

CHAMBERS OF
WILLIAM A. SMITH
JUSTICE

THE SUPREME COURT
OF THE
STATE OF KANSAS

TOPEKA

November 24, 1944

Dr. F. G. Allen,
c/o Kansas University,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Doctor:

We had a letter from Donald, our eighteen-year-old boy, who is in France with the 82nd Airborne Division, which pleased us very much indeed. There is a reference to you in it - hence this letter.

Our boy was quite a basketball star in high school but didn't get to play in college because the war interferred. From the letter we received this morning he is talking about finishing school and being a coach. Here is the part which I think might interest you - A year before he finished school we gave him your book on Basketball for a Christmas present. He said in his letter this morning "In my spare time I am going to jot down my ideas about coaching - I wish you would send me my copy of Phog Allen's book on Basketball right away."

You may be sure we will get this book on the way to him at once.

I thought you might get a kick out of the fact that a boy in a fox hole in France was thinking about your book. It gives me quite a kick too to learn that the lad's ideas are fixed on completing his college course. That's one thing that has worried me. Don wants us to send him a book on Football coaching too. I don't know what a good book would be. I wish you would give me some suggestions as to a good book to send him. He wants a book that will give him some ideas about the fundamentals of coaching.