

Portis, Kansas,
May the Twenty-fifth,
Nineteen Forty.

DR. F. C. Allen,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Doctor Allen:

I am writing you to clear up a matter I mentioned some time recently as regards getting some information about certain boys going to college. I did not get a great deal but rather think a strong group of K State alums were trying to get a whole group of good senior boys at State this year.

I did not learn anything definite about Tucker's plans but he would seem to favor KState as I guess he has a course there in mind. No^w you may not care for this much and on the other hand maybe Tucker has been there or you have talked to him and he is headed to KU but I was offering it for any value it might be. I think he needs some help and also that he has many offers, etc.

Max is in Topeka and he wrote me that they (someone) told him at Manhattan that Tucker was a cinch to go there. Someone also told him that if would enroll there that he would get to be in the group with Tucker, Evans of K. City and some other good boys. I had heard that Evans would go to KU or to Benedicts.

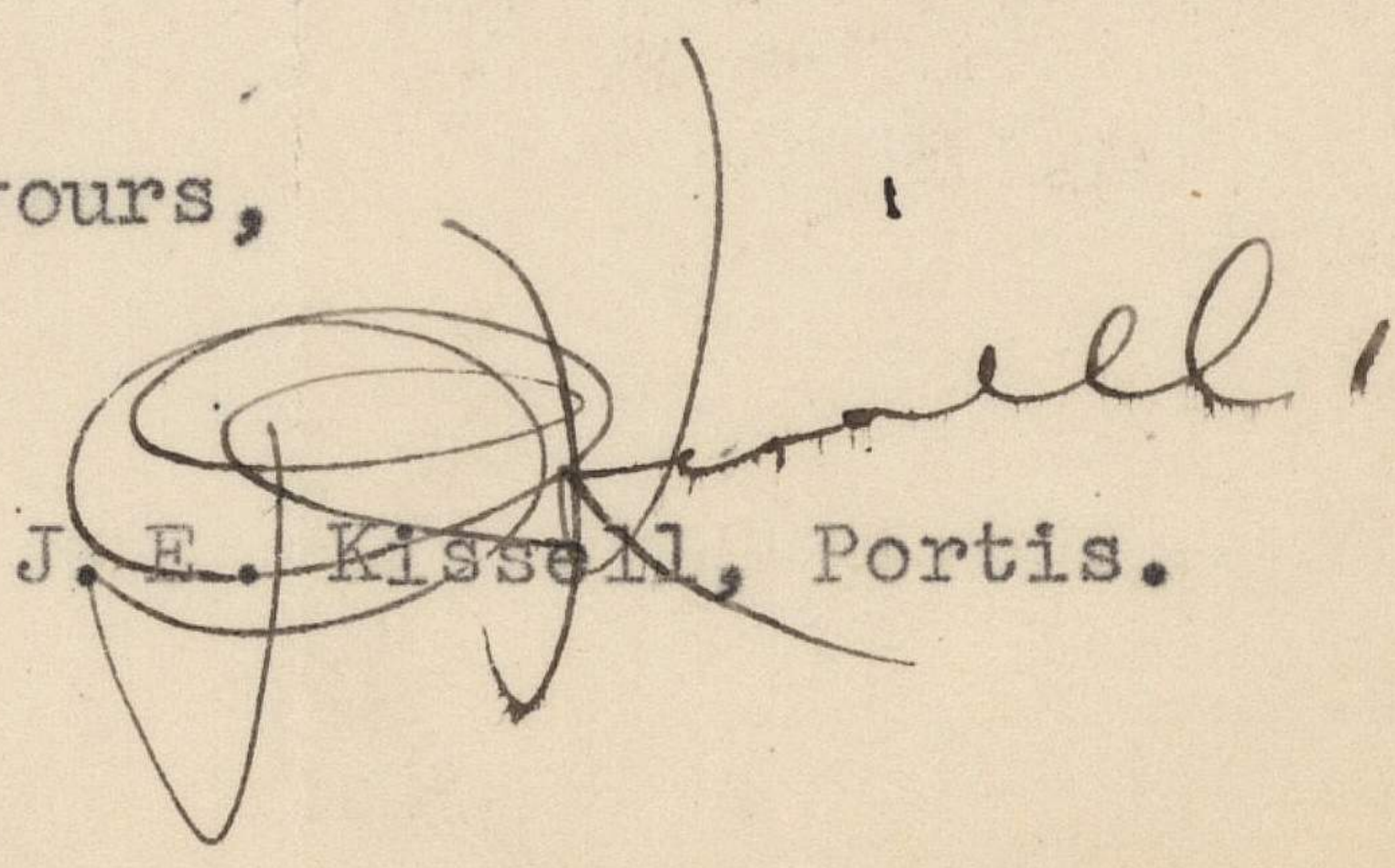
When Max left the other day, it was about the hardest day of my life, because it brot me face to face with the fact that he had grown and was gone from home for good. We went in the house and I could not say a word for an hour. His room looked bleak and bare and things stared at me. He is the last child and I was tied up to him in almost every way and he was a great pal. It was just the thot that actually he was leaving home practically for all time. I guess I am too big a sissy for Mr. Hitler to send out into France.

I might see you sometime soon as a friend of mine there, Warren Zimmerman, wants me to come there to look into buying some paper that may be for sale. If I come I will look you up and may also bring Max down. He may be in Lawrence any day now and call on you.

Must close for now and get this on the cars. Things look fair here but the war shadows everything and God only knows what will happen over there. I can't conceive of a justice that (in the end) will let Hitler win. He can't do it but may do a lot of damage before fate catches him.

Kindest regards to you and yours,

Sincerely,


J. E. Kissell, Portis.