

February 11, 1946

Coach J. A. Walka  
Blewett High School  
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Coach Walka:

I have just sent you the following telegram:

"Clarence Dunlap took bus for St. Louis this morning without contacting us. We had nice rooming facilities and good environment for him. He told his roommate, one of our players, that he had been out of the Army only two weeks and he desired to go home. Letter follows. Forrest C. Allen."

Clarence worked out with the team and seemed especially pleased with the boys. The boys all liked him and I thought everything was splendid. I cannot understand his reactions.

It might have been he was not out of service long enough, or maybe there was someone else who had offered him some inducement that appealed to him more. I would appreciate your having a talk with him and letting me know just what the difficulty was.

I want you to know that I have appreciated very much your every good deed in helping us. I am hoping that he will reconsider and decide to return. He could reenroll this week or the first part of next week and carry a full load without injuring his academic standing. Classes will not start until the latter part of this week so he could still get in okay.

Thanking you for an early reply, I am

Sincerely yours,

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Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.