

Company A, 89th I A T B

Camp Maxey, Texas

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Dr. F. C. Allen

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Dear Dr. Allen,

I hope you won't mind my taking of some of your time to settle a dispute we are having here. You probably don't remember me, although Mr Porter or Mr Austin might. I played on the ASTP team at the University last season, and have played on several Army teams since. At present I am playing on a regimental team which will play in the finals of the post tournament for the post championship in about ten days. In recent games I have been called on a certain violation of the rules which is not clearly understood down here, and I am writing to ask your help in clearing the matter.

It seems that I have been guilty of goal-tending. I realize that a rule is now in effect which forbids goal-tending, but no one here has a copy of the rules, and as a result, many individual versions are to be found among the various referees. I interpret the new ruling to mean that I am not allowed to intercept the ball on its downward flight, which is alright, but what about a ball which is obviously short, or appears as though it will hit the rim? Another example is the tall center on one of the teams who has made a specialty of tipping in shots which the guards have purposely shot a little short. According to the present interpretation of the rule I may not intercept the