

August 3, 1943.

Superintendent of Documents,  
Government Printing Office,  
Division of Public Documents,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

We are desirous of obtaining six copies of each of  
the following publications:

War Department Training Circular #87 WD  
TM 21-220 Technical Manual - Sports and Games.

These are for use by our instructors in the Army  
Specialized Training Program. Since we do not know the  
price of these manuals, we will reimburse you immediately  
upon receipt of your statement.

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.



April 7, 1943.

Superintendent of Documents,  
Government Printing Office,  
Division of Public Documents,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

On January 18, 1943, our Department of Physical Education sent through a requisition for 100 copies of the bulletin "Physical Fitness Through Physical Education for the Victory Corps", at 25¢ per copy less 25% discount.

Your invoice on this order has been received by us, but to date there has been no delivery of these booklets. We would appreciate it if you will kindly check on this order for us.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.



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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Yours of 1-18-43

To SUPERINTENDENT OF DOCUMENTS, Dr.

January 27, 1943

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Physical Fitness through Physical Education for the  
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To be mailed to: University of Kansas  
Physical Education Department  
Lawrence, Kansas

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receipt of remittance. Stock not  
reserved on quotation.



August 13, 1943.

Mr. W. C. Simons,  
R. R. #3,  
Brainard, Minn.

Dear Mr. Simons:

It was most gracious of you to send us the Journal-World subscription for a year. And too, the finest fruit of your garden was greatly enjoyed. I think we had a full evening dinner on the lovely vegetables that you brought to our home. It was greatly appreciated, I assure you.

I sincerely hope that Mrs. Simons may get over her difficulty so that she will enjoy her visit in Minnesota. I know that you always enjoy yourself because you seem to be interested in all things and all people.

My kindest regards to Dolph and his family.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH



April 8, 1943.

Mr. David L. Shirk, Coach,  
Senior High School,  
Augusta, Kansas.

Dear Dave:

I was delighted to receive your letter of April 2nd but I was chagrined that you had to write me first. I wanted to make it a most emphatic congratulatory letter on your splendid accomplishment of winning the Class A State Championship Basketball Tournament. I was delighted because I was so interested in your accomplishing this fact.

I know what satisfaction you must have derived from it, and I am happy for you. I got a big laugh out of the fact that the defense was your own, and that it was so crazy that it fooled everyone. Well, that is all right so long as it didn't fool you, Dave.

Please congratulate Mrs. Shirk for the Shirk family, will you, Dave?

Now, regarding the annual play day. Things are so mixed up here, Dave, that I am afraid to attempt it. Our help is practically nil. Mr. Hutchinson resigned at the stadium and Dean is doing double duty, or triple duty, I should say. He is property man and trainer for the teams, and further than that he is taking some physical conditioning classes on the side. I am afraid we would have no one here to check out equipment as Dean will be used at the stadium, and of course the high school boys will be competing in their track events down at the stadium and it might be construed as a counter-attraction with no Relays on. So you will understand that I would love to have you and your boys, but it is just one of those things.

I hope you get the Topeka job if you want it. I will see you when you come up for the high school meet, I hope.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Senior High School

Office of the Principal

Augusta, Kansas

April 2, 1943

Dr. Forrest C. Allen  
Kansas University  
Lawrence, Kansas

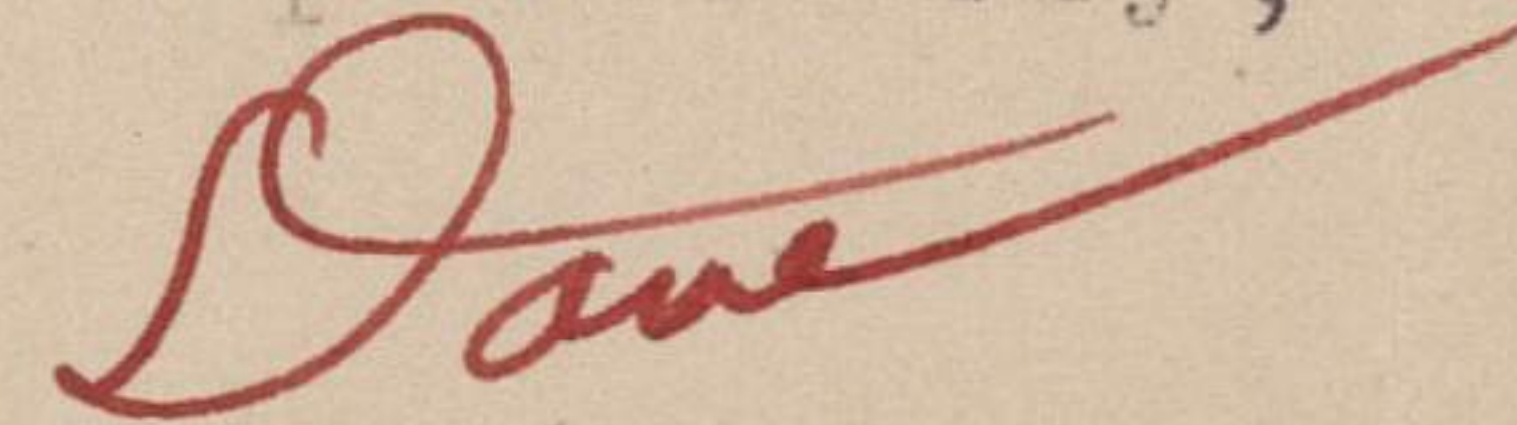
Dear "Doc":

I thought I would drop you a note to let you know that my basketball team just won the state championship in class "A". In my offense I used a lot of suggestions from your book, but my defense was my own type, I guess that it was so crazy that it fooled everyone.

"Doc", I was wondering if you are going to have your annual play day for high school senior basketball players. I have two boys who are swell players as well as students who would get a big kick from such an event. Doc, if you do not have this play day this year would you drop me a note. If you do have it would you drop these boys a line about having a good season. Bill Sapp, Augusta High School; and Lawrence Kennedy, 133 Columbia;

Thank you for this favor, and also for recommending me for the Topeka position. I received the application form and returned it several days ago, however, I am up for reclassification again May 2nd.

Respectfully,



David L. Shirk, Coach

DLS/ml



April 8, 1943.

Mr. Lawrence Kennedy,  
133 Columbia,  
Augusta, Kansas.

Dear Lawrence:

Permit me to congratulate you, your coach and your school upon winning the Class A State Championship in basketball. Of course I was delighted to see you do it. I have been especially fond of your coach because not only is he a fine coach but he is a grand gentleman, and I know that you must have gotten much delight from being coached by a man like Coach Shirk.

Doubtless you will want to continue in college if possible to fit yourself for this scientific war, if you get into it. If I were a young man I would get as much schooling as possible under the conditions. Of course, this war will end some day and the fellow who is best fitted to serve will get the call.

With congratulations and best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH



April 8, 1943.

Mr. Bill Sapp,  
Augusta High School,  
Augusta, Kansas.

Dear Bill:

I have written your coach and I am writing you to congratulate you on Augusta winning the State Championship in basketball in Class A. You certainly had a great team, and of course I always knew you had a great coach. You must have surprised some of the natives with your fine accomplishments.

I trust that it will be possible for you to go on to school and perfect yourself in this scientific war. If you should come up for the Interscholastic meet I would certainly be happy to see you and extend personal congratulations.

Coach David Shirk thinks a lot of you and of your ability.

With all good wishes for your continued success,  
I am

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.



August 7, 1943.

Mr. Stanley Schwahn,  
Commonwealth Lawrence Theater Corporation,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Stan:

I acknowledge with thanks your letter of recent date enclosing the Corporation's check for \$90.00, the same representing our share in the dividend of common stock. This is a splendid showing, and I thank you for the same.

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.



Commonwealth Lawrence

Theatre Corporation

LAWRENCE, KANSAS

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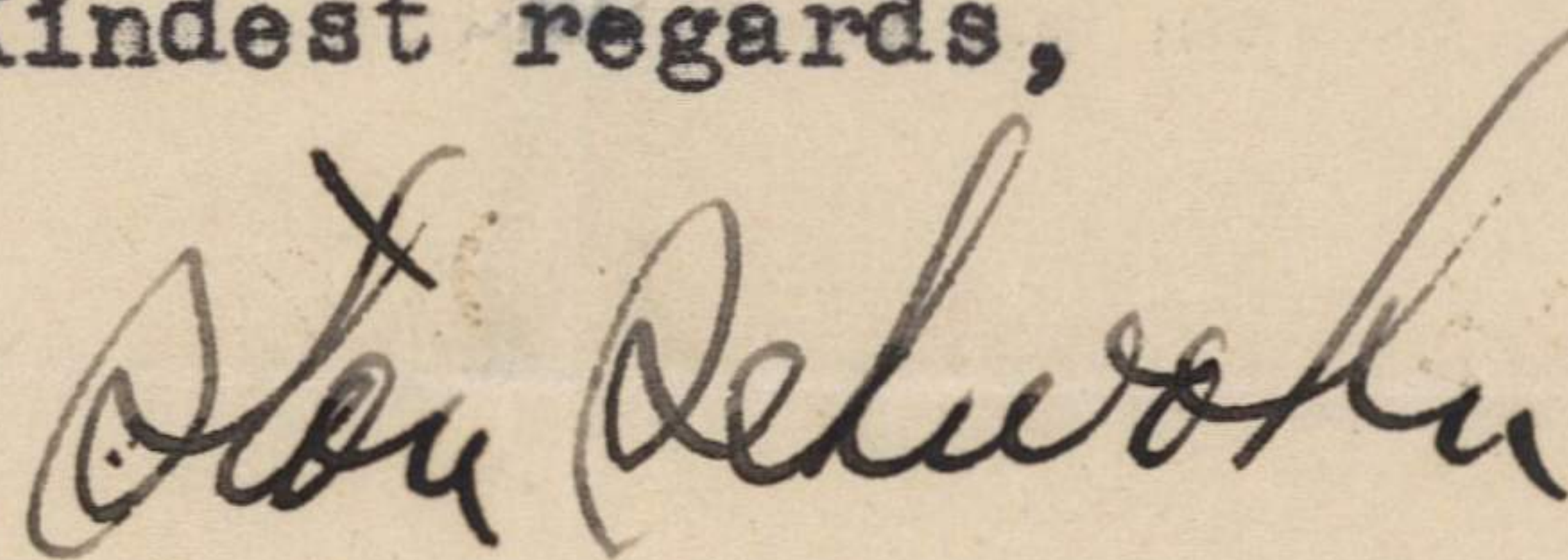
Mr. Forrest C. Allen,  
801 Louisiana,  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Phog:

The Board of Directors of Commonwealth  
Lawrence Theatre Corporation declared a dividend  
of \$5.00 per share on the issued and outstanding  
common stock of the corporation at a special meet-  
ing on the 15th of July 1943.

We are pleased to enclose herewith check to  
your order in the amount of \$90.00 representing  
your share of the dividend.

Kindest regards,



Stan Schwahn

SS:MH



August 3, 1943.

Mr. Stuart Southworth,  
Mt. Thorodin Lookout,  
c/o U. S. Forest Service,  
Boulder, Colorado.

Dear Stuart:

I am very happy to mail you a catalog of the University of Kansas. I trust it will prove interesting and informative to you.

If and when this fuss with the squareheads, the slit-eyes and the spaghetti-benders is over and you are interested in coming to the University of Kansas I will be very happy to communicate with you.

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.



Mt. Thorodir lookout  
% U.S. Forest Service  
Boulder Colorado  
July 26, 1943

Varsity Basketball Coach  
University of Kansas  
Lawrence Kansas

Dear Sir,

I am very much interested in attending your school after the war is over.

I have played basketball for San Diego State and baseball for Denver University. I have attended just one year of college, so will be a sophomore when I come back to school after the war is over.

I am a native Kansan, and am interested in K.U.'s athletic setup in both baseball and basketball. I attended H.S. at Liberal.

Please give me any information that you possibly can concerning work that athletes can do to fit into their academic and athletic schedules.

Please send me a catalog from K.U. I will appreciate it very much.

Thank you very much.

Yours truly,  
Stuart Southworth



August 2, 1943.

Lieut. G. T. Stapleton,  
Asst. Director, P. T.,  
Roo, 909 Cadillac Hotel,  
Miami Beach, Florida.

Dear George:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter which I received today from the Fred Medart Manufacturing Company in regard to your inquiry about Goal-Hi outfits.

As you will see, they have a supply on hand, so I am sure your order will be filled promptly.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Enc.



# FRED MEDART MANUFACTURING CO.

POTOMAC AND DE KALB STREETS

SAINT LOUIS, Mo.

ZONE 18

R. W. HIGGINS  
MANAGER APPARATUS AND  
GYM SEAT DIVISION

July 30, 1943

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

Dear Dr. Allen:


Since Mr. Medart is away on an extended business trip, I will take the liberty of replying to your letter of July 28.

You may advise Lieut. Stapleton that we are in a position to supply the additional Goal-Hi outfits in which he is interested. We have a fairly liberal supply of #907 standards( this is the only number available) and will be happy to accommodate Lieut. Stapleton out of our present stock.

Our current price for the #907 Goal-Hi is \$32.00 each f.o.b. cars factory. Shipping weight 115 pounds each.

Cordially yours,

FRED MEDART MANUFACTURING CO.

  
Manager, Apparatus Sales

RWH:MS



July 28, 1943.

Lieut. G. T. Stapleton,  
Asst. Director, P. T.,  
Room 909 Cadillac Hotel,  
Miami Beach, Florida.

Dear George:

I was happy to receive your letter today and immediately wrote to Mr. Edward J. Medart, president of the Medart Manufacturing Company. I am hoping that he will be able to locate some Goal-Hi standards for you, and as soon as I hear from him I will pass the word on to you.

Hope to see you in September when you come to Lawrence.

Very cordially yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.



Miami Beach, Florida  
July 23, 1943.

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

Dear Doc:

Do not know whether you are still in Lawrence during the vacation period, but thought that I would write to you on the chance that you are still there.

Some time back I wrote to you about the location of some Goal-Hi outfits. You referred me to Fred Medart Company in St. Louis. It seems that we have exhausted their supply and Lt. Althoff, the purchasing officer, told me to see if I could unearth anymore. We can still use 20 or 30 more, I believe.

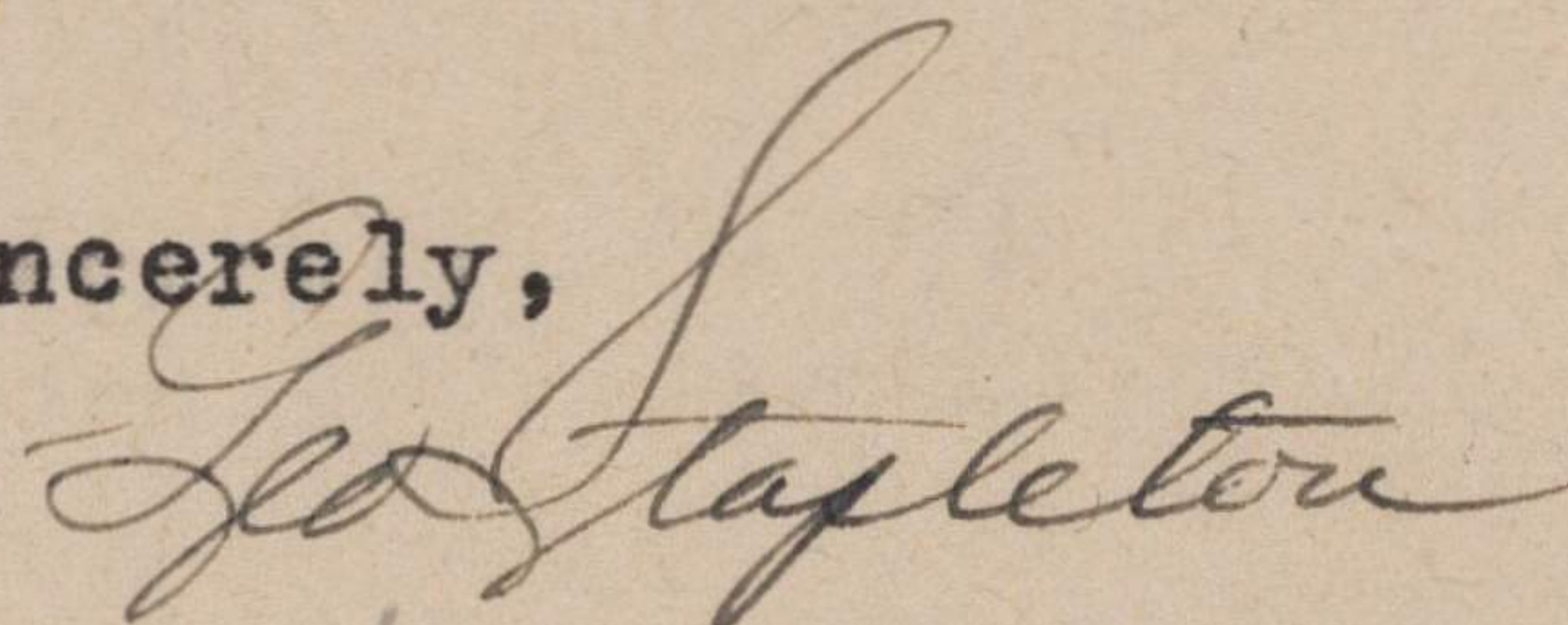
I took some snapshots of some of the boys playing the game, and I will see that you get some prints of them.

Red Dugan said the other day that he had a furlough and was to come to Lawrence. Haven't seen him since his return to find out any of the local news.

Still get to see other Kansas boys from time to time. Ralph Miller and Ray Evans were here on the Beach to Physical Instructor School, but I missed reading the roster of the students and didn't know that they were here until the day that they left.

Have decided to take a leave in September. In case everything goes right will be in Lawrence at that time. Will appreciate anything that you can do on the Goal-Hi's.

Sincerely,



Lt. G. T. Stapleton  
Ass't Director, P. T.  
Room 909  
Cadillac Hotel  
Miami Beach, Florida.



July 2, 1943.

Snowden-Mize Athletic Goods Co.,  
Atchison, Kansas.

Dear Sirs:

I am wondering if it is still possible to buy ping pong balls. One of our University organizations has asked us to secure three gross, and we told them we had experienced some difficulty in supplying our own needs. Could you fill such an order for us?

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.



July 28, 1943.

Chief Starkey,  
Naval Training School.

Dear Chief Starkey:

I just want to pass along to you, in a friendly way, the information that the Machinists' Mates are not turning off the showers after they use them when they have been swimming in the gymnasium. I thought perhaps you could pass the word on the officers, and ask the boys to turn off the showers when they are no longer using them.

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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7825 St. Charles Ave.  
New Orleans, Louisiana  
July 11, 1943

Dear Doc:

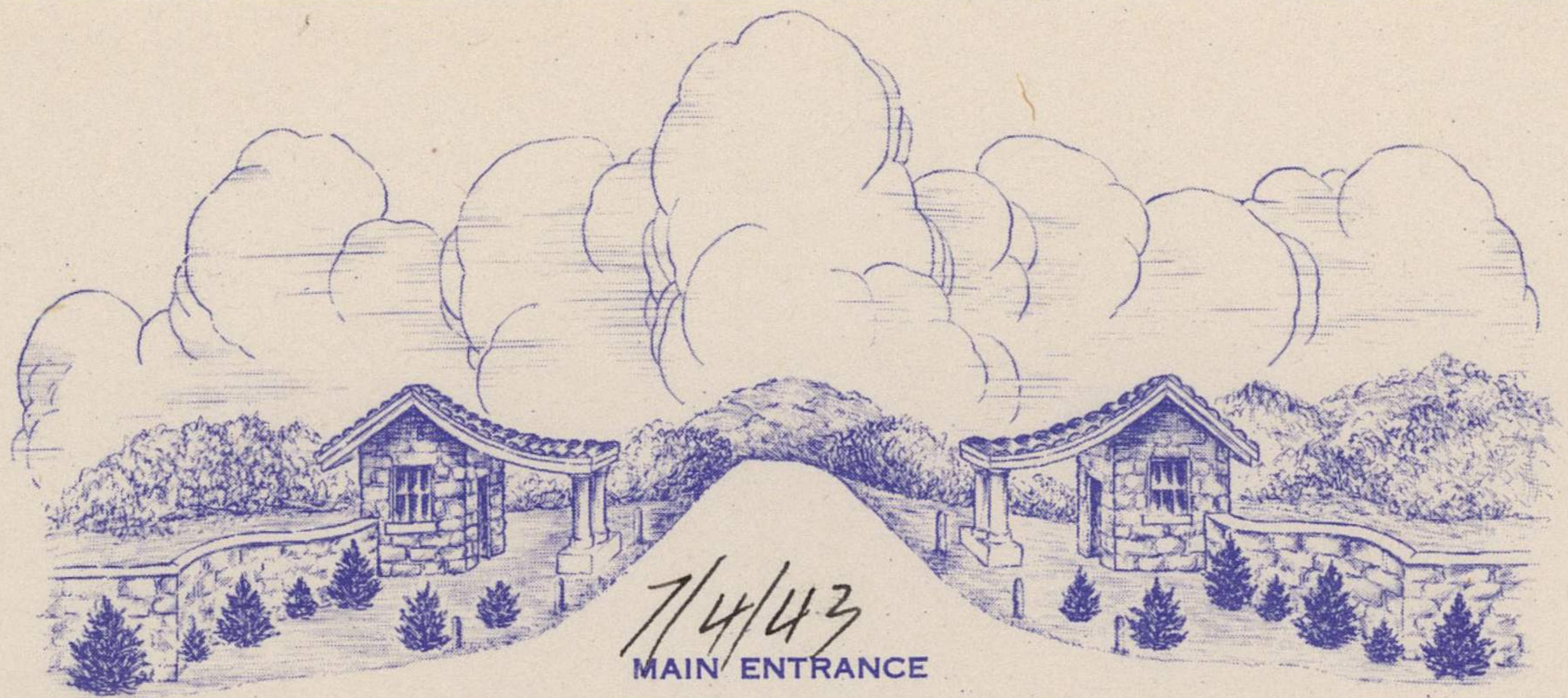
Thanks you for your fine letter of recommendation to forward with my application to the U. S. Navy. Your letter reached here on Monday night and enabled me to submit my application within 10 days as required.

If you should have occasion to visit New Orleans please be sure to let us know. I should enjoy introducing you to a young basketball player, Larry John, who is learning to throw a tennis ball into a waste paper basket.

Thanks again for your fine letter.

Sincerely  
Lawrence Skinner





CAMP WOLTERS, TEXAS

Dr. Forrest C. Allen  
Director of phys Educa,  
Varsity Basketball Coach

Dear "Doc"

This is just a short note to thank you for your quick reply to my request for a letter of recommendation. I really feel proud to read the things you say about me. I only hope I can always hold that faith <sup>you have</sup> in you. I feel that I will be able to get a break now. I think all I needed was a letter from you. if you will remember, it took only a letter from you to get me the job at Haskell, only a letter from you to get me the position at Augusta, and now I hope this one will do the work here.

Thanks a lot "Doc". Tell your wife hello for me.  
Respectfully yours  
Dave Shirk



WAR PRODUCTION BOARD

414 Interstate Building  
Kansas City, Missouri

IN REPLY REFER TO:

June 24, 1943

Mr. Forest C. Allen  
Director of Physical Education  
University of Kansas  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Phog:

Thanks very much for your letter of June 21,  
regarding the PD-200-C application for priorities  
on the Sunflower Day Nursery.

It was my pleasure to be able to get this through  
in quick order. Please always feel free to call on  
us whenever we can be of help.

When you see Chancellor Malott, please extend to him  
my kindest regards.

Thanks a lot and with kindest regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

*Charles B. Shaeffer*  
CHARLES B. SHAEFFER  
Acting District Manager

CBS:MLD





Boston, Mass.  
13 June 1943.

Dear "Doc":

Just a line to let you know that my leave did not permit me to visit Lawrence; I was able to visit my father in Michigan. I was greatly disappointed in this turn of events, but my only hope is to look forward to another leave which will permit the trip to Lawrence -- I hope the next one is not two years in the offing.

My new duty assignment is on the staff of the Supply School here at Harvard. I feel greatly handicapped in not having had any practical experience, but since my orders read thus I will perform my duty to the best of my ability. It will be quite a strain and far from the active duty I so desired, but it is not for us to say. Many K.U. boys are back here so our school is well represented in persons and on record.

As things progress I will keep you posted. Your interest and friendly notes are greatly appreciated; may the time be short till we can meet again as in the "old" days. Sincerely,

William H. Shannon.

P.S. Kindly remember me to our mutual friends. I understand K.U. is looking for a dean of the School of Engineering -- time and circumstances play peculiar tricks.



June 4, 1943.

A/S John F. Short,  
72nd Colg. Trng. Det. (Aircrew),  
St. Cloud, Minnesota.

Dear Johnny:

Mighty happy to hear from you and we will follow your orders regarding the sweater and basketballs when they arrive.

I am sending you a copy of a letter I wrote to the boys about a month ago. The inking is not good because this is one of the rejects, but I imagine you will be able to read some of it. We plan to get out such a letter about once a month to keep the boys posted on the activities and whereabouts of each other. I will put you on our mailing list and send you a copy of each letter.

With best wishes to you, I am

Cordially yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.



May 24, 1943.



UNITED STATES ARMY AIR FORCE

Dear Dr. Allen:

Getting to know you and earning a letter at Kansas University has been the realization of a lifelong ambition for me. Although, as I look back on it now, I'm sorry that I didn't work a little harder.

This army life is fine and I wouldn't miss it for the world, but I'm coming back to school after it's all over.

I would appreciate it if you would send the gold basketball and sweater to Mrs. L. D. Short, 911 Highland, Salina, Kansas. I take size 40 with a 33 inch sleeve length.

Sincerely yours,

John F. Short.



July 1, 1943.

Pvt. David L. Shirk,  
52 Bn., Co. D, 3rd Plat.,  
Camp Wolters, Texas.

Dear Dave:

I received your good letter of June 28 and I want to say here and now that nothing you ask of me would be difficult for me to do for you. This is one of the most pleasant things that I can think of - writing a letter of recommendation for you. I certainly hope that you are successful in getting to O.C.S. I am sending you three copies for you to use as you see fit, and I am hoping when this thing is over that it will be possible for me to use you at some time in the future here at the University of Kansas.

Of course, in this emergency where Uncle Sam is sending back the Navy fliers, Naval engineers and Army engineers, they naturally need physical directors, and it was for that reason that I could use you at this time, on account of this influx. But I am hoping that some time when everything is quieted down the department will be so that we can use you permanently. We have Henry Shenk here now on a permanent basis, and we have brought in Reginald Strait and Ray Kanehl on a temporary basis for the duration. But of course you can never tell how things will turn out, and I am expecting a great emphasis on physical conditioning after this war is over.

Write me at any time, Dave, and always remember that it will be a great pleasure for me to do everything possible to help you. You have been a fine fellow and a fine influence with young men. It will always be a pleasure for me to boost you on and up. Stay in there and pitch, Dave, and give them all you have got. I know that your sincere work will not go unrewarded.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH  
Enc.



Pvt Dave Shirk  
52 BN, Co E, 3<sup>rd</sup> pl<sup>t</sup>  
Camp Wolters, Texas.

Dr. Forrest C Allen  
Phys Educ Director-"etc"  
University of Kansas

Dear "Doc"

IT seems that I only write to you when I want you to do something for me. This time I would like to have you send me a letter of recommendation. I have an opportunity to apply for "officers' Candidate School" and would like to have a letter from you giving proof that I would make an officer.

"Doc" I was sure set on getting the chance to work under you at the University but it seems that the Army had a job for me. I would have enjoyed working for you again, I really enjoyed the job you gave me on the playground in the summer time. I think being a coach or a physical education teacher at the University would be about tops in my profession. Maybe there will be another opening some time after this "Mess" is over and I could be considered again.

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I still have that letter you wrote for me when I applied for the Augusta job, and after reading it I cannot see how they could have refused to give me the job.

It really gives me great pride to have a person in your position write such concerning facts about me. Margaret, my wife, thinks that I am really fortunate to have such a friend, you know that I think so too. She is going to bring my little girl in to see you some time (I wish I could see her).

I really like the Army, I am used to hard work and this is hard work. I can say that I am now in the best physical condition that I have ever been in. I am also learning a lot of things about different characters that will help me later on in my coaching profession. The Army is full of all-types - that is one reason I hope they will consider me for Officer's School.

"Doc" I know that you are busy so I will stop so you can go on with your work. Thanks for everything

Respectfully yours  
Dave Shirk



Toxico Kansas  
June 28, 1943

Dr. F. C. Allen:  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Dr. Allen:

I have your letter of June 24, and I plan to be there Wed. June 30 at 9:30. The only exception will be if we are threatening rains and floods. We just went through a flood here a couple weeks ago, getting water in our house; and since that, we fear leaving home.

At any rate, I will be there at 9:30 wed. if at all possible. If not then, and if it is satisfactory with you, Thurs or Fri, following will be O.K. with me, and certainly it won't be raining all those days.

Many thanks for your letter and consideration,

Yours sincerely  
E. Stockman