

May 11, 1944

Dear Doc,

Just had a swell bullfest with T. P. Hunter. Both of us had a hard time listening. He looked fit as a fiddle and was in fine spirits.

Chancellor Malatt and all K. O. may sure be proud of their three great marines - Bill Jones, "Lt. Col" Durand, & T. P. Jones & "Major" Durand both got Silver Stars for gallantry at Tarawa while T. Bone got a commendation from his general for bravery in action on Bougainville. Not a bad trio!

T. Bone and I really had a bullfest - we fought 4 seasons of basketball and you were in about every

other sentence. I recalled
a few of "T"'s hot moments.
Remember when he beat
the great frosh team of Evans,
Black, ^{Turner,} Fitz, & Ballard, 38-37
with a long overtime shot
down center. And the night
he cracked in 5 buckets
against ^{fancy} Crighton's team
which had beaten Great
Lakes badly. We won 53-49.

He wanted all the dope
on the states and I gave
him all I knew. He's a
little worried about
Norma Jean - says there
are too many wolves in
Kansas City. We both
agreed the prize game would
have been Black, Evans,
Snelly, Buecher, & Dixon
against the Whig Kids - (Illinois)
Phillips, Menke, Smiley, etc -
two of the best teams in
recent basketball history.
We sure appreciate ~~all~~
the newsletter. Latest we've
seen is the Feb. issue
but I guess the next one

② will catch us soon. Saw where Ray was first choiced in the draft by the Chicago Bears. I hope you get that '42 bunch back for one more year after the war. I missed seeing them whip Tucker twice.

T-Bone says, "if they don't hurry up and get those gold basketballs out, some of us will get them posthumously." I said, "I'll write Doc and tell him what you said." "T" got flustered & said "Don't you dare!!" That's a kick, isn't it?

Well, you may rest assured that we rate you as the finest coach in the game and just as great a man. The Marines are for you 101%. Too bad that Jack Gardner put the screws on the material situation but Dad said you did

a swell job of coaching
with what you had -
which ~~wasn't~~ too much
evidently.

Tell Bob I was sorry
to miss the wedding.
Remember me to Jane,
Mary, Mit and Eleanor.
Have Mrs. Allen keep
Bill in line and we'll
have this mess cleaned
up shortly.

Yours,
Cluit

P.S.

The record is 30 championships
in 38 years, isn't it? Rockne,
Stagg, or any other coach could
never match that.

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August 28, 1944.

Mr. Clint Kanaga,
Jenkins Music Co.,
1217-23 Walnut St.,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Clint:

Thank you so much for your good letter of the 24th instant. Yes, we had learned the very sad and depressing news regarding T.P.'s passing. T. P.'s sister called Mrs. Allen.

I was up at the Iowa High School Athletic Association Coaching School at Boone, and the next week I was at the Kansas Coaching School at Topeka. I have just returned and am at my desk again.

It was nice of you to write me as you did. We often talk of Clint and his genuine interest in everything on the hill, and we congratulate you on having two such fine sons in Clint and Bill. They are both grand boys. No, Clint, I never heard whether Fred Eberhardt came through Saipan or not.

I will use a part of your letter in my next Jayhawk Rebounds regarding Bill McKinley's safe return from Saipan.

Thanking you for your good letter and trusting that at some time in the future when gasoline is less scarce we can get together, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Aug 24-44

Dear Doc: I have some really sad news. T.P. Hunter's girl in KCK called Ruth last evening and told her she had received word that T.P. had been killed on Guam. She wanted Clint's address as T.P.'s letters had spoken of their being together so much and she thought Clint might be able to tell her something. Of course he can't - as they parted just before the landing. Clint and T.P. evidently were at some base together for several weeks as they saw each other every few days and had a swell time. But Clint's letters since he left Guam indicate that he knew nothing. We got a letter yesterday from Clint saying that he and Don Voorhees and Martin Maloney had a fine visit "three KU Sochems rehashing all the news - it was like old times" This was written some time after Guam so I know he had not



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heard the bad news. He was
deeply fond of T.P. and it will
be a blow.

I got a letter ^{yesterday} from Bill McKinley
on Saipan. He was down with Dengue
fever but said he thought he had
it whipped now. Bill's battalion C.O.
and Executive officer were wounded
so he commanded his battalion
during a part of that hard operation.

Bill told me in an earlier letter ^{from}
written just as the Saipan operation ended,
that Fen Durand & Bill Jones &
he all came through O.K.

I wondered Phoy, if you ever
heard whether Fred Eberhardt came
through Saipan?

Must stop & go to work. Thanks
Mrs Allen for being so nice to Bill.
Ruth & I appreciate it. If gas
were not so precious we should get
our families together with our feet
under the table -
As ever yours
Chas Kanaga



UNITED STATES NAVY

September 1

Dear Doc,

Dad has probably informed you of our great loss in a very dear mutual friend in T. P. I just got the sad news today from Norma Falconer and it's hard to find words to express my grief.

You see Teep and I spent many nights in May, June, and July -- just chewing the fat and rehashing good old K. U. days. There wasn't anyone he thought any more of than you, Doc -- and having similar feelings myself -- we played out a lot of basketball games. Remember the night Teep got 5 goals to help nail a Creighton team that had beaten Great Lakes by 15^{pts} 1 -- and the night Teep beat the great fresh team of Evans, Black, etc. 38-37 in an overtime with a long shot. Eleanor and I were there. We went over those and many more games. We both felt that K. U. had the finest campus in the U. S. and as AIR MAIL Teep said to me

- "K. V. alone is worth fighting for."

Teep was a great Marine and a real leader - his men were crazy about him. He had shown them leadership and bravery on Bougainville. The last night I was with him - a short time before he was killed - he said to me - "Well, Cluit, it's liable to be tough but I have a swell gang of men and we'll give them hell." He added, "I'll be O.K. If something happens, it's part of this game!"

Teep paid the supreme sacrifice - and I believe he would have wanted it that way - in as much as it happened - fighting for the country, and the ones he loved; for the things he valued in life which the aggressive nation of Japan has tried to change and master. There never was a finer man or sweller guy than Teep. He was tops.

I wrote Norma just about what I'm writing you for I believe you two were - outside of his family - the most important and cherished to him. Remember me to all your family. Love,

Cluit

K. V. had the finest company in the U.S. and on Bougainville. Teep was the

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Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

April 16th. 1944

Dr. Forrest C Allen
Kansas University
Lawrence Kansas.

Dear Phog;- I am enclosing a clipping from the "Cedar Rapids Gazette". This article appeared on Friday April 14th. I suppose coppies have already been sent you but some times, each thinking the other will send it, they are omitted. I hope you like it.

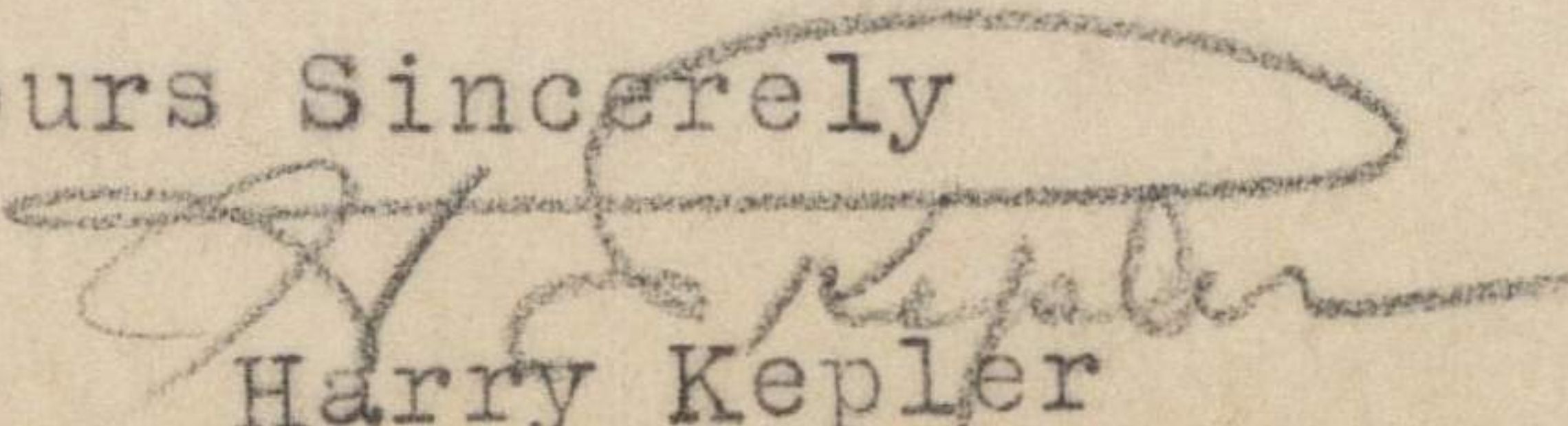
I think I did not tell you of Dorothy and Reg as to their education. We moved to Lawrence for the purpose of education for them but things were not right there so we sent them east. Dorothy graduated from Vassar then taught a year in a finishing school for girls near Middleburg Virginia. There she met Rogers Fred and was married later on. Fox hunting is the big sport there and she took it up in all its phases. She was thrown from her horse while hunting. Reg graduated from Washington- Lee (Engineering school) University. This school is at Lexington Va. He did excellent work there and made quite a name for himself. Our company put him to work at once and he has been with them ever since. He spent eight years in Colombia handling foreign property for our company and was within ten days of being advanced to Gen Mgr. for the whole country when he was taken sick and he was brought back at once to the U.S. where he spent some time in the hospital and outside under the doctors care. He was at Miami Beach while recovering and was then transferred to Durham, N.C. I spent four years there having charge of all property on the northern coast and for two years and two years as Gen Mgr. for the whole country. The company had at that time about eleven million dollars invested and it required a lot of looking after. I came home and thought I was a total wreck but soon recovered after reaching the states.

I will never forget the look on the face of that Colombian boy when I showed him that copy of "My Basket-ball Bible." He realed off a lot spanish and when he had finished I asked my Stenog. what he had said. "Wants to know if he can borrow it" was her translation. "Tell him it is his" I said. That called for a great oration. They certainly did make good use of it. You autographed it before sending it out and they knew your name and decided that you were the greatest man in the U.S. About every two weeks some one of them came in to thank us again for the book.

I am certainly glad I got to talk with you. It brought back old times. To this day Lawrence seems more like home to me than any other place I have ever been.

We send our best regards to both Mrs Allen and yourself. Wishing for you continued success in your chosen field I am

Yours Sincerely


Harry Kepler
2388 Blake Blvd
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

ADDRESSES

Name Dear Roy.
Street Noted by paper
City you are in CT
Telephone Hope to be able

Name to see you before
Street you leave town
City Be pleased to have
Telephone you call

Name
Street 31679 my Ave
City Atuphone area
Telephone if possible draw
sent.

Name
Street Harry Kepler
City
Telephone

B B Roberts
ADDRESSES

Colombia

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Reg. Kepler

Street

City

Durham, N.C.

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Mrs. Ashcraft

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Mrs. Beard

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Pine Bluff

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Prepare for Drake Relays

Red Peppers

Hot Sport Chatter

—By Tait

It's an awful thing to go through life agreeing to everything everybody says, which is preliminary to the announcement that this corner hereby places its stamp of approval on Phog Allen's basketball views. That, in turn, makes this corner almost unique since almost nobody thus far has agreed with Mr. Allen except, of course, Mr. Allen and there are times even when he might be willing to take the other side just for the sake of a lively argument. After all, those long Kansas winters get a little monotonous and with gasoline rationed the explosive, but always entertaining, coach of Kansas U. basketball doubtless has kept fairly close to his own stamping grounds.

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To get back to the point, however, Mr. Allen is the father of the 12-foot basket idea. That always did look good in this corner, in the belief that the plan was to make baskets 12 feet across. It turns out that Phog wants baskets 12 feet from the floor which at first glance seemed a horrifying proposal unless the things were enlarged at least 12 inches. But Phog says higher baskets are easier to hit even with no extension in their waist lines. For proof, he explains that they have had baskets at Kansas 12 feet from the floor for 15 years and have staged exhaustive research. And the records show conclusively that a higher percentage of shots go through the 12 foot baskets than is the case with the conventional 10-foot hoops now in use. It seems the ball makes a higher arch and comes down at a better angle.

oratory of his loose a 12-foot basket looks as essential as rubber in girdles. He points out that more than 80% of the fouls in basketball take place within a radius of something like 18 feet of the goal. It is there that the traffic jams develop because players are driving hard for lay-up shots, or hoping to draw fouls. The 12-foot goals are too high for lay-ups, Allen says, it being virtually impossible to score directly beneath baskets that high in the air. So the traffic jam magically disappears, fouls are cut down in number and basketball becomes orderly. That's as simple as barring sailors from saloons in the matter of keeping order.

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What causes Allen's red hair to bristle is the fact that his ideas are based on the findings of serious research while the bulk of other proposals which are jammed into the cage rules come because some coach wants them to help his own team. He cites the new rule against goaltending as an example of the "selfish" approach to cage rules. Instead of taking advantage of the Allen research and going to a 12-foot basket, the cage rule-makers got together and decided they would have to do something about the lucky coaches with "goon" centers like Foothills Kurland of the Oklahoma Aggies. If the majority of coaches were lucky enough to have elongated centers, the rule would not have passed. Allen maintains that's a silly way to go about improving a game. He favors doing it on the basis of research and facts. In that he is not only 100% right but way ahead of his field.

Phog Allen Highlights Y. Banquet

By TAIT CUMMINS.

"PHOG ALLEN Day" in Cedar Rapids Thursday started with a Lions club noonday appearance, continued with a high school cage clinic at the Y. in mid-afternoon



Phog Allen.

and reached its climax at the annual Y.M.C.A. All-Sports dinner where the colorful Kansas U. basketball coach spoke before a capacity crowd of 400.

Phog Allen, to those who don't follow the cage sport, is Dr. Forrest C. Allen. He also serves Kansas U. as athletic

director and is rated by many observers as the best cage strategist in the country.

To that might be added the observation that Phog isn't a bad hand at "surrounding" a town. Given something less than a day in Cedar Rapids, he left a whole string of people ready and willing to swear that the colorful Jayhawker is without a peer as an after-dinner speaker, good will emissary and general all-around good guy.

Volatile as a kettle of boiling oil, Allen literally explodes his views on basketball, most of which have been publicized countless times. But in contrast to the typewritten report of his ideas, the spoken presentation not only makes sense but seems so obviously needed that further delay seems harmful to the sport. In other words, if Phog talks often enough, he'll put his theories across.

Allen's appearance at the Y. affair highlighted what is annually a three-ring circus of sporting awards and honors since it cli-

It's hard to get serious about Mr. Allen's cage views for the simple reason that no one else will, but when he turns that

Allen, incidentally, regrets the removal of the center jump from basketball. He liked the old system which gave fans and players alike a few seconds of relaxation after baskets were made. Now that the jump is gone he doesn't think it will ever return. But in the same breath he rips out the belief that basketball has been ruined as a scientific sport and converted into mob footraces which wind up with players and spectators alike so limp they can't leave the place until their nerves have settled. His point is that defense is no longer a part of the game. He's partly right, although Franklin high reached the state finals more on defense than it did on offense.

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What gripes Allen most is that the cage fathers won't try his 12-foot basket idea. He doesn't suggest it for high schools, only for colleges. The tragic part of the whole thing is that Allen is probably right in his conviction that basketball would again become a game of skill and finesse rather than a footrace. Unfortunately, in the days of yore when the game was more deliberate, almost nobody could outsmart Phog. He didn't go for goon centers—unless he had one—but regardless of material he kept beating everybody with such consistency that sheer desperation forced all his coaching mates to line up against him. Now the guy's got something, but every time he starts talking it up with other coaches they start shoving the roses aside to find the hidden gimmick which will again make Allen boss. For that matter, maybe he has one.

maxes the Y. M. C. A. sports year and brings into the limelight all and sundry of the champs in Gurney Day's muscle factory. The list is long and each titleholder has been publicized here before at the time of reaching the championship peak.

So for the purposes of this record, suffice it to say that Craven Shuttleworth served as toastmaster; Orville Rennie was song leader; Ira Carrithers spoke on the salient points in connection with the fact that this is the centennial year for Y. M. C. A.; Horace G. "Cap" Hedges presented the awards; and special music was dished out by Doris Newman.

Special commendation should go to the men behind the scenes who arranged the banquet and brought Dr. Allen to Cedar Rapids. The affair fittingly celebrated the 100th year of Y. M. C. A. history. Don Isett headed the committee on arrangements, Russ Landis was the ticket chairman and peddled them all. And back of the scenes was Gurney Day, working for almost two months to make the show the success it was.

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July 27, 1944.

Mr. Clint Kanaga,
Jenkins Music Co.,
1217 Walnut St.,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Clint:

Thanks, old fellow, for your extreme loyalty. You are a regular fellow and I feel as if you are in the family so I will tell you some things that I would not say otherwise.

Before starting on this I want you to know that Mrs. Allen and I had Bill down to dinner last night, and how we enjoyed him! And I believe that he enjoyed the fried chicken to the utmost. Mrs. Allen kept insisting that he take a couple of extra pieces and at the end of the meal Bill's side dish looked like a boneyard. Bill drove me up on the campus for the open air dance that we were having, and then returned to help Mrs. Allen do the dishes and visit with her. They came up on the campus later, and Bill said he had a grand evening. And we did, I assure you, enjoy him every minute. And of course you know how we feel about Clint, Jr.

Now to the point, - and I believe this will make it clear. Three years ago, just before the Missouri-Kansas game which was played here in Lawrence, a certain influential fellow in Topeka called me up and said that he was in a conference with a couple of the Board of Regents, and they were willing to offer me a long-term contract and wanted me to take over football as well as direct the other matter. My reply was in the way of a question to him. I said, "It doesn't happen that there is a cocktail party in Topeka tonight, does it?"

He was rather astounded, and rather resented my remark. He said, "Listen, I am talking turkey. I know that if you would consider this you could have a long-term contract with practically double your salary. They will allow so much for football and so much for the administration of the department."

I said, "Now get this straight. If you are a friend of mine you will never mention the thing you have mentioned to me again. And furthermore, you will not say anything to anybody else because if you do some of your friends will think that I am a candidate for this job. I wouldn't have it at any price. I have been through eighteen years of hell, when even some of my best friends said, Well, maybe Phog is spending too much time on his basketball and letting football go. I am now out of it and never want to get back into it. I am enjoying life and letting the other fellows worry while I can limp along with an occasional winner in

basketball and take care of the Physical Education department without getting too badly hurt."

Mrs. Allen was sitting upstairs in our study when the phone rang. When she heard a part of the conversation she stood up and said, "Please, oh please, don't do it."

So you see there is a unanimity of feeling in the matter at our house.

But I do want you to know how much I appreciate your sincere good wishes and friendly attitude. In this Jayhawk Rebounds coming up I think you can read enough in that to let you know my attitude.

Thanks again, Clint, a million.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education
Varsity Basketball Coach

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July 26-44

Dear Phog - I noted in the paper that E. Jingley is to be the new Athletic Director at K.U. I think it is a dirty shame if you would have taken the job. I don't know - perhaps you turned it down - but anyway I wanted you to know it burned me up. If you would have taken it - why didn't you tip off a few friends and have us go to bat for you - As I say - maybe I'm angry without reason - perhaps you didn't want it. Suppose it's too late to do anything now -

Well Phog - I wanted you to know how I felt & how I know hundreds more feel.

As ever yours

Clint Kanaga

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March 25, 1944.

Mr. Harold Keith,
Department of Intercollegiate Athletics,
University of Oklahoma,
Norman, Oklahoma.

Dear Harold:

I am sending you a copy of a radio address that I made over KFKU a week ago last Thursday, March 16. The point that I endeavored to make was that we should make no rules that might hinder a player now in the game just because the players present happen to interfere with our type of play.

You will remember that Hugh Ford did things to us.

The only way we could be fair would be to make a rule that would go into operation three years after all the players now eligible would have graduated. Don't you quite agree with that policy? If we accept that principle then the coaches cannot be charged with being utterly selfish individuals thinking only of themselves.

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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March 8, 1944.

Mr. J. E. Kissell,
Portis, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Kissell:

Max just dropped in and we had a fine visit. He is on his way home and I told him that I had not answered your fine letter of February 16th. I got it out and let him read it.

I am pleased to know that the X-ray does not show a tumor, but I am always afraid of those cranial difficulties. They are fraught with much danger.

You got our Jayhawk Rebounds and it explained the personnel of the boys pretty well. In the next one I will go in to some of the situations, although I am quite happy with all the boys. They have been a fine group of chaps and everyone of them gave everything he had, but we did not have them long enough to teach them fundamentals.

I imagine with only six boys out for basketball it does not make for much competition. Certainly after the war we are hoping that the small towns will be rehabilitated with our returning service men and fine families will be raised in the towns that you pioneers built for them.

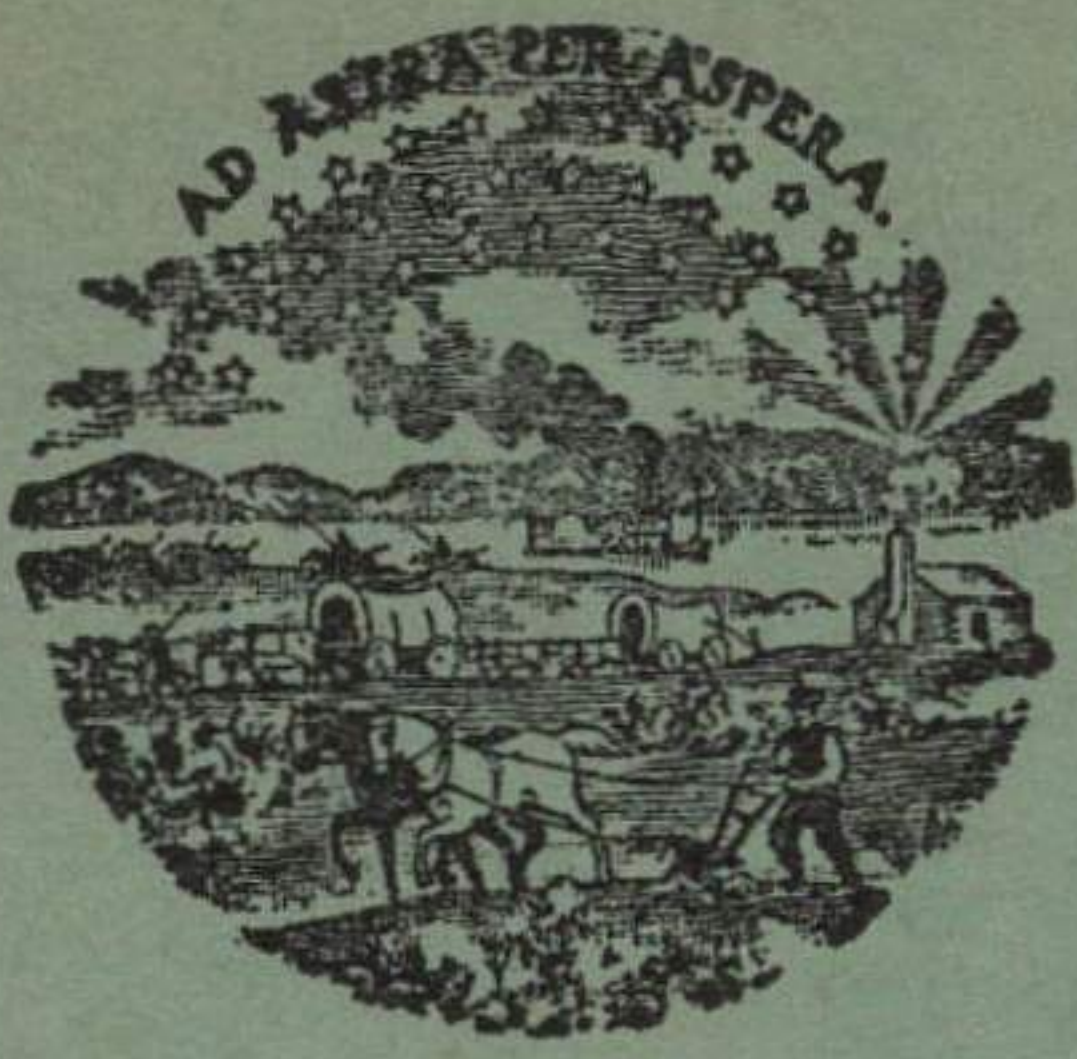
I am always pleased with your unflagging interest in sports. It is good to keep your heart young, and you certainly have done a splendid job in that.

Please remember Mrs. Allen and me most kindly to Mrs. Kissell. When I received your letter I took it home and read it to Mrs. Allen. She was so pleased with the wonderful personality of your good wife. Mrs. Allen really enjoyed that day.

With all good wishes to you and yours, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.



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Portis, Kansas,
February 16th, 1944.

Dr. F. C. Allen,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Dr. Allen: I get on a letter writing spree at times and when I do, I usually manage to get to you, especially at this season of the year when basketball is on.

Writing letters now to get some worry off my mind as my wife has been in poor health lately and we had thought it was due to the 'change of life' situation. Took her to hospital at Halstead Jan. 31st and there they have feared a tumor of brain though do not locate such yet via X-ray. Last I talked there she was some improved but still is in quite serious condition and of course I am greatly concerned and much worried.

As to basketball, I watch your club pretty closely though with not quite as much enthusiasm as in other years and especially when Max and boys I knew well, were operating for you. In war times tho any average small college may pick up some good transfer men and have a fine club. I will be glad when things get settled again and we get back to normal routine.

Your club this year seems to be very good but just lacking a little punch in a number of games that might have meant first place for you in the Big Six instead of a lower berth. Wish you had all of last year's boys back on deck.

Guess I may have written you that Max is doing well in Naval Aviation at Athens, GA. and the Coach is Chuck Finley who knows you. They have a great raft of good men there. Max has been Capt. in some of the games and was high point in some games and is apparently playing good basketball. They were short on guards and threw him back to guard at times. The other night they defeated Georgia TECH. which to then had won seven straights and were undefeated. The Ath. Dir. there is Matty Bell whom you likely know or know of.

Hi basketball out here seems rather dull this year. Imagine this for Portis -- Just six boys out for basketball so that when one is sick there is not a sub. Small towns have been hit hard. Maybe after the war we can induce folks to come back to our small villages. At least, I believe we will have to in the new set-up of conditions.

Kindest regards to all and hope you and your people are getting on nicely and that the future is good to you all.

Sincerely,

J. E. Kissell, Portis.

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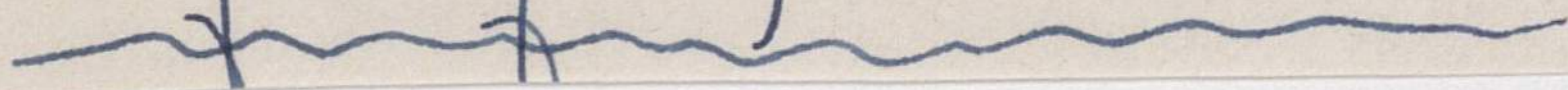
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Oct. 26, 1943.
Tuesday afternoon.

Dear "Doc,"

I surely am glad your not as irregular in your news letters as I am in writing. I haven't missed one of your issues yet and I really appreciate it.

I have been stationed here in Albuquerque almost four weeks now and I like everything down here, especially flying. The weather is grand, warm during the day and cold at night. We live here in the stadium and our quarters are very nice. Just across the street from us



we have the University tennis courts and swimming pool and just behind the football field is an 18 hole golf course, so we spend all our liberty right here.

Flying gets better every day. I have about 20 hours of time now and tomorrow I get my Stage A check. It was really a thrill on my solo flight. We fly Taylorcrafts now, with 65 H.P. and with 20 more hours we will be changed over to N.3.N.'s with a 225 H.P.

Our Phys. Ed. schedule was lengthened to two hours every day. I suppose to get us in shape



for pre-flight. We will be sent on to either St. Marys or Del Monte in about eight more weeks for pre-flight.

Our coach here, St. Louero has organized a basketball team and we will play several games before we have to leave.

There are 10 boys on our squad and only two of us have had any experience so you can see we won't have much. However I am looking forward to playing some good ball when I get to pre-flight.

How is the outlook for your team this year? I can really say I miss basketball this



fall more than anything from
K.V. What I wouldn't give to
be there with Charlie and Ray
and ~~Otto~~ and all the boys
who would have been back.
I heard from Charlie the
other day and he seems to be
doing O.K.

Time for our afternoon
classes so I'll have to sign off.

Best of luck for your season.

I know you'll do O.K.

Sincerely
Max

P.S.

I see Mr. Henry quite often down
here and talk with him.

A/C. Max Kissell W.S.N.R.
Ranger Bks. Room 205.
Batt. 40 - H Co - Plb. 3 B.
U.S.N.P.F.S. Athens, Ga.



U. S. NAVY PRE-FLIGHT SCHOOL
ATHENS, GEORGIA

Saturday - Dec. 25, '43.

Dear "Doc,"

It seems like everytime I write I am at a different base. This time its Athens, Georgia. Today is the first week day I have had liberty since I came in the air corps last June. I have just been ~~laying~~ around the bks. today as it is raining and pretty cold outside. Today seems to be the first day that I found myself really wanting to be home with my folks too.

I spent about two hours this after noon reminiscing our trip back east just a year ago this time. Thats one trip I'll never forget - especially when we beat Fordham in Md. Sq garden.



U. S. NAVY PRE-FLIGHT SCHOOL
ATHENS, GEORGIA

Dad keeps me well informed on K.W. and your basketball team. I'll bet all the boys from last years team are thinking today about our trip and season last year. I wish we could all be back there and play again.

I have been here nearly two weeks now and I really like this base. Matty Bell is the athletic Director and Lt. Finley the B.B. coach. Also Ens. Briggs, who you may remember playing foot ball for Kanss-State several years ago. Mr. Finley said he saw our game with Ola. at Norman last year. He mentions you about every day during practice.

I reported for B.B. several days after I got oriented here. There are



U. S. NAVY PRE-FLIGHT SCHOOL
ATHENS, GEORGIA

some good boys on the squad
and our team should be better
than average. Enclosed is one of
our papers which gives our schedule
and a report of the first game
which was the first night we arrived
here. He also plans to enter the
Southern A.A.U. the first part of
march. We practice every morn-
ing from 0730 to 1030 but later
on will practice at night.

There are 2500 cadets here,
about 300 officers and nearly
1500 (Georgia Peaches?) coeds attending
the University. The campus is
larger than ours, more hilly but
not quite as pretty.

Well Doc its time for
evening chow so I'll sign off.
I don't think we will play my
lover

your team this year so under
seperate cover I will send you
a bulletin I know you will
be interested in. You might
play against Finley sometime
and if you do you'll know
what to expect. But don't tell
him I sent it to you.

Thanks again for the
rebounds. I look forward to them
and they served as an excellent
Xmas. card mailing list.

Sincerely - Merry Xmas

P.S.

Say hello to "Sparky" Max
for me.

Christmas Eve Ball To Open Festivities

THE SKYCRACKER

"TOMORROW WE FLY"

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Toups Is Tops Among 35th Grads; Marines Sweep First Three Places

Sgt. Nelson Is Second; Sullivan's Platoon Ranks Highest

THE Marine Aviation Detachment boasts three of the top graduates on the 35th Battalion's honor roll released today by the Records Office. Sgt. T. J. Toups, J-3, took highest honors with an overall average of 3.63. Sgt. S. A. Nelson, J-1, was second with 3.57; and Sgt. W. C. Brusasco, J-1, was third with 3.53.

Turkey Dinner On Xmas Slate

Sleep all day tomorrow if you wish, but if you do you'll miss a Christmas dinner that goes something like this:

Oyster Cocktail
Stuffed Celery Olives, Pickles
Roast Young Georgia Turkey
Oyster Dressing Cranberry Sauce
Giblet Gravy
Glazed Carrots Mashed Potatoes
Green Peas
Avocado and Tomato Salad
French Dressing Hot Rolls
Golden Fruit Cake
Ice Cream
Coffee
Salted Nuts Candy
Cigarettes

Reveille will sound at 0730, but those who care to (and who doesn't) may ignore it. Cadets will not be required to meet any formations on Christmas Day, except for the meals they eat aboard.

On the station's entertainment program are two special movies at 1515 and 1945.

All cadets are invited to Christmas dances which will be held at the Athens Service Center, and the American Legion Cabins. Liberty will end at 2345, and taps will sound at 2400.

Focke-Wolf 200-108

35th Flew Six Flags

The 35th Batt, which departs Monday, leaves an all-time station record of four straight wins in Regimental Review, and a near-record of three consecutive White E pennants. They retired from both the athletic and the academic competitions with the regimental championship burgees still flying. Altogether Lieut. H. A. Rabenhorst's charges claimed six championship flags while aboard.

Sharing third honors with Brusasco were Cadets C. G. Brady, J-1, and R. E. Kramer, J-1.

Four of the top five, and ten of the honor roll of 25 cadets were from Ens. E. D. Sullivan's platoon J-1, which also holds the distinction of being undefeated in regimental sports competition. It
(CAST TO STARBOARD)

Cadets' Families Welcome; Dance Marks Opening Of Dahlgren Hall

YULETIDE festivities officially open at 1745 today when classes will be secured and liberty will begin for the Navy's only wartime holiday. For those who wish to eat on the station, evening chow will be served one-half hour early for all battalions.

At 2100 Chief Maser and the Skycracker orchestra will strike up the band in Dahlgren Hall for the Christmas Eve Ball which will mark the official opening of the huge new structure. A crowd of 4,000 officers, cadets, enlisted men and civilian employees, and their wives and dates, will dance under a star-studded canopy.

Cadets may take members of their families and out-of-town guests to the ball, but any civilian males among them must wear Navy guest badges. These are obtainable in advance from platoon officers.

An Atlanta decorator, with the aid of cadet labor platoons and musicians, has already completed the decorations. Twelve hundred yards of mountain laurel rope and 500 yards of smilax
(CAST TO STARBOARD)

Santa's a Great Guy for Laughs



Navy uniform regulations apparently mean nothing to some people, Aviation Cadet Jim Kendall (39-F-1), of Miami, discovered this week when he received a Christmas gift of several colorful ties from a "female admirer." Three of his platoon mates are shown helping him try on some of the snappy haberdashery. Left to right: Robert McConnell, Kendall, John Moore, and John Kiefer.



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Executive Officer

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Public Relations Officer—EDITOR

Coming Events

Friday, December 24

Children's Christmas Tree Party, Dahlgren Hall, 1430.
Yuletide Ball, Dahlgren Hall, 2100-0100. Entire station invited.

Saturday, December 25

Movies. "So Proudly We Hail," Auditorium, 1515. Claudette Colbert, Paulette Goddard, and Veronica Lake. Cartoon and novelty reel.

Movies. "Heaven Can Wait," Auditorium, 1945. Don Ameche and Gene Tierney, in technicolor. Bugs Bunny cartoon and sports reel. Christmas carolers on the stage.

Christmas Dance. Service Center, 2000-2330.
Dance. American Legion Cabin, Lumpkin, 2000-Officers' Club Dance, 2100-2400.

Sunday, December 26

Church Parade, 0925.
Chapel Service. Chaplain G. G. Lacy, Auditorium, 0940.

Holiday Breakfast: Service Center, 1015-1130.
Movies. "Dixie," Auditorium, 1515. Bing Crosby and Dorothy Lamour. Paramount News. Donald Duck cartoon and novelty reel.

Movies. "Mr. Lucky," Auditorium, 1945. Cary Grant and Laraine Day. News of the Day and cartoon.

Friday, December 31

Basketball. Skycrackers vs. Charleston (S. C.) Coast Guard, Perry Gym, 2000.

Dance. After game, Perry Gym. Liberty expires at 0100.

Dance. Officers' Club on Jefferson Road, 2100.

Saturday, January 1

Graduation Dance. Dahlgren Hall, 2100-2400. 36th, 37th, 38th Batts.

Dance. Officers' Club on Jefferson Road, 2100-2400.

Sunday, January 2

Church Parade. 0925.
Chapel Service. Chaplain G. G. Lacy, 0940.

Movies. Auditorium, 1515. "Claudia," Dorothy McGuire, Robert Young. Paramount News, cartoon, and Novelty reel.

Movies. Auditorium, 1945. "Stand By For Action," Robert Taylor, Brian Donlevy. News Of The Day, and cartoon.

Cadets May Attend Mass

Catholic cadets may attend any of the four morning masses tomorrow (Christmas Day) at St. Joseph's Church, beginning at 0830.

One week from tomorrow (New Year's Day) a special mass will be celebrated at 1730 during liberty.

— Havoc—61 —

Hotel clerk: "Inside or outside room, sir?"

Guest: "Inside, looks like it might rain."

— Junkers 88—66 —

CBM: "Tell me, where is the mizzen mast?"

S2c: "I don't know, sir. How long has it been missin'."

PORT

New Year's Eve Dance in Perry Follows Coast Guard Court Game

A SALUTE to the New Year will be rendered by all hands here next Friday night when the versatile 45-piece Navy band splits in half to provide music in two places at once.

A big crowd of cadets, crew and civilians is expected at the New Year's Eve hop in Perry Gym which immediately follows the Skycracker-Charleston Coast Guard basketball game. Chief Anderson's musical outfit will dish out the melodies, and the Welfare Fund will dish out everything else, including paper hats, noise-makers and free cokes.

The dance ends at 15 minutes past midnight and liberty for all cadets expires at 0100.

Chief Maser will wield the baton for the formal Officers Club party the same evening. Attendance at that affair will be restricted to club members, wives or dates, and out-of-town house guests.

Regular graduation dance for the 36th, 37th, and 38th Batts will be held in Dahlgren Hall the following evening from 2100 to 2400.

— Skymaster—118 —

A Whale of a Story!

Flying Officer Ralph Witchie, a native of Ottumwa, Iowa, stationed in the Middle East with an RAF squadron, tells this story and he swears it's the truth, s'help him:

"My plane was badly holed during a recent operational flight. I had to fly low over the sea—only had one motor working. Two hours later I sighted what appeared to be an enemy submarine. I decided to shoot it up, so I went down to within five feet of the water.

"Just as I approached I noticed it was a whale and I had to laugh as my front gunner was blazing away. But I didn't laugh long.

"As I passed over the whale, he blew and the water he spouted drowned out my remaining motor and I had to land in the sea—the only pilot in this war, I think, to be shot down by a whale."

— Beaufort—58 —

Telephone Center Opens In South Campus Store

A public telephone center for the convenience of cadets was formally opened last week in the South Campus Ship's Service building.

The center is located in a specially constructed wing of the building. The facilities consist of a switchboard and eight booths, served by two attendants. A public address system enables the operator-attendants to page the cadets when their calls are ready.

Comfortable chairs, reading and writing tables, postcards and stationery, and many of the currently popular magazines are also provided by the telephone company for the center. A library of telephone directories of other cities is available so that callers can help speed the long distance calls by looking up numbers whenever possible.

Carolers Sing Tomorrow Night

Cadets, Girls on Stage

A specialty arrangement of "White Christmas" and a surprise grand finale will be the feature offerings of the mixed choral group which will entertain at 1945 Christmas Night in the Auditorium before the movie.

Director of the group of thirteen cadets and ten NPFS women employees, is Mrs. L. R. Wagner. Miss Wilma Wright is soloist.

The chorus includes: Misses Genevieve Wilfong, Ruth Jarrell, Ruth Manley, Connie Thomas, Harriet and Jean Miller, Ineze Jones, Betty Puryear, Mrs. Hope Sailors, and Mrs. Thelma Ashman.

Cadets L. A. Merritt, Jr. (36-K-1A), W. R. Laine (38-D-3B), W. B. Mathes (38-D-3B), B. E. Wilson (36-L-1B), G. C. Ballman (37-B-2B), E. J. Thabet (38-C-2A), A. S. Coe (36-K-2A), J. L. LaBarre (38-C-2B), J. L. Plummer (35-J-1A), D. S. Roberts (35-J-1A), W. G. Christie (37-B-3B), W. J. Irvine (38-C-3B), and M. M. White (38-D-3A).

— Hudson—66 —

Brinson Heads CAA-WTS; Kettunen, Leffler Detached

Lieut. Mose E. Brinson, former Navy operations officer at the Athens airport has been appointed resident Navy officer of the CAA-WTS School here. He succeeds Lieut. Elmer Kettunen, former officer-in-charge.

Since the decommissioning of the Navy Flight Instructors School and the transfer of its facilities to aviation cadet training, three other members of that station's officer complement have received transfer orders to new duties elsewhere. They are Lieut. (jg) W. T. Leffler, former executive officer, who goes to NAS, Olathe, Kan.; Lieut. Joseph Jolly, flight officer, to Ferry Command, Columbus, O.; and Lieut. (jg) John Canny, first lieutenant, to NAS, Pensacola, Fla.

The station has facilities for the preliminary flight training of approximately 100 cadets.

— Airacobra—34 —

Honorable Discharge Buttons

An honorable service button to be worn on civilian clothes has been authorized for men and women separated under honorable conditions from active duty in the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard.

The design is the same as that authorized by the War Department for those honorably discharged from the Army, thus standardizing the emblem for all persons honorably separated from the armed forces.

38th Wins Military Championship As 35th Sets Record for Reviews

THE 35th Batt set an all-time station record by winning the Regimental Review for the fourth consecutive time Saturday, to divide military honors with the 38th Batt, which placed first in four military activities and tied a fifth to win the White E pennant with a score of 3.245.

Lieut. H. A. Rabenhorst's 35th battalion is the only one in NPFS history to have won first place every time they appeared in Regimental Review. The 35th also came in second in last week's overall military averages, with a 3.228. Other scores: 39th, 3.224; 37th, 3.2; 36th, last week's winner, 3.178:

The 38th rated first in: MILITARY BEARING, INSPECTION OF RANKS, ROOM INSPECTION, AND TAPS INSPECTION, and tied with the 35th, 37th, and 39th for CONDUCT IN RANKS. Top honors in INFANTRY DRILL went to the 35th, and in FORMATION to the 37th. The 36th and 37th tied for WATCH EFFICIENCY.

Men of Military merit chosen as battalion commanders for the current week were: 35th, Daniel Holladay, J-1; 36th, R. E. Wojohn, K-2; 37th, P. H. Hayek, B-2; 38th, R. H. Bauman, C-1; 39th, A. W. Sievers, E-2.

Lightning—52

37th Recaptures Academic Award

The 37th Batt placed 83.03 percent of its members on the all-passing list in Academics for the week ending December 17, to win the Red and White E which will be awarded next Monday. They had previously flown the academic burgee the week of December 6.

Other percentages released today by the Records Office were: 39th, 79.15 percent; 36th, 78.04 percent; 38th, 76.92 percent.

Skytrain—95

Xmas Eve Ball (Contd.)

form an evergreen ceiling, through which shine the shaded lights. A 30-foot Christmas tree stands in the west end of the hall, blending hundreds of colored lights with the soft glow of the ones overhead.

Only entrance to the hall for the Christmas Eve dance is through the Gilmore pool entrance at the east end of the building, facing Memorial. Check rooms are located on either side of the doors. The smoking lamp will not be lit on the dance floor, but the rifle range has been decorated, and will be used as a smoking room. Five hundred gallons of punch have been ordered to keep the six punch bowls flowing.

At 2200 the ladies will form two columns, four abreast, and, led by Mrs. C. E. Smith and Mrs. R. W. Burleigh, march to tables on each side of the tree where favors will be distributed. They will then meet at the tree, and march in rows of eight the length of the dance floor. Over 1100 women, including 300 WAVES from NTS Milledgeville, are expected to attend the ball.

The festivities last until 0100, and cadets have until 0145 to escort their dates home. Taps sound at 0200.

Sunday Stage Talent

The Sunday evening pre-movie show in the Auditorium at 1945 will feature a Variety Revue from Atlanta with a cast of 14 chorus girls and novelty performers.

Beaufighter—58

Honor Grads (Contd.)

won wrestling, obstacle, basketball and track.

Sgt. Toups, of Covington, La., entered the Marine Corps in 1941. He was an aerial photographer at Quantico before receiving his appointment for pilot training. Here he was on the regimental championship tumbling team, and has been battalion adjutant.

Sgt. Nelson, of LaCrosse, Wisc., a newspaper sports writer before enlisting in the Marine Corps in August, 1942, was a member of the winning track, basketball, and obstacle course teams, and won the regimental wrestling crown at 150 pounds.

Sgt. Brusasco, of Los Angeles, Calif., served two and one-half years aboard the LEXINGTON, and helped man one of her guns when she went down in the Battle of the Coral Sea.

Cadet Brady, of West Palm Beach, Fla., won the low hurdles in regimental competition.

Cadet Kramer, of Needham, Mass., competed on the basketball, wrestling and obstacle course teams from J-1, which won regimental supremacy.

The honor roll, which includes four Marines, and one bluejacket cadet, follows:

1. Sgt. T. J. Toups, USMCR, J-2B, Covington, La., 3.63.
2. Sgt. S. A. Nelson, USMCR, J-1A, LaCrosse, Wisc., 3.57.
3. C. G. Brady, J-1B, West Palm Beach, Fla., 3.53.
3. Sgt. W. C. Brusasco, USMC, J-1A, Hollywood, Calif., 3.53.
3. R. E. Kramer, J-1A, Needham, Mass., 3.53.
6. J. H. Boomer, I-3B, South Ozone Park, N. Y., 3.50.
6. Robert Burns, J-1A, Kingston, Pa., 3.50.
6. K. D. Kopp, I-2B, Alexandria, Va., 3.50.
6. J. B. Levi, I-1A, Woolbridge, N. J., 3.50.
6. H. D. W. Naylor, J-1B, Dallas, Texas, 3.50.
11. Joseph Casco, J-3A, Somerville, Mass., 3.47.
11. J. R. Cullinane, J-1B, Concord, Mass., 3.47.
11. L. W. Culver, Jr., I-1B, Fort Worth, Tex., 3.47.
11. J. C. Kugler, I-3A, Salem, N. J., 3.47.
11. W. P. Mills, ARM2c, USN, J-2A, Greensboro, Ala., 3.47.
11. R. L. Saunders, I-1A, Rockingham, N. C., 3.47.
11. C. C. Szostek, I-2A, Methven, Mass., 3.47.
11. R. J. Tranbarger, J-1B, Washington, D. C., 3.47.
19. W. B. Briggs, J-3A, Blandford, Mass., 3.43.
19. S. C. Davenport, J-3B, Rosindale, Mass., 3.43.
19. J. J. Dulhagen, J-1B, Union City, N. J., 3.43.
19. H. D. Knott, I-2A, Carolina Beach, N. C., 3.43.
19. J. G. Kullsieh, I-2B, Govert, S. Dak., 3.43.
19. Cpl. J. J. McKenna, USMCR, I-1A, Gary, W. Va., 3.43.
19. Walenty Nieutupski, J-1A, Ludlow, Mass., 3.43.

Operational Report

REPORTED:

E. V. Scanlon, SM3c, from NAPTCRO, Atlanta.

TRANSFERRED:

J. E. Runyan, PhM3c to R/S Charleston Navy Yard; J. E. Henderson, SK2c, and W. L. Shea, Jr., Sk1c, to R/S Charleston Navy Yard, for transfer to sea duty.

Heinkel 111—74

Dispensary Renamed To Honor Rixey

Official designation of the Navy dispensary on Lumpkin street as Rixey Dispensary was announced this week by Captain C. E. Smith, station skipper.

The building which was formerly known as Lawrence Dispensary has been renamed to honor the late Rear Admiral M. W. Rixey, one-time Surgeon General of the Navy and Chief of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery.

The change of names was deemed advisable to avoid confusion with Lawrence Mess Hall in Operations. The honored hero in that instance was James Lawrence, who, during the War of 1812, uttered the immortal words "Don't give up the ship."

Admiral Rixey, former personal physician to Presidents McKinley and Theodore Roosevelt, was one of the first advocates of physical training for Naval officers. He also contributed greatly to the development of the Naval Hospital Corps and Nurses Corps.

Junkers 52—96

'Lull Before Storm' Recorded by Marine

What does a Marine do before an invasion? The answer is found in the following summary compiled by Master Technical Sergeant Jim G. Lucas, of Tulsa, Okla., who kept this record of his own activities with a Marine combat unit at sea prior to the bloody battle of Tarawa:

- (1) Played 215 consecutive games of gin rummy.
- (2) Bought and smoked six cartons of cigarettes and one box of cigars.
- (3) Drank 93 cups of hot coffee.
- (4) Obtained one crew hair cut.
- (5) Washed the same pair of sox and the same pair of underwear 11 different times.
- (6) Read one 'Pocket History of the United States.'
- (7) Read two religious essays.
- (8) Read 19 mystery stories and one something or other called 'The Haunted Pajamas.'
- (9) Spent an average of 18 out of every 24 hours thinking and talking about home.

Mariner—118

Officers Promoted

Two NPFS officers were advanced in rank this week: Travis Kirkland (Acad) to lieutenant, and E. M. Ussery (Acad) to lieutenant, junior grade.

STARBOARD

36th and 39th Batts Share Sports Burgee

Cancellation of Finals Gives Flag to Bracket Winners

THE Red "E" pennant emblematic of sports supremacy flew over Bon Homme Richard and Wasp this week despite cancellation of last Sunday's regimental playoffs. Lacking any better means of determining the champions, the Athletic Department awarded a flag to the winner in each of the two preliminary brackets.

Lieut. (jg) Joseph Coval's 36th Batt qualified seven of its eight teams for the championship. Only in soccer did the athletes of Bon Homme Richard, Saratoga and Enterprise yield to the 37th.

Lieut. S. W. Peffle's 39th took the lower bracket pennant with victories over the 38th in five out of eight sports.

The following teams won the preliminary competition.

Basketball: 36-K-1 and 38-D-2.
Soccer: 37-B-2 and 38-C-3.
Wrestling: 36-K-2 and 38-D-3.
Boxing: 36-K-3 and 39-F-2.
Obstacle: 36-L-3 and 39-E-2.
Tumbling: 36-K-3 and 39-F-2.
Track: 36-K-1 and 39-E-3.
Football: 36-L-2 and 39-E-1.

Wildcat—38

7¹/₂ Million Gifts For Navy Overseas

Members of the Naval Service on duty at sea and overseas will receive 7,479,988 gift packages for Christmas.

During the period September 15—December 1 the Fleet Post Offices in New York City and San Francisco forwarded that number of packages to personnel of the U. S. Navy, U. S. Marine Corps, U. S. Coast Guard and their reserve components.

Of that total 3,479,988 packages were shipped overseas for delivery, while 4,000,000 packages were delivered aboard ships at United States ports.

Gifts mailed to Naval personnel on duty in the United States were handled by the domestic postal service, and no figures on this type of mail are available.

Mosquito—54

McCaslin Sets Hurdle Marks In Two Events

Two hurdle marks were broken in track competition last week by a cadet whose high school track career consisted of "barely winning" one varsity letter. The athlete is Robert L. McCaslin (37-A-1A), of Rivera, Calif. His new records of 6.6 seconds in the 50-yard low hurdles and 8.7 seconds in the 70-yard event each lowered the established standings by three-tenths of a second.

Messerschmitt 210—54

Fire Delays Bonds

A fire in the Savannah, Ga., Post Office destroyed the entire shipment of \$87,800 in Pearl Harbor War Bonds, which was destined for subscribers at this station. Bond officials announced that the records were intact and said that new Bonds would be forwarded here within the next two weeks.

STERN

So You've Got It Too?

When spring fever grips me I never resist;

Its lazy enjoyment I take lying down.

Buck fever, too, I would gladly endure
For one more good shot at the buck
deer I missed.

And I can recall one fine hayride from town

Which even gave hay fever fleeting allure.

But what I've got now is just driving me bats,

Cause, doggone it all! I've got NO use for CATS!

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Navy's Bureau of Medicine and Surgery explained to a confused public recently that "cat fever" is simply the abbreviated term applied to acute catarrhal fever, otherwise the common, ordinary cold. It has nothing to do with cats.)

Barracuda—49

It's a Small World

Commander Lauren Goldsmith, of the NPF's medical staff, this week found himself examining for the second time a Navy man he had originally O. K.'d in Iceland for flight training.

The cadet was E. J. Harmonay, 36-K-2A, of Yonkers, N. Y., who formerly served at the same far-off base.

Varsity Cagers Beat Army Fliers, 47-33, In Season Opener

LIEUT. C. L. "Chuck" Finley's Skycracker basketball team opened its season in Perry Gym here Saturday night with a 47-33 victory over a seasoned quintet of Army fliers from Robins Field, Macon, Ga. The Army entered the contest with a record of four victories and two defeats.

The Navy's fast-moving, finely-conditioned court team was first to tally and led throughout the game.

Anderson, Army guard, was high scorer with 11 points.

Clifford Dillon, former Texas University player, and Ben Harris, from Southern Methodist University, each netted eight for the Navy Pre-Flighters. Other stars in the Navy lineup were Jim Lawrence, ex-Baylor University cager; Fred Winkler, formerly of St. Benedict's; Larry Lott, late of Texas U.; and Fred Smith, one-time Trenton (N. J.) State Teachers star.

Lieutenant Finley, who piloted another Navy court aggregation from the Naval Air Station, Norman, Okla., to the gold cup service championship of the Gulf Coast, and later to the NAAU quarter-finals last season, indicated that his present charges were likely to develop into a formidable aggregation as the season moves along.

Four Games Added To Court Schedule

Four more games were added this week to the Skycracker varsity basketball schedule. The NPF's basket-bombers, who downed the Robins Field Army fliers last Saturday, 47-33, in the season opener, have been booked to meet the Army fliers of Cochran Field in two games, Jan. 15 and Feb. 26; and the College Park quintet of Atlanta, Feb. 19 and Feb. 25.

The schedule to date:

Fri., Dec. 31—Charleston (S. C.) Coast Guard, at Athens.

Sat., Jan. 8—Robins Field Army fliers, at Macon.

Sat., Jan. 15—Cochran Field, at Macon.

Fri., Jan. 21—Georgia Tech, at Atlanta.

Fri., Jan. 28—Georgia Tech, at Athens.

Fri., Feb. 18—Atlanta Naval Air Station, at Atlanta.

Sat., Feb. 19—College Park, at Atlanta.

Fri., Feb. 25—College Park, at Athens.

Sat., Feb. 26—Cochran Field, at Athens.

Dornier 217—62

Santa Crams Bag for 225 Navy Kids Today

Santa Claus has his bag crammed full of Christmas presents for 225 Navy moppets, ranging in age from two weeks to 12 years, who will meet him this afternoon under the towering Christmas tree in Dahlgren Hall.

While the kids await his arrival with bated breath, Mrs. J. C. Geston will regale them with Yuletide stories. A few of the talented tots will sing carols.

New Platoon Sergeant Guadalcanal Veteran

Platoon Sergeant R. L. Rose, USMC, of Crescent City, Fla., has replaced Platoon Sergeant Gwinn Bryant as drill instructor here. Bryant was detached this week and ordered to Sea School at Portsmouth, Va.

Sgt. Rose was a member of the original landing party at Guadalcanal and served with the First Division there until seriously wounded in November, 1942. He wears the Purple Heart and Presidential Unit Citation ribbons.

Junkers 87—45

CADET (after breath-taking spin): "I bet 50 percent of the people down there thought we were going to be killed."

INSTRUCTOR: "And 50 percent of the people up here thought so, too!"