

A
March 24, 1943.

Mr. Fred J. Pralle,
Phillips Petroleum Co.,
Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

Dear Fred:

Congratulations first upon being the head of a family, and secondly upon your fine work in Denver where your team won the National A.A.U. Championship.

Now, reverting back to that fine little daughter of yours. I am sure that I extended words of congratulation upon the arrival of the young lady, but here's another one just in case I overlooked that very necessary detail.

I am very glad that you like your job in the Department of Economics, and I am sure that that goal-throwing of yours last Saturday night in Denver didn't hurt your job any.

I know how conspicuous you feel as a civilian. Doubtless it won't be long before you will be insisting that you get in.

Again wishing you the best of all good things, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

PHILLIPS PETROLEUM COMPANY

BARTLESVILLE, OKLAHOMA

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

J. M. SANDS, VICE PRESIDENT
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C. E. TURNER
T. S. GAY

February 27, 1943

Dr. F. C. Allen
Athletic Department
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

Congratulations to you and the boys as Champions of the Big Six Conference. Your winning of championships does seem like an old story, but it certainly is compensation to us Jayhawkers down here in Sooner territory after these disastrous football seasons. Nice going, Doc, it's really a great feeling to see you continually "whip Hell out of them".

It has been quite some time since I have written so I'll bring you up to date on my activities. I am now the very proud father of a seven month old daughter. Also, I am now working in Bartlesville permanently. I have a very interesting job and one that I like very much in the Department of Economics. At present, I am deferred from the army, but am rather anxious to be called. I feel quite conspicuous as a civilian and to be home while most of my friends are off fighting somewhere.

We have a basketball team here at Phillips this year but we are not taking any extended road trips. They are not allowing basketball to interfere with our work in any way, and I am really happy about that.

Give my best regards to Mrs. Allen and the family.

Respectfully,

Fred J. Pralle

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January 6, 1943.

Mr. H. G. Parker,
o/o Fred Harvey Dining Room,
Union Station,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Mr. Parker:

Thank you so much for your kindness in expressing my Stetson hat which I left under one of the chairs last Saturday morning at your place. When we sat in the Fred Harvey dining room in Kansas City I told my good friends there about leaving it and they very courteously and promptly got in touch with you so that you could express it to me.

I disliked to cause you this trouble during your exceptionally busy time, but it was just one of those things. Handling a party of sixteen men on an Eastern swing was no easy task, but I have no apology for leaving my hat. I just walked away from it in the rush to get the boys on the train.

It was mighty nice of you and I appreciate it very much. This is in keeping with the high service put out by your splendid firm.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

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November 13, 1942.

Dr. Don Carlos Peete,
Argyle Building,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Dr. Peete:

I thought you would be interested in the copies of letters I have sent to Kent Culbertson and Larry Stream for their fine response yesterday morning.

A colored boy went to the bottom of the swimming pool, and since all the boys there were non-swimmers, they called for help. Larry Stream was working in the towel room at the time, so he ran out and jumped in the pool with all his clothes on and brought the boy out. Kent Culbertson gave artificial respiration. From all appearances the boy had a mild epileptic attack. Anyhow, when he became conscious, he remembered nothing at all of what happened.

I just thought you would like to know of the quick work of these two boys - Stream and Culbertson. Culbertson is from Long Island, Kansas, and told me he had attended the Allen Military Academy at Bryan, Texas.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

September 2, 1943.

Lt. John A. Pfitzsch,
448 AAA (AW) Bn. Adj.,
A.P.O. 184, c/o P.M.,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Johnny:

Mighty happy to have your letter of the 26th ultimo. We are always pleased indeed to hear from you boys and especially to learn of your new and continuing successes. I know that you are doing a swell job, and I congratulate you on your progress. You have the right idea, Johnny, and you will go a long way. You keep it up and you will be right in the front ranks of officer successes.

Congratulations on your aggressive proselyting for K.U. We will be glad to have you back after the war, and it will be a pleasure to see a great horde of fine athletes with a John Pfitzsch tag on them enrolled on Mt. Oread.

We will convey your best to all the good people that you asked to be remembered to. Yes, Dean Nesmith is in our Physical Education Department. He is also trainer and he is helping Henry Shenk with the football team. I am glad to see him so interested in football. With Shenk, Schaake and Dean, the boys will have a lot of fight and go.

John Buescher has gone to the Dow Chemical Company at Midland, Michigan, as supervisor of recreation. Everett Shelton, the Wyoming coach, is the general supervisor of recreation, and he is collecting a basketball team to play in the A.A.A. National tournament. Mike Komenick, Shelton's old Wyoming star, is also going to Dow. Both boys are 4F. So Shelton should have a right fair country ball team.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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AIR MAIL

Sup Receipt
Dear Cheri
Midland, Mich Aug 26, 1943

Mention Buschers

new job

Everett Skelton

Dear Doc,

Your word letter arrived just before I got a twelve day leave to go home and I was very happy to get it with all of the addresses and dope on the boys from K.O. I think its a wonderful idea and surely want to be kept on the mailing list.

In July I was made Adjutant of the Battalion and so am now a staff officer. I don't know how, but I'm still trying to do a good job and it seems it pays off in the end. I am very satisfied with my new job and although it pins me down to a desk most of the day, I lose no track of the field at night.

We have been through two desert maneuvers now and it present are getting ready for movement of course I can't say to where etc; but I'll be sure to drop you a line when we reach our destination. It has been a real rough maneuver but we expect rougher things ahead and certainly are anxious to take them on.

I have been special service officer since being with the battalion and so have kept my

fringe in the pic. I've met a lot of swell fellows
and tell Henry that I'm lining up a nice
football team for him the first season after
that - 6 months. There are several ball players
here who have played football for colleges and
I have convinced them to come to K.O. with me
when its all over. By the way I intend to
come back Doc and be with you all again.
Hope you won't mind?

I was glad to hear of Major Elbel's promotion
He certainly must be doing swell.

Give my regards to Mr. Falchstein, Mrs. Webster,
Mrs. Haltern, Coach Sheak and all the others that
are still left. Is Rex still with you Doc? Be
sure to check his "sac" for me and tell him "Howdy".

That's about all I know right now Doc.
I'll shoot my new address to you soon as I
can.

Write when you can. Your letters
always are great morale builders.

Sincerely Yours

John Pitsch

P.S. Whatever happened to Buecker?

I sure hope you have a ball club this winter.

The
J. E. PORTER CORPORATION
SUCCESSOR TO A. G. SPALDING & BROS. CO., GYMNASIUM EQUIPMENT DIVISION

OTTAWA
ILLINOIS

August 31, 1943

Mr. Ray Kanehl,
Department of Physical Education,
University of Kansas,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Kanehl:

At the request of our Kansas Sales Supervisor, Mr. M. T. "Speed" Swift, Kansas City, Mo., we are sending you today under separate cover and via parcel post a sample of the new three strand jute rope which is being used in our climbing ropes at this time as a substitute for unobtainable manila.

I am sure that you, like other school, Army, and Navy officials, will agree that this jute, while agreeably not the equal of manila, does make a nice rope, and a fine substitute during wartime for unavailable manila.

Mr. Swift has also asked me to advise you whether or not we can supply the platforms only for the #53 type jumpboard. I am awfully sorry that it is at this writing impossible to obtain the materials from which to fabricate these platforms. We do have a stock of #53 jumpboards made up, and so could supply the complete board if they would prove suitable. However, we would not want to disrupt our balances of completed boards to supply these platforms only, and I am sure you'll understand our reasons for not wishing to do this.

We certainly hope that the quotation made you by our Mr. Swift on your equipment requirements will be the low bid, and that we may have the opportunity to serve you soon. We should like very much to see the University of Kansas on the list of schools who swear by Porter apparatus because of the excellent quality and workmanship of this equipment.

Very truly yours,

THE J. E. PORTER CORPORATION,

John C. Labagh
John C. Labagh
Sales Dept.

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M. T. SWIFT

1501 WEST 85 TERRACE
HILAND 0989
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

MANUFACTURERS REPRESENTATIVE

August 28 1943.

Dr. Forest C. Allen,
Dept of Physical Education,
University of Kansas,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Dr. Allen:

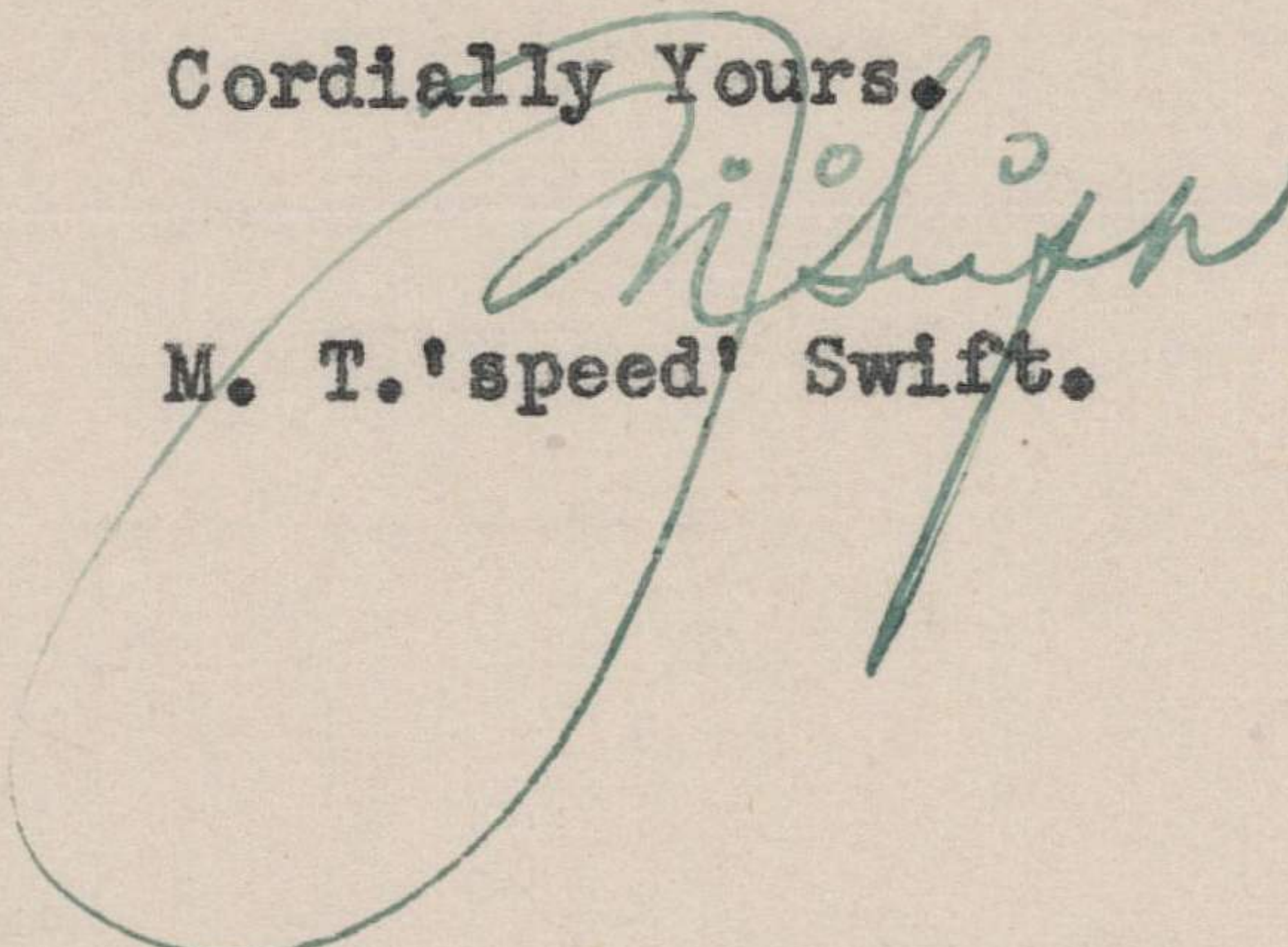
Attached is the bid of The J. E. Porter Corporation on the apparatus that your department has requested bids on.

In talking with Mr. Kanehl it was his idea that we bid on the two weights of gym mats and also several types of the Horizontal Bars, and this will account for what may appear to be an awful lot of equipment, for I have quoted on four types of Bars and four types of mats along with two kinds of Climbing Ropes, cotton and jute.

With reference to the platforms for the springboards that you have on hand I do not have any information at hand but will ask the factory to write you and advise the price, provided we can furnish, I feel that we can in either case they will notify you in regards to this.

Sorry that I missed you, but shall look forward to the next trip into Lawrence and will try and see you then, thanks for the opportunity to present the Porter bid on the equipment, should there be any question please let me know.

Cordially Yours.


M. T. 'speed' Swift.

August 23, 1943.

A/S Ed Purdie,
Flight 24,
513th C.T.D.,
University of Nevada,
Reno, Nevada.

Dear Ed:

I am sorry that I cannot give you the outstanding scorer for four years of college basketball. Many schools, especially the larger ones, have but three years of competition for their athletes - one year of residence for the freshman year and three years of varsity competition. Schools from the Big Ten and other conferences do not have freshman competition as do the Pacific Coast conference and some other conferences.

Stanford had a freshman schedule and I believe they counted Hank Luisetti's four years of basketball in his all-time record. And too, some schools play weaker competition and naturally their athletes run up higher schros.

I would suggest that you write Ned Irish, director of Madison Square Garden, New York, and he being a former sports writer will get this information for you.

I have never especially put a premium on four years of high scoring. Perhaps it has its points, but generally speaking a team is not as well balanced with a high scorer as it is when all the men are getting their quota of points. You will understand I am not critical of the high scorers, but personally I would not desire the high scoring type to a well balanced team.

I am glad that you are fond of basketball, and I wish you much success in the service. With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH



313TH COLLEGE TRAINING DETACHMENT

UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA

RENO, NEVADA

Dear Sir,

Just a few moments of your time. I'm an Aviation Student at the University of Nevada. These past few nights we've been having heated arguments on basketball. One argument in particular involving the high scoring basketball player for a year of college, and the high scores for 4 years of college. I say Stutz Modzelewski from Rhode Island State has both these records and Hank Luisetti ranks second.

Could you please let us know if those ratings are correct. And if you can't please tell me how I can find out.

The reason I wrote to you, was
because I love basketball, and
having your address in my book
as a judge of basketball along
with a few other coaches names, I
thought maybe you'd be my best
bet.

Very Sincerely yours

A/S Ed. Purdie

Flight 24

313TH C.T.D.

University of Nevada,

Reno, Nevada.

August 19, 1943.

Dr. Don Carlos Peete,
1500 Professional Bldg.,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Don:

I was glad that you mentioned John Asher to me. It was hazy at first, and then I recalled that there had been quite a bit of difficulty that John had gotten into regarding his academic class work. I am sending you copy of a letter that Dr. Canuteson wrote to Dr. Gilbert Ulmer, and copies of my letters to Dean Lawson and Dr. Ulmer. You can see by this that he was in much more difficulty with the academic people than he was even with us.

Perhaps if he had had a good record otherwise we would have been able to save him, but the boy just wouldn't go to class, I am told.

This thing I wish to pass on to you, Don. If at any time any of your friends' children are in any difficulty I would not consider at all that you were presuming upon friendship to mention this to me. Had I known that John Asher was the son of Dr. Asher I would have shown him additional courtesies, but of course I could not have helped him in this case because he had gone too far. However, it would be a pleasure to me if any of your friends should be in need of help and if I could reasonably give it. It would make me happy to do anything I could to befriend one of your friends, just as I know that you would do something to help one of my friends, but I would not expect you to do something that was impossible to do.

Won't you feel perfectly free to call upon me when one of your friends is in trouble?

It was a delight to visit with you and your good family. I am sorry that Don could not come down but your family is growing up so rapidly that if we do not see them from time to time we lose all conception of what they were like when we saw them way back when.

I assure you that I enjoyed the visit immensely with you and your family and it is not because we are unsociable, but we just haven't driven anywhere it seems since the fuss has been on. But we are coming to see you when we have promised - as soon as school is out. But don't let that keep you from visiting us at Lawrence. You are always welcome and it is a great pleasure indeed to have you and

yours in our home.

With every good wish, I am

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

The
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SUCCESSOR TO A. G. SPALDING & BROS. CO., GYMNASIUM EQUIPMENT DIVISION

OTTAWA
ILLINOIS

August 16, 1943

University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Attention: Forrest C. Allen,
Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

Dear Mr. Allen:

I have your letter of August 11th, and as you have requested, we are sending you a copy of our physical fitness catalog for your files.

I am referring your letter to our Kansas field manager, Mr. M. T. "Speed" Swift, and am requesting him to call on you at his earliest convenience, and to give you whatever service you may require.

Very truly yours,

J. E. PORTER CORPORATION

Floyd B. Cox

Sales Department

FBC:emp



August 13, 1943.

Pvt. Delbert Perkins,
Battery C, 27th A.A.R.T.B.,
Camp Wallace, Texas.

Dear Delbert:

No, we did not play St. John's. We played St. Bonaventure in Buffalo, Fordham in New York, St. Joseph in Philadelphia, and St. Louis University in St. Louis. I am enclosing a schedule with scores of last season's games.

I believe Wyoming played St. John's the week we played. It is my opinion that Wyoming beat them by a rather handy score.

Lots of good luck to you, old fellow.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH



SERVICE CLUB

CAMP WALLACE, TEXAS

Aug 10, 1943

Dear Mr. Allen,

The other evening several of us from K. O. were having a little discussion about the past season.

We couldn't agree on whether you played St. Johns on your trip back east, & whether or not you won the game. I was under the impression that you played & beat them, but we couldn't agree on the matter.

I was wondering if you could drop me a card & tell me whether or not I was correct. I would



SERVICE CLUB

CAMP WALLACE, TEXAS

certainly appreciate it as would
the rest of the fellows here
from K. U.

My address is:

Pvt Delbert Perkins

ASN-17082974

Btry C-27 AARTB

Camp Wallace, Texas

Thank you very much.

Sincerely

Delbert Perkins '94

August 11, 1943.

Mr. Wm. S. Miller, Vice President,
The J. E. Porter Corporation,
Ottawa, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Miller:

I appreciate your letter of July 31 regarding gymnasium equipment.

We are, of course, being very conservative in purchasing equipment for our physical training program. However, we have at the University of Kansas 125 Naval Aviation Cadets, 800 Machinists Mates, 520 V-12 and 776 A-12 boys, and our facilities are limited.

We will be in the market for some additional gymnasium equipment in the near future, and would appreciate receiving a copy of your latest catalog.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

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J. E. PORTER CORPORATION

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OTTAWA
ILLINOIS

July 31, 1943

Forrest C. Alan,
Athletic Director
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kan

Dear Sir:

According to a ruling of the War Production Board in connection with Iron and Steel Conservation Order M-126, announced April 8, 1943, CERTAIN ITEMS OF GYMNASIUM EQUIPMENT MAY NOW BE MANUFACTURED "FOR PROGRAMS APPROVED BY THE U.S. OFFICE OF EDUCATION".

Perhaps you are aware of the Victory Corps Booklet No. 2, entitled "Physical Fitness Through Physical Education" published by the U.S. Office of Education. The program outlined in this booklet was prepared by a Committee appointed by the Commissioner of Education with the collaboration of the U.S. Army, the U.S. Navy, the U.S. Public Health Service, and the Physical Fitness Division of the Office of Defense Health and Welfare Service. In part, the program suggests that a variety in choice of exercises should be used. The program emphatically points out that exercise on apparatus is especially valuable in developing strength, agility and endurance.

We are sure that you recognize the seriousness of the situation that confronts the Nation today and are eager to do everything possible to assist in the War Effort. You know that such leaders as Eddie Rickenbacker, Lt. General Lewis B. Hershey, and others have appealed to the schools of the country to maintain stepped-up classes of physical education for ALL students.

We have very few representatives available today. So, we hope that we may discuss your program and requirement by mail. If you will communicate with us today and tell us what you plan to do in connection with your Physical Education Department, we shall be glad to assist you in the proper selection of equipment and in any other way within our power.

Yours very truly,

J. E. PORTER CORPORATION

Wm. S. Miller
Vice-President

Wm. S. Miller/th

August 11, 1943

Dr. F.C. Allen, 105 R.,
University of Kansas,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

I worked in the Towel Room during the 5 week Special Summer Session in June. I understood at that time that I would be paid soon after the 15th of July. I have not as yet received any pay, nor any indication that I will be paid.

I am entering the Armed Forces within a few days, and I would like to have this matter cleared up before I leave.

Trusting that you will take immediate action,
I am,

Sincerely yours

James Parks
James Parks

1305 Wayne
Topeka, Kansas.

*April 13 + July
checks
sent 8/12*

July 19, 1943.

Mr. Howard G. Porter,
1961 North 32nd Street,
Kansas City, Kansas.

Dear Howard:

Thank you for your kind letter of the 17th instant. We have sent your appointment, effective August first, to the Chancellor's office. This will, of course, need the approval of the Board of Regents, and we will not make any announcement until that approval comes through.

I am returning your credentials which you left with me when you were here last week.

I am looking forward to having you as a member of our department, and to your assisting me with basketball.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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1961 North 32 Street
Kansas City, Kansas
July 17, 1943

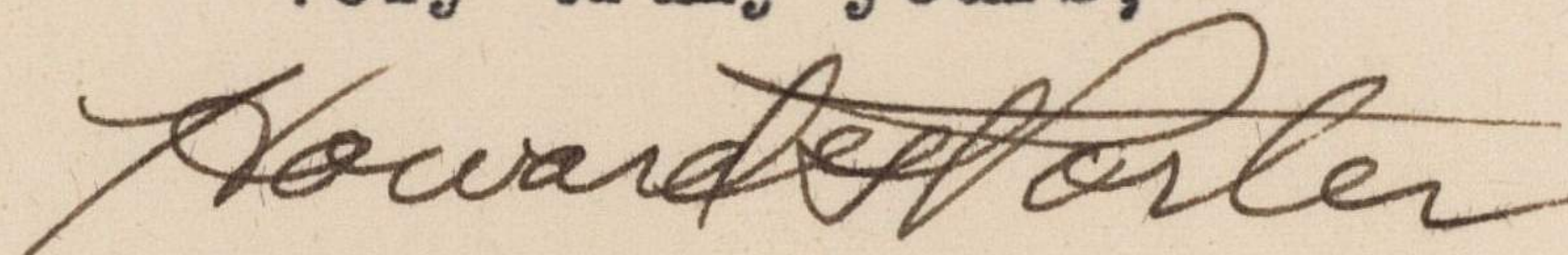
Dr. Forrest C. Allen
Director of Physical Education
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

As outlined in your letter of July 13 and in our conversation of Friday, I accept the position as instructor in the Physical Education Department of the University of Kansas. I will report the first of August.

I am looking forward to a very pleasant and worth while experience.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Howard G. Porter". The signature is fluid and somewhat stylized, with a prominent flourish at the end.

Howard G. Porter

July 13, 1943.

Mr. Howard G. Porter,
1961 North 32nd St.,
Kansas City, Kansas.

Dear Howard:

I am now in a position to offer you a position in our Department of Physical Education at a salary of \$3,000 for twelve months. This of course is subject to the approval of the Board of Regents. The position will start August 1.

I would be happy to have you send me your credentials or if you could arrange for a personal interview I would be happy to have you come down soon at your convenience. I imagine that you are teaching at Summer High School, but if there is some morning during the week that you could come down and meet our staff I would be happy to have them visit with you.

It is necessary to have these credentials so that we can fill out your appointment blank. As I explained to you this job is for the duration and carries with it an instructorship. This is true of all of our incoming staff. It would be possible for you to carry graduate work while you are doing your work here, if you so desire. Of course, it would be understood that your graduate work would be carried in such amount that it would not interfere with your full duties as an instructor.

The A-12 Army will enroll here about August 9, so your coming August 1 will allow you to orient yourself a week before you would actually get into the work.

Trusting that we may have your credentials and an early acceptance, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AR

July 8, 1943.

Mr. Howard G. Porter,
1961 North 32nd St.,
Kansas City, Kansas.

Dear Howard:

I am pleased that you are interested in the position. It so happens that Chancellor Malott is in Colorado and will not return until the first of next week.

I plan at that time to have a conference with him with a view of definitely closing soon these several positions that we have in the Physical Education Department.

You will hear from me by the middle of next week. I trust that everything can be arranged so that we will give you a very early and prompt reply.

Sincerely yours,

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Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

1961 North 32 Street
Kansas City, Kansas

Dr. Forrest C. Allen
Director of Physical Education
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

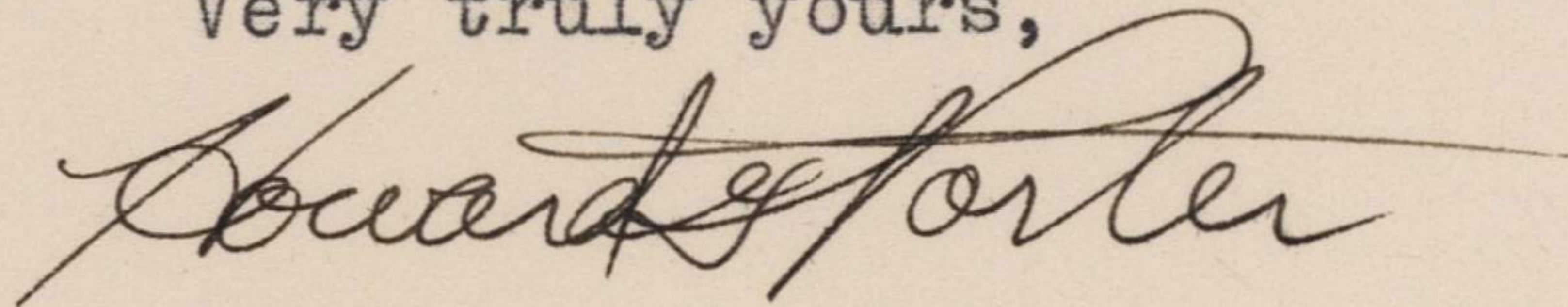
Dear Dr. Allen:

With reference to our telephone conversation of today,
I should like very much to have the position.

I shall be glad to furnish any information you may
wish or to arrange for a personal interview at your
convenience.

If I am appointed, it will be necessary for me to resign
my present position not later than August 1.

Very truly yours,



Howard G. Porter

Tel. - Fairfax 3463

July 17, 1943.

Lieut. W. D. Partner, USNR,
Public Relations Officer,
U. S. Navy Pre-Flight School,
Del Monte, California.

Dear Dan:

I was indeed happy to hear from you and to learn that Murray Brown is doing a swell job. Give him and Mrs. Brown my kindest regards, and always remember me to the Partner household.

Mrs. Allen and Eleanor took a shopping trip to Kansas City yesterday and they came very nearly passing out. It was 97 and the humidity was intense, but about 2 o'clock this morning a wonderful shower came up to cool the atmosphere and everybody is lovely at the present time.

I want to thank you for your station newspaper and wish to congratulate you on the get-up. It is not only well edited, but it is snappy and most readable.

You spoke about my golf. Well, sir, I shot a 33 here the other day and par is 34, and it was in a foursome of good players, so I couldn't have bought off all of those fellows to swear to a fib. Even blind pigs pick up acorns occasionally.

With all good wishes to you and yours, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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FILE NO.
NC 125--5

U. S. NAVY PRE-FLIGHT SCHOOL
DEL MONTE, CALIFORNIA

ADDRESS REPLY TO
COMMANDING OFFICER

July 13, 1943

Dr. ~~F.~~ C. Allen
Dept. of Physical Education
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

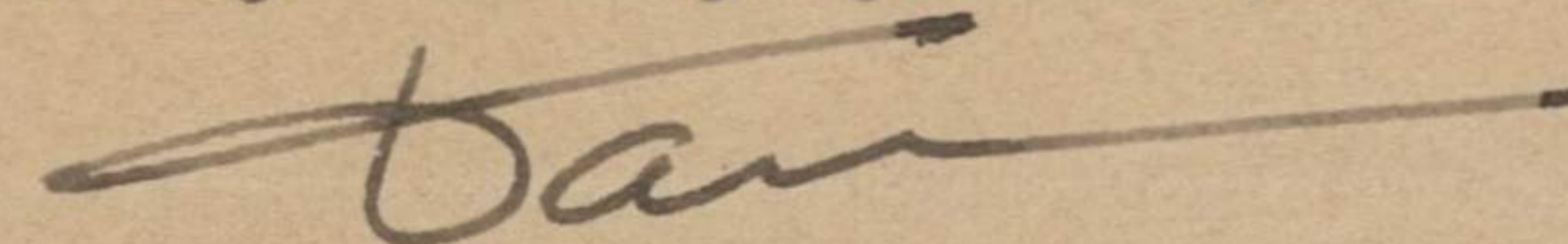
Dear "Phog":

Thanks for my copy of the "Jayhawk Rebounds" received today. I found it interesting to read of the numerous University of Kansas athletes about whom I have written many words.

Ensign A. M. (Murray) Brown is doing a swell job here and is well liked by all the officers and cadets. He is in the Military Dept. but soon will be transferred to the Welfare and Recreation Dept., I understand.

I sincerely hope that you and Mrs. Allen are enjoying good health and that you can keep within 20 strokes of Ole Man Par. Mrs. Partner and I send warmest regards to you both.

Very truly yours,



Lieut. W. D. Partner, USNR
Public Relations Officer

WDP:mf

P.S. Enclosed is a copy of our station newspaper of which I am editor. On page 1 is a picture of the school, a really beautiful place.

