

December 14, 1945

Mr. Cox, Manager
Western Union
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Coxie:

In reply to our follow-up on the message sent to Otto O. Schnellbacher at Hondo, Texas, your report is as follows:

"Schnellbacher has left the city. Present address unknown. Western Union at Hondo, Texas, cancelled the message and filed it."

I am in receipt of a letter from Otto O. Schnellbacher dated December 11, 1945, Officers Mess, AAFES, Hondo, Texas, in which he says,

"I am a week late getting out of the army. I start discharging the 14th of Dec, so should be in Lawrence around the 17th. I was suppose to get out the 6th of Dec. but they couldn't handle all of us at the seperation center. Being an "S" in the alphabet, I waited a week."

It looks as if Mr. Schnellbacher was still in Hondo, Texas, when this information was given to Western Union.

Schnellbacher will be here, as you see, on the 17th and I am still going to find out why the message was not delivered. It looks as if your Western Union at Hondo, Texas, is without the proper information, or perhaps the proper initiative. Do you reckon some of our Western Union people may inform us that we have had a war?

Sincerely,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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