

December 21, 1945.

Lieut. William Hennigh,
Hutchinson Naval Air Station,
Hutchinson, Kansas.

Dear Lieutenant Hennigh:

The writer recommended to our Athletic Board of the University of Kansas that we cancel the game with you to be played at Hutchinson, Kansas, on January 24. Our game here was so highly unsatisfactory from the standpoint of good sportsmanship and general all around good feeling that I am positive no good purpose can be attained under conditions which prevailed here in Lawrence in our game on December 4.

It has always been our desire to schedule service teams wherever possible for the purpose of promoting friendly feeling and the higher type of sportsmanship. The game on December 4th certainly did not have any of these earmarks and I can see no good purpose in continuing relations under the conditions that have previously existed.

I am told this morning that the Athletic Board acted favorably upon my request.

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

December 21, 1943.

Mr. Karl Klooz,
Athletic Director,
University of Kansas.

Dear Karl:

The letter to Lt. Hennigh was mailed out this afternoon.
This copy is for your files.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

December 21, 1943.

Mr. K. W. Davidson,
University of Kansas.

Dear Wayne:

The letter to Lt. Hennigh was mailed out this afternoon.
I have sent a copy to Harry Morrow and he doubtless will write
his story as of Wednesday, the 22nd.

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

December 17, 1943.

Mr. Karl Klooz,
Director of Athletics,
University of Kansas.

Dear Karl:

I am writing you concerning the possible cancellation of the January 24th game with the Hutchinson Naval Air Station at Hutchinson.

I am always happy to schedule games with service teams if we are doing the service a kindness or a courtesy. Personally, I have never had a team subjected to the roughness and the general unsavory attitude by an opponent as was shown by the Hutchinson team here on our court on December 4th. I characterize such tactics as the Naval Air Station team showed as "muckerism". Taunts, jibes, thrusts and downright unnecessary roughness which sometimes bordered on intent to injure, were in my opinion shown by the representatives of this team.

The coach, Lt. Bill Hennigh, professed a desire to clear up things, but when two of his accompanying men who were rooters, ran out on the court he remonstrated with them, at my insistence, but then turned, smiled, and winked at them after he had reprimanded them. The two men attached to his outfit, who were in uniform, ran repeatedly out on the court and made violent and unsportsmanlike gestures at the referee each time he called a foul. They would hold their noses and while in a standing position would wave their two hands in apparent utter disgust and despair at the supposedly unfairness of the officials. So far as these two rooters were concerned, they were unmanageable, apparently, and unsportsmanlike. They were seated on the visitors' bench which made them a part of the official party. Personally, I would never schedule another game with a team such as this under the present management.

I think some offer should be made to pay their expenses since each outfit was to pay their own, but since we do not go down there it might appear to them unfair to pay their own expenses up here. This is only mentioned for the sake of consideration and fair play for the visitors.

Personally, I would not lay all the stress of cancellation on too many games. I would rather be frank and if you desire to quote me say that I do not care to subject my boys to the rough treatment and the humiliation that was shown them by older and more powerful opponents who did not show a sporting tendency.

I am always glad to schedule service teams if the service teams conduct themselves as good sportsmen and good, rough, tough competitors, but when the field of muckerism is encroached upon then I am of the positive opinion that we should not schedule games.

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Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

December 2, 1943.

Lieut. William H. Hennigh, USNR
Naval Air Station,
Hutchinson, Kansas.

Dear Bill:

In our call this afternoon we failed to mention that I will be out of town Saturday afternoon. I am sorry that I will not be able to meet you upon your arrival, but I am sure Lieut. Randolph Neil will take good care of your boys at the airport.

E. A. Thomas has commandeered my services for a basketball clinic in Kansas City at 2 o'clock on Saturday afternoon, but I will be back in plenty of time to chat with you before the game.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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NAVAL AIR STATION
HUTCHINSON, KANSAS

30 November 1943

Dr. F. C. Allen
Coach of Basketball
Kansas University
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

Just a note to advise you that we will arrive at Lawrence Airport about 12:30 Saturday noon. I would appreciate your asking your local cab company to furnish sufficient transportation for about twenty (20) men at that time.

I am also asking our Public Relations department to furnish the Lawrence paper with some information and photographs of men on our team.

Sincerely yours

Bill

WILLIAM H. HENNIGH
Lieut. D-V(S) USNR

Blue uniforms

November 29, 1943.

Lieut. William H. Hennigh, USNR,
Naval Air Station,
Hutchinson, Kansas.

Dear Bill:

I would appreciate it if you will rush us the data on your boys so that we can give some publicity to your outstanding players. We would like your line-up, and the outstanding accomplishments and backgrounds of the players. I thought if we could personalize these players it would add to the interest for our publicity. Send us also the background of yourself.

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

November 9, 1943.

Lieut. William H. Hennigh, USNR,
Naval Air Station,
Hutchinson, Kansas.

Dear Bill:

This will confirm our arrangements made over the telephone. We are playing your team at Lawrence on Saturday, December 4, and playing you at Hutchinson on Monday, January 24.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

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W. H. Hennigh

NAVAL AIR STATION
HUTCHINSON, KANSAS

29 October 1943

Dr. Forrest C. Allen
Coach of Basketball
Kansas University
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

Sometime ago I wrote to you suggesting the dates Tuesday, December 7th, 1943 at Lawrence and Thursday, February 3rd, 1944 at Hutchinson for basketball games to be played by the Naval Air Station here and Kansas University.

So far I have not heard from you in regard to the above and since we are trying to complete our schedule as soon as possible I would like to hear from you at your earliest convenience.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours

Bill

WILLIAM H. HENNIGH
Lieut. D-V(S) USNR

Dec. 4 - here

Jan. 24 - there

St. Lawrence - here

October 5, 1943.

Lt. William H. Henigh, USNR
Naval Air Station,
Hutchinson, Kansas.

Dear Bill:

We would like to play one of the games in early December so that we can get in shape for the conference race after the holidays. I realize that you will be starting basketball soon, and doubtless you will not be in your best condition, but we would like to open up with you in the early weeks of December, if possible, say the week of December 5 - 11.

The next week they have the Christmas Vespers here and we cannot play due to the auditorium being used for preparations for the big vesper program. The second game, at Hutchinson, can be played to your liking. Won't you let me have an early reply?

Ensign Clif McWilliams, the Penn State center who has been stationed there had expected to play, but he came through Lawrence on his way east with a definite assignment, so you will lose a corking good player. He played with the Chapel Hill Pre-Flight School last winter. He and my son, Bobby Allen, played on the championship team at Pennsylvania two years ago, when McWilliams was studying law and Bobby studying medicine.

Sincerely yours,

PCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

NAVAL AIR STATION
HUTCHINSON, KANSAS

5 October 1943

Dr. Forrest C. Allen
Coach of Basketball
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

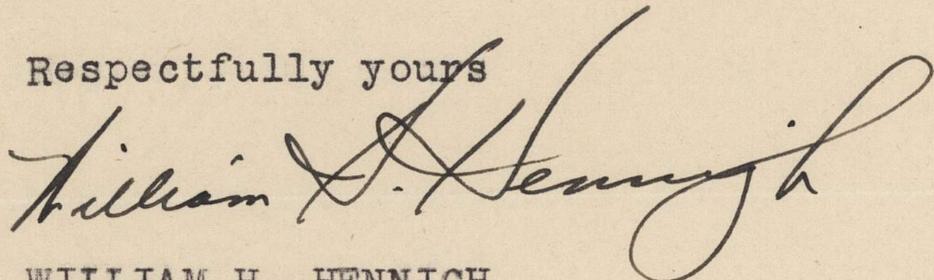
I have your letter of October 1st, 1943.

I am very happy to learn that you will play us in basketball this coming season. We would like very much for you to bring your team to Hutchinson and also play you a return game at Lawrence.

In regards to dates we can play any time you like except Wednesdays as we are in a league down here and they play on Wednesday nights.

Please let me hear from you at your convenience and many thanks for your kind offer of games.

Respectfully yours



WILLIAM H. HENNIGH
Lieut. D-V(S) USNR

October 1, 1943.

Ensign Bill Hennigh,
Coach of Basketball,
U. S. Naval Air Base,
Hutchinson, Kansas.

Dear Bill:

While Ensign Clif McWilliams was here this week he said that you might have a team at Hutchinson and that we might be able to play some games at Lawrence and at Hutchinson this season.

I would be happy to hear from you regarding this possibility, and to have your suggestion of dates.

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

November 30, 1943

Lt. Edward Gibbs,
Herington Army Air Base,
Herington, Kansas.

We are expecting you for the game December 1.

Forrest C. Allen, Basketball Coach.

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ARMY BASKETBALL ROSTER

Officials

October 28, 1943.

Lt. Edw. Gibbs

Lieut. Vincent J. Hogan,
Physical Training Officer,
Army Air Base,
Herington, Kansas.

Dear Lieutenant Hogan:

We are also holding the following dates on our calendar
for our games with you:

December 1 - at Lawrence, 7:30 p.m.

December 23 - at Herington, 8:00 p.m.

I assure you it will be a pleasure to play these games
with your boys.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

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HEADQUARTERS
Army Air Base
Herington, Kansas

27 October 1943

Dr. Forrest C. Allen
Director of Physical Education,
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Sir:

Confirming our telephone conversation of yesterday, we have entered on our schedule, the following home and home dates.

Wed. December 1st Herington AAB at Lawrence 7:30PM

Thur December 23rd Univ. of Kansas at Herington 8:00PM

When you visit here on the 23rd, we would greatly appreciate the privilege of having your team as our guests for as much of the day as they can spend here. We'll try to give your team an insight into how the Army works in spite of the fact that your boys may be Navy trainees.

With best regards.

Sincerely yours,

Vincent J. Hogan

VINCENT J. HOGAN
2nd Lt., Air Corps
Physical Training Officer

HEADQUARTERS
Army Air Base
Herington, Kansas

22 October 1943

Dr. Forrest C. Allen
Director of Physical Education
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Sir:

Your letter of 20 October received.

I believe it best if we arranged our games on a home and home basis, with each team taking care of their own expense.

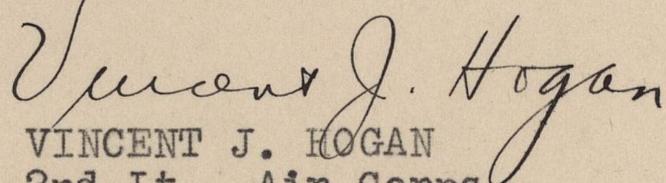
In regard to our game at Lawrence on 1 December, we will either travel by rail or automobile, leaving here in sufficient time to play the game there and returning the same night. Since we are approximately one hundred and ten miles apart, the distance involved is negligible.

We have open dates here on 28 December and 4 January both Tuesdays and would like to have you take your choice of either.

It is safe to presume that a majority of our home games will be played at the Gymnasium on the Base, which is of regulation College dimensions.

Trusting that I may hear from you about the 28 December or 4 January dates,

Sincerely yours,


VINCENT J. HOGAN
2nd Lt., Air Corps
Physical Training Officer

October 20, 1943.

Lieut. Vincent J. Hogan,
Physical Training Officer,
Army Air Base,
Herington, Kansas.

Dear Lieutenant Hogan:

I am glad that it will be possible for you to play the first game at Lawrence on December 1. We play all of our games at 7:30 in the evening.

I am wondering about your transportation.

Would you desire a home and home schedule, with each team taking care of their own expenses?

We have a game on December 18, so some time a little later than this, either just before or after the Christmas holidays, would suit us better. May I ask where your boys are playing? Are you playing in the Herington high school, or do you have a basketball court in your recreation building?

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

HEADQUARTERS
PHYSICAL TRAINING DIRECTOR
ARMY AIR BASE
HERINGTON, KANSAS

18 October 1943

Dr. Forrest C. Allen
Varsity Basketball Coach,
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

Your kind letter of 16 October received.

I thank you sincerely for the opportunity of extending an invitation to play at Lawrence on 1 December. While I agree with you that this date is early, I see no reason why we can not accept it. Accordingly I am entering this game for 1 December on our schedule and presume it will be played at night.

I hardly know what suggestions to offer you in regards to a home game here but if you desire to play one early in the season, may I suggest the dates of Tuesday 14 December, or Friday 17 December?

In closing allow me to again express my appreciation of your generous cooperation in arranging this December first game and hope that we can arrive at a mutually satisfactory date here.

With best wishes for a successful season.

Vincent J. Hogan
VINCENT J. HOGAN
2nd Lt., Air Corps
Physical Training Officer

October 16, 1943.

Lieut. Vincent J. Hogan,
Physical Training Officer,
Army Air Base,
Herington, Kansas.

Dear Lieutenant Hogan:

We have but one day of vacation at Thanksgiving, which is November 25. We are playing a number of service teams and it will be difficult to get them all in unless we start early. Would you be interested in playing in Lawrence on Wednesday, December 1?

I realize this is rather early but we will have the same difficulty that you will have because our last game in football is with the Fort Riley Centaurs on November 27. Many of our basketball boys are playing football, but we have got to start some time, so if you can come on December first we can perhaps arrange a game. Doubtless we can make the same arrangements for a game at your place.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

HEADQUARTERS
Army Air Base
Herington, Kansas

13 October 1943

Dr. F. C. Allen,
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

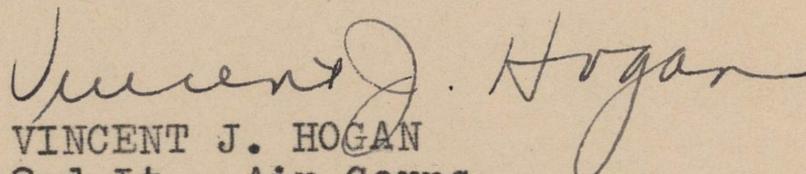
Dear Sir:

Am approaching you to ascertain the possibilities of a home and home basketball series.

We are located approximately eighty-five miles South and West of you, eliminating any serious transportation difficulty.

Would very much like to hear your sentiments in this regard.

Anticipating the pleasure of your reply.


VINCENT J. HOGAN
2nd Lt., Air Corps
Physical Training Officer

U. S. NAVAL AIR STATION
OLATHE, KANSAS

7 January 1944

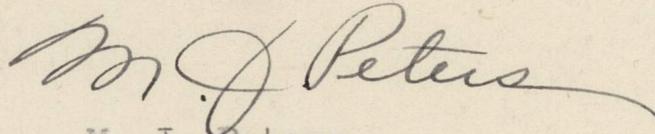
Forrest C. Allen
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Phog:

In answer to your questions? Our game begins at 7:30 p.m. We will wear white shirt and trousers.

The only possible way your followers can enter the station, is in your own party. We will have a sailor, stationed at the main gate to meet your party and he will in turn show you the way, I remain.

Sincerely,



M. J. Peters
Lieutenant, USNR
Basketball Coach

MJP:fh

U. S. NAVAL AIR STATION
OLATHE, KANSAS

5 January 1944

Dr. Forrest C. Allen
Kansas University
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Phog:

The basketball game scheduled with your team on
Tuesday, January 11, 1944, will start at 7:30 p.m.

The color of our uniforms is white (both shirts
and pants).

Anticipating your arrival for the game, I remain.

Sincerely yours,

M. J. Peters

M. J. Peters
Lieutenant, USNR
Basketball Coach

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