

Sept. 25, 1941

Commander Naval Reserve Station
Floyd Bennett Field
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir,

I am very happy to recommend to you Mr. Gordon Durna whom I have come to know as a student at the University of Kansas and a member of the freshman basketball squad.

Gordon is a very personable young man, blessed with a wirey physique and very quick reaction, and responds to leadership in a highly satisfactory way.

He is a very energetic young man and this summer held a responsible position in the Bank of New York. He is highly intelligent and has made fine grades at the University. If he had remained here he would have been eligible for the Varsity basketball team this year.

I have found Gordon to be neat, courteous, and capable, and I am happy to recommend him without reservation.

Sincerely,

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Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

Mr. Gordon Durna
382 Wadsworth Ave.
New York, N. Y.

Dear Gordon,

I am enclosing a recommendation which I was most happy to write for you. I am sorry that I did not see you the day you were in the office so that I might have said "good-bye" to you.

Remember, Gordon, to keep "fit as a fiddle" and we'll have you on the Varsity Basketball team when you come back from the scrap with Adolph (which incidentally we're going to win hands down)!

With all good wishes I am

Sincerely yours,

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Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

NORTH AMERICAN AVIATION, INC.

Kansas City Division

KANSAS CITY



KANSAS

Dr. F. C. Allen
Dept. of Athletics
Lawrence, Kansas

University of Kansas

Re: Chester Clyde Gibbens, Jr.
NAA File production control
Date 10/22/41

Gentlemen:

We are considering the above for employment, and he states he was formerly employed by you from June, 1941 to Aug. 1941 as playground supervisor

The applicant has signed the following statement, the original of which we have in our files. Upon request we will gladly furnish you with a certified copy of the original.

"I hereby authorize any of my former employers to furnish their record of my services, my reason for leaving their employ, together with all other information they may have concerning me whether on record or not. I hereby release them and their Company from all liability for any damage whatsoever for issuing same."

We would appreciate your filling in the information requested below. It will be kept strictly confidential. Please return same to us in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope.

NATIONAL DEFENSE INDUSTRY
Final Decision Held Pending Return
Of This Inquiry

Very truly yours,

NORTH AMERICAN AVIATION, INC.

Dean Phillips
Personnel Director

Employed from _____ to _____ as _____

and from _____ to _____ as _____

Rate _____ Reason for leaving _____

Would you rehire? _____ Remarks _____

ABILITY - Excellent ☐
Good ☐
Fair ☐
Poor ☐

CONDUCT - Excellent ☐
Good ☐
Fair ☐
Poor ☐

PRODUCTION - Excellent ☐
Good ☐
Fair ☐
Poor ☐

(Signed)

(Enclosed find a carbon copy for your files (Title)

KC-100

October 14, 1941

Bureau of Navigation
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I am happy to state that I've known Francis Michael Bukaty for a period of eight years.

Bukaty was a fine athlete in high school and college. He participated in football and basketball with distinction to himself and his University. His collegiate football experience consisted of one year at Rockhurst College in Kansas City Mo. and two years at the University of Kansas. His baseball participation was similar to that of his football.

This past spring Bukaty assisted me with my varsity baseball team. He knows the game and has the ability to impart his knowledge to his pupils. Bukaty is loyal, courteous, and cooperative. He has splendid habits, is a hard worker.

I am very happy to write this testimony as to Mr. Bukaty's character and qualifications.

Very sincerely yours,

FCA/PE

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach

October 7, 1941.

Mr. Ernest B. Smith,
Director of Physical Training,
Headquarters Southeast Air Corps Training Center,
Maxwell Field,
Montgomery, Alabama.

Dear Mr. Smith:

I am very happy to recommend to you Mr. John Pfitsch, who has made application for the position of physical director at Maxwell Field.

Mr. Pfitsch is a graduate of the University of Texas, and is here at the University of Kansas working on his Master's degree in the Department of Physical Education. I have found him very cooperative and efficient in everything he has undertaken. He is clean, personable, courteous, capable, and realizes fully the value of loyalty and cooperation to his superiors.

I have found Pfitsch a fine influence on young boys here at the University. He commands the respect of his colleagues. I am very happy 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.

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DRAFT BOARD RECEIVED COMMITTEES RECOMMENDATION. WILL
MEET SATURDAY. EXPECT DEFERMENT. WILL NOTIFY YOU IF I
NEED ANYTHING ELSE. HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON THANKS=

JOHN PFITSCH.

PFITSCH.

THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

Sept. 27, 1941

Miss Mary Learnard
637 Hobart Street
Oakland, Calif.

Dear Mary,

I am happy that my letter pleased you. I hope that your work with the Associated Indemnity Corporation is pleasant and profitable for you.

The form regarding your application for bonding has not arrived as yet, but when and if it does I will be happy to fill it out for you. Good luck!

Sincerely,

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Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

September 21, 1941

Dear Dr. Allen,

I want to thank you for the
grand testimonial you wrote,
and hope you will overlook
my slowness in writing you.

I'm working at the Associated
Indemnity Corporation in San
Francisco and mother and I
have an apartment here in Oakland,
so it keeps me pretty busy com-
muting.

I like the work very much
and the people I work with
are fine. It's quite a new thing
to me, after having lived in
Lawrence all my life, to be out
here where I know so few
people.

The other day I was given
an application for bonding, and
as I gave your name as a
reference, I imagine they'll send

you some sort of a form to fill
out, and I hope you won't mind
doing that.

I thank you again for
everything.

Sincerely,

Mary Leonard

August 30, 1941.

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to certify that Miss Mary Learnard graduated from the University of Kansas in the School of Education with a major in teaching physical education. Miss Learnard's work was outstanding at the University.

Miss Learnard has a splendid personality, a faculty of making many friends, and a reputation of doing splendid work. Her character is of the finest and she is one of the really deserving young women who by close application to duty and with an intense loyalty to her superiors graduated with honors.

I am very happy to write this testimonial to Miss Learnard's personality, character and efficiency.

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

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

August 30, 1941.

Miss Mary Learnard,
637 Hobart Street,
Oakland, Calif.

Dear Mary:

Your dad called me last night and asked that I write a letter of recommendation for you so that you could use it as a testimonial. I am very happy to do this, Mary, and if at any time I can be of any assistance to you please feel very free to call upon me.

You have many friends in the Department of Physical Education and we wish for you the very best of success in the most outlying state in the Union. They tell me that some of those people can out-lie anybody in the world! However, I hope that you will not find this to be true.

I asked your father what type of work you are doing but he said it was an office job. Won't you write us and tell us what you are doing and just what success you are having?

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

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

November 1, 1941

Mr. Phillip M Aitken
Woodman Accident Building
Lincoln, Nebraska

Dear Mr. Aitken,

I am very happy to write you concerning the qualifications of Mr. Glen Oatman--who you are considering hiring for the position of Professional of the Lincoln Country Club.

I've know Glen Oatman from the time he was a boy in high school. Mr. Irving Hill, the president of the Lawrence National Bank said to me, when Oatman was in high school, "Phog, I want you to give Glen Oatman a job at the University. He wants to go to K.U."

I said, "Mr. Hill, we do not have any job that I know of, but I'll try to help him."

Mr. Hill said, "Make a job for him -- he's a fine boy and he needs help".

Glen Oatman was caddy for Mr. Hill and with this in mind I started a Six-Hole golf course on the top of Mt. Oread and put Glen Oatman in charge of the tees and the fairways. Of course we had to start from scratch and were limited in our expenditures, but Glen Oatman set about his tasks in a workmanlike manner. We paid him on an hourly basis. He worked his way largely through school with the work that I could give him. He graduated in the School of Business and has done a splendid job. It was through Mr. Hill that Glen Oatman got his position with the paper manufacturing company in St. Louis. Mr. Hill is also president of the paper manufacturing company here called "The Jayhawker Box Works".

Glen is a very clean and fine young man. He does not touch liquor, or did not at all when he was at the University and I've never seen him drink. In other words, he's a fine young gentleman. He has a pleasing personality and it's my opinion that if you should hire him you would find him to be a teacher rather than an ordinary "pro". Glen coached the Kansas golf team after his playing eligibility was over, and he did a fine job of it. It is a pleasure for me to recommend him to you.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach

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FRANK H. WOODS, COUNSEL
THOMAS C. WOODS
WILLIAM I. AITKEN
PHILIP M. AITKEN
RICHARD W. SMITH

LAW OFFICES OF
WOODS, AITKEN AND AITKEN
WOODMEN ACCIDENT BUILDING
LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

TELEPHONE
2-7011

October 25, 1941

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

Dear Sir:

Glen Oatman has made application for the job of Professional at the Lincoln Country Club and he has given your name as a reference.

We would appreciate it very much if you would advise us your opinion relative to this gentleman, particularly regarding his morals. We are particularly interested in this standpoint on the question of his drinking habits and would appreciate your opinion relative to this matter, such as you may have observed.

We assure you that any opinion you may express will be treated in strict confidence.

Very truly yours,

Philip M. Aitken

PMA/FL

October 11, 1941.

Training Division,
Bureau of Navigation,
Navy Department,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

I am very happy to recommend to you Mr. Walter Maurice Cannady, who has made application for the position of physical director in the Training Division of the Bureau of Navigation.

I have known Maurice Cannady for years, both as an undergraduate and as a graduate student of the University of Kansas. He majored in our department of physical education, and has also taken twelve hours of work in physical education at the University of California toward his Master's degree.

Cannady is a highly personable man, is fine looking, has a way about him that wins the respect and friendship of men with whom he comes in contact, and he is undoubtedly an exceptional individual. As a varsity football player here in the University he was outstanding. He knows the value of loyalty and cooperation to his superiors. His attitude towards his superiors is most commendable, and while a member of the team he kept in strict training and aided in developing an esprit de corps that was most pleasing.

I recommended him for a position in the Lawrence public school system, and he has done a splendid job. His scholarship is superior and his fine physical body attracts attention. His posture and bearing impress those with whom he comes in contact. He is neat, courteous and capable, and I am happy to recommend him without reservation as an instructor, a coach, or a personnel executive.

Sincerely yours,

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

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Sept. 22, 1941

Lieutenant Tipton
Commanding Officer
Ballinger Air Field
Ballinger, Texas

Dear Sir,

I am very happy to recommend to you, Mr. Walter Maurice Cannady, who has made application for the position of Physical Director Ballinger Air Field, Ballinger, Texas.

I have known Maurice Cannady for years, both as an undergraduate and as a graduate student of the University of Kansas. Cannady is a highly personable man, is fine working, has a way about him that wins the respect and friendship of men with whom he comes in contact, and he is, undoubtedly, an exceptional individual. As a Varsity football player here in the University, he was outstanding. He knows the value of loyalty and cooperation to his superior. His attitude towards his superiors is most commendable, and while a member of the team, he kept in strict training and aided in developing a spirit of esprit de corps that was most pleasing.

I recommended him for a position in the Lawrence Public School System and he's done a splendid job. His scholarship is superior and his fine physical body attracts attention. His posture and bearing impress those with whom he comes in contact. He is neat, courteous and capable, and I am happy to recommend him without reservation as an instructor, a coach, or a personal executor.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation

Varsity Basketball Coach

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