

Camp Oak Openings,
Saugatuck, Michigan,
August 15, 1943.

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

Dear Dr. Allen:

Your letter with the enclosures reached me Friday and I was not too surprised at the contents. If that is the greatest sacrifice that has to be made to help in the war effort - then I'm grateful. It must be a difficult problem for you to arrange for all the military groups that the Journal-World reports are moving onto the campus.

This summer has been both interesting and busy. The camp is the largest it has been, the staff, with two exceptions all new and the caretaker developed into such a temperamental soul that he had to be discharged, so we have all had plenty to keep us on the move. The results have been more than gratifying and we are all just a little sorry to see the season close.

The stopover in Madison with Miss Bliss was a pleasant and profitable one. The outstanding leaders in the entire country were there for the college physical fitness workshop. There were many interesting suggestions and plans discussed. It did seem that our setup is as sound as any discussed. Many schools that went "all out" for requiring the women to take physical education were neither staffed nor equipped to handle the groups and are at present wondering where to turn. Representatives from each of the women's military divisions were there, as well as a representative from the Department of Labor, an authority on women in industry. Plans are being made to hold another follow-up conference or workshop next year.

If there are any changes in plans for this fall, I shall be here for another ten days and then home. Do hope you are having some not too typically Kansas summer weather.

Sincerely,

Joe L. Stapleton