

Lt. Ray Evans, October 20, 1945

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On April 24, 1945 I wrote you thanking you for writing me regarding Cpl. James Kane whose address was and perhaps is 8838 South Morgan Street, Chicago, Illinois. I wrote Cpl. Kane and did not hear from him. Here is the paragraph I wrote you:

"There is hardly a day passes that some fellow on Massachusetts Street doesn't say, 'Won't you be glad to have Charlie Black and Ray Evans back?' And you know what my answer is - a big affirmative YES, with an exclamation! One of the boys at the Post Office said that he saw Charlie's dad who said that Charlie had earned a citation. He only has six more missions, they say, until he has a chance, at least, for a short furlough. Well, we are hoping."

I want to tell you that Charlie Balek is in Sioux City, Iowa now awaiting his release. His mother drove down to Coffeyville to get his wife and baby girl last week. Now the great difficulty is getting an apartment within reason that they can rent here in Lawrence but we have every confidence that we can get something and they perhaps will be in Lawrence by November 1.

I got a letter from Otto Schnellbacher the other day from Hondo, Texas, saying that he was hoping to be released soon and gave me the name of Pvt. Edward Sobczak. Otto was trying to get Sobczak to enroll here when he returns.

Jack Ballard is hoping to be released soon but it not certain. I have not heard from Armon Dixon lately but his foreign service ought to help him quite a bit. He has been over quite awhile.

Ray, will you write me and let me know if Bob Hendren has any promotion or if he is still a Cpl. He did not answer me and I want to write him but if he has a higher rank I want to address him correctly. I am terribly interested in doing everything within reason to see that he enters the University. He certainly would be a darling. Did you ever see a six foot eight inch guard the size of Bob Hendren?

Mary Allen Hamilton sent me a clipping from the San Francisco Chronicle Sporting Green edited by Bill Leiser as of Monday, September 24 showing the penalty play on Patterson. That 62,000 in Kezar Stadium was a lolly. From the photograph they had you in a bad spot coming from behind and I still think that your left arm went into that ball before you hit the fellow. Mary said it was a great game as she is loyal to few star performers of K. W. The Hamilton's think that Ray Evans is tops and I know a lot of Allen's that have the same viewpoint.