

Sunday May 20, 1945

Dear Dr Allen -

Will you please change my address for
the Jayhawk Rebounds to the following

A. J. M. Breidenthal Jr.

USS 501305

Fleet Post office
New York, New York.

I wish I could give you some news but I
can't. I am on a ship that is awaiting the
redeployment of the Armed Services of the U.S.

I enjoy reading the Rebound immensely. Maybe
one of these days I'll be some place where I can
run into some of the K. U. fellows.

yours
Muirce Jr.

P.S. Do you have Jack on your mailing list.
He is a Svc going to storekeepers school at Sampson N.Y.
his address is -

R. J. Breidenthal

Class S.K. 29-49

U. S. N. T. C.

Sampson. N. Y.

MJR

Lt (jg) W. T. Belt, U S N R

U S S Tuscaloosa

707 West Post Office

San Francisco, Cal.

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May 2, 1945

Dear Doc,

Your "Jayhawk Rebounds" are still rolling in and are certainly very much appreciated. I have a little spare time at present, after having been kept on the jump for quite some time, and wanted to send you a note telling you how much I enjoy all the dope which you gather and pass on.

I followed the basketball season as closely as it is possible to do away out here in this big pond, and mother kept me posted of the team's progress with clippings of all the games. It was a good tight race, and it seems to me that there isn't much to choose from as far as trying to name the better team between Iowa State and N. U. It sounds as though the two teams were both well above the rest of the conference. However, this is just a long range observer talking.

It is certainly amazing how the N. U. - I. State game in Hoch is always a hair-raiser year in and year out.

I understand that Don Ebling and I just missed having a reunion. His ship apparently was quite close to

mine, but we never did get the opportunity to say hello.

There isn't much I can say regarding my activities, inasmuch as the Navy seems to prefer that its boys maintain a greater silence or secrecy about their doings than does the Army. However, I have been roving about quite a bit during the past several months. This is really a big, fast team out here now, Doc, and it isn't giving the opposition a chance to call for a "time out." Consequently, I am kept fairly active since I go along for the ride.

Every bit of news from the Hill now seems to contain the notice of the death of another one of our boys. The school has lost a number of fine men, and the same sad loss is being repeated many times over the country. I only hope the gentlemen meeting in San Francisco at the present time are aware of this sacrifice and that this time they see to it that their sacrifice was not in vain.

Thanks again, Doc, for the "Rebounds" and best of luck.

Sincerely,

Bill Belt

Cpl. Jack Ballard 1708278
Troop A. 93rd Cav. Regt. 1st Div.
APO 263 c/o Postmaster
New York, N.Y.



UNITED STATES ARMY

April 24, 1945

Hi Doc:

Somewhere in Germany
A few more lines to let you know I'm still in there plugging. I have traveled a long way since my last line to you. Have been in Germany for quite some time and have really been all over the place. Have just finished the battle of the Ruhr pocket and am at present

Wish I had the Flugerville
Flashes address as I might run
across him and never know it.
After going thru the Siegfried line, which I might add is really something, I had the honor of being one of the first to cross the Rhine from my Division. Made my first crossing at Worms just north of Mannheim. The next time I crossed just south of Koblenz and have been all over eastern Germany. It has been an education in itself, but

I would rather see the country without running into an escort of 88's every time you come to a crossroad.

You know Doc I never really appreciated the Constitution with all its freedoms until I saw the people of Germany. Really they are in a sad condition when they don't know what's happening to their country until the allied strike and boy do they hit 'em. Not all towns are bombed, some are taken in tact with the exception of a few minor reparations but the majority of the larger cities look like a brick factory they are so flat. You've probably heard all about this from your many letters received from fellows over here so I'll dispense with the subject for now.

I speak for all of my buddies over here when I say the passing of President Roosevelt came as a complete shock. We first heard it over a Spanish broadcast and then BBC came on the air. I was on the front at the time and could scarcely believe my ears. Hitler's remark about fate taking the world's greatest

war criminal made me burn with
anger. I'd sure like to be the lucky
guy to settle with him. See Snelly's
letter

Well, spring is in the air both
at home and abroad. The old
familiar call of "play ball" is
echoing from the many ball
parks at home. Sure would
enjoy seeing a good game. Have
you got your boys all lined up
this year or has baseball been
abandoned at school for the
duration? Read in Stars & Stripes
about Hank Iba's boys coming
thru in the N.C.A.A. tournament in
the Garden. Glad we could have
the title in our section of the
country.

Well Doc. must be on my way
for now and bigger things ahead.
Thanks ever so much for the
rebound, sure enjoyed it. Tell
Dr. R.H. Wheeler that I'll be dropping
him a line as soon as I can.
Give my best regards to the Allen
family.

Sincerely your friend
"Jacco"

June 4, 1945.

Mr. Riley Burcham, Chairman,
Douglas County District,
Boy Scouts of America,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Riley:

It was good to have you write regarding the pleasure the Scouts enjoyed in the use of the pool. It was nice to have them and I assure you there is a mutual pleasure on our part to see youth enjoy themselves in wholesome recreation.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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LAWRENCE, KANSAS

June 2nd, 1945

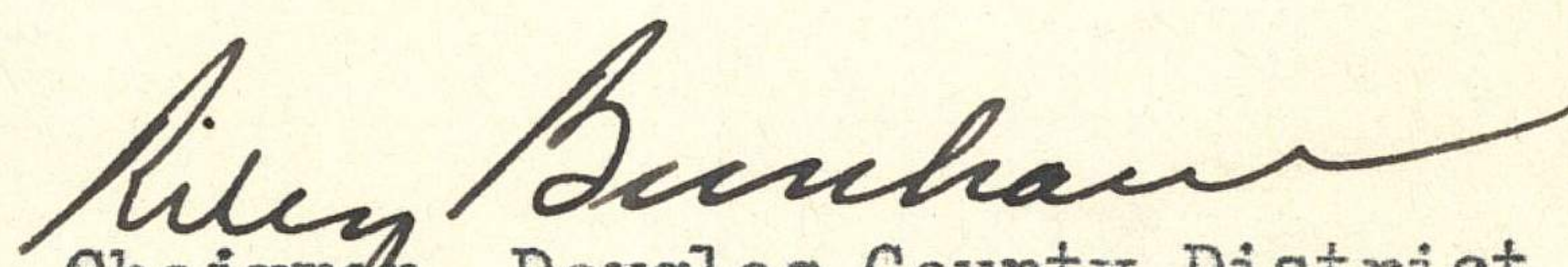
Dr. Forrest C. Allen
Department of Physical Education
Kansas University
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear "Phog":

On behalf of the Scouts of Douglas County, I want to thank your department and you for making available to the boys, the Swimming Pool out at the gymnasium. A great many boys learned to swim better, and had many pleasant evenings out there the past several months. You can feel assured that all of those boys and the fellows working with them appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity in arranging for them to use the Pool.

May I also add my personal thanks and appreciation, because I always get a kick out of seeing the boys having a good time in some worth-while sport.

Yours very sincerely,


Chairman, Douglas County District
Boy Scouts of America

RB/bd

August 14, 1945

Mr. Harold Baker
31 West 69th Street
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Harold:

I have your letter of August 11 in which you applied for a job at the University. I am very sure that we can help you, but until your schedule is made out I do not believe that we can do more than promise you work.

I am glad that you are interested in physical education and that you hope to become a physician some day. Both of these are loveable ambitions and I will be happy to help you with work so that you may obtain the end that you desire.

In answer to your question regarding barbells and dumbbells to build one's body and health, beg to state that they will build your body and improve your health, but they have a tendency to make one muscle-bound. The weights are not conducive to building supple muscles such as are used in the track events, dashes especially. The best way to develop speed in running the dashes in track is to first practice your starts for a while, then move out with a snap, and after that then ease up in the middle of your dash for a while, then sprint again, and so forth.

I am sure if you are interested in track, Coach Ray Kanehl will be happy to work with you and develop you into a good sprinter. That is, of course, if you have the ambitions and the talents necessary.

When you come to school this fall drop in to see me and I will endeavor to make a place for you. Certainly, when a fellow likes athletics and athletes it is easy for him to do good work. With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Forrest C. Allen
Director, Physical Education
Varsity Basketball Coach

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August 11, 1945

Dr. Allen
Physical Education Dept.
University of Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

I am writing you this letter to apply for a job during the coming school year. It is rather early to apply, but naturally I am doing so as to get the best job possible. I would like a job in the stadium locker room if possible. You see, I am very much interested in athletics, but being too small keeps me from going out for competitive ball, both basketball and football. I enjoy being around the players and talking to them. I will be able to work at least twenty hours a week during the fall semester. If it is possible to do so, I would be only too happy. I am an ardent physical culturist, and hope to become a doctor someday.

I also want to ask you a question. What do you think of barbells and dumbbells to build ones body and health? Also what are the best exercises to develop ones speed in running the dashes in track?

I would appreciate it very much if you would consider me for a position. I know you will do your utmost for me. If possible would you answer this letter.

Yours very truly,

Harold Baker

P. S. I have been a student at the University since July, 1944.

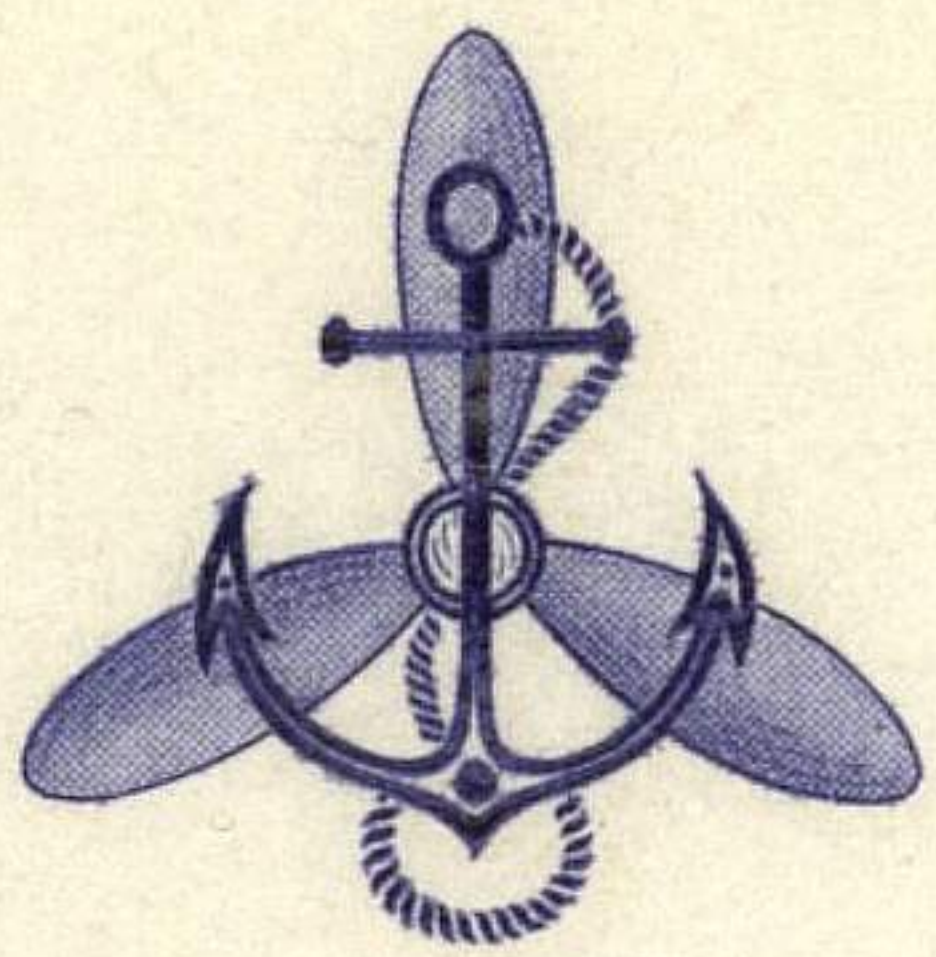
Helma Ruth Baker 51c Sp 8
Wave Bks, #658, NAS
Pensacola, Fla.



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



W·A·V·E·S

July 23.

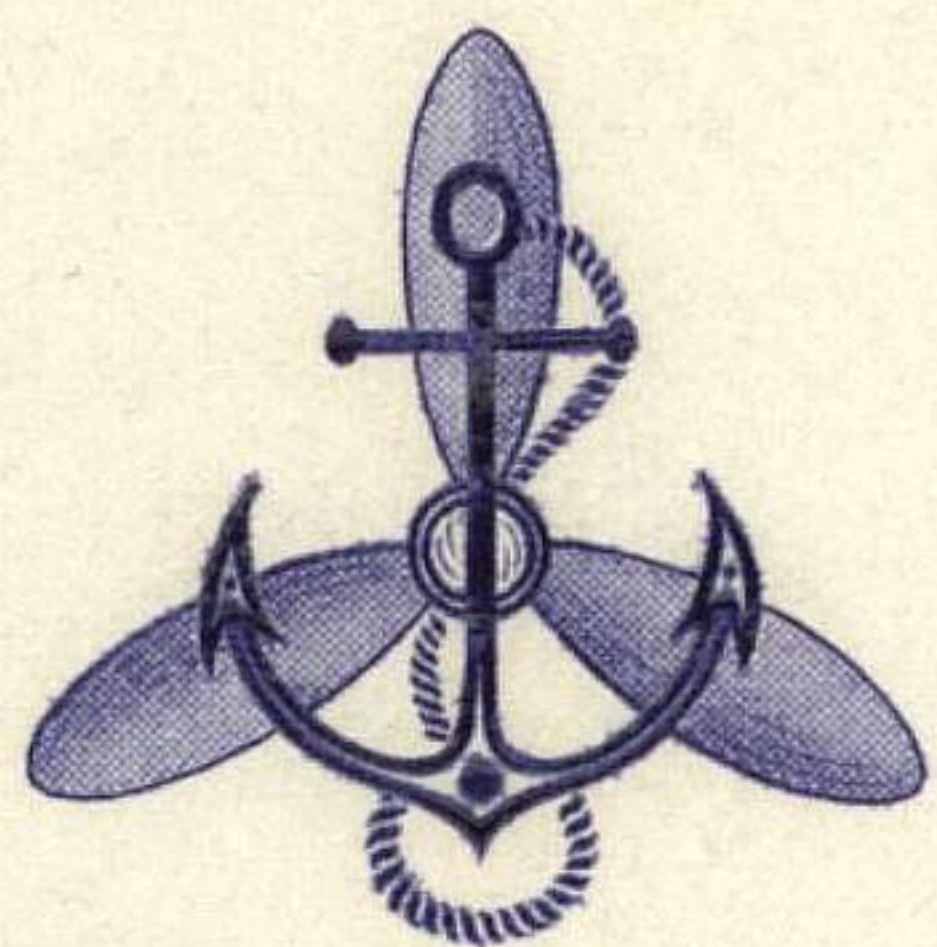
Dear Dr. Allen,

Just rec'd your letter & have a few minutes
to send you the dope requested.

I received my B.S. degree with Physical Education
major in 1938. and my M.A. in Education &
Physical Education at New York University in
1941.

Since my goal is the Rehabilitation Program,
if you wish to mention my interest in
study of anatomy, kinesiology and Corrective
work, I would appreciate it. This might
give me a better chance of working
toward Physio. Therapy or Physical Educ.
in the Hospital Wards.

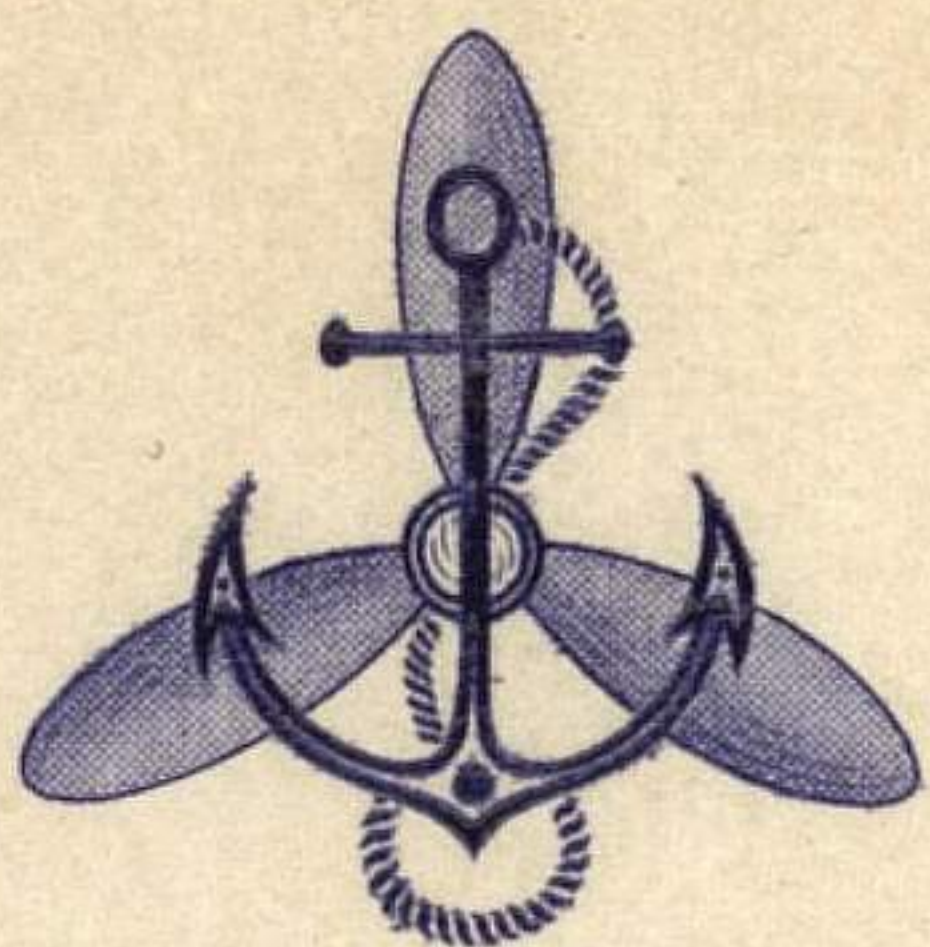
Of course, the things the Navy is
interested in are Leadership Ability
(this should have been proven in
my teaching jobs, and as Supervisor of
Women's Recreation & Welfare at Peatt &
Whitney in Kansas City), personality
and character.



W·A·V·E·S

I'm sure any letter covering these points will be sufficient, and I'm certainly grateful for anything you may write.

I have a new job until Aug 1. I was detached from the Wave Ath. Office last Thursday to take over the job of directing ^(rather Producing) a show for the Wave Birthday July 20 and 21. The outlying fields have officers handling their part of the show but NAS has no one who would attempt to do it. I carried the load of the Ath. Office, in the absence of the Wave Ath. Officer, and the dance part of the show. Then Bingo! The entire NAS show fell on me. Script to be revised & cast, songs to be written for the Glee Club, costumes, staging, directing, etc. I don't mind tho, since I can have more time now to do it. Of course, I have no intentions of running competition with Feigfield & his folks, just so we entertain the Admiral and his Staff.



W-A-V-E-S

Received word today that my brother stationed at San Diego will get his leave in Sept. so I'm planning to take mine then, too. Maybe I can drop in at K.U. for a visit. When is the fall term starting, and is there a football game that early? I hope so. I haven't visited for my Alma Mater for a long time. in person and I think it would be a great thrill to get in that stadium once more and hear Cimson & the Blue, to say nothing of the thrill of watching a game there.

I have a rehearsal starting soon, so I'll close. Write the letters for Lt. Gray (WR), Administrative Officer, Bldg 650, NAS, Pensacola, Fla. Send them to me and I'll deliver them to her in person. Thanks again.

Sincerely,

Velma Ruth Baker,
Wave Bks # 658,
NAS, Pensacola, Fla.

July 26, 1945

Miss Velma Ruth Baker Slo Sp(S)
Wave Bks #658, NAS
Pensacola, Florida

Dear Ruth:

Your airmail letter of July 23rd arrived this morning. It was dated Pensacola, July 24th at 8:00 A.M. We are sending this to you pronto, and we are quite sure that it will arrive in good time. Good luck to you.

You asked about our football schedule. We are enclosing one for you. If you should arrive in our country in September you will find that we play Texas Christian University in Kansas City. Our first game in Lawrence is with Iowa State on ~~August~~ 6th, so if you want to give a good old Rock Chalk yell in the old Kansas Stadium you will have to postpone it beyond September. If you do make it to Lawrence in September let us know and drop in to say hello. We will be glad to see you.

Lots of good luck to you.

Sincerely yours

Director of Physical Education
Varsity basketball coach

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July 26, 1945

Lt. Gray (WR), Administrative Officer
Bldg. 650 N.A.S.
Pensacola, Florida

Dear Lt. Gray:

I am very happy to commend for your consideration Miss Velna Ruth Baker whom I have known for ten or twelve years.

Miss Baker received a B.A. degree in the School of Education at the University of Kansas, with a major in Physical Education in 1938 and a M.A. in Education and Physical Education at the New York University in 1941.

I have had Miss Baker in my classes and at all times I have found her to be an outstanding student of exceptional merit. In the Biological Sciences she was outstanding. Her work in Anatomy, Kinesiology, and corrective work was especially outstanding.

Miss Baker has poise, character, leadership, and sound judgment. As Supervisor of Women's Recreation and Welfare at Pratt & Whitney Company in Kansas City, Missouri, Miss Baker organized this work to a high degree due undoubtedly to her strong personality and ability to organize, deputize, and supervise. Her work is not the mere accidental type, but founded on experience and skill.

Miss Baker is a highly dependable woman and demands attention by her strong personality and fine bearing. I am happy to recommend Miss Baker without reservation or evasion. She is an efficient lady in all that the term implies.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education
Varsity Basketball Coach

FCA:MEH

August 21, 1945

Dear Dr. Allen:

I have received your reply to my letter asking you for a job this fall. Thank you very much for your interest.

I shall come to see you at the first opportunity upon reaching the University. I would like very much to have a talk with you about health and body building.

Thanks again

Yours very truly,

Harold Baker

Harold Baker

August 20, 1945

Mr. Dan Bolen
Spradley-Bolen Agency
Public Utility Building
114 West Iron Avenue
Salina, Kansas

Dear Dan:

Thanks for your good letter of the seventeenth instant. I am sending you a carbon copy of the letter that I am writing Carl Anderson, Gene's father.

We have just finished our summer session of eight weeks and at the present time I am cleaning up a lot of the stuff that could not have been taken care of during our busy eight weeks. As soon as I hear from Gene's father I will communicate with you regarding the time that I will be in Salina. Henry Shenk and Dean Nesmith are in Wichita this week at the coaching school so it will be necessary for me to stay close to the office to run the local affairs.

Ernie Quigley is still in bed at home, but is making satisfactory progress.

With all good wishes to you and yours, I am

Sincerely,

Forrest C. Allen
Director, Physical Education
Varsity Basketball Coach

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August 25, 1945

Mr. Mel Bishop
Southwest High School
Department of Physical Education
6512 Wornall Road
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Mel:

I thank you very much for your good letter of the twenty-third instant. I suspected that Don Nickel had already committed himself to Missouri, but I wanted to follow this through on account of Henry Shenk's interest in him.

I am sending you a carbon copy of the letter that I am writing to Jack Leathers.

I am indebted to you for your very thorough and prompt work in regards to these two boys.

With kindest regards and sincerest wishes, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Forrest C. Allen
Director, Physical Education
Varsity Basketball Coach

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Inclosure

August 25, 1945

Mr. Jack Leathers
35 East 68th Terrace
Kansas City, Missouri

My dear Jack:

I have had conversation with Mel Bishop regarding you. This morning I received a letter from him saying that you are planning to enroll in Baker this Fall, but you expect to be drafted the later part of November.

It so happens that I am Secretary of the Selective Service Board, and all eighteen year olds are apt to be taken about six weeks after their pre-induction physical examination (if they pass). Congress is the only outfit that can thwart this move and I am not sure what exactly will be their attitude. There is a move on foot to return most of the men who have been in active service quite some time. Congress may knock the eighteen year old draft law out, but that is always problematical. You have a chance, of course, of getting in the Navy even though you wait until you are drafted. They do not promise you, but the odds are fairly good. However, if you join the Navy, you might get in some branch that would be for one year only.

I should like to see you enter the University of Kansas. Mel Bishop recommends you very highly as an A-1 boy who can be depended upon. I can give you all the work you desire at fifty cents per hour. We have a large Navy contingent here and none of them are allowed to accept any extra money for work. Therefore, there is much work for civilians who actually want to work.

Your tuition at the University would not amount to as much as your tuition at a denominational school. I formerly coached at Baker University about thirty-seven years ago. Then, I went to the State Teachers College at Warrensburg, Missouri, for seven years, and then came here as Director of Athletics, where I have been for twenty-seven years.

I should be glad to have you give me a ring, and reverse the call, and, if you are interested, I should be glad to talk with you and your mother.

Won't you let me hear from you?

Sincerely yours,

Forrest C. Allen
Director, Physical Education
Varsity Basketball Coach

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SOUTHWEST HIGH SCHOOL

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS

6512 WORNALL ROAD
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

8-23-'45

Forest C Allen
University of Kansas.

Dear "Phog"

Since talking with you last week I have talked with both Don Nickels & Jack Leathers. Don has definitely decided on M.A. & has already sent his transcript in. He was 18 yrs. old yesterday. He lives with his mother at the morning Glou apt. in the Plaza.

I talked with Jack himself & also his mother. His father died several years ago. Both Jack & his mother are interested in K.U. He plans to enroll in Baker this fall but expects to be drafted the last of Nov. when he will be eighteen. After his return from the Army (he is thinking about joining the Navy) he would like to enter K.U. Jack & his mother are both undecided as to what is the best plan this fall. If he is certain of being drafted he would prefer signing up for the Navy but not for three years. I am sure a letter from you

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would be highly appreciated. Being a member of the Draft board at Lawrence you could give them some definite facts. I mentioned that you could assure him of all the work he wanted at 50¢ per hr. Again I would like to urge if not against your policy, to write & invite him to K.C. I am writing these lines since I didn't think it was urgent enough to call.

With every good wish, I am

Very sincerely yours

M. P. Bishop

Address
Mr Jack Leathers
35 E 68th Terr.
Kansas City, Mo.

Phone Ja 7497

It 67 21 W. T. Bell, U S N R

U S S Tuscaloosa

907 1/2 bet Post office

San Francisco, Cal.

January 19, 1945

Dear Doc,

It was a real treat to receive your "Jayhawk Rebounds" no. 12, although it had a hard time finding me inasmuch as I have changed ponds since last I talked to you. They certainly are keeping you busy, and I think you are doing a mighty fine job in sending out the "Rebounds" along with all of your other activities. I know all of the boys really appreciate it.

I am wondering how the basketball team is coming along. I saw one score in our little ship's news sheet which said we had beaten Missouri, but I haven't been able to run down any more scores. However, I will be wishing you and the boys the best of luck in the coming season. I honestly believe that some of the most nerve-wracking moments I have ever had were spent in Hoch Auditorium during those see-saw battles. How I loved it, though, and how much I look forward to the day when we can all be there again, cheering for a victorious Jayhawk team.

The Navy is still giving me a practical lesson in geography, and since I last saw you in September I have covered lots of water. One doesn't realize just how big this Pacific is until you are swallowed up

by its vastness. I should be seeing quite a few Jayhawks on this side, I imagine, since most of them seem to be out here. I have met several already from '42-'44., although I didn't know them at the time we were both on the Hill. Last November I had a nice visit with Don Ebling and his wife. They had me out to their little apartment in Norfolk for dinner, and we had a great time recalling old times. Don is probably out on an APD now.

It was interesting to read about the boys and to know what they are doing. They certainly have scattered us around haven't they? What a lot of tall tales will be told when we all get together again.

I am keeping pretty busy these days, and I am still keeping my hand in the teaching line. However, instead of Spanish and fencing, and the smiling faces of '42-'44. coeds before me, I now am teaching plane and ship recognition, while gazing at a bunch of satty sailors.

Thanks again for the "Rebounds" and best wishes for a very happy new year to all of you in the department.

Sincerely,

Bill

W. T. Bell