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Dear Harold:

I was happy to have your letter of August 11 and quite agree with you that your publications will be arriving soon, although they do not move with the dispatch that the air mail received.

I can imagine how you boys celebrated the real V-J Day. And what General McArthur and the big boys will do to the Nips from now on will not be to the liking of the "So Sorry, Mister" boys. I was delighted to read this Monday morning's news where General McArthur refused to receive their emissaries but saw to it that his subordinates divested them of their Sumari Swords. That is exactly what these babies need and something a little tougher. But we'll talk this out when we get together and I will buy you the best drink that you can buy--soft drink, of course,--at one of our thirst emporiums which exist legally in Lawrence. Ha! Ha! Doubtless you fellows get something a little stronger and perhaps need it, but to us civilians we can think of, as a good treat for you boys, a double-rich chocolate malted milk.

Now, the question that you desire answered, I am very sure, and I am certain beyond a doubt that if you were withdrawn from school to enter service, or if you volunteer to enter service, that none of that year will be counted against you. I can state with a certainty that they will not be counted against you.

Captain Charlie Black of the Air Corps was in yesterday. He had just returned from the relocation center at Santa Anna, California, and is to be stationed for a short while at the Coffeyville Air Base.

I would write you a longer letter, but I will put it in the Rebound which I am trying to write as soon as I get my emergency correspondence out of the way. I have been teaching eight weeks in the summer session, and that has occupied a good portion of my time. However, I expect to get at this in the very near future. You will be receiving Rebound No. 18 at a time not too far in the future.

I assure you I will welcome you as a member of our squad. It might be possible for you to be with us in the season coming up. If not, certainly the next one, and I can assure you that we will present the opposition with an aggregation that will challenge the very best that they might have in the way of skills, finesse and battling power.