

February 27, 1943.

Mr. E. S. Hickey,
Basketball Coach,
Creighton University,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Dear Eddie:

The Army Reserve is calling our boys, nine out of thirteen, for induction at Fort Leavenworth on March 6th. Armand Dixon has left for his home in California, and the other boys definitely desire to go home before they are called. They have agreed to go to Columbia to play the game at Missouri, but they do not want to go to Omaha. This will take out Evans, Schnellbacher, Brill, Baker, Ballard, Dick, Blair, Fitzpatrick and Dixon.

I will bring a team up to play you but it will not be these stars. I cannot insist that they do otherwise when their call to service is so close.

I will either forfeit the game to you without playing it or I will bring a second team up and play the game. Which do you desire? I thought I would call you this morning, but on second thought I figured it would be better to write you this letter and let you think over the problem, then you can call me or wire me.

Frankly, Eddie, I hate to do this, but there is no alternative. We recognize you now as the representative of the Fifth District, and we wish you all kinds of luck.

Thank you for your good letter wishing us success in a very difficult situation.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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