

March 13, 1942.

Lt. Commander J. Russell Cook,
Great Lakes Naval Training Station,
Great Lakes, Illinois.

Dear Russ:

When your wire came I was deluged with a thousand other details here at my administrative desk. I dictated a wire to you, but did not send it. It simply got covered up in the mass of detail on my desk. I am enclosing a copy of it herewith.

Doubtless you read in the paper of my desire to play you because I gave it to the press thinking that I would send the wire at once. I am honest when I say I do not think we have the team to go through this N.C.A.A. tournament. We may get knocked off Tuesday night in the play-off with the Oklahoma Aggies.

However, I do want you to know that we would be delighted to meet your boys again, and I hope that we may have the opportunity. You have a fine group of sportsmen and it was a pleasure for our boys to meet your fine team.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

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Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.