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Dr. Forrest C. Allen
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Dear Dr. Allen:

I think the time is approaching when it would be well for men in my position to start making some plans for military service.

The local draft board in Paola is taking pre-Pearl Harbor fathers now, as are other draft boards throughout Kansas. I am very much interested in a branch of the Navy designated Specialist A Athletics. Perhaps you are familiar with this. The only possibility of getting into the branch, however, is through enlisting or volunteering through your draft board. By reason of my color perception defect it is my intention to take a pre-induction physical examination at Leavenworth, at which time it will be possible for me to find out whether or not I could be accepted by any branch of the Navy, and if I should be acceptable for Naval service I would request assignment to Specialist A Athletics at which time I would like very much to have a letter from you.

To refresh your recollection a bit, I played on the '37, '38 and '39 football team, being captain of the '39 team, and also worked as assistant Freshman football coach in the fall of '40 and part of '41. I also participated in track in '37, was a representative on the Men's Student Council from the Law, Medicine and Graduate School, President of my second year law class and a member of the Dean's Honor Roll while in College.

I know that you have been called upon to write many letters of this nature recently and will know exactly what I want.

I think one of the most important features of the letter would be to stress the fact that I have had experience as a coach while assisting with the Freshman football team at the University.

Please address this letter to the Officer in Charge, United States Naval Reserve, Ft. Leavenworth Reception Center, Leavenworth, Kansas, and then send it to me at Paola.

Thanking you for your favor in this matter and with kindest

