

August 3, 1942.

Colonel Raymond C. Briggs,
Federal Building,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Dear Colonel Briggs:

In speaking with Colonel Jack R. Gage, of the University of Kansas R.O.T.C. I learned that the enlistment for students in the Army Reserve closed here on Friday, July 31.

We have in the University a young man named Charles Black, who is in his senior year. Black is one of our star all-round athletes in football, basketball and track. He has been working at the Sunflower Ordnance Works at DeSoto, Kansas. He has received word from the local draft board here to take his screen examination Wednesday, August 5th.

Black is 6 feet, 4 inches tall and weighs 210 pounds. He is a fine looking young man, exhibits splendid leadership, is very popular and has a way of getting along with his fellows. In my opinion he has qualities that should make him a fine officer. His scholastic record is above average. He attended the University of Wisconsin in his freshman year and his sophomore and junior years have been spent at the University of Kansas. His high school work was done at Topeka, Kansas, and Kansas City, Missouri. His father is district representative of the Alomite Company. The family's residence for the past two years has been in Lawrence, Kansas.

Would it be possible to petition you for authority to enable Colonel Jack Gage to enlist him for the Army Reserve? I understand that the quota here was twenty-five, and they enlisted but eighteen. I would greatly appreciate your consideration, sir.

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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