

August 11, 1945.

Mr. Frank Leahy,
Director of Athletics,
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Notre Dame, Indiana.

Dear Frank:

I regret to advise you that your letter of August 6th arrived a little too late for the Army command here. For over a week the A-12 students have been arriving and there are now 776 with us. Not having any gymnasium equipment, the Colonel was terribly anxious to get going, and on July 31 he signed the OPA order to requisition shoes. It was necessary that bids be in at that time, so the shoes have been ordered.

I regret this very much, because Mr. Jones of the U.S. Rubber Company of Kansas City called yesterday noon. He had driven up from Pittsburg, Kansas, to see me and seemed greatly disappointed when I told him the order had been placed. Perhaps I should have sent a copy of my letter written July 20 to the New York office so that it would have caught you at either location.

I realize how busy you have been, but I was anxious that you have this order if at all possible. Perhaps we can do it better the next time for you.

I have charge of the physical conditioning of the outfits here. We have 125 Naval fliers, 300 Machinists Mates, 527 V-12 and 776 A-12 boys, which keeps us extremely busy with our facilities which under the conditions are limited for this mob. Therefore, I feel that I will not get away this summer. But if and when I do I would certainly love to say hello to you. I have followed your teams with much interest and I was sorry to learn of your illness last fall. I trust that you have entirely recovered from your temporary impediment.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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