

My dear W.C.,

I was very much pleased to receive your letter of October 13th. I am sure the censor was somewhat responsible for the delay in its arrival. Letters from the home front are always very welcome.

It was fine Lyle Armel could get home for a day or two. I would like to do so myself.

Rotary have been very kind to me in Australia. I have visited 6 clubs althogether in widely dispersed areas. I have just received the "Rotarian" and have been informed that the Lawrence Club are sending it to me. I greatly appreciate this.

I would like to congratulate Dolph on the success of the scrap campaign. Philena wrote me that Kansas was the "tops" on the greatest number of pounds. I thought the idea of giving the kiddies a ride in a Jeep for 50 lbs of scrap a very clever one.

I note that you and other correspondence mention the changed conditions in Lawrence. It must be changed with George Foster and Dr. Anderson having passed away. I would miss them both greatly. No one has mentioned how the R.O.T.C. is getting on. I hope they will continue this organization, and I am happy to have such a fine tenant as Colonel Gage. If he should leave I have asked Philena to go to Lawrence and decide what to do with the home. Philena is very well according to the latest report and enjoying the two boys who are there with her. John has a very responsible position in the shipping yard in charge of steel. Since his eyes are too poor for him to become an officer I am not too anxious for him to be drafted as a private though he is anxious to go. Karl, the oldest boy, has a very fine job engineering, in charge of all the heating and ventilating for a project for the Navy which will house around 40,000. We have no further word of my son, in the Philippine Islands, though I do know he was alive at least a day before the surrender. The Japanese are not going to give us any information on our prisoners I am afraid.

K.U. football scores seem to be about the same as usual though I haven't heard many scores, though I did hear we won from Kansas State.

I have been out of Melbourne 90 days since the 6th August,