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Dear Doc:

Yesterday we got into port and found a great amt. of mail waiting for us. Amongst those for me was the last copy of the Rebounds, and as usual I was most happy to receive it. Thanks a lot for sending it to Chapman. I have a letter from him and he says he enjoys it very much. He has been moved to the Capt at Colorado Springs now and is improving a lot. I hate to read of those who have been killed but that we must expect, because it is hell as he killed. It seems most of our Kansas boys get it in the marines and I don't wonder because they seem to be the ones who always draw the impossible jobs. We were at Iwo and I had a good safe ring side seat, where I could watch, and believe me it was ^{hell}. When they went in there they met a wall of hot steel and hell fire. Thank God for them and the fact they love their Country so much they give their lives so willingly. I lived with them here on the ship for several weeks and I know them to be the best the U.S. can produce. I only wish we had.