

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.

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