

18. No Gambling (1:09)

This used to be called High's Boot Camp I could tell you because it was in a military way. But they used to say I wouldn't let them play cards.

No, I told them I wouldn't let them gamble because if you let them play poker, the best poker player after a year will have all their money. There's no question. You're in an isolated station. There's no place to go and there's 12 guys. The best poker player will have all the money and the rest of you will go home with nothing.

I said I wouldn't allow gambling and, almost to a man, everyone that ever left wrote me a note back, "Thank you for sending me home with my money."

So I explained to them why and of course they used to say I wouldn't let them play cards which was not true. I wouldn't let them gamble. Those are just a few of my idiosyncrasies that worked for a brand new junior officer on isolated duty where you have to make your own rules in some cases. Some of these things really worked for me.

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