

SJS Team Reported Assigned To Police Duty In Honolulu

Unconfirmed reports from the Hawaiian Islands indicate that the Spartan football team has been assigned to the Honolulu police force and will patrol downtown areas of that city.

College Director of Athletics Glen "Tiny" Hartranft had been trying yesterday and late last night to communicate with Coach Ben Winkleman and the team of 25 players. All attempts of communication failed although the FBI, Moffett Field, Police department, and Matson steamship lines were cooperating with the athletic director.

There is still a possibility that the team, coach, and local supporters may return to the United States December 24 as originally planned.

Reports indicated late yesterday that the Lurline (steamship) had not yet been docked by government order. As tickets and staterooms had been ordered ahead of time on the Lurline the team will have priority to leave the Islands December 16. However, if the waters between the States and the Islands are considered unsafe, the team may be forced to stay in Honolulu for the duration of the war.

It is also uncertain if the team will play the scheduled football games with the University of Hawaii Saturday and with Williamette University the following Wednesday.

Coach Ben Winkleman, the team, and supporters left San Francisco November 27 for a four-weeks' trip to the Islands. The party reached Honolulu last Wednesday and has been staying at the Moana Hotel in that city.