dear Doc:

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August 11, 1943.

Mr. J. Fred Harris, C. Sp.,
U. S. Naval Air Station,
Richmond, Florida.

Dear Freddy:

I am very sure that your Dad meant no offense in not taking the job, and I assure you I feel perfectly all right about the matter, but that job now pays \$92. per month. They placed it under Civil Service and when it was placed under Civil Service the salary raised from \$75 to \$92. I am not saying that to make you feel badly about the thing, but it certainly would have been a fine thing for him now.

Of course we have a very capable man on the job and we can't change because it is under Civil Service, and your Dad of course would have been under Civil Service had he taken it. He would have liked this set-up with the Army and Navy boys as they are now located. The boys are taught discipline and it is much easier to get along now than it was under the old regime. Everyone of those fellows has learned to say sir.

I want to congratulate you on your much improved Richmond News. It really is very classy. Your journalism teaching certainly paid big dividends. I enjoyed reading it through and now I am going to take it home so the folks may see what you are doing.

Congratulations and good luck!

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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UNITED STATES NAVAL AIR STATION

Address

RICHMOND, FLORIDA

Commanding Officer

Naval Air Station

Aug 4, 1943.

Mr. Doc:

Thanks for you swell letter of July 27.
and all the nice things you wrote about
the paper. Enclosed is another copy
which I think is a decided improvement
over the last issue.

Doc I understand perfectly your position
and can not do anything. but agree because
you know as well as I do that it is the truth
about the position Dad was offered. If
you will remember in one letter to you
I stated that I was disappointed
in Dad not taking the job at K. U.
even after he went to work at the
sunflower plant. The work at K. U.
around the athletes would do a
lot to keep him young. He was
always interested in sports so I know
the job would have done him worlds
of good altho the salary wouldnt

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have been so great. As I see it the salary
of a job is not as important as one's health
and happiness.

Dad I'm sure meant no offense in
not allowing you to help him but I
judge that he is all mixed up and
doesn't know which way to turn
unless someone is there to guide him
in the right direction. He sometimes
gets stubborn like a typical Welshman
that he is. Anyway I would have
seen that he took the job where he
could have been around young men
and had a chance to mingle with
them in order to keep his mind
occupied and keep his ideas up
to the modern tempo. I personally
believe you offered him the best job taking
all factors into consideration and
I still appreciate your efforts even
tho they weren't accepted by Dad. Some
times he doesn't understand what's
going on all around him. Hope to hear from
you soon. Let me know what you think
of the paper.

Yours Truly
J. Fred Harris

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July 27, 1943.

C. Sp. J. Fred Harris,
U. S. Naval Air Station,
Richmond, Florida.

Dear Freddy:

I acknowledge receipt of your good letter of the 22nd instant, together with your classy Richmond News publication. The cuts are clear indeed, and the get-up of the magazine is excellent. You have a well-balanced paper. The front page news, the sports, and everything - all integrated in splendid style.

I was sorry to hear about your father being terminated at Sunflower. Mit told me that he received a letter from you and that he was doing everything he could to see if he could not help your dad get back on the job. I know he is doing that even though he hasn't written. They are terminating so many men out there that I feel he may have trouble getting back. I will tell Mit you are expecting a letter from him.

Perhaps Tom Sweeney could help you, although I do not know how aggressive he is in placing men back on the job. I imagine he is in a rather tough spot especially as so many of them are terminated regularly.

Freddy, I want to speak very frankly with you. I had a job for your father here in the towel room. It would have been a very easy and very pleasant job. I went down to your home and offered him the job. I had a nice visit with your mother. He took a job at Poehler's that paid less money. Since that time I have come to the conclusion that he would rather someone else help him than I. It might be that he has some reason why he does not want me to get him a job. I tried twice and both times he failed to take the job. Therefore, until I learn the reason why he did not accept them I do not believe I will be able to be of much benefit to him.

You will understand that I am not angry nor ployunish about the thing, but he could have had the job and it was a permanent one, but of course it is filled now and I have no other opportunity of helping him. So, Freddy, I will be glad to help him when I can, but when I had a first rate job he did not take it.

With all good wishes to you and yours, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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UNITED STATES NAVAL AIR STATION

RICHMOND, FLORIDA

Address:
Commanding Officer
Naval Air Station

July 22, 1943

Dear Doc:

Thanks for your last letter and all the swell build up about my newspaper. That one didn't deserve much credit but I believe you will find this 100% better publication. I am the Editor in Chief, News Editor, Headline writer, proofreader, Sports editor, society editor, entertainment editor, feature writer, and copy boy. You might even call me the publisher.

I owe you a letter and a letter of thanks for the recommendation you wrote for me in regards to my commission. Haven't heard a word and I honestly doubt if I ever will. Its a long story about the setup that is to lengthy to write about.

Got a letter from the folks and dad ~~is~~ was layed off with 250 other men at the sunflower ordinance plant. I wrote Mitt, George Hedrick, and Tom Sweeney letter seeing if they couldn't get him back on. I think that dad was on the construction end of the project and their work must have ended and the plant is going into production more and more all the time. Since the contractor has completed most of his work some one had to be layed off. What is the true story?

I didn't want to ask you to do anymore favors for me as I don't want to ride a good horse to death. You probably see how I feel. All the favors you have done for me I couldn't very well ask another one and I want you to know that I certainly appreciate them to no end. I'll have to be in a position to do one for you before I can ever ask another one.

I don't know how dad has come out but have hopes of him landing something before long. Mom said Tom Sweeney was some sort of an executive there and he should be able to do dad some good if he will. I should hear some word from home soon. I haven't heard a word from Mitt either. He might be too busy at the time but he probably will let me know something. So much for that.

From your letter I gather you have a mighty busy schedule training the cadets or those in the V12 program. The work you give them should be good for the waistline. I need something like that. Weigh 180 and gaining fast. Have not had to buy new clothes yet, and have no bay window as yet. Just getting fat in other places.

Well ~~OK~~@ Doc must close and go to writing on the paper. Let me know what you think of it. Best regards to everyone.

As ever your friend

J. Fred Harris
J. Fred Harris

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August 14, 1943.

Mrs. Jimmie Hembree,
Margaret, Texas.

Dear Mrs. Hembree:

I hasten to tell you that we have nothing authentic, and it is mere rumor based on T. P. Jr.'s possible missing in action. Dr. Taylor of the Zoology Department, who is a Pi K.A., saw Kelsey Matthews, another Pi. K. A. in Kansas City, and from Mr. Matthews came the word that he had heard that T. P. was missing in action.

I called Dr. Taylor and he suggested for verification that we should perhaps write home. Knowing that Margaret, Texas, was T. P.'s home town, I wrote the principal of the high school, feeling sure that he would put the letter in the proper hands.

Since your mother received a letter written July 25th it is thinkable to me that the rumor is false. We certainly hope so. T. P. was one of our most popular men here at the University of Kansas. He had no enemies yet he stood forthright for things that were right. He did not compromise yet he fought no one over the principles he firmly believed in. He was quiet, sincere and definitely forceful. He was one of the most friendly men that I ever met, yet when he stood for a point nothing could budge him. To me personally I do not believe that ill has come to him.

I was merely writing to inquire as to whether you or your mother had received any word from the War Department. These were mere rumors among his Pi K. A. fraternity Brothers and I was trying to verify the truth.

Give my kindest regards to your good mother and tell her that we pray that T. P. is safe. I will appreciate any word from you if and when you hear.

With best wishes to you both, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Margaret, Texas
Aug. 11, 1943

Coach Forrest C. Allen
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Allen:

I have just received a letter addressed to the Principal of the Margaret High School, saying that my brother, J. P. Hunter, Jr., is missing in action. It was a surprise to me as we had received, as yet, no notice of it. We are afraid that it is true however since you would hardly have gotten such a report otherwise.

Our mother, Mrs. Mary F. Hunter, lives here also, so I took the letter to her. Her last letter to her was written July 25 and was received only a few days ago.

How did the news come to you? We will get notice soon I suppose. When we do hear further, I shall write to you again. J. P. often spoke of you while on visits here and regards you and the University very highly. Thank you very much for your letter.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs. Jimmie Hembree

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August 17, 1943.

Mrs. T. B. Hunter,
1428 East 20th St.,
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Dear Mrs. Hunter:

I was happy to have you call me this morning. T. P. is tops with you and with me. His friends are legion here, and we trust that we will get good news of him soon.

Very cordially yours,

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Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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June 29, 1943.

Mr. Glenn W. Howard,
College Physical Education Association,
Ohio State University,
Columbus, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Howard:

I am in receipt of your letter of June 23rd, and will answer your questions in the order in which they are given.

1. The University of Kansas has contracted to conduct classes in the V-12 program for the Navy, and on July 1st we expect nearly 500 students under this program. Also, at the present time, we are giving physical training to 120 Naval Aviation Cadets. We are expecting a contingent of Army engineers about the first of September, but as yet no definite plans have been made as far as this department is concerned.
2. Our civilian staff in the Department of Physical Education is expected to conduct the physical training for the V-12 Navy program and the Naval Aviation Cadets.
3. During the past year two of our full-time professors have been lost to the armed services, and a number of part-time student assistants, among whom are:
 - Dr. E. R. Elbel - Army Air Forces
 - Dr. L. E. Morehouse - Navy
 - John A. Pfitsch - Army
 - A. M. Brown - Navy
4. We have been fortunate in securing replacements on our staff by employing two full-time instructors who had formerly been in Kansas high schools.
5. Physical conditioning was made compulsory for all men in the University at the beginning of the fall semester in September, 1942. During the past two semesters we found it extremely difficult to obtain men who were qualified to handle the classes. We were able to use student leaders for some of these classes, but by the 6th of March most of them had been inducted into the Army.

I trust this gives you the information you desire. If I can be of any further assistance I shall be happy to hear from you.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

April 23, 1943.

Mr. E. S. Hickey,
Basketball Coach,
Creighton University,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Dear Eddie:

Thank you for your good letter of the 20th instant.

What I wrote you about and what I thought you would remember was your letter to Dr. Nigro in which you mentioned "Allen and the N.C.A.A. crowd" in not too complimentary a manner. You evidently forgot this when you wrote me this letter.

Very cordially yours,

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Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

THE CREIGHTON UNIVERSITY

DEPARTMENT OF ATHLETICS

OMAHA, NEBRASKA

E. S. HICKEY
HEAD COACH OF BASKETBALL

April 20, 1943

Dr. Forrest C. Allen
Basketball Coach
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear "Doc:"

I have your splendid letter of April 12 and greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness in remembering us after our upset in the East.

I am not aware of any "double talk," nor am I familiar with any statement credited to me as would work to your disparagement. Much has been said in many quarters with reference to the Fifth District N.C.A.A. and their choice of teams during the past two years. I can recall nothing that I have said that I would not have said direct to you; nor anything that did not reflect the true situation as I have understood it.

I have appreciated your friendship and especially your cooperation in our basketball program. When we are able to resume play I hope that we may continue our games. I am positive you have always found our relations above board and the playing situations such as reflected a thoroughly honest and sportsmanlike attitude. I am sorry if any thing that I may have said with reference to the N.C.A.A. may have been interpreted as being detrimental to you. At the same time, I am sure you are as familiar as I, with the fact, that one's position may not always be correctly interpreted or reflected by others.

There have been some public expressions to the effect that Creighton "snubbed" the N.C.A.A. I have tried to correct this wrong impression as much as possible. It was suggested that the Fifth District's choice this year reflected some feeling on the part of the Committee against Creighton because we did not wait for their bid. I hardly believe the Committee would penalize other members of our Conference even if Creighton was wrong. Nor do I feel that Creighton has been wrong in any degree.

THE CREIGHTON UNIVERSITY

DEPARTMENT OF ATHLETICS

OMAHA, NEBRASKA

E. S. HICKEY
HEAD COACH OF BASKETBALL

Dr. Forrest C. Allen Page Two.

At the same time I fully realize that you have not had any direct connection with the N.C.A.A. for several years. I was just an "infant" in the coaching tenure at Creighton when this move was made. These problems surely do not concern you nor should you be charged with any of their decisions. I mention it because it throws the only light on any possibility that I may have been credited with some statement that associated you with the "N.C.A.A. crowd."

Three years ago we were the Fifth District Representative. Last year, as the defending Champions and the Missouri Valley Co-Champions we were (if precedent of former years was to be followed) entitled to an opportunity to again represent the Fifth District. When it became apparent that the Committee was not favorable to our participation we were, nevertheless, saved post season play by the invitation from the East. We gladly accepted this opportunity. Information from most reliable sources led us to believe that the Committee was not favorable to Creighton and in a good measure on account of the many press notices bearing your quotation to the effect that you would not play Creighton. Since we had an opportunity to play in the East I saw no reason for making an issue over this situation. One member of the Selection Committee expressed appreciation that we withdrew in favor of the Metropolitan Tournament. After all, I could not blame you for taking full advantage of your well deserved victory over Creighton. We, at the time, were not destined to fare so badly since the invitation from the East was forthcoming.

We accepted the Eastern bid this year and at a time before any action had been taken by the Fifth District. The Selection Committee was advised at the earliest moment of our decision. You will recall our discussion of this matter before our game here on March 4. Should you have been able to have kept your squad together and have been successful in representing the Fifth District, I am sure that our action would have been just the same in a measure of loyalty to the Eastern group who took us in the previous year and for remunerative reasons. It has been our thought that if any "snubbing" has occurred it has not been on the part of Creighton.

We do join with the other Missouri Valley Coaches in their disapproval of the actions of the Fifth District Selection Committee. It is our hope that this situation may clear up when we are able to resume playing again. I do wish to repeat that I have appreciated our

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E. S. HICKEY
HEAD COACH OF BASKETBALL

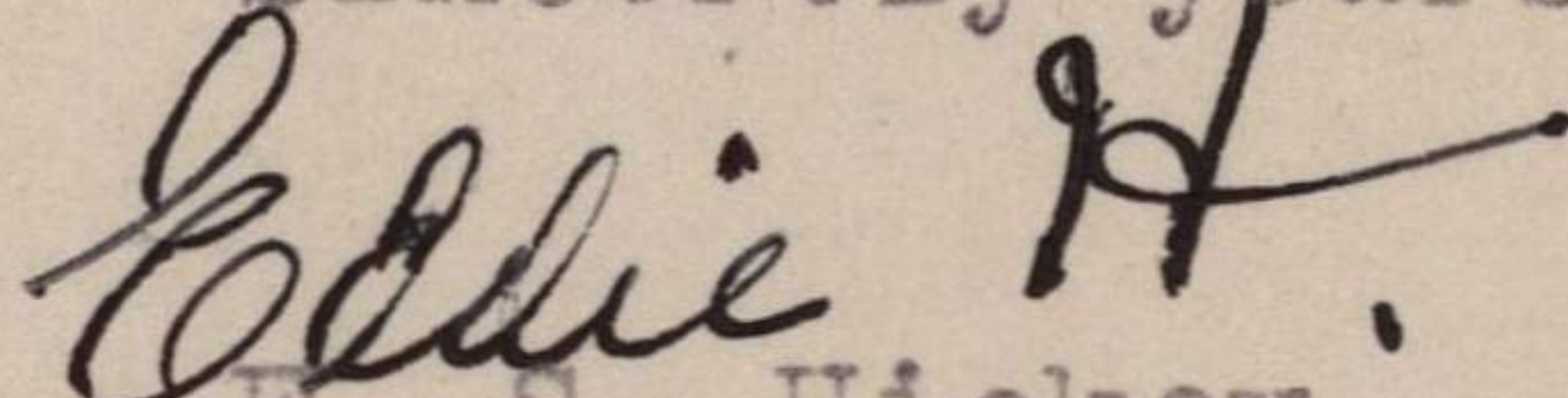
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our games with Kansas. It is true that you scheduled us knowing that we should have a very strong team and at a time when teams in the Big Ten and the Big Six who had previously played us refused to do so again.

It is our fondest hope that it will not be too long before we may again have a representative team and we shall look forward to continuing our fine relations of the past few years. I shall look forward to seeing you at the earliest opportunity and of discussing this whole affair with you as you suggested in your letter.

With best wishes for the Spring Season, I am,

Sincerely yours,



E. S. Hickey
Basketball Coach

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January 15, 1943.

Ensign F. E. Harwi, Jr.,
Commander Service Force,
Southwest Pacific Force,
c/o Fleet Post Office,
San Francisco, California.

Dear Frank:

Thank you for your very good letter of the 20th ultimo. Yes, we certainly miss you when we think of our home games here in Lawrence. You have been one of the thirty-third degree dyed-in-the-wool fans. I have not seen your younger brother, but of course I would be delighted to say hello to him.

I am answering your letter right away because a fellow who is in Australia and still interested in the University of Kansas athletics should rate a letter pronto.

Now, about sending you the results of each game. We certainly will do it. We do not have any V-mail forms here but will get the necessary stationery and follow through with each game. The Cornhuskers have been doing pretty well. They licked Iowa, and Indiana beat them only 40 to 39, so I look for some trouble from those fellows. Don't bet too much with that kangaroo money down there.

I was very depressed about our Kansas basketball outlook at the beginning of the season, but it has brightened some now and I believe we will go through with a nice season. We call our five men the "Kansas ironmen" - Charlie Black and Otto Schnellbacher at forward, John Buescher at quarterback, and Ray Evans and Armand Dixon at guard - two sophomores, two juniors and a senior.

Of course you will read, if you have not already done so, about Charlie Black breaking the Big Six scoring record against Missouri here on January 6th when Kansas beat them 69 to 44. Charlie had a great night, scoring 33 points to break McNatt's record when he scored 30 points against Kansas State, breaking Engleman's record of 27 points against Oklahoma, to break the Kansas players Big Six Conference record, and he also broke Ralph Miller's record of 30 points against a non-conference team when we beat Wichita there last year. And the 69 points also broke a Big Six team record when Oklahoma beat Kansas State with McNatt doing the high honors. I think there were five records broken that night. We have beaten Missouri and Oklahoma, but we have a long ways to go yet. Our next conference game will be against Kansas State at Manhattan on the 20th of January, but we have some non-conference games in between.

We are just finishing our examinations this week. In fact, we played Oklahoma Aggies Wednesday night during the toughest part of our examinations, and we did not go any too well.

I will see that Max Kissell gets your greeting and also that Charles Black learns that you inquired about him.

With best wishes and lots of good luck to you, old fellow, I am, with kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Ensign F. E. Harwi Jr
Commander Service Force
Southwest Pacific Force
C/o Fleet Post Office
San Francisco California
December 20th, 1942

Dear Dr. Allen:

Every year, for the past several, at just about this same time, I have written you a letter asking for a schedule of the basketball games and to see if you would arrange tickets for me for the home games. This year I can and am writing the letter, and can ask for the schedule, but I am afraid I cant make any of the games, though I will be pulling for you and the boys for a completely successful season .

Somehow or another I ended up away down here in Australia, but that is not going to prevent me from keeping up with my " favorite five", even though no results are published in the papers down here. Sure would appreciate it if you could have your secretary just jot down the results of each game and drop them to me on a V-Mail form. My boss is an old Cornhusker and I think I can entice him into a little wager, which is the surest way I know of picking up an extra pound and a few shillings.

It has been quite a little while since I have seen a Kansas newspaper so hardly have the latest dope on who is returning, and who is likely to be among the starting five, but if last years sophomores return it should be in the bag already...Is Charlie Black back and ready for a big season? Also would appreciate it if you would remember me to Max Kissell, ---I used to work with him in the Highway.

My brother, Bob, enrolled in the University this year, and is residing over at the Fiji house. I asked him to drop in your office and introduce himself sometime, but haven't heard whether he did or not. Sure wish you could make a ball player out of him---he has plenty of heighth, but I suppose his working in the College office together with other activities and studies keeps his time pretty well occupied. I presume he will supplant me as K. u's most rabid basketball fan, but he will have to go some.

There isn't much news of interest I am permitted to send you from this side, but just wanted to get on the mailing list of K. U. basketball information. Sure would like to be asking you to make arrangements for my tickets again-----these will be the first home games I have missed in many years.

If you have a few spare moments some time I would like to hear from you. Until then, good luck for a swell season

Sincerely yours,

Frank Harwi
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