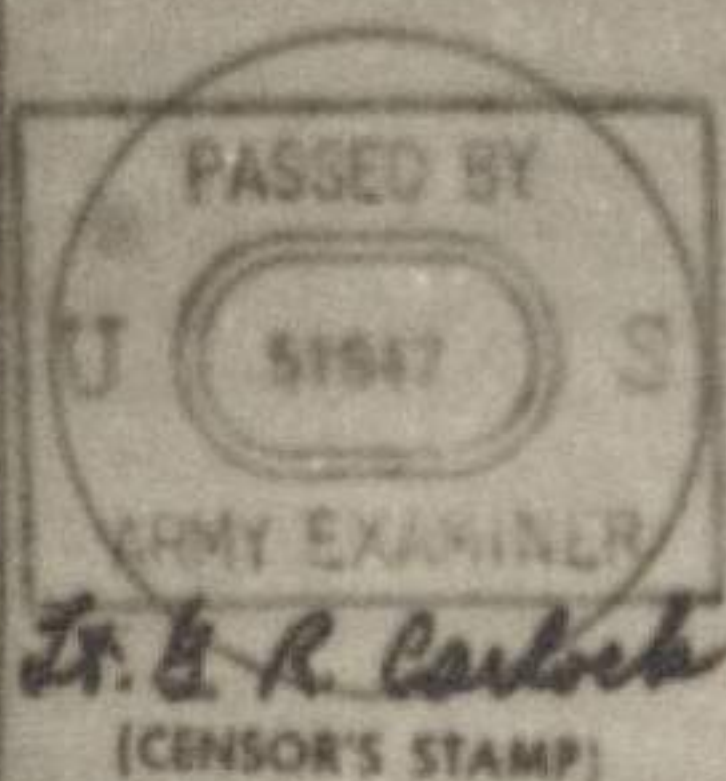


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TO Dr. Forrest C. Allen
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FROM #17082781

Cpl Jack Ballard
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APO 263 1/2 Postmaster
New York, New York
(Sender's complete address above)

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 Commandoes" 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. That's ok Doc ya can't win 'em all. I am proud of the showing your boys made. Make next year some of the old gang will be back in there racking up the buckets. I certainly look forward to the day when I can come back. I have a little guard work to attend to now. Give Mrs Allen & family my best regards. Sincerely
Jack

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