



***GREETINGS AT CHRISTMAS***

This card says  
"Merry Christmas"  
But it means a  
whole lot more,  
For it includes  
just EVERYTHING  
That's worth the  
wishing for.

Brie Ramsey  
our

29/11/48

England

Dear doc and Eds, How others who  
may still be there —

Greetings. I don't know exactly who is still  
in the men's gym but you, doc, are a pillar  
of KU and I've addressed this to you.

I want to also extend the Season's Best from  
Romney to Eebet, Hub et al.

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BRITISH

April 13, 1943.

Colonel Robert Rossow, Cav. Res.,  
Director, Woodcraft Camp,  
Culver Military Academy,  
Culver, Indiana.

Dear Colonel Rossow:

I was delighted to have your letter of April 7th. Last Saturday I got in touch with Solon G. Ayers, Superintendent of Haskell Institute, and made an appointment for Monday with him. Today I went to Haskell at his request and interviewed these five boys.

Louis Beavers seems to be the best of the lot that would be available. Henry Shemayne is more mature, but he is in A-1. He is 19 years of age and has a fine personality, but is not as huskily built as the other boys. However, he is far ahead of the group as far as maturity is concerned in handling situations.

You will notice the only boys that they are recommending are boys 17 years of age, with the exception of Shemayne. Jacob Severs is a pretty fine chap but he is very reticent, and when I interviewed the boys I asked if there was any possibility of their getting homesick, and he was one of the boys who mentioned that it might be possible.

The other boy is Dewey Wolf Voice. Wolf Voice is a Montana Indian and seems to have a lot of what it takes for a boy of his age, but I do not believe that he is nearly as efficient or as personable as Louis Beavers. Melvin Asbill is a fine, clever, little fellow.

I would recommend Louis Beavers Number One. Then, if the draft doesn't catch Henry Shemayne I would say that he would do a good job, but his physique is somewhat against him - tall, angular, and does not look any too strong although I believe he could stand it. He is in the commercial class out there, has graduated from high school, and would have taken law at the University of Alabama but when he became eligible for the draft he came back to Haskell and went into the business school here.

Every one of these boys are highly recommended by the superintendent and principal of the school as dependable, efficient, and A Number One leaders for their age.

The reason I am enclosing only two photographs of these boys is because these are the only two who were here last year. Haskell photographs all of these boys, to be used in their activity ticket. I am sending you all of this material so that you can make your own decision, and after you have made it if you will communicate with

Mr. Ayers or me we will be glad to help you further.

I was mighty happy to know that you and Mrs. Rossow are well. We had learned from a young lieutenant over at Ft. Leavenworth who was here for one of the football games that your son is in the diplomatic corps and that he was in the Embassy in Panama. When he visits you give him our kindest regards. And also congratulate the son and his wife, Kay, upon the fine offspring who will be such a pleasure to you.

With best wishes from the Allens to the Rossows, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH  
Enc.

CULVER MILITARY ACADEMY  
THE CULVER EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION  
CULVER, INDIANA

April 7, 1943.

Dr. Forest C. Allen,  
801 Louisiana Avenue,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Phot:

Apparently I only write you letters when I want your help in some matter. The help that I am asking for this year is identical to that of last year, when you did such a fine job for us in finding the young Indian that we had with us in the Woodcraft Camp last summer. The young man was highly satisfactory, but he is not available to us this year because, as I understand it, he has entered one of the services.

Last year I wrote the Superintendent of Haskell Institute and, after a long wait, he recommended two young Indians that you looked over. I am wondering, this year, whether the approach on the subject would not be best coming from you. How about it? We want another Indian - young or old, who would fit into the picture here, and you know about the qualifications that we are looking for. Could you call up, by phone, and determine whether or not there is any of this type available? We certainly will appreciate it if you will do so.

We will pay the young man \$250.00 cash, plus his room and board, for the session of eight weeks. The camp opens on June 30th and closes on August 24th this year. However, it will be necessary for all instructors to report at camp about five days before the opening for a week of preliminary instruction.

We lost about two-thirds of our entire Woodcraft Camp staff to one or the other of the services. Out of forty-five officers that we had last year I am finding it necessary to replace about thirty. I am having pretty good success in it, however, and things are beginning to look brighter every day.

I suppose that your family is considerably scattered, due to the war. When you write me let me know where they are, for Mrs. Rossow and I are genuinely interested to keep in touch with the children of our friends. My young son is in

Dr. Forest C. Allen

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the Diplomatic Corps and is now stationed, as third secretary, to the Embassy in Panama. We are all excited over the fact that he has a month's leave and will be up to see us next month. He was married several years ago and his nice young wife, Kay, presented us with a grandson who was named after me. Naturally, I am somewhat puffed up about the matter.

Mrs. Rossow joins me in kindest regards to all of the Allens. We pray that good luck will follow you and yours.

I am,

Sincerely yours,

*Robt. Rossow*

Robt. Rossow,  
Colonel, Cav. Res.,  
Director, Woodcraft Camp.

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May 16, 1942.

Colonel Robert Rossow,  
Culver Military Academy,  
Culver, Indiana.

Dear Colonel Rossow:

I have spent a couple of days contacting Floyd Primaux and Arthur Raymond.

I find that Primaux lived at Ponca City, Oklahoma, and that he is rather a reticent chap. He has played softball, has taught archery at Camp Crosley, he is a fair horseman - in fact, a very good one, and withal he would be picturesque dressed in Indian costume. However, he is the typical type of our conception of the early Indian. He does not say one more word than he has to, but he is quite pleasant when addressed. He is a good baseball player, played second base on his teams, and is a good softball player.

I think that you would not make a mistake in selecting him, but I find myself strongly in favor of Arthur Raymond. This boy is a very versatile and highly intelligent, personable young Indian boy. He is a pre-medical student here at the University of Kansas and he impresses me most forcibly. He is a fine looking Sioux Indian with a high forehead, and I would say, a most intelligent countenance, and he possesses a fine physique. He is the bronze-colored Indian - the fine Sioux type. Primaux is the darker Indian, more of the Creek or Cherokee or Pawnee type. Raymond has a clear skin while Primaux has rather a mottled skin.

I find that Raymond was president of the student council of his school. He attended the Rosebud Indian School where he made an excellent record. He was also editor of the school paper. He played football for three years on his high school team. His mother and father are dead but he has an only sister who is his guardian. Each summer he has worked at a job either carpentering or dairying.

He was a representative from Aberdeen, S. D. on Boys' State. You are well acquainted, are you not, Colonel, with the American Legion's activities in developing these boys to take representative positions of state offices and have these chaps carry through as the officials of the state carry through in their executive, legislative and judicial acts.

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This chap seems to be an all-round boy because he knows the Sioux Indian dances and can teach them well. He is 19 years of age and has been away from home four or five years, which would convince me that he could fit into your scheme well indeed. I am sure that you would find him adaptable to your set up and I would recommend him very highly with a conviction that he would not disappoint you in any way.

I spent quite some time intensively interviewing these boys. And at the time that I talked with them I let them know there were other boys being considered for the job. I wanted to put a little pressure on them to bring out the best that was in them. If I were hiring either one of these two boyt it would not take me long to decide on Arthur Raymond.

Mrs. Allen was mighty happy to receive your letter and to hear from you. Mary (Leander's mother) is at our home preparing to leave for California with her family. Her husband has been stationed on the Coast and will be there so they are moving to Carmel-on-the-Sea. I remember spending a day there and it was a lovely place to sojourn. I am sure that the children will be very happy to be near their dad and have the family united. About three months ago Lee Hamilton, my son-in-law, was moved out on the Coast and I know that he will appreciate having his family together again.

With all good wishes to you and your colleagues, and wishing to be remembered to all, I am

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

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

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Archery

Fair Horseman

Soft Ball

11:30 Friday -

~~away from home -~~  
~~4 or 5 yrs old.~~

Primers

Snow Dance

age Boys State Chukie, SD

19 Pre Med. Dairy

Arthur Reed

Summer Superior Steel Mill

Student Council Carpenter caul

Passibus Indian School

Editor School Paper center Half Book  
Father

Ballard

Black

Buescher

Evans

Hall

Hunter

Garrison

CULVER MILITARY ACADEMY  
THE CULVER EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION  
CULVER, INDIANA

May 11, 1942.

Dr. Forrest C. Allen,  
801 Louisiana Ave.,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Dr. Allen:

The Culver Woodcraft School is looking for a young Indian who can take on the job of teaching Indian lore, Indian dancing, and add local color in the Woodcraft Camp this summer. We lost the young man that we had last year to the Army. Naturally, I am looking for a more or less steady young man, of reasonable intelligence, and picturesque personality if possible. He should also adjust himself to the fact that it will be necessary for him to accept our ways of doing things. We had an Indian here from the Pacific Coast several years ago who balked at every suggestion that we made regarding his work in Indian dancing, etc.

I wrote the Acting Superintendent of Haskell Institute, Mr. Solon G. Ayers, recently and asked him to recommend one or more young Indians for this job. I am in receipt of a letter from him today in which he recommends two Indians. The first one's name is Arthur Raymond, a Sioux Indian and freshman student at the University of Kansas. The second one is named Floyd Primeaux, who is now a senior at Haskell Institute. The latter has had some experience as an Indian counselor, having worked last summer at Camp Crosley.

11:30 Fri.  
I am wondering whether we could not impose on your friendship sufficiently to get you to look over these two young men. Primeaux, off hand, seems like the best bet, but if you will have a talk with both of them and advise us we certainly will appreciate it here at Culver. We don't like to hire an Indian "sight on seen".

Your grandson, Leander Hamilton, made a very nice record with us last summer. I saw his mother and had visits with her a number of times.

Dr. Forrest C. Allen

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Please extend my kindest regards to  
Mrs. Allen and to all the members of your family, and  
with best wishes to you, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Robt. Rossow*

Robt. Rossow,  
Col. Cav. Res.,  
Director Woodcraft Camp.

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April 7, 1943.

Mr. Harold Read,  
Coach,  
Shawnee-Mission High School,  
Shawnee-Mission, Kansas.

Dear Harold:

I have been intending to write you upon several occasions; first, upon your winning the district tournament at Lawrence, then the regional at Topeka, and then upon winning the real McCoy at Salina. You certainly took it out on Kansas City, Kansas (Wyandotte), did you not? My, you are rough on those big city boys!

You must have had a great team and I wish that you would extend my congratulations to one and all of your fine championship outfit.

No, I am not trying to proselyte any of your fine players, but I just wanted you to know that I do appreciate what a difficult task it is for a fellow to take a bunch of high school boys and go through to such a splendid record as you have done. Again, congratulations!

With best wishes to you, I am

Sincerely yours,

PCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

March 8, 1943

My dear friend "Doc":

So happy to get your letter, but sorry about the departure of the men to the forces — The war eats in, day by day slowly & surely and finally we awoke to the fact that we are at war — Clear in.

I have just about completed the training of my crew for BDF #17 — and today I completed their papers making them ready for the sea — They've been a hard working bunch and I've put them thru' not a little bit of hell —

It is not known yet  
whether I'll be sent  
to sea & shall remain  
ashore to train future  
crews - It matters not  
to me only if in the  
end I can return to  
my beloved Kansas  
and remain there the  
rest of my life -

I feel that someday  
this is going to be over &  
then maybe we can settle  
down to sane living  
amid good friends and  
beautiful gardens and  
confine our 'fighting' to  
very narrow limits -

I have not been  
surprised at the  
winning again of the Big 6 title

for I had faith in you  
and the boys - I saw  
the Omaha scene but knew  
even before your letter what  
had happened -

I'm sorry about the Anadry  
Bldg. Fire - Maybe there were  
some gas stiffs in there &  
someone was trying to  
show some patriotism -  
Loc', you can feel proud  
of K.G. again for a good  
number of the men who came here  
is the Phy. Ed. program we kept  
on the Main Staff - Messner, Jack  
Hall, Klann, Bunkaty, and  
Others - In looking over  
the bunch, I've concluded  
that they have a little extra

something that only  
a Kansan can agree.  
It surely appeals well for  
your department, for K.A.  
and for Kansas — I  
don't believe any other  
University in U.S. has  
any amount near  
the number per capita  
in the Department  
stationed at the Main  
Base for such work in  
the Navy — I know Chancellor  
Malott would enjoy knowing  
that. It means that the  
men come this often they're  
on their own —

My big dream is someday  
to return there a fit into  
something, no matter what.  
I hope to see you someday soon  
Sincerely yours  
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REFER TO NO.

BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL  
NAVY DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF NAVAL OFFICER PROCUREMENT  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

Address Reply to:  
The Office of Naval Officer Procurement, Second Floor, Finance Building, 1009 Baltimore Ave., Kansas City, Missouri, and not to the signer of this letter

March 28, 1943

Dear Sir:

Reference: Robert W. Raugh

Application for commission in the U. S. Naval Reserve

In placing this important matter before you, it is sincerely regretted that a personal letter cannot 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, and will have an important bearing on the final decision.

Please complete the enclosed questionnaire so as to indicate the applicant's qualities. Although we have itemized several questions which we would like answered, we urge you to give us complete information at the bottom of the sheet concerning his character, personality, standing in his community, and your opinion as to his desirability for appointment. If significant, distinguish between facts and opinions from your own knowledge and those based on extraneous information.

A return envelope is enclosed. This information is officially requested and will be treated as strictly confidential by the Navy Department. Please accept our thanks for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

*F. D. Kelly*  
F. D. KELLY  
Lieutenant (jg), USNR

Mr. F. C. Allen,  
University of Kansas,  
Lawrence, Kans.

March 3, 1943.

Mr. Wayne Replogle,  
U. S. Naval Training Station,  
Norfolk, Virginia.

Dear Bill:

Delighted to have your note, and I'm glad to know things are going well with you.

We are leaving tonight for Omaha where we will have but one regular to play on the team and the other seven boys are scraped from the bottom of the barrel. Evans, Schnellbacher, Baker, Brill, Dixon, Short and Blair will not make the trip, but we will take Johnny Buescher, Larry McSpadden, Paul Turner, Max Kissell, Jack Ballard, Bob Fitzpatrick, George Dick and Bill Forsyth. So you can see we will be murdered, but it is a token trip because all of our other boys have been called in the service and want to go home a few days rather than to play the game against Creighton. They are not particularly interested, somehow, and I can't blame them.

Lots of good luck to you, Bill.

Cordially yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

Marfan —

Dad Doe:

You helped me a  
great deal by whipping

Ooka & M — & have

to work with one of

This former wrestling

Coaches & now he keeps

still — all's well

here and I'm so

anxious to return  
to solid earth - See

Always loved Kansas  
but living in, on, & near  
salt water makes

Kansas just about  
the nearest place to heaven

I could imagine

Good luck to you & the  
New

Yours truly  
P. P. Replage

Physical Instructors School  
Squad 72  
U. S. Naval Training Station  
Norfolk, Virginia

January 18

Mr. F.C. Allen,  
Kansas Univ.,  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear "Doc":

Wonderful to get your letter - We have finished our training period & our class has been scattered from New York to Hawaii -

I was placed on the Staff here at the Base in Harpoek - It is supposed to be an Lower - 2 got it by damn hard study and an academic grade average of 3.64 (Basis of 4.00) - I am not sure what what I'll be assigned to do but should know in a few days - my nearest grade competitor was a fellow by name of Terry from Mississippi who had grade of 3.42 - If ever in my life I taught

to out do younger men & prove  
that such could be done I did  
it this time & I give the credit  
to the spirit of Kansas which  
is to be found in most of its  
people —

I'm happy that your team is coming  
along on — nothing else would  
do — Keep it going for  
someday I'm coming back to  
Kansas U. & I hope I can  
do some good there in  
some capacity to keep it  
the good University I know  
it will always be —

I've seen Paul Mason, Jack Hall  
& Bucaty — all are fine — Bucaty  
is in Destroyer School — Hall & Mason  
in Drill & I guess he remains  
in the Phy Inst. School as far as I  
know —

Hope to see you  
Best regards

Bill

March 15, 1943.

Senator R. C. Rankin,  
State House,  
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Rob:

You are a charm! You never forget to say the right thing at the right time to your good friends. And I want you to know that I consider you one of my very best.

Through the years I have always known where I could find Robert C. Ranking and that is something these days. Again, I say thank you a million, Rob, I appreciate things like this from you more than you know.

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

STATE OF KANSAS

ROBERT C. RANKIN  
SENATOR FIFTH DISTRICT  
LAWRENCE, KANSAS



TOPEKA

SENATE CHAMBER  
March 8, 1943

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS  
CHAIRMAN RAILROADS  
VICE CHAIRMAN EMPLOYEES  
MEMBER ASSESSMENT AND TAXATION  
ELECTIONS  
FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS  
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT  
MILITARY AFFAIRS  
PUBLIC UTILITIES  
SUPERVISION OF JOURNAL  
WAYS AND MEANS

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

Dear Phog:

I want to tell you how pleased I am because of your  
successful season and extend my congratulations.

I have not been able to join in the recognition given you  
and the team by our grateful citizens which I  
know is sincere and very pleasing to all concerned.

My work here has prevented my seeing you personally  
but I hope to tell you later how proud I am of your  
great accomplishment.

Sincerely yours,

Robert C. Rankin

RCR/pw

Saturday

Dear Ray,

After what we did today I  
felt I ought to tell you how  
much good the training I got  
in your class did me. Alternately  
all day we had drill and the  
so-called P.T. (which, I suppose,  
stands for physical training). Well,  
in the P.T. I was still going  
strong after many of the "bigger  
boys" had sunk to the ground.  
In the drill I was amazed to  
see how many of the group  
fumbled pitifully at commands

which I already knew how to execute with something approaching military precision. And now at the end of the day, I think I could begin all over again, whereas most of the bunks around me have aviation cadets either prone or prostrate on them. (Probably it'll hit me sometime in the middle of the night.)

After which little testimonial, I'll sign off. If you get a chance, you might drop me a line; I'll be glad to know where you are and what you are going to do.

Sincerely,  
Norman

February 26, 1943.

Mr. Eugene S. Riggs,  
1408 Eighth Ave.,  
New Brighton, Pa.

Dear Mr. Riggs:

I am sorry that I have neglected answering your favor of the 14th instant sooner. I have been out of town much of late which caused me to neglect my correspondence.

The Sunflower Ordnance Works, which is the construction company for the Hercules Powder Company, at DeSoto, Kansas, is a very large defense industry. My son, Milton Allen, a graduate of the University and a former varsity player on my team, is assistant to the chief investigator of the Hercules Powder Company. I spoke to him about your case and I am sure if you will write to him and ask for an application blank that you will get some definite attention. While he is not in the personnel division, I have spoken to him and I know that he will help you.

As soon as you fill out the application blank write me again and I will follow through in your behalf.

I am sorry that I do not have time at present to answer in full your very fine letter, but on account of your boy's illness I will rush this through and at a later date hope to have a visit with you. DeSoto is only 15 miles from Lawrence, Kansas. My son and I both reside in Lawrence.

Thanking you for your kind words and assuring you of my desire to be of some help to you and your family, I am

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

February 14, 1943.

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

Dear Sir:

This letter coming from me to you  
will no doubt be somewhat of a surprise -  
but I am going to write in my own words,  
circumstances, then I know you will under-  
stand and not take any offense to my writing.

Three years ago - I attended a Basketball  
Banquet at McDonald, Ohio (just outside of  
Youngstown, Ohio), and you were the speaker  
of the evening. I never regretted being there,  
that evening, because from that time on  
you went down in my books as one of  
the best in basketball. In all of the Basket-  
ball Clinics and meetings I've attended - I

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can truthfully say that your interpretations of the rules, basketball offenses + defenses were explained better and more clearly than any I've heard to date. Since that time I've read several articles concerning you and your U. of Kansas team. Also read about your game of Hi-Basket - which I think would give the smaller player just as much chance as the taller ones.

Mr. Allen, this letter concerns my son more than anything else; we live in New Brighton, Pa., just 30 miles northwest of Pittsburgh. My boy has been suffering from a rheumatic heart condition, (rheumatic fever), and various doctors have told my wife and I to get him to another climate. Beaver Valley has a very damp atmosphere and its anything but good for his condition. The little fellow is six years of age and we

had to take him out of school just a month after he started in September. We were told to keep him out for one year and from his last check-up with the Doctor - we decided something must be done for him.

I don't know anyone in the Mid-West or West and I'm writing to you if you might be in position to let me know if there are any places, (Defense Work, preferably), I can contact. It so happens that all of my relatives live in this Tri-State sector of Penna., Ohio and West Virginia.

My work is of clerical nature - having been employed in the office of a Steel Concern for the past six years. My salary has been exceptionally good - but I'm willing to take any kind of a cut in wages - providing it advances the health of our boy. I am willing to do most anything or make any kind of a

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change if it helps him. I am a graduate of Rochester, Pa., High and attended Duquesne University at Pittsburgh.

I was talking with the Superintendent of our Company and he said I could obtain a release providing I get work in a different climate. As far as references are concerned - I'm not worried and I know my work has been satisfactory as far as the officials of this Company are concerned.

Mr. Allen, I would appreciate you writing me a letter and telling me if you think there is some kind of work I might get into - out that way. If you could let me know of some Companies or firms - I'll gladly contact them.

To let you know more about myself - in a basketball way - I belong to the National Board, Beaver Valley Basketball Officials' Assn., & the Penna. Interscholastic Athletic Assn. I work both High School and College ball.

Hoping this letter hasn't asked too much of you & won't cause any inconvenience,  
I am,

ADDRESS:-

1408 - EIGHTH AVE.  
NEW BRIGHTON, PA.

Sincerely,  
Eugene S. Riggs

February 27, 1943.

Mr. Milton P. Allen,  
Hercules Powder Company,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Mit:

I have written this fellow asking him to write you for an application blank. He is in real need and I will appreciate anything you can do.

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH  
Enc.

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.