

December 7, 1942.

The Commandant,
U. S. Marine Corps,
Headquarters,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

It is a pleasure for me to recommend for your consideration Jack Griffin, Jr., of 476 New Customhouse, Denver, Colorado.

I knew Jack Griffin as a student at the University of Kansas in 1934-37. He was a fine athlete, very alert and knew how to take orders. Football, basketball and baseball were his major activities, but I believe he was a more exceptional baseball player than in the other two sports. I knew Jack Griffin intimately, both as an athlete and as a chum of one of my sons on the varsity here.

He is a dependable chap, makes hosts of friends wherever he goes, and has an exceptionally strong personality. He knows the meaning of the word loyalty.

I am very enthusiastic in recommending him to you because I believe that from all of his experiences both in and out of college he, in my opinion, possesses the qualifications that you consider for officer candidate material. I am glad to recommend him to you without reservation.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

December 1, 1942.

To Whom It May Concern:

I am very happy to commend Michael Peter O'Donnell, of the University of Kansas, who desires admission to V-7.

I have known Michael O'Donnell for two years and have had him in my class. I find him to be an enterprising, energetic, cooperative, intelligent young man. He has a splendid personality and an aggressive attitude toward the pursuit of his studies. I am glad to recommend him without reservation.

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

December 1, 1942.

To Whom It May Concern:

It is a pleasure to recommend to you Mr. Reginald R. Strait, who is at the present time an instructor in our Department of Physical Education at the University of Kansas. I have known Mr. Strait for over ten years.

One of my colleagues, Dr. E. R. Elbel, who is now in the Technical Command of the Army Air Corps, was athletic director and coach at Ottawa University where Mr. Strait attended college in his undergraduate days. Dr. Elbel spoke very highly of Mr. Strait's work at Ottawa. While at Ottawa Mr. Strait was one of the outstanding athletes in that school.

After graduating from college Mr. Strait coached with splendid success in Belle Plaine, Kansas, high school from 1927 to 1931. He then advanced to Kinsley, Kansas, where he was coach and physical education instructor at Kinsley High School. His next advance was to the Chanute, Kansas, high school where he was director of physical education from 1937 to 1942.

Enlistment in the service took Dr. Laurence E. Morehouse from our department, and we cast about for a man to fill his shoes. We were quite fortunate in being able to obtain Mr. Strait. He has done a wonderful job for us and I am very happy to recommend him to you without reservation or evasion. It has been a delight to have him in our department on account of his efficiency and his personality.

Mr. Strait did his graduate work at the State University of Iowa and he received his Master of Arts degree there in 1936 in Physical Education. He has done additional work toward his Ph. D. degree in that institution. He is a very valuable man in his chosen field.

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Reginald A Strait

Born 1904 (38)

Attended Ottawa University 1923-27 B.Sc

Participated in major sports of that school

Coached all sports Belle Plaine High School Belle Plaine, Kans
1927-31

Coach and instructor of Physical Education Kinsley City Schools
Kinsley, Kansas 1931-37

Director of Physical Education Chanute City Schools Chanute,
Kansas 1937-42

University of Kansas October 1942

Graduate Study University of Iowa (summer sessions)

M.A 1936. in Physical Education.

Work towards PhD in Physical Education

December 3, 1942.

To Whom It May Concern:

I am very happy to recommend Paul Carpenter, a student at the University of Kansas. He is a member of my varsity basketball team, and last year was on the freshman basketball squad.

Carpenter is a fine, clean, personable young man. He is intelligent and energetic. He is in his sophomore year, and maintains about a B average in his studies.

I am very glad to recommend him without reservation.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

December 4, 1942.

To Whom It May Concern:

I am very happy to write in behalf of John Franklin Short, a sophomore at the University of Kansas.

John Short is an outstanding student and athlete. He maintains a B average in his studies, and at the same time takes an active part in athletics. He was a stellar member of my freshman basketball team last year, and is on the varsity team this year. He is fine, clean, personable, aggressive and intelligent.

I am very glad to recommend him without reservation.

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

December 10, 1942.

Mr. Wm. R. Essick,
Liberty Memorial High School,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Bill:

I am enclosing a copy of the letter I have written
and sent to the Kansas City office this morning. I assure
you I am very happy to do this small thing for you, and
wish you lots of good luck.

Cordially yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

December 10, 1942.

The Procurement Division,
United States Army,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sirs:

I am very happy to commend to you Mr. William R. Essick, a teacher of agriculture in the Lawrence Memorial High School for the past fifteen years. Mr. Essick is a graduate of Kansas State College at Manhattan. He has been a most substantial citizen here in the community, taking part in all the community activities with marked distinction.

In the high school he is regarded by his boys as their best friend. He is a man's man. He is virile, aggressive, dependable, and knows the meaning of the word loyalty to the nth degree.

Mr. Essick believes emphatically in all types of competition. While not an athletic coach, he has been always interested in the outdoor life for boys and leads them by the power of his strong personality and his genial yet firm disposition. He is a very safe and valuable man to deal with young people. At the same time, he is highly organized in getting difficult jobs done in short order.

His character is of the highest and his standing in the community is of the best. I am very happy to commend him to you without reservation or evasion.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

December 11, 1942.

To Whom It May Concern:

I am very happy to recommend Bill Passmore, a student at the University of Kansas. Passmore is a sophomore in the School of Engineering, and has maintained a B average in his studies.

Passmore is a fine, clean, aggressive young man. He is a hard worker, entirely dependable and reliable, and is loyal to the nth degree.

I am glad to recommend him to you without reservation.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

November 24, 1942.

To Whom It May Concern:

I am very happy to recommend to you Howard Brown, a junior in the School of Education with a major in Physical Education.

I have had Brown in my classes in First Aid and in Basketball. I have found him to be a very attentive, intelligent and cooperative student. He is clean, personable and energetic. He has a fine sense of responsibility. His home is in Kansas City, Kansas. In my opinion he is a fine candidate for officer training in Army aviation.

Very cordially yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

November 23, 1942.

To Whom It May Concern:

I have known Jack Connor since his senior year in high school. He played on my freshman basketball team one year at the University.

Jack Connor is a fine, clean, personable young man of high character. He is energetic, reliable, and loyal to the nth degree.

I am very happy to recommend him most highly.

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

November 3, 1942.

To Whom It May Concern:

I am very happy to recommend Stephen Curtis Hinshaw, a student at the University of Kansas.

Hinshaw is very dependable, personable, loyal and energetic. He is a young man of excellent character, and has a fine spirit of cooperation.

I am happy indeed to recommend him without reservation or evasion.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

October 27, 1942

To Whom It May Concern:

I am very happy to testify as to the character and standing and fitness of Harold "Sparky" McSpadden, a sophomore in Chemical Engineering in the School of Engineering at the University of Kansas.

McSpadden is an outstanding student, having 17 hours of A, 7 hours of B, 4 hours of C, and 3 hours of D. His yearly average is 2.3.

McSpadden is a fine athlete with a splendid personality. He was born July 21, 1923 at Sedan, Kansas, and graduated with high honors at ElDorado High School, El Dorado, Kansas, and since coming to the campus of the University of Kansas has made many friends among faculty and students. He is one of our leaders on the campus.

He is intelligent, loyal and personable. I am happy to recommend him for consideration in V1 Naval Reserve.

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

November 10, 1942.

To Whom It May Concern:

I am very happy to recommend William Atwell, a student in the University of Kansas, who is desirous of changing from V-7 to V-5.

I have had Bill Atwell in varsity baseball and have had him in classes, where he is now majoring in physical education. He is personable, clean, efficient and loyal. He has the ability to get along with his fellows, and in my opinion will make a fine officer. He does not dissipate and has a high regard for his body. I am glad to recommend him.

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

November 10, 1942.

Mr. Curtis Jenkins,
731 Sp. Main St.,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Curtis:

I am enclosing the letter you requested, and am very happy to do this small favor for you. Here's wishing you lots of luck now and hereafter.

Success to you, old fellow.

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

November 10, 1942.

To Whom It May Concern:

I am very happy to recommend Curtis Jenkins, who is a graduate of the University of Kansas in 1939. Jenkins majored in Physical Education, in the School of Education. He is a fine athlete, as is attested by his record in football. He played under our present coach and athletic director, Gwinn Henry, when Henry was coach and athletic director at the University of New Mexico. His years in football at Albuquerque were in 1934, '35, '36.

Jenkins transferred to the University of Kansas in 1937 and played on the varsity football team here in 1938. He was under Lt. Col. Adrian Lindsey, who is now in the armed forces.

I have known Curtis Jenkins for several years, even prior to his enrolling at New Mexico. I was well acquainted with him when he was in high school at Higginsville, Mo.

Jenkins is a thoroughly dependable and intelligent young man. His loyalty is unquestioned and he has the ability to follow commands to the nth degree. He is clean, personable and efficient. I am very happy to recommend him.

Very cordially yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

November 5, 1942.

To Whom It May Concern:

I am very happy to write in behalf of Mr. Kenneth Glover, a sophomore at the University of Kansas.

Glover is a sophomore in Architectural Engineering, where he is doing excellent work. He is intelligent, personable, cooperative and loyal. He was an outstanding athlete in high school, and at the University he is one of the leaders on the campus.

I am very glad to recommend him without reservation or evasion.

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

November 5, 1942.

To Whom It May Concern:

I am very happy to write in behalf of John Warren Jacks, a sophomore and pre-medic at the University of Kansas.

Jacks is an excellent student, a fine athlete and a very dependable worker. He is loyal, cooperative and intelligent. He played on my freshman basketball team last year, and is on my varsity team this year, so I have had many contacts with him.

I am very glad to recommend him without reservation or evasion.

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

November 12, 1942.

To Whom It May Concern:

I am very happy to testify as to the character, intelligence, loyalty and personality of Lloyd Purcell, Jr.

I have known the young man for fifteen or sixteen years, he having been a neighbor of ours. I was well acquainted with him during his high school and his undergraduate days. He is a young man thoroughly dependable in all the things that he undertakes. Lloyd Purcell, Jr., is a graduate of the University of Kansas in the School of Business Administration.

I am happy to recommend him to you without reservation.

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

October 29, 1942.

To Whom It May Concern:

I am very happy to recommend Sanborn Cook, a student at the University of Kansas.

Sanborn Cook is a young man of excellent qualities of leadership, high character, and intelligence. He is interested in sports, and at the same time maintains a high standard of scholarship. He is clean, personable and loyal.

I am glad to recommend him without reservation or evasion.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

September 14, 1942.

To Whom It May Concern:

I am very happy to write in behalf of Max Kissell, a student at the University of Kansas, who desires to enlist in the Army Air Corps Reserve.

Kissell was a member of my varsity basketball team this past season, and the year before was an outstanding member of the freshman basketball squad. He is a brilliant player and is well-liked by the members of the team. He has fine qualities of leadership, is cooperative and capable. He is highly intelligent, and is a young man of excellent character.

While Kissell has found it necessary to work to earn a part of his school expenses, at the same time he has maintained a high standard of scholarship.

I am very glad to recommend him without reservation.

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

May 26, 1942.

To Whom It May Concern:

I am very happy to write in behalf of Max Kissell, a student at the University of Kansas, who is making application for admission to Officers' Training in the United States Marine Corps.

Kissell was a member of my varsity basketball team this past season, and the year before was an outstanding member of the freshman basketball squad. He is a brilliant player and is well-liked by the members of the team. He has fine qualities of leadership, his character is good, he is intelligent, cooperative and capable.

Kissell has found it necessary to work to earn part of his expenses while in school, and at the same time has maintained a high standard of scholarship.

I am very glad to recommend him to you without reservation or evasion.

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

September 28, 1942.

Mr. L. L. Camien,
712 Ohio Street,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Camien:

I am sending you a carbon copy of the letter I have just mailed, and I sincerely trust that we have been of some service to you in helping you procure the commission for which you are applying.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH
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September 28, 1942.

Kansas City Officer Procurement District,
223 Porter Building,
406 West 34th Street,
Kansas City, Mo.

To Whom It May Concern:

I am very happy to commend to you Mr. Laiten L. Camien, a graduate student of our University who expects to receive his Ph.D. degree this summer. Mr. Camien's major is personnel selection and administration, and his minor is sociology.

Mr. Camien has been a teacher for fourteen years and is married. His first teaching position was at Belle Plaine, Kansas, and his second was at Sun City, Kansas, where he was principal and had an enrollment of forty-five students. Before coming to the University for his advanced work he was Superintendent at Dill, Oklahoma, and his school had an enrollment of five hundred. This shows a progressive advance in his profession.

I understand that he is applying for a commission in your arm of the service. I have known Mr. Camien and feel that he is especially well qualified in his fields of endeavor. He has a keen insight and an analytical mind. His years of experience as a teacher have fitted him in an unusual degree.

He is loyal, is personable, and untiring in his efforts. I am glad to recommend him to you without reservation.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

October 20, 1942.

Captain I. W. Cahoon,
510 Porter Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Captain Cahoon:

I am very happy to recommend to you Frank W. Mandeville, of
Lowe & Campbell, of Kansas City.

I have known Mr. Mandeville for over eighteen years and have
found him to be a most dependable, loyal and efficient young man.
I knew him when he was a football, basketball and track star at the
University of Kansas in 1917. I came to the University as Director
of Athletics in 1919. It was my pleasure to coach him on the var-
sity football team as well as the varsity basketball team. He was
a great athlete, responsive and versatile.

Since his graduation I have followed him as coach at Hays
Teachers College and during his long tenure with Lowe & Campbell
in Kansas City. He is a man of fine family, and his loyalty and
ability are unquestioned. He has a sterling character, he is a
man of no bad habits, and he has the ability to make hosts of
friends in all walks of life.

I am glad to recommend him to you without reservation or
evasion.

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.