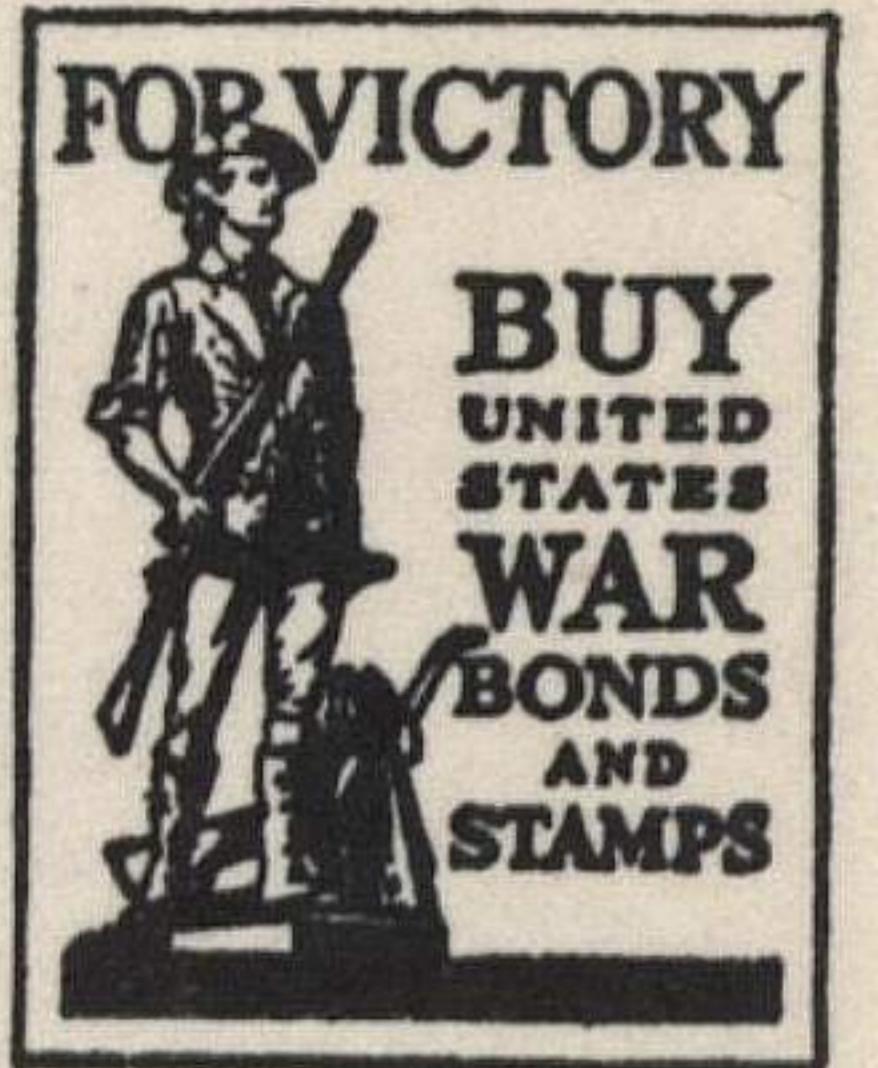




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In reply
refer to

2 October 1944.

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

Dear Phog:

Thank you for your letter of 28 September outlining frankly the position in which you find yourself.

There is no chance that we can secure a commission for you, as all commissions were frozen over a year ago. You are also correct in your supposition that we would probably not be able to use you as late as 1 March. However, we will try in every way to keep from requesting men to serve when it would interfere with their active season. How we are going to arrange this and still set our program up for V-Day is something we will have to figure out. Maybe we will have to give up basketball as one of our sports offerings, but it will entirely depend on when V-Day occurs.

May I suggest that under the circumstances you let matters ride as they are and if I secure a request it will be transmitted from this office to you and you can use it as ammunition for your talk with your Chancellor.

Meanwhile, we have used your name along with other coaches simply saying they will be available if needed. I do not see that this will interfere with your consideration by the Chancellor.

I will be glad to keep this confidential as you request.

Sincerely yours,

Eskie

HENRY W. CLARK,
Lt. Col., G. S. C.,
Chief, Athletic Branch.