

December 4, 1942.

Mr. Arthur Morse,  
10 So. LaSalle St.,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Art:

I wired you last night as follows:

"Complications have arisen which make our game doubtful. Waited until practice period today before I wired acceptance to another proposition. My letter follows. Sorry. Regards.

Forrest C. Allen."

On January 16th we are committed to play Camp Crowder or Neosho, Missouri, in the Municipal Auditorium, Kansas City. We were to play a double header, playing the Leavenworth Reception Center the same night. Our team would have played both teams in a giant-killer program. But the commanding officer of Leavenworth called off all athletics, so that game is out. However, the Camp Crowder people still want to play and of course if they insist we could have no good excuses for cancelling our game and going to Chicago to play another.

When I wired you I was under the impression that Camp Crowder would not want to hold us to this game. I wrote them and tried to make satisfactory explanations, but it is my conviction that they would not amicably release us. Therefore, we would be put in a very bad light with the armed service to attempt any further abandonment of that game unless they would cheerfully release us. In light of this fact I believe that we will have to decline the invitation with you.

We had several propositions, one to play in Cleveland with Great Lakes, which would not be a college attraction, but the other game was in St. Louis on January 1 on the way back from New York. All of this time, since I have communicated with you, I have endeavored to be released from the 16th, but seeing that that was hopeless I accepted the January 1st date which would be filled on our way returning from New York.