

# AMVETS

## AMERICAN VETERANS OF WORLD WAR II

CAMBRIDGE POST NO. THIRTY-THREE

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September 21, 1947

Honorable City Council  
 City of Cambridge

Gentlemen:

At a regular meeting of the Recreation Commission September 18th that body refused permission to Amvet Post #33 football team for use of Russell Field on certain Sunday afternoons. Various reasons were stated for this refusal and chief among these is the following;

"The use by the public would greatly damage the playing surface."

We would like to point out that High School Teams use the field on Saturday afternoons and our request is for Sunday afternoons only. Whatever damage is done to the playing surface on Saturday would not be repaired until Monday. Our use of the field on Sunday could add but little to the damage already incurred on Saturday.

I feel that the reasons stated by the Recreation Commission are not sufficient for the refusal.

Further that if the taxpayers of Cambridge are going to keep paying for the upkeep of the field it should be used more often, so that when the High Schools do play there the people would more or less have the habit of attending Russell Field for their sports entertainment.

Sincerely yours,

*Francis G. Ralph*  
 Commander, Amvets, Post #33

Communication  
From AMVETS. Cambridge Post  
No. 33. rel. to refusal of  
Recreation Commission to allow  
them the use of Russell Field  
for their Football Team on  
certain Sunday Afternoon

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In City Council SEP 22 1947

Referred to the Committee on

Public Service

Frederick H. Burke

City Clerk

10/2 next meeting  
Per Com. & petition  
10/6/47 Council meeting  
first

file

In City Council SEP 20 1948

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Frederick H. Burke

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14 Sherman Street  
Cambridge, Mass.  
May 14, 1948

To the Honorable, The City Council  
Cambridge, Mass.

Gentlemen:

Over a period of years, injuries have been suffered by ball players at the Ringe Park field due to the lack of proper fencing along the Yerxa Road edge of the field. Recently, an outfielder chased a ball out into the street and he was struck by an automobile.

Others have sustained bruises caused by tumbles off the sloping bank at the rim of the field. A thirty or forty foot stretch of wire fence would solve the problem and prevent fielders from dashing out into the street at that point.

Sincerely yours,

*Francis X. McCann*

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Communications  
From Francis X. Mc Carrin  
relative to erecting a Wire Fence  
along Yersa Road side of  
Ridge Field

~~In City Council~~

MAY 17 1948

Referral to Committee  
on Public Service

Frederick H. Burke City Clerk

File

~~In City Council~~

SEP 20 1948

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Frederick H. Burke City Clerk

# City of Cambridge

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In City Council September 20<sup>th</sup> 1948.

The

Committee on Public Service

to which was referred sundry (2) communications

Reports, recommending that the following be

placed on file.

1. Comm. from Amvets No. 33 Post relative to use of Russell Field for games.
2. Comm. from Francis X. McCann relative to erection of fence around Rindge Field, (Yerxa Road side).

  
For the Committee.

**REPORT**

Committee on

*Public Service*

*File survey (2) committees*

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*Sept. 20, 1948*

Report received and  
recommendation **ADOPTED**

Attest: *Frederick H. Butler*  
City Clerk