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A. P. O. 411
c/o PM. N.Y.N.Y.

Friday - 29 June - Austria

Dear "Pop"

Just a line to let you know that I'm still receiving your "Rebounds" O.K. and I'm might glad of it. I've lost most all contact with the basketball world here in Austria and your paper serves as a good intermediator. I was partically interested in your story about the all big Six Center, Johnson. I had read it once before in one of your books but I think I enjoyed it just as much the second time.

I'm sitting down here near Kufstein, Austria now with the 42nd Division and I guess we will occupy this country

until they set up their own gov't. I get to shoot a few baskets now & then on an outside court but how I do miss the sport. I can't wait to get back to the states and to school. I hope I'm lucky enough to play three more years of ball under you. I had a great time while I was in the A. S. T. P. at Kansas and I hope to return there. Best of luck to you and your ball clubs. I remain

Your Friend

Fred Bean

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Biak Island
Wed. Evening
June 20, 1945

Dear Dr. Allen,

I received my April copy of the Jayhawk Rebound this week and sure want to thank you. I sometimes wonder how our mail ever reaches us out here on this small island, you can hardly find it on the map.

The days are very hot out this way and a fellow sure does plenty of sweating. Between the mosquitos and jungle rot a fellow is kept quite busy.

I received a letter from Joe Roberts a couple of weeks ago and he received his Rebounder okay. I sure want to thank you for putting him on your list.

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It was sure too bad about Harlan Altman wasn't it. These German and Japs well never get all they got coming to them. There well be quite a few boys from K.U. that won't be coming back to the hill again and looks as though one of our toughest battles is still ahead.

home of Wellington
Purple Heart
+ Unit
pres. citation
+ 1 star

Here on the island we are quite lucky in having such good recreation facilities. There are quite a few basket-ball courts spread around over the island and it is about our main sport. We even have flood lights so we can play at nite. The days are so hot you can hardy stand to exercise much.

Doc, do you happen to know where Ed Linquist is? It has been over a year since I've heard from him and thought maybe you might know.

Our whole family has pulled thro this mess alright so far. Ross, my next to the youngest brother had a pretty tough time with the Infantry in Germany along with many others. I'm just hoping all four of us can make it back home sameday, but theres still a job to do.

I guess this is about all for this evening and thanks again for the Rebounder. Tell Mrs. Allen hello for me.

Always
Hoyt

WAVES AIR MAIL

Feb. 3, '45.

Dear Dr. Allen,

Just when I that I was lost and long forgotten, I received the Jayhawker Rebounds. It certainly was wonderful to sit and relax and read about the great work or fellows from K.U. are doing. I kept searching thro the pages hoping to read of someone stationed here or very near; also for someone in or around New Orleans since I expect to be sent there before many days.

I graduated from Specialist (S) school Jan. 19. Spent the evening with Elizabeth and Leigh MacCurdy and his son Howard who was home on leave. We had a wonderful visit and if our

fellow Jayhawker's ears didn't burn, it wasn't because we weren't talking about them. We missed no one I'm sure. It really was a pleasure, to say the least, to visit in a home, be served a lovely dinner; and especially in Elizabeth's home. They certainly were grand to me.

I left New York on Tues. Jan 23 and arrived here in Pensacola Jan. 25. I'm living the life of the Astors; but wish I had something to do.

When the draft was called into Personnel last Saturday, everyone was given an assignment here or on one of the 6 outlying fields. I was ordered back to the barracks to await further orders: Branson Field or New Orleans.

At 12:30 I saw Miss Gray, WR Officer on this station, and she said "In spite of all the talking I did to keep you here, they're sending you to New Orleans."

like all the others who have been to K.U. and seen your teams go thru to victory. Give my regards to Lt. Comdr. McDermott, Ath. Dir. at the Naval Air Station, if he's still with the team. Tell him I don't wish his team any bad luck, but in this game I hope they're defeated. Tell him I still love the Navy too. He was one of my references when I joined the WAVES.

If I get a new address soon, I'll send it to you so I'll be sure to get my Jayhawker Rebounds. In the meantime my address is Velma Ruth Baker S1c (SpS)
Chief Naval Air Training Command
Pensacola, Florida.

(Note: I'm S1C now. Just a few steps from being an admiral. Ha! + I love it!)

Give my regards to Mrs Allen, also to Mrs Sulteen, Ruth Hoover and the entire P.E. Crew.

Sincerely
V.R. Baker.

WAVES AIR MAIL

I'm not at all unhappy about it for I think New Orleans will be a nice spot in which to be stationed; but it breaks my heart to see these wonderful Recreation and Physical Education facilities going to waste. They need Specialists with a Phys. Ed. background on every field here. I was told by one officer "No matter where they send you, you'll have a big job to do! We haven't anyone on any of our stations with your qualifications, officers included."

I learned on Saturday P.M. that there had been quite a discussion in personnel office regarding my assignment, each station arguing for me, and finally the Chief decided after reading my Records and Orders

said," Her orders read "Chief of Naval Air Training Command" not Naval Air Station, and she is needed in New Orleans worse."

What I'll do there or when I'll go there is still a problem. That is what I meant when I said I that I was lost and long forgotten - even by the Navy.

This is a wonderful station to be idle on tho. All kinds of Recreation, beautiful weather, and every thing anyone could ask for. It has been great; but I can't stand to sit idle much longer. I've always been used to working and I want to work.

Should you get this letter before Tues. nites game vs the Olathe Clippers, I'll bet my odds on K.U. - except I don't gamble - and I'm behind the K.U. team 100% just

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Velma R. Baker S1c (SpS)
Chief Naval Air Tr. Command,
Pensacola, Florida.

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Dr. F. C. Allen,
Director of Physical Educ. and BB. Coach,
Kansas University,
Lawrence,
Kansas.

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U. S. NAVAL AIR STATION
PENSACOLA

July 18, '45

Dear Dr. Allen,

Again I'm calling upon you for help. I think I told you I still am holding the Rehabilitation Program as my goal in the Navy. I have been told that the quickest possible way to get into it is by applying for Officer Training as soon as my 6 months are up here. That time is growing nigh and my officer has suggested that I get all of the necessary material together & have it ready at least by Aug. 1. so I'm asking you to write another letter of recommendation for me and this time it is to be in triplicate copy. Maybe you still have the one on file that you wrote for me last Sept. to the Office of Naval Officer Procurement in K.C. and can just send 3 copies of it.

I have never been sorry that my application reached Wash. D.C. too late last fall for me to get into the last Class of Officers from Civilian life; for life of an Enlisted WAVE has certainly given me a view of Navy life that a lot of our Officers should have had.

I am enjoying my work here; but I still have ego enough to think that those of us who have trained & worked in Physical Education have something to offer in the Rehabilitation Program that many others do not have.

Our war in Europe is over as far as Unconditional Surrender is concerned and we hope the Japanese war won't last too much longer; but it won't be over then. Our Army & Navy Hospitals have a long job ahead & I'm hoping that before long, I'll be working in one. Of course, one never knows just what the Navy will do; but I'm just the one who will keep on trying toward my goal.

I rec'd the Rebounds & your note last week. Words can't express how much I enjoyed them. As for the broken foot, it feels fine but I still am wearing an orthopedic (Converted G.I.) shoe. I am to go back next week for X-Rays again & I hope they find the foot in A-1 condition. I'm getting eager to play tennis, softball, etc. again.

'Tis time to go to work again so I'll run along. Thanking you again for all you've done for me and trusting that I shall receive the letters soon, I remain,

Sincerely,

Velma Ruth Baker S1c (Sp(S)),
Wave Bks. # 658, NAS,
Pensacola, Fla.

P.S. Perhaps the letters should be to Mrs. Margaret Gray, W.R. Representative, Bldg 658, Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Fla. You may mail them to her or to me & I'll deliver them to her. She's my boss-lady. Thanks!

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Dell Davidson Goal-Hi

Marking shuffle boards

Equipment repaired

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Boards for attig

Lights on in main gym -

c.c. to R. Nichols

Letters to all P.E. men -

Letter to Elmer Schaake c.c. to Lew

c.c. to Raymond Nichols

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Call Pat Penny Swimming Pool

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Dear Lawson

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July 20, 1945

Mr. George Ledom, Jr.
212 West 7th Street
Ottawa, Kansas

Dear George:

Pardon my delay in answering your good letter of the 16th instant. I had expected to answer it the next day but was tied up with some of my many duties and failed to do it.

Yes, I have heard of you quite a bit. Henry Shenk, our football coach spoke to me saying professor Parker had spoken to him. Then I had the talk with professor Parker in Olathe. I assure you that we will happy indeed to have you dome to the University of Kansas and you can rest assured of working and it will pay $.50 an hour. We can give you as much work as you actually need, but I would advise against trying to do any more work than is absolutely necessary for you to get your education. So many boys work longer hours than they should and many times their academic work suffers.

I would be glad to come down and see you real soon but I am teaching classes here at the University and being district Governor of Rotary, President of Country Club, president of the Civic Action Council and Councilman of the 1st ward together with a lot of other activities, I keep extremely busy.

I go to Manhattan Kansas Monday for district assembly in Rotary, so it might be some little time before I could get down. So far as I am concerned let us consider that you are planning on coming to the University and in the meantime we can plan on seeing each other at the most favorable opportunity. Gasoline being what it is at the present time I have been witholding trips unless I could kill two birds with one stone. I might be on an official visit to one of the Rotary clubs and in that event I could stop and see you and we could go over all the details that you would wish to discuss.

I am going to turn your letter to our Mr. E. C. Quigley, director of athletics who travels a great deal and I am sure that in within a weeks time he will be able to drop by and visit with you. I am sure that you made a very wise choice and we are happy indeed to help you in every possible way, and I am glad to repeat, your education domes first and glad to see you place it there.

Sincerely yours,

5145 Baltimore
K.C. Mo.
Oct. 12, '44.

Dr F. C. Allen
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen,

I certainly thank you for writing a letter for me. That letter alone should get me into the Navy. I haven't heard what the verdict will be. I should hear within a few days. I suppose it all depends on what humor the Admiral in Washington was in when my papers got to him.

Also I want to tell you I really enjoyed reading about the boys in service. Most of them were in school when I was there. Reading their letters was almost like "Old Home Week." My heart sank when I read about T.P. I think my feelings were well expressed in other letters written about him.

I wonder if I can't be put on the regular mailing list if I get into the WAVES. I would certainly appreciate it. Anyway, I'll certainly let you know my address as soon as I know.

I'll try to stop by for a visit before I leave this area.

Sincerely yours
Ruth Baker

Velma R. Baker S1c (Sp(S))
Wave Bks. #658, NAS
Pensacola, Fla.

Air Mail

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Dr. F. C. Allen, Dire of Phys. Ed. and Basketball Coach,
Kansas University,
Lawrence,
Kansas.

July 20, 1945

Velma Ruth Baker
Wave Bks #658 NAS
Pensacola, Florida

Dear Ruth:

Mrs. Hulteen has resigned her position here at the office and is now goint to devote her time to raising her youngafamily. Mrs. Hickman, my new secretary is unable to find the bopy of the recommendation I wrote for you and since Mrs. Hulteen has been visiting for the past month or more in Garden City it is impossible to secure her aid in locating it.

We do know that you graduated with an M.S. in Education in 1938, so what I had better do is to have you fire me the information back on the things you would like me to cover for you. I am sending this airmail and I still have time to hear from you and get the letter back to you by August 1st.

I will send all copies to you direct unless you advise differently. Good luck.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education
Varsity Basketball Coach

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W. (H.) G. K. BARKER

U.S.S. LST 792

c/o Fleet Post Office

San Francisco, Calif.

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28 June, 1945
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Dear 'Doc' —

Early in the week we received some mail for the first time in a month and needless to say we practically kissed the mail orderly. Mail is a very precious item out here and each succeeding day increases its value, especially after having received none for a period.

Our work has been very sparse up until today, when we launched, in rather beached, to pick up some Marine equipment and transport it to another part of the island. We had just completed beaching and I was up on the bridge when I heard my name called — upon turning, I discovered it was Dave Lowry, a friend of mine from Ottawa who is attached to a Marine outfit as a doctor. During the course of conversation which naturally followed, to my amazement I found out the C.O. of his outfit was Jim Durand — His camp was about 300 yards from where we

2/ wire beaches and so we immediately we went over. Jim was out in the field somewhere so we came back to the Ship for a good Coast Guard meal which all land lubbers go for, inasmuch as "C" and "K" rations aren't for a steady diet. Early in the afternoon we contacted Jim and so a good Jayhawker chin session ensued. You can well be proud of that boy Jim Durand, Doc. He is ever inch a fine officer and a gentleman. He looks fine and hasn't added any excess weight to that sinewy frame. I found out he is highly respected as a man and officer, and as one of his junior officers related - "Major Durand is one officer who became an C.O. and didn't cease to be a human being" - I rather liked the way that was put and I thot you might like to hear it.

Unfortunately while we were still talking the whistle blew for me and I had to hustle back to the Ship. It is possible however,

3/ that I may be able to see them again in that they expect to move soon and our speciality is getting people where they are scheduled to go. Few says the two most important pieces of equipment in the Pacific war up to date are the LVT's (amphibious tractors) such as he commands, and the LST's. Of course, my being an LST man made for rapid and positive confirmation of any such statement.

The April 26th issue of REBOUNDS arrived this week and as always I was eager to read it all - I think they get better all the time but to paraphrase in the vernacular "Howinhell do you find time to get everything done?" - I think the best course you could teach would be in "How To Budget and Economize Time" Consider that in your post war curriculum.

I continue to hear from Ernie Vaughn from Norman, and Murray Brown down in

4/ Corpus Christi. Each writes that he won't be surprised to find himself on the route out here soon. I can't say that I envy them to much their prospective duty, but at least it will be an unforgettable experience.

Of your many creditable characteristics, Doc, I think the most outstanding is your complete and loyal devotion to KANSAS — Frankly, I'm of the same prairie breed and I never miss an opportunity to enlighten the uninformed of the Sunflower state. Everytime I meet someone from home, I'm more than convinced that rolling prairies and wheat fields produce the type of individual I want to live among. I'm not denying that I'm possibly ~~but~~ prejudiced, but in my opinion, others don't favorable compare. The C.O. of our flotilla is a Kansan from GALENA, COMDR. STRINGER, USNA (1928) and upon meeting him he asked me from whence I came — I stuck out my chest and loudly proclaimed

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my native state – he immediately replied – "I knew it – you look prairie bred to me" – and I solemnly assured him he paid me a very high compliment.

I'd appreciate you conveying my regards to Milt and Bob, also Dean Reismith and Mr. Quigley – Thanks so much for keeping me supplied with the "Rebounds" –

Sincerely –

Barb

By the way, I thot you might be interested in knowing that even though this island was just declared "secure" – I saw some fellows playing on a newly constructed basketball court today – Maybe the war time spread of your game is an indication of things to come –

B –

Print the complete address in plain letters in the panel below, and your return address in the space provided on the right. Use typewriter, dark ink, or dark pencil. Faint or small writing is not suitable for photographing.

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(CENSOR'S STAMP)

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

FROM #17082781
Cpl. Jack Ballard
Troop "B" 93d Cavalry Sq. Mech.
A.P.O. 263 c/o Postmaster
New York, New York
(Sender's complete address above)

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

Dear Doc: Mar. 5, 1945 Somewhere in France

Received your Jayhawk rebound the other day and certainly did enjoy it immensely. I'm going to try and scout around and see if I can contact any of the boys over here. There ought to be enough Jayhawkers over here for me to find just one.

I'm sort of like Don Blair in that I'm living in a chateau over here. It sure beats sleeping out in the mud and cold weather which is so characteristic of France. Since we arrived I have played in three football games in the "Mud Bowl" needless to say we won 'em all. We are now concentrating on baseball and have played one game thus far. As Stars & Stripes puts it I am one of the so called "Blue Star Commandos" or combat rear area plough jockeys. We have enough work to keep us busy but when we are off we really play.

I read in Stars & Stripes about your loss to Iowa State. Thats ok Doc ya cant win em all. I am proud of the showing your boys made. Maybe next year some of the old gang will be back in there kicking up the buckets. I certainly look forward to the day when I can come back. Have a little outard work to attend to now. Give Mrs Allen & family my best regards.

Sincerely
Jocko

HAVE YOU FILLED IN COMPLETE ADDRESS AT TOP?

REPLY BY V-MAIL

HAVE YOU FILLED IN COMPLETE ADDRESS AT TOP?

Ramie Beims Sp(A) 3/c
Ship's Co. Div. 5.
Mil. Tr. Inst. Batt 9

File No.

U. S. NAVAL ADVANCE BASE PERSONNEL DEPOT
SAN BRUNO, CALIFORNIA 23 July 1945.

Dear Dr. Allen.

Received the June 25 issue today. Which reminded me of my neglect to send you my new address.

I was almost sure I saw Bat Allen at the California Golf Club a week ago Wednesday. His foursome was about four holes behind mine. The distance was always considerable and besides he was in the Army at Bell Memorial. And now I find he is in the Navy, in Frisco, and so it was no doubt he.

Speaking of golf; Doc Yakey; pro at Whitehills in Topeka and then I think K.C., is instructor and coach here on the base. Sure wish I had time to try out for his team. Seems I spend more and more of my time as a rub doctor. More and more I come to appreciate my P.E. training and especially your Theory and Treatment class. Last January I tried to get into Rehabilitation School in New York but the school was closed. Now I am back to doing something important

so I'll stay with this. Besides my wife and daughter are with me here. This base trains men for duty ashore overseas. Perhaps Bob will get a couple weeks of it here on his way out.

Your Rebounds are a source of great information and enjoyment, except of course for the bad news. I know we are all praying that we can soon be home and save you the trouble of giving all of us so much of your valuable time writing us the news.

Thanks Again.

Charlie Davis

July 24, 1945

Ramie Bunis Sp(A) 3/c
Ships Co. Div. 5
Mil. Tr. Inst. Batt. 9
San Bruno, California

Dear Ramie:

You were right, that was Bob Allen at the California golf club. Your eyes are awfully good if you can pick a native Kansas out at that distance, or do they emanate a fragrant odor that you can tell that species from that distance.

Bob finished his interneship at Bell July 1st. Six days from the time he signed the War Department inquiring of Navy Enlistment, he had been sworn in, bought his uniforms, made his will, and was on a Union Pacific pullman headed for Frisco. Is that speed or is that just terrific speed. Bob was staying at my daughters, Mrs. Mary P. Hamilton, 860 Center Drive, Palo Alto, California.

I know he would be happy to hear from you and tickled to death to see you. He may have been shipped West before this letter arrives.

Thanks for your kind words regarding the Rebounds. In this morning's mail I received a letter from Bill Replogle and he said he had seen Howard Engleman at Oak Knoll, and it was fine to see and to know he is recovering in splendid shape.

We will be tickled to death to have you home when this damnable fuss is over, but we have got to slap the Nips flat before they will realize that they are completely whipped.

Lots of luck to you, Ramie

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education
Varsity Basketball Coach

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