June 5, 1944.

Lieut. Theàdare M. O'Leary, Bureau of Naval Personnel, Office of Naval Officer Procurement, Kansas City 6, Missouri.

Dear Ted:

Thank you for your good letter of the 31st ultimo.

I called Mr. Ball and he seemed very happy indeed to get the information.

It was also nice of you to write as you did regarding our relations in your undergraduate days. I enjoyed them very much, I assure you. Paul and his wife and your mother are going to dinner tonight with us at the Country Club. I am looking forward to it with much pleasurable anticipation.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education, Varsity Basketball Coach.

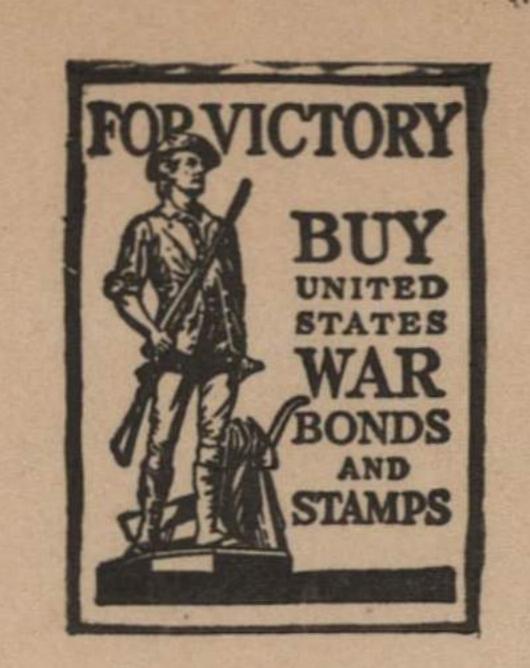
FCA:AH

Address Reply to:
The Office of Naval Officer Procurement, Second Floor, Finance Building, 1009 Baltimore Ave., Kansas City 6, Missouri, and not to the signer of this letter.

REFER TO NO.

# BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL NAVY DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF NAVAL OFFICER PROCUREMENT
KANSAS CITY 6, MISSOURI



31 May, 1944

Dr. F. C. Allen, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kas.

Dear Doc:

Checking up on the case of Mr. Ball I find that his application will probably be forwarded to Washington for final action within the next day or so. One more letter of reference, which is believed to be on the way, is all that is holding it up. While it is, of course, impossible to state with any certainty what action will be taken in Washington our previous experience has shown that well over 50 per cent of the applications submitted by us are favorably acted upon. Mr. Ball will probably receive an official notification from this office within a few days informing him that his application has been forwarded, but I would appreciate it if you would pass the above information on to him personally, since he did ask you to communicate with me.

Thank you very much for your kind words on the telephone about the handball and also for the thoughtful letter you wrote after I had won the Missouri Valley. I have derived immeasureable satisfaction, pleasure, exercise and a certain amount of self-discipline out of the game, and I never forget that it was you who got me started playing it. At the tournament in Chicago I was pleased to have several people tell me that they thought I was the most courageous player there. If that was the case, a great deal of it can be attributed to what you taught me on the basketball court.

Sincerely,

Theodore M. O'Leary Lieut. USNR. Lieut. Theodore M. O'Leary, Naval Aviation Cadet Selection Board, Bryant Building, Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Ted:

I have been expecting to write you a letter of congratulations for over a week upon your splendid achievement in winning the Missouri Valley singles handball tournament. I know it is a goal that you have been striving for, for quite some time, and to have accomplished it is wonderful. I know what a good inner feeling comes to a man when he has realized his personal ambition. It is one of those things a fellow doesn't talk about much, but it does his heart good, and I congratulate you.

and then I see where you won the doubles championship -- the thing that you had already accomplished. This of course doubtless gave you a buzz, but not what the individual championship did because a repeater is never as stimulating as the first time objective.

Mrs. Allen and I read your last two splendid reviews in the Star. You have a lovely touch as reflected by your writings, doubtless, in the home environment that was yours. The philosophy of a parent seeing the youngsters trudge off to school or make ready to go, and wondering about the repetition of this ghastly business of war, shows the home side that is always pleasing.

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education, Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA: AH

Mr. Vermon B. Snell, Oklahoman Sports Desk, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Dear Mr. Snell:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter that I wrote high Fullerton, Jr., of the AP in New York, which conveys many of the points concerning Kurland and any of the other tall boys. You will notice that I stated I would be in favor of a moratorium of three years before the rule would be put into effect. This doesn't look as if I am trying to evade Mr. Kurland.

The article says we met him last year, and played him two games.

Just for the benefit of those brothers in Oklahoma who sort of think that we ditched the Aggies until Kurland got out of school, I might add that when Mank Iba was at Meryville Teachers College we heard the same thing about Kansas being afraid of Maryville Teachers. And then when Mank migrated to Oklahoma the chorus grew louder and louder. I had never up to that time received any communication from Mank showing his desire to play us.

Cob Burnside and some of the Kansas alumni took it up with me and I told them if Mank would write me he would perhaps get a game or so. Hank did write and we dedicated the fieldhouse at Stillwater when I had a straight sophomore team and when Relph Miller had a ruptured cartilage. You doubtless will remember that we lost both games and we did not have a veteran team. Those were the first contacts that we had, and I took on two games at Stillwater to one at Lawrence to open the encounters.

Well, we played them each year, both at home and away, but you could easily see that we weren't much afraid of our record when we were willing to play two for one.

Up until last year we had never won at Stillwater, and the Aggies had never won at Lawrence, but we were fortunate to upset the tradition at Stillwater. We have not the Aggies three times on a neutral court, once in Oklahoma City and twice in Hansas City in play-off tournaments, and each time Hansas has won. In other words, the Oklahoma Aggies under Hank have never won on a neutral court and have lost three times and have never won at Lawrence while we have at Stillwater. The series now

stands nine for Mansas and five for Oklahoma Aggies. This should enswer pretty definitely some of the boys who are uninformed.

I will not go into what caused the cessation of play, but doubtless you may remember.

There is one other way, and maybe two, of making more points than the Aggies make when Kurland is in there. But why should I reveal those things when we might accidentally meet them?

You ask what happened to our mutual friend, Roy Bennett. He is at Parsons, Kansas. He was in the Ford business but when the munitions plant opened up there he got a very lucrative job, I am told. I have seen him from time to time, and he and Mrs. Bennett are very happy.

ith all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education, Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH



Phone 2-1211

E. K. GAYLORD, PRESIDENT

EDGAR T. BELL, SECY & TREAS.

THE DAILY OKLAHOMAN OKLAHOMA CITY TIMES THE FARMER-STOCKMAN

## THE OKLAHOMA PUBLISHING COMPANY

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

January 18,1944

Dr. F.C.Allen, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kan.

Dear Friend Phog:

We are running a series of articles on "How to Stop Bob Kurland." I know you've heard of the lad---Hank Iba's 7-foot center and by the way some of the folks down this way sorta think you ditched the Aggies until Kurland got out of school. Now of course I did n't say that to make you mad.

However, back to the subject -- I just knew that you could park yourself and dash me off a masterpiece on the subject of how to stop Kurland and I don't necessarily mean raise the goals to 12-foot. Seriously, may I hear from you on the subject.

Vernon B. Snell Oklahoman Sports Desk, Oklahoma City, Okla.

P.S. Doc, what ever happened to our mutual friend Roy Bennett who once coached here at Central?

VBS

Lieut. Theodore M. O'Leary, USNR, Naval Aviation Cadet Selection Board, 1210 Bryant Building, 11th and Grand Avenue, Kansas City 6, Missouri.

Dear Ted:

It was nice of you to write me and I appreciated the information given concerning George B. Hayes. I am not surprised in the least concerning our mutual acquaintence, Jack Gardner. Slipping is one of his finest arts. I have had similar experiences ever since I contacted him when he came to Manhattan.

Congratulations, and thanks on behalf of Henry Shenk, Elmer Schaake and myself in discovering the California duplicity in time to reroute them to a needed institution.

Our football team looks much better. I did not see you in the stands but our boys played splendidly. However, I want to say that I thought the Aggies were the worst sandlot ball club that I had seen in a long time in their absolute failure to incorporate football fundamentals. They not only looked green but untutored. However, I would not want to be quoted on that because of the fact that I would not want Mr. Haylett to think that he was getting some unneeded publicity.

I will write you more regarding the cadets' misapprehension. I believe they are getting every consideration, but I am glad to know that you realize some of the complaints of sometimes disgruntled players.

I certainly will keep definitely in mind the look-out that you have for superior high school graduates in the 17-year-old class and the age range from 18 to 26.

Thanks for the information, and with kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education, Varsity Basketball Coach. Address Reply to: Officer-in-Charge, not to signer of this letter.

#### NAVAL AVIATION CADET SELECTION BOARD

REFER TO NO.

1210 BRYANT BUILDING
11TH AND GRAND AVENUE
KANSAS CITY 6, MISSOURI

Oct. 28,1943

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

Dear Doc:

In checking over my correspondence I discovered that I had neglected to answer your letter of October 6 concerning the desire of George B. Hayes to be ordered to Lawrence after the completion of his work at William Jewell. I am sorry that I overlooked replying for so long. Our old board has been split into two separate entities and the part with which I remained deals only in procurement but nevertheless I think I can arrange to have Hayes sent to Lawrence when it is time for him to move on, which will not be for a couple of months.

The separation of functions almost enabled our friend Jack Gardner to slip one over on me when the last class left Jewell the other day. Fortunately at the last minute I discovered that he had routed all the good football players to Iowa State. By enlisting the help of a friendly officer I was able to shuffle a few cards and as a result two fine backs, Bishop and Miller, reported at Lawrence yesterday. At least these two boys are said to be good.

I have heard some complaints from naval aviation people at Lawrence that for some reason our cadets have not been getting too many breaks from the coaching staff. I find it hard to believe that the coaches would overlook any bet that would enable them to win ball games. I've had enough to do with athletics to know that it is most common to hear certain players or certain groups complain that they have been discriminated against. However, I pass the report on to you for whatever it may be worth.

We are now looking very hard for 17-year-old high school seniors or graduates and superior high school graduates in the 18 to 26 age range. If you have any in mind I'd appreciate it if you would send them over. Our monthly quota of 17-year-olds has just been increased five-fold.

Sincerely,

Theodore M. O'Leary
Lieut. A-V(S), USNR.

Captain F. H. Hurst, Reception Center, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

Dear Captain Hurst:

Confirming my phone conversation with you of this date,
I want you to know that I greatly appreciate any courtesy
you will show to Alf T. H. Oleson, who has been connected
with the University as chief pharmacist for about four years.

I have known this young man very intimately since he was a freshman. He has exceptional ability and a fine character.

As I told you, I am secretary of Douglas County Selective Service Board No. 1.

Thanking you for your kindness, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education, Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA: AH

# UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS HEALTH SERVICE WATKINS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL LAWRENCE, KANSAS

3-8-44

Mr. Alf T. H. Oleson, age 27 years

6 - 6

Graduate of Kansas University School of Pharmacy, B.S. Degree in Pharmacy.

Granted leave of absence from position (as of March 6, 44) as Chief Pharmacist at Watkins Memorial Hospital, Health Service, K. U.

Has been unable to secure release for leave of absence from position due to the fact that no pharmacists were available. A young woman graduating March 1, 44 was obtained to release Mr. Oleson for military Service. Went to draft board and signed voluntary induction papers requesting the Navy.

He wishes to continue along his own experienced line of work and therefore is very interested in being inducted into the navy as pharmacists mate.

Coach Stuart Baller, University of Omaha, Omaha, Nebraska.

Dear Coach Baller:

I am very sorry that our basketball schedule is so full now that the University administration will not permit us to play more games.

We would enjoy playing your team, but under the circumstances it is impossible to add more games to this year's schedule.

Mishing you the best of success, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education, Varsity Basketball Coach.

PCA:AH

## THE UNIVERSITY OF OMAHA OMAHA, NEBRASKA

November 15, '43

Dr. Forrest Allen, Basketball 'oach University of Kansas,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Dr. Allen;

This letter is written to inquire if the University of Kansas would consider one or two games with the University of Omaha.

Due to war conditions, our school has hesitated about continuing intercollegiate athletics, but have decided to go ahead in basketball. We would be very happy and honored, I'm sure, if you could find a place for us, either at Lawrence or Omaha, or both places.

The University of Omaha belongs to the North Central Conference which includes the two North and South Dakota state schools, Iowa Teachers, Morningside, and Augustana of Sioux Falls.

Sincerely Yours,

Stuart Baller

Basketball Coach

University of Omaha

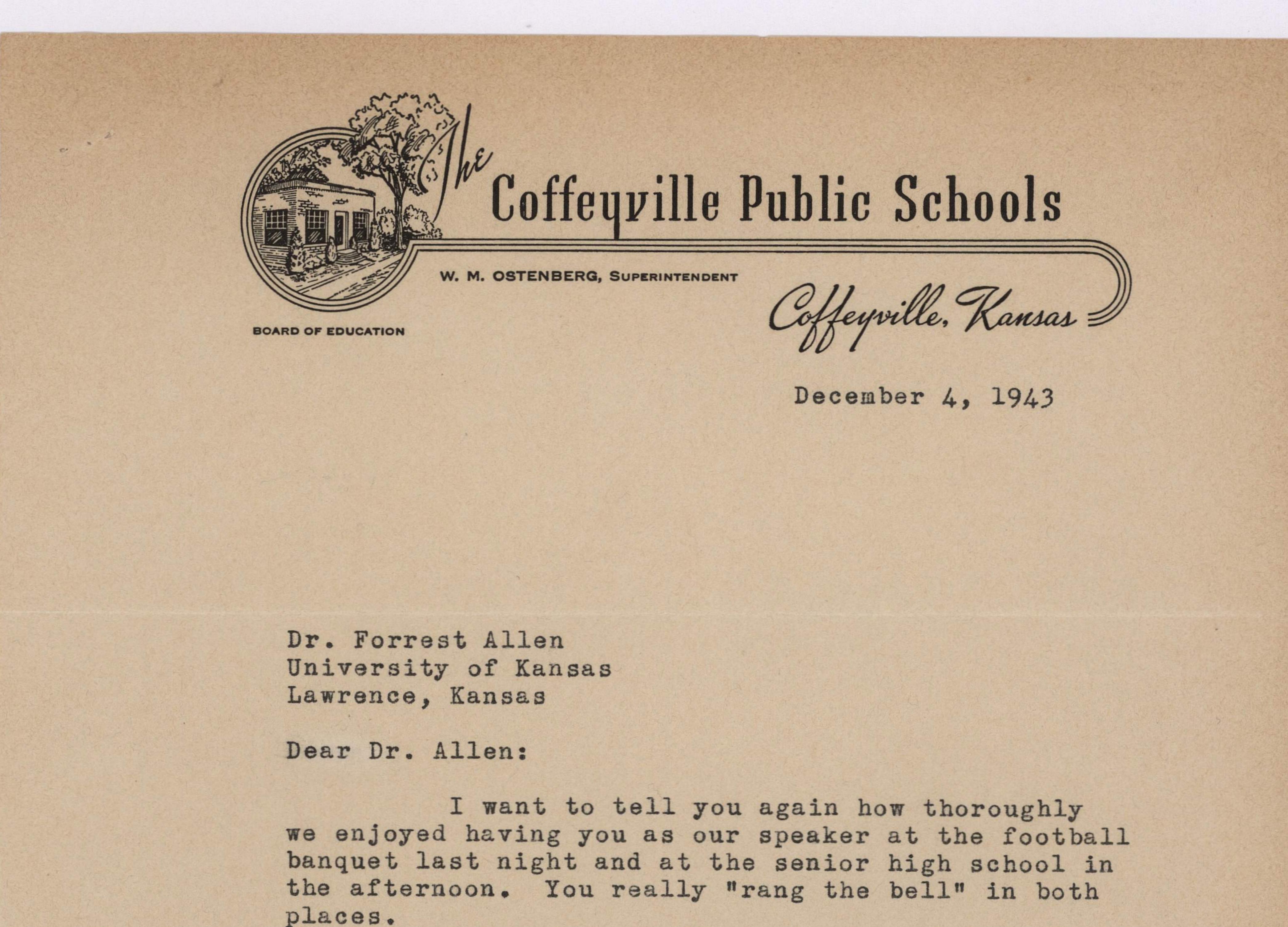
Mr. Stuart Baller, Basketball Coach, University of Omaha, Omaha, Nebraska.

Dear Mr. Baller:

Your letter to Dr. Allen has been received during his absence from the office. He will return later this week and I am sure you will hear from him soon regarding a possible basketball game with the University of Kansas.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Forrest C. Allen.



I have heard many complimentary remarks

W. M. Ostenberg

Coffeyville, Kansas

Very sincerely yours,

Superintendent of Schools

from the men and boys who were present last night.

us when you have so many things to do.

WMO: VW

It was grand of you to take the time to do this for

With kindest personal regards, I am

Lt. Theodore M. O'Leary, Naval Aviation Cadet Selection Board, 1210 Bryant Building, Kansas City 6, Missouri.

Dear Ted:

I am enclosing four tickets for your party for the Missouri game on Saturday, which are sent to you without charge.

We deeply appreciate all the fine things you have done for your alma mater, and hope you and your friends enjoy the game. I will look forward to seeing you Saturday.

Very cordially yours,

FCA:AH Enc. Director of Physical Education, Varsity Basketball Coach. Address Reply to: Officer-in-Charge, not to signer of this letter.

### NAVAL AVIATION CADET SELECTION BOARD

REFER TO NO.

#### 1210 BRYANT BUILDING 11TH AND GRAND AVENUE KANSAS CITY 6, MISSOURI

Nov. 10, 1943

Dr. F.C. Allen,
Director of Phylical Education,
University of Kansas,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Doc:

I had a good letter from Henry Shenk Monday in regard to the situation involving the V-5 men. I hope that neither you nor Henry got the idea that I was in any way critical of the treatment the men were getting. As you recall I pointed out in my letter to you that my own athletic experience had demonstrated to me that there was rarely any basis for a player's belief that he was being discriminated against. However, I had heard certain rumblings and I thought that it would be well to clear the matter up. We may have other war time seasons and it seemed to me wise to make certain that nothing was being done that might impel any V-5 officials to hesitate to send athletes down to Lawrence.

Frankly, my first concern in the matter was the welfare of the University.

Henry said he might be down here to show some motion pictures and I am hoping to have a chance to visit with him.

An officer who has been helpful in getting players to the right places has expressed a desire to see the Kansas-Missouri game. I wonder if it would be possible to get two tickets for him. I would also like my K ticket and would like to buy a ticket for my wife. We would like them together. If you will see that they are sent, withthat statement for whatever is due on Mrs. O'Leary's ticket and in the way of taxes I'll send you a check.

The same mail that brought me Henry's letter brought also another copy of Jayhawk Rebounds. Keep up the good work. I know what it means to the boys. If you don't look out, some magazine or newspaper will be grabbing you off as columnist and the basketball world will be the loser.

Sincerely, Ted

November 18, 1943. Lieut. George E. Miele, USMR U. S. Haval Air Station, Olathe, Kansas. Dear Lieutemant Miele: I am sorry that we do not have a badminton team at the University of Mansas. For that reason it will be impossible for us to meet your team. Sincerely yours, Director of Physical Education, Varsity Basketball Coach. FGA:AH

#### U. S. NAVAL AIR STATION OLATHE, KANSAS

13 November 1943

From: OIC, Cadet Athletic Program, USNAS, Olathe, Kansas.
To: Athletic Director, Kansas University, Lawrence, Kansas.

Subj: Badminton Match, Challenge of.

- 1. The USNAS, Olathe, Kansas Badminton Team would like to challenge your university to a badminton match.
- This station will be satisfied with either a Home-and-Home series or a single meeting at your university.
- 3. A sharing of shuttlecocks used is desirous.
- 4. Competition composed of four single matches and two double matches is contemplated although any other set up suggested is satisfactory to the Olathe team.
- 5. Saturday would be preferable for the day of competition.

Respectfully

Lieutenant, USNR

Chief Odom, Robinson Gym.

Dear Chief Odom:

At the end of your 2:30 class I wish that you would have the net across the floor drawn up in the balcony. Our basketball team comes on the floor at 3:10, or as soon as thereafter as possible, and I would appreciate it if you would have your boys fasten the net up each day after class.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education, Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

Lt. Theodore M. O'Leary,
Public Relations Officer,
Naval Aviation Cadet Selection Board,
1210 Bryant Building,
Kansas City 6, Missouri.

Dear Ted:

Vernon Hayes, who is a member of our Physical Education staff, and a brother of Rutherford B. Hayes, captain of the Jayhawker football team in 1935, brought his nephew into the office the other day. The nephew's name is George B. Hayes, and he is stationed at William Jewell College. He is a football and basketball player, and Vernon wanted to know if there is any chance in the future of having him transferred to K. U.

All of this, of course, is off the record, but I just wanted to pass this along to you. When he came into the office for a visit I detected a goodly supply of nicotine. Of course, I am not one of those lily-white boys, but apparently this chap has been playing where he has been permitted to smoke. Vernon says he is a fine football and basketball player, but I doubt if he would get very far on my basketball team because I would expect a fellow to train during the season. And from what I was able to observe I doubt if he would do so.

However, I am doing as I promised and am writing you regarding him. If there is anything that you can do, Vernon Hayes would greatly appreciate it.

And now I want to thank you very much for the kindness that you did. I am hoping Henry will benefit thereby, but this morning he came in with a rather long face because Dean Lawson of the College has a rule that any student transferring from another college with a D is put on probation. This boy in particular was a fine student at McPherson high school, averaging 95 to 98 in his grades, but he came back from Northwestern this summer with all C's and one D. This is the cause of the probation. I am hoping that the dean will realize that this boy is in the reserve and we are on a wartime basis and not a strictly academic schedule, especially when all the colleges are letting professionals and everybody else play, regardless. If they take this boy, Carson, out of the line-up, it is bells for Kansas, and maybe slaughter, because the men coming in are not yet available in strength. Carson was the sole offensive line smasher.

Thanks a million for past favors, and good luck. Fraternally,

Address Reply to:
Officer in Charge, not to
signer of Xtkis lefter

#### NAVAL AVIATION CADET SELECTION BOARD

REFER TO NO.

1210 BRYANT BUILDING
11TH AND GRAND AVENUE
KANSAS CITY 6, MISSOURI

Sept. 24,1943

Dr. F. C. Allen, Director of Physical Education, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kas. 135

Dear Doc:

I thought you would be interested in knowing that I have just finished personally going over the list of William Jewell Flight Preparatory school graduates and that the fifteen best football players are scheduled to arrive in Lawrence for classes beginning September 30. They will all be there for at least eight weeks. "enry Shenk has a list containing the names of thirteen of the men. I was able to add two more. One, Alexander F. Banks is described by his commanding officer as a "wonderful football player." He also stood second in his class scholastically. I don't know what his previous experience has been. The fifteenth man will be Howard C. Borschel, jr., also said to be very good. An interesting angle is that all fifteen boys, with one or two exceptions, are among the leaders in their class. Only thirty men are being sent to Lawrence in this class so I think we did quite well to get fifteen football players out of the group.

Will you please pass this information on to Henry. I told him I would let him know as soon as anything definite developed. Although absolutely nothing contrary to Naval regulations was done to get these boys sent to Lawrence it might be just as well if the impression were given that they just happened to get there. Just keep my role in the affair as quiet as possible. But I know you would have done that anyway. Iowa State, Washburn and Central college of Pella, Iowa all have football teams this year and would have liked to have had some of these became boys so you can see I might get in wrong if it washknown that there was anything planned about so many good football men happening to land at Lawrence.

I hope to get up sometime soon, and also hope to see some of the games this fall. I'll look you up.

Sincerely, /lu/

Lieut. Theodore M. O'Leary, USNR Naval Aviation Cadet Selection Board, 1210 Bryant Building, Kansas City 6, Missouri.

Dear Ted:

Thanks so much for your good letter of the 18th instant, and thanks a million for the kindnesses to Charles Moffett. You did everything in your power to get the induction through, so I appreciate it just as much as if we had him here on Mount Oread. He is a grand boy and he would have helped the football team as well as the basketball team tremendously.

Charles weak to Leavenworth for his examinations Monday. But he did call me up from Kansas City and told me of his hard luck and wanted me to extend his kindest thanks to you. May I add mine with fulsome emphasis.

I will be interested in seeing what aid you can send Henry, because he needs it, and he is a grand fellow.

With all good wishes, I am

Fraternally yours,

Director of Physical Education, Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

Address Reply to: Officer-in-Charge, not to signer of this letter.

#### NAVAL AVIATION CADET SELECTION BOARD

REFER TO NO.

1210 BRYANT BUILDING
11TH AND GRAND AVENUE
KANSAS CITY 6, MISSOURI

Pub. 101

18 September 1943

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

Dear Doctor:

Charles Moffett, who came in yesterday, was unable to pass our physical examination because of a jaw condition known as, "overbite with impingement". The theory on which the Navy turns down men with such a condition is that the condition interferes with the satisfactory use of certain rescue devices. There are a number of naval doctors who believe that with the improvement of rescue devices, such a condition should no longer be a bar to a man's acceptance. However, no changes have yet been made in the physical requirements and there was nothing our medical department could do but reject the man. It is too bad because he appeared to be a very promising candidate.

The other matter which I mentioned to you over the telephone is coming along very well and I hope to have some definite information on it by the 23rd of September.

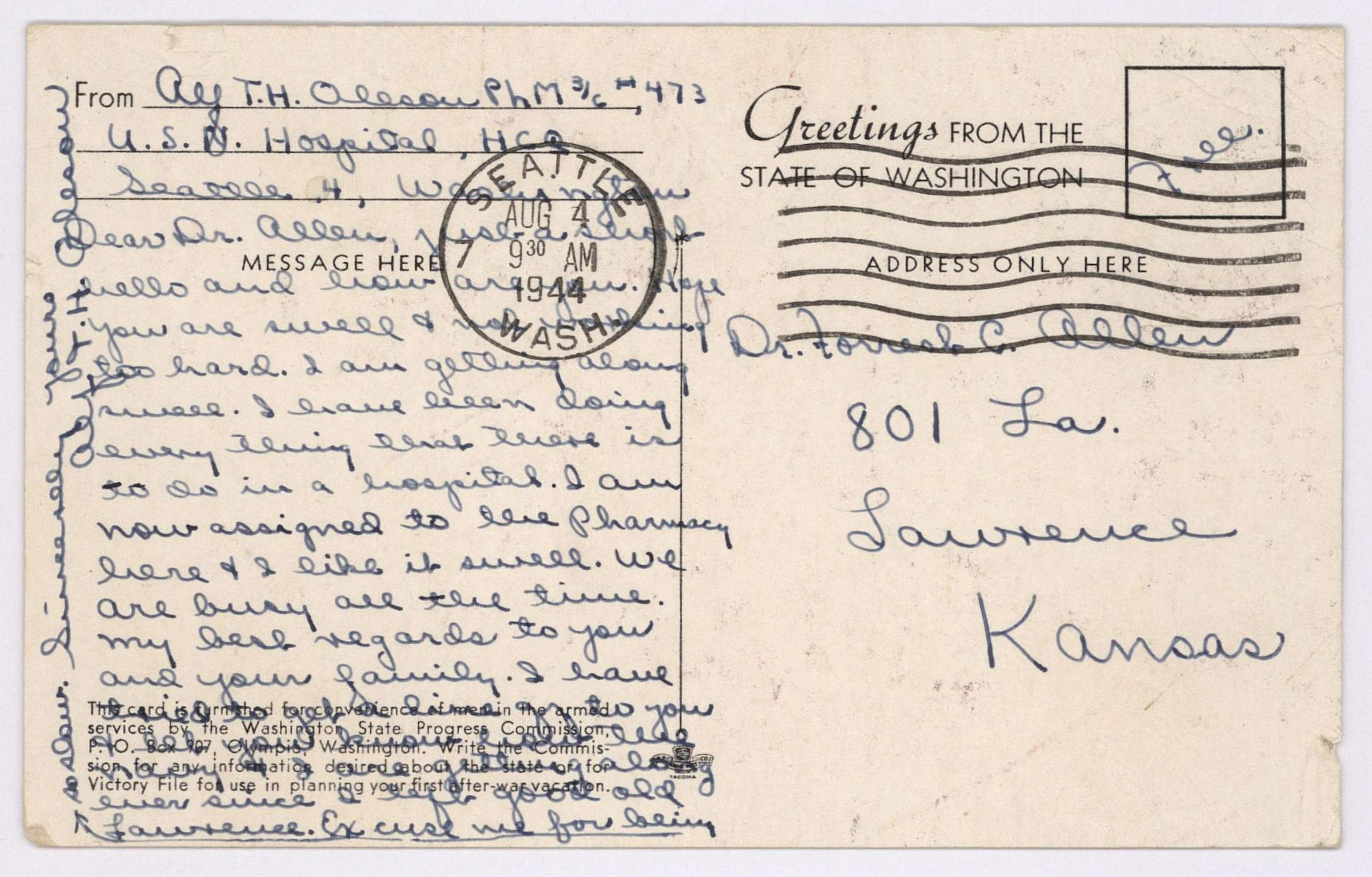
If you have any more boys, don't hesitate to let me know. Perhaps we will have better luck with them than we had with Moffett.

Sincerely,

Ted

THEODORE M. O'LEARY, Lieut., A-V(S), USNR., Member of the Board and Public Relations Officer.







## U. S. NAVAL FLIGHT PREPARATORY SCHOOL

CORNELL COLLEGE

-MOUNT VERNON, IOWA

my dear Dr. allen, and pleased to receive your letter. I am sorry that I did not write you sooner, but I hove just been transferred from mt. Vernon to Perhugue, Lawa, where I am learning to fly. Mox Kissell is still at mt. Vernon, but will soon be leaving. Thonk you again for your letter Sencerely Durmon O'Zeary