

June 17, 1942.

P.F.C. Clinton Kanaga,
Company C,
Candidates Class,
Marine Barracks,
Quantico, Virginia.

Dear Clint:

It doesn't seem fifteen days since you wrote me a letter from Quantico, but that is the fact. I had a call from your dad regarding one of the athletes in Kansas City, Churchill by name, and I told him of course I would help him in every possible way. Your dad never loses that youthful enthusiasm that is good for everyone to possess.

I like the style of your letter. You weren't asking for anything, but you were willing to give a good stiff fight for a commission and I am sure that you will land one. Here's wishing you all kinds of success, and if at any time I can help you please do not fail to call upon me. I will respond immediately and with due force and emphasis in your behalf.

I see that you have been in Washington several times, and I know how you enjoy that wonderful city. I never tire of going out to the Lincoln Monument and walking up the steps to be stimulated to an unusual degree by the wonderful masterpiece of Daniel Chester French. It seems to me as if that sad face of Lincoln actually speaks to you.

It is a wonderful opportunity to visit Washington, and I imagine that during the stress of war Washington is more than a beehive. It is a hornet's nest. And may it prove to be to the slit-eyes, the squareheads, and the spaghetti-benders.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.



UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

June 2, 1942

Dear Doc,

Certainly did appreciate your swell letter - it really did mean something to me to have such a fine letter from you. I will save it and be proud to show it to my children - if I ever get that far in life.

Whether as a Lt. or private, I intend to stay in the Marine

Corps - I think they are the best or close to it. I hope I will get to go into action somewhere soon - Australia or someplace.

I think they are intending to cut our course from 10 to 8 weeks. At that rate we'll be done in July or if I make it, by September. Have been up to Washington a couple times - it's really a beautiful city. Give my best to your family and tell your wife, I'll answer her nice letter I got yesterday, sometime this week.

yours,
Clint Jr.

July 16, 1942.

Mr. Milton Kelley,
Department of Athletics,
University of Texas,
Austin, Texas.

Dear "Kel":

One of my former varsity basketball stars, Ernest Vanek, who is now head basketball coach at Topeka High School, wants fifteen pairs of the New Kelley DeLuxe Knee Pads delivered to him early this fall. They will pay for them on October 15th.

Please write me and let me know if you will do this for him. I will appreciate it personally.

What is the price of the knee pads?

With kindest regards to Mrs. Kelley, the son and yourself, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

July 23, 1942.

2nd Lieut. C. W. Kanaga,
10th R.O.C., USMRC
Quantico, Virginia.

Dear Clint:

Very happy to have your good letter of the 20th instant and to know that you made your lieutenantcy. Here's offering you sincere congratulations!

Mrs. Allen got a note from you and she is highly pleased. Betty Jean Hess has been visiting Eleanor the last three or four days, and when your letter came Mrs. Allen read it to the girls and also showed them your beautiful present to her on mother's day. You come in for quite a bit of comment in the Allen household.

Keep on doing this fine work, Clint. We expect to see you one of the top officers in time. I note that you have lost 15 pounds since you have been at Quantico. Well, that won't hurt you a bit. It will make you tough and more rugged, and as you say, when you get a whack at those Japs you will tear 'em apart.

It has been splendidly cool here the last few days in contrast to your warm weather on the Potomac. However, we do not expect this Colorado weather to last long, but we are thankful indeed for the present temperature. It is about 68 in the morning and 80 in the afternoon, so you see it is delightful.

This is the last week of our eight weeks summer session, and our playgrounds and all of our work is folding up for the summer. However, Eleanor is going to school the last four weeks to finish her psychology requirement that is necessary for her to have to graduate with her major in that subject at Pennsylvania.

Things are pretty quiet here and most of the young men are out of town on the service call. Occasionally we see the boys who drop in for a day or two, but they are generally on the move. The Ordnance plant has swelled the town's population, but it has changed its looks quite considerably. But we can expect that in time of war.

Yes, I would certainly like to see your nobby, nifty outfits. I'll bet you are the berries!

With all good wishes to you, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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United States Marine Corps
Quantico, Virginia

July 20, 1942
Monday

Dear Doc,

Am through with the first ten weeks - the physical. Now go through ten weeks of mental strain. Some of it will be hard for me as its engineering techniques and I'm not much on math. However, I'll just have to bear down and absorb it.

The next 10 weeks we'll have about $\frac{3}{4}$ of the work in class and only a couple weeks in the field and a few landing parties. We'll have

some drill and physical exercises every day to keep us in shape.

I've lost 15 lbs since I've been here and hope to stay in good shape.

You, enjoying dress apparel, would really enjoy and appreciate our fancy uniforms. They are worth the effort we put in here. I might add, its plenty hot here on the Potomac.

I hope after I finish here I'll be sent to the Fleet Marine for action against the Japs. The atrocities (I heard from a Marine who was at Manila) committed by the Japs were frightful and too revolting to put on paper. If I get the chance, you can count on my Marines ripping them up. Give my best to your family.

yours,
Clint

M. W. KELLEY

P. O. BOX 185
AUSTIN, TEXAS

July 27, 1942.

*Arnie Vanek
Topeka High*

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

Dear Dr. Allen;

Got your letter in regard to knee pads for the Topeka High School basketball coach and am very sorry to inform that we will not be able to furnish these knee pads. Because we were unable to get elastic we have not been manufacturing since December with the exception of 300 pairs we furnished Naval Aviation Pre-flight Schools. For these we were able to get priorities for materials. The output of the Kelley Company is practically nil so I have been specializing in yard work this summer.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

M. W. Kelley