

January 16, 1942.

Mr. Russell L. Wiley,  
University of Kansas.

Dear Mr. Wiley:

When we were in Kansas City discussing plans for the game with the Great Lakes Naval Training Station to be played in the Kansas City Auditorium on February 5th, Mr. Eugene Zachman and Mayor Gage both expressed the hope that the University of Kansas Band could play at the game.

I wrote the Chancellor, and he has approved the trip. Then I called Dean Swarthout, and he said to talk to you about it. Of course, we will pay the expenses of the trip.

I am leaving tonight for Lincoln and Ames, and will be in the office on Tuesday, but I wanted you to consider the matter in the meantime.

I suggested to the Chancellor that you might play at one or two of the Kansas City, Missouri, high schools. However, if this isn't practical I am not presuming upon your prerogatives because you haven't given me your consent that you will play, but I hope you will. In regard to transportation, whatever you think is best will be quite satisfactory.

I thought, also, that it might be well if you could serenade the Star and maybe the Post just before nightfall. They are both giving us lots of publicity on the game.

There will be Army, Navy and Marine officers there to represent the different arms of the service. The game, as you know, is for the Navy Relief, and I am sure we are going to have a wonderful crowd. Between halves I believe they are going to have a drill team from one of the arms of the service, and the band, of course will play before the game, and perhaps some during the intermission.

Whatever you desire to do will be perfectly satisfactory with me.