

March 13, 1943.

Mr. Thomas H. McFarland,  
Mtn. States Tel. & Tel. Co.,  
Missoula, Montana.

My dear Mac:

It is a pleasure to respond to your request, as of March 8, 1943. I am happy to know that you are doing a good job in the telephone business as you always had done in all your other activities.

I trust that you are successful in obtaining your objective.

My kindest regards to your good family and yourself.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH  
Enc.



Missoula, Montana  
March 8, 1943

Dr. Forrest C. Allen  
University of Kansas  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

I am writing you to ask if you would favor me with a letter of recommendation for a Commission in the Naval Reserve. I realize you must be swamped with similar requests from your many proteges of years past and present. But, I also realize the prestige a letter from such a national figure as you are, gives to one.

I'll give you a little of my background, so that you will remember who I am. The last time I saw you was in April, 1939--when my wife and I stopped in your office, and you gave us tickets to the Kansas Relays that week-end. I was picked by you in 1928, as Senior Manager of the Kansas Relays Committee, after serving on it in 1925, -26 and 27. The watch which was given me that year is still my most prized possession.

I was a member of the Athletic Board in 1927 and can well remember one meeting at which we offered Ad Lindsey--then going to Oklahoma as head football coach--an assistant coach job, in a noble effort to try and save him for K.U. A few years later you were able to get him to return as head coach. I was also a member of Schem, advertising manager of the Daily Kansan, Member of the Men's Student Council and Varsity Dance Manager in 1928.

Also, I might mention I was born and raised on a farm, five miles east of Lawrence, living there until I started to high school. We then moved to 700 Mississippi St., in Lawrence, where my mother still lives. I can well remember a few times when your oldest son, who later died, rode out on his bicycle--with another boy, to our farm. You would drive out and bring them back to town in the car.

Am enclosing a self Addressed envelope, since the 3 copies of the letter --each on letterhead and each signed--should be returned to me for enclosure with my final application. They should be addressed to  
DIRECTOR OF NAVAL OFFICER PROCUREMENT  
117 Marion St.  
Seattle, Washington.

I am not making application for a commission in a last minute attempt to beat the draft, as I am in 3-A. I have worked for the Telephone Company ever since my graduation in 1928. My wife and three year old son are in full accord with my wish to help the war effort in any way the Navy might be able to use me.



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Congratulations on another Big Six basketball championship. Even out here in the wilds of Montana, the name Kansas is synonymous with basketball champions.

Thanks in advance for your time and effort. I hope that you can feel free to give me the letter.

Very truly yours,

*Thomas N. McFarland.*

Thomas Nelson McFarland



March 13, 1943.

Director of Naval Officer Procurement,  
117 Marion Street,  
Seattle, Washington.

My dear Sir:

I am happy to commend to you for possible officer material Thomas Nelson McFarland, whom I have known since 1925. I have known McFarland as a student in the University where he was very active in all extracurricular activities as well as doing an outstanding job in his studies.

McFarland was born on a farm five miles east of Lawrence, Kansas. When he attended the Lawrence Memorial High School he moved to town where he resided during the years of his high school and college life.

McFarland served as a member of the Athletic Board in 1927 and in 1928 was elected the senior manager of the Kansas Relays Committee. He served on this committee for three years and did a splendid job. He was intelligent, cooperative and most energetic.

McFarland has a fine personality and has the ability to get much out of the man under him. He is personable and has the ability to make friends, and at the same time he commands the high respect of his fellows. He has been uniformly successful in all the work that he has undertaken so far as my observation of him is concerned. He has high moral integrity. He is a fine American citizen who knows the full meaning of the word loyalty.

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

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.



March 9, 1943

To Whom It May Concerns:

During the past two years Otto Schnellbacher has been a student at the University of Kansas and during this time, he has been in several of my classes. He has also been one of our student instructors in Physical Education.

I am happy to recommend him as a young man who not only is a great athlete, but is also intelligent, a good student, conscientious, and has a fine personality. He is dependable in every sense of the word and a real leader. I recommend him unreservedly.

Very sincerely,

Henry Shenk  
Asst. Professor, Physical Education  
Director, Men's Intramurals, University  
of Kansas



March 9, 1943

To Whom It May Concern:

I desire to commend to you Mr. Otto Ole Schnellbacher, of Sublette, Kansas. Schnellbacher entered the University of Kansas as a freshman from Sublette High School in September, 1941. He has been an outstanding student and athlete. He made exceptional records in high school and he has followed the same high plane of endeavor here at the University of Kansas.

Schnellbacher was one of the outstanding men of our varsity basketball and football teams the past year, and during the basketball season he has played on the ever-victorious Big Six championship five which closed its season March 6th. He served for two semesters as president of his fraternity and has been an all-round activity man and student here at the University.

He is six feet two inches tall, weighs 185 pounds and has a very striking appearance. He is clean, personable and courageous. His character is of the best and he numbers his friends by the legion. He is one of the finest athletes that I have had and his ability to accept training and discipline is admirable. He knows the meaning of the word loyalty and teamwork.

In my opinion he is exceptional material for officer training. I am happy to recommend him without reservation or evasion.

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.



March 9, 1943.

To Whom It May Concern:

I am happy to commend to you Mr. Norman B. Sammsan for consideration as possible officer material in the Naval Officer Procurement Construction Battalion of the Navy.

I have known Norman Sammsan since the time he was a student at Washburn College in Topeka, Kansas. He competed two years in varsity athletics for Washburn and then entered the University of Kansas, enrolling in the School of Architectural Engineering. He has had much experience in construction work as his father is a contractor and he worked each summer in his father's business.

Sammsan was here at the University of Kansas from 1939 to 1942, finishing with the degree of Architectural Engineering. He played center on my varsity basketball team during the winter of 1940-'41, and made his letter in track in the high jump. Sammsan is an exceptional personality and a splendid athlete. He has the exceptional ability to make a great number of friends. He is clean, personable, courteous and courageous. As an athlete he is the fighter type, always giving the very best that he has in him. He was very popular with his teammates and was an outstanding leader.

I would not hesitate for a minute to recommend him without reservation to you. He knows the meaning of the word loyalty and discipline.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH



February 27, 1943.

Mr. Ernie Vanek,  
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Ernie:

I am very happy to write a letter in your behalf,  
and trust that it gets the job done for you.

Lots of good luck to you, Ernie.

Cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH  
Enc.



February 27, 1943.

To Whom It May Concern:

I desire to commend to you Mr. Ernie Vanzek, the athletic coach and physical director of the Topeka, Kansas, High School.

Ernie Vanzek entered the University of Kansas from Ellsworth, Kansas, High School, and played on my varsity basketball team in 1932, '33 and '34. He was one of our outstanding basketball players and team leaders.

Vanzek was one of the most popular men that I have ever had on my varsity basketball squad. He is personable, kindly and forceful. He makes friends by the thousands. His teammates and opponents respected him most highly.

He is clean, capable and courageous, and in my opinion would make an excellent officer. Vanzek majored in physical education and knows the theory as well as the practice of this activity. His character is of the very highest and he knows the full meaning of the word loyalty.

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

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

PGA:AH



February 24, 1945.

To Whom It May Concern:

I am very happy to recommend for your favorable consideration Joseph Delmar Richardson, who came to the University of Kansas in the fall of 1935 and was a splendid athlete having won two letters each in football and track.

Richardson was a fine influence on the campus and was active in extracurricular activities as well. He was vice president of the K Club, a University Letterman's organization. He was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity, serving as their vice president in 1936.

For the past two years Richardson has been teaching Power Plants for the Navy.

While here at the University I came to know Richardson very well. He has a fine personality, splendid character, and his loyalty is unquestioned. He is cooperative and knows the significant value of teamwork and cooperation.

I am glad to recommend him to you as a splendid young man for officer training.

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

PCA:AH



UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS  
LAWRENCE

DEPARTMENT OF  
INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

From - Joseph Delmar Richardson

was introduced to you in the year 1933  
by John Songberg, football & basket ball coach of  
Argentine High School.

- ① Came to the University in the fall of 1935 (Education) <sup>School</sup>
- ② Have two letters in track & football.
- ③ Vice-President of the "K" Club 1937
- ④ Member of the Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity  
Vice-President 1936
- ⑤ I have been teaching P.E. & lent for the  
Navy for the last two years



February 20, 1943.

Lieut. W. H. Crosby, USNR,  
Bureau of Naval Personnel,  
2nd Floor Finance Building,  
1000 Baltimore Avenue,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Lieutenant Crosby:

I am very happy to reply to your letter of the 13th instant concerning Miller A. Cameron. I have known Miller Cameron for five or six years and have always found him to be a young man of high character.

He entered the University of Kansas in the fall of 1938, and while here played on the freshman football, basketball and baseball teams. The following year he was a member of the varsity Football squad. He was a fine athlete, observing training rules in an excellent fashion.

Cameron is clean, capable and personable. He has high qualities of leadership and initiative, and knows the meaning of the word loyalty to the nth degree.

I am very glad to commend him to your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH



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BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL  
NAVY DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF NAVAL OFFICER PROCUREMENT

February 13, 1943

Dear Dr. Allen:

Reference: Miller A. CAMERON

In placing this important matter before you, it is sincerely regretted that a personal letter can not be sent, but to do so would make it necessary to divert energy now focused on other wartime duties.

The conscientious thought given your reply to this request may affect the welfare and safety of many men, as the man about whom we are writing may eventually be in a position of command. Therefore, the requested information is of more than usual significance.

Please tell us in detail what you can about this applicant, touching particularly on leadership, character, initiative, judgment, personality, standing in his community, and nature of his work. If significant, distinguish between facts and opinions from your own knowledge and those based on extraneous information.

A return envelope is enclosed. Your reply will be kept in strictest confidence and will have an important bearing on the final decision. Please accept our thanks for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

*W. H. Crosby*

LIEUT., USNR.

Dr. Forrest Allen,  
c/o Kansas University,  
Lawrence, Kans.



January 22, 1943.

To Whom It May Concern:

I am very happy to state that I have known Miller Allen Cameron, a former student at the University of Kansas, for five or six years. Cameron graduated from Wichita East High School in 1938 and entered the University of Kansas that fall.

He played on the freshman football, basketball and baseball teams at the University, and was on the varsity football squad. He entered the University of Oklahoma in September, 1940, and withdrew from the University of Oklahoma in 1941 to enter war work. He is a fine athlete, observing his training rules in excellent fashion.

He is clean, capable and personable. He knows the meaning of the word loyalty and has the ability to make friends. I feel justified in recommending Mr. Cameron for the A.V.S. Engineering in the U.S.N.R.

I would recommend him without reservation or evasion.

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.



February 11, 1943.

To Whom It May Concern:

I desire to commend for your consideration as possible officer material Lawrence Stream, who graduated from Rosedale High School in 1941, and then entered the University of Kansas. I have had intimate contacts with Lawrence Stream as his coach in freshman basketball and also as head of the Department of Physical Education I have hired him to work for me from the time he entered school. He served as custodian of the towel and check room.

At all times I have found him highly dependable and efficient. His character is of the very best and he has a pleasing personality. He is versatile, aggressive and intelligent.

I desire to cite one incident as showing Stream's initiative. This past October one of our students, Arthur Brock, was seized with a heart attack and sank to the bottom of the swimming pool. It so happened that the swimming instructor had just stepped out of the pool when some of the students noticed Brock in the bottom, and called for help. Stream ran from the check room, jumped in the pool with all of his clothes on, and rescued Brock - brought him to the surface and immediately introduced artificial respiration.

Stream has been responsive in every situation that I have found. Personally, I have a very high regard for him. He knows the meaning of the word loyalty to the nth degree, and in my opinion he is fine material for meteorology training in the Army Air Corps. I recommend him without reservation.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH



January 27, 1943.

Lieut. W. H. Crosby, USNR  
Office of Naval Officer Procurement,  
2nd Floor Finance Bldg.,  
1000 Baltimore Bldg.,  
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Lieutenant Crosby:

Your inquiry of the 25th instant in reference to Robert Sanson Charlton has been received.

I have known young Charlton from childhood and during the time he was in Lawrence Memorial High School. He was also in my classes here at the University of Kansas. Charlton is a fine, clean, young man. He has a pleasing personality, although at times he is unconvincing. He is loyal, cooperative, and his reactions are always on the right side. He does not have a dominant personality, although he does have a pleasing one. His character is above reproach, but he does not possess that rugged, flint-like type of personality that we look for in dominant leaders. Doubtless he has grown much during his time in the service.

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.



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(1273-43)

BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL  
NAVY DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF NAVAL OFFICER PROCUREMENT

January 25, 1943

Dear **Dr. Allen:**

Reference: Robert Sansom CHARLTON

In placing this important matter before you, it is sincerely regretted that a personal letter can not be sent, but to do so would make it necessary to divert energy now focused on other wartime duties.

The conscientious thought given your reply to this request may affect the welfare and safety of many men, as the man about whom we are writing may eventually be in a position of command. Therefore, the requested information is of more than usual significance.

Please tell us in detail what you can about this applicant, touching particularly on leadership, character, initiative, judgment, personality, standing in his community, and nature of his work. If significant, distinguish between facts and opinions from your own knowledge and those based on extraneous information.

A return envelope is enclosed. Your reply will be kept in strictest confidence and will have an important bearing on the final decision. Please accept our thanks for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

*W. H. Crosby*

LIEUT., USNR.

Dr. Forrest Allen,  
Athletic Director,  
Kansas University,  
Lawrence, Kans.



January 28, 1943.

To Whom It May Concern:

I desire to commend for your consideration for enlistment in V-1, Robert Edwin Elbel. I have known Robert Elbel for more than fifteen years and have always known him as a dependable, loyal and energetic young man.

I have followed him in his high school work at Liberty Memorial High School with great interest. He was an Eagle Scout and senior patrol councilman. Last year in Boys State at Wichita, Kansas, he was county campaign manager and city engineer in this fine American Legion inception intended to develop civic state and national pride in youth.

Last spring in the local Boys and Girls City Day Robert was councillor and chairman of the law and ordinance committee.

Robert Elbel is now a first semester freshman in the University of Kansas, having enrolled in the School of Engineering. I am very happy to recommend him to you as a fine, clean, personable young man who knows the full meaning of the word loyalty.

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH



December 23, 1942.

Director of Naval Officer Procurement,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

I am very happy to write in behalf of  
Floyd Hanson, a graduate of the University of Kansas.  
Hanson was a member of the varsity football team, and  
a major in the Department of Physical Education.

Floyd Hanson is a young man of excellent  
character. He is clean, capable, intelligent, has a  
most pleasing personality, and is thoroughly dependable  
and reliable. He is loyal to the nth degree. In my  
opinion he is fine officer material for the Navy Physical  
Fitness program, and is well qualified in every respect.

I am glad to recommend him without reservation  
or evasion.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH



December 23, 1942.

Mr. Floyd Hanson,  
504 E. Ninth St.,  
Kinsley, Kansas.

Dear Floyd:

I am glad indeed to do anything I can for you, and assure you it was a pleasure to write the enclosed letter. Hope it helps to get the job done. Lots of good luck to you, Floyd.

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH



504 E. Ninth  
Kinsley, Kansas  
Dec. 21, 1942

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

Dear Dr. Allen:

Some time ago I was in Kansas City for an interview in regard to a commission in the Navy Physical Fitness Program. To-day I received a notice to make a formal application. Along with this I am to secure three or more letters of recommendation and send in with my application.

Would you write a letter of recommendation to "Director of Naval Officer Procurement" and send it to me in the enclosed envelope? They advise the letter should indicate character, personality, standing in community, outside interests including sports, and describe attainment in business or professional life.

We are planning on being at my folks from Dec. 24 - Jan. 2. If I get all the necessary things together I am planning on going to Kansas City some time during this period to take my physical examination.

I will appreciate anything you might be able to do.

Sincerely,

*Floyd Hanson*



December 22, 1942.

To Whom It May Concern:

I am very happy to write in behalf of Allen Nipper, a former student at the University of Kansas. I have known Nipper for about five years, and while here at the University of Kansas he was a member of my freshman basketball team and later on the varsity squad.

Nipper is a fine, clean, intelligent and capable young man. He maintained a high scholastic standing at the University, and at the same time participated in extracurricular activities. Nipper is very dependable, his character is of the highest, and he knows the meaning of the word loyalty.

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

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.



December 22, 1942.

Mr. Allen Nipper,  
2451 Cedar Avenue,  
Long Beach, Calif.

Dear Allen:

I am sorry for the delay in getting this letter written for you, but I assure you it is a pleasure to do anything I can. I hope it gets the job done. Lots of good luck to you, boy.

We are leaving at one o'clock today for our Eastern trip. We play in Buffalo, New York, Philadelphia and St. Louis.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH  
Enc.



12-14-42.

Dear Dr. Allen:-

I am writing to thank you for forwarding my letter to Paul.

Dr. Allen, I have just received a letter from the Army Air Force wanting me to bring them a letter of recommendation on myself. Doc, would you write a character recommendation for me? The Air Force wants the report on letterhead paper and to consist of how long you have known the



subject, and your opinion of  
his character.

If you would write  
a letter for me, I would  
be forever thankful.

Thanking you again  
for your help in the past,  
and hoping to hear from  
you right away.

Forever grateful.

Allen Ripper.  
2451 Cedar Ave.  
Long Beach.  
California.