

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.

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