

July 1, 1943.

Pvt. David L. Shirk,
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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 Sherk 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.

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