

THE GREAT BEND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

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GREAT BEND, KANSAS

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Dr. F.C. Allen
Director of Physical Education
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Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Dr. Allen:

I am making application for entrance into the United States Coast Guard Reserve Officer's Training Corps. It is necessary that I enclose three letters of recommendation from some responsible persons regarding my character and general recommendations. I would like very much for you to do this for me if you feel that you can.

The letters should be addressed to: The Commandant, United States Coast Guard, Washington, D.C. It is necessary that the letters be enclosed with the application which I submit therefore it will be important that you send the letter back to me.

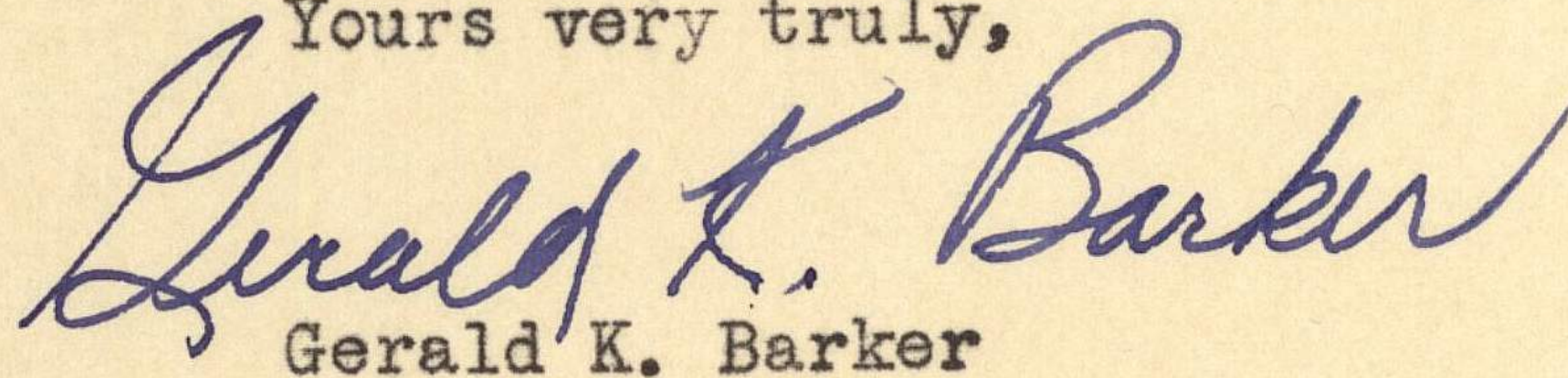
Here are some general facts regarding me. I went to high school in Ottawa which is my home. I also went to college there, where I received an A.B. degree in 1936. I competed in four sports, basketball, football, track and tennis. I have been in the summer session at Kansas University for four summers and have only my thesis to submit for my master's degree. For the past six years I have been teaching physical education and coaching in the high schools of Kansas.

I trust that you find it possible to help me out this time as you have in many times past.

I'm keeping my fingers crossed for those two games with the Tigers and the Wildcats, but I'm confident that you and the boys will pull through. We've had a very mediocre season, but with all underclassmen except one things should be much better next year.

Thanking you again for this as well as all past favors, and hoping to hear from you at your earliest convenience, I am,

Yours very truly,



Gerald K. Barker

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Great Bend, Kansas.