

Russell, Kansas, 8/8/1945.

Dear Bob, I feel encouraged with the good news of your feeling better. Chester Sellens says he noticed such an improvement over the time he saw you when you were all tired out from your long journey home. That makes me think Boots Boxberger was flown home from Paris landing in Maine and is to be in a hospital in the east -at least that is what they think.

We expected Phil for a short furlough on Tuesday morning. He had his ticket and reservation when all furloughs were cancelled and he and his Captain were sent to Fort Ord. He wrote from Ord they were getting equipment for very warm weather and expectin to leave very soon. He said Ord was so crowded and so busy -everything in a turmoil of departure. I have no idea whether he is still there or gone tho with Russia coming in I cant think Japan can last too long. Phil was expecting to go to Topeka to see you but of course you know how the Army upsets plans.

Did you know that Beth Stkin's husband, (Beth is John's sister) had been seriously wounded and is in the hospital ?

Adolph Reisig was in our office today to get gas

to move back to California. Adolph looks taller and he is heavier than I have seen him. He said he had done well this past six months in his welding shop but not being able to get help without paying more wages than he could afford, he had had to work 18 hours a day and that he wanted to go back to California while he did not say I have an idea his wife likes it better in the west. He plans to go San Francisco first but expects to go to school at the U. of northern California. I think that a splendid plan and only hope it works out. I have not seen his wife.

Bob Heffelf has his basement dug on the lot north of us -so maybe we will get the north side settled up. Arvin Bender and Bernard Galyardt both have their discharges.

Russell is getting real stylish-we are having a fuss over the garbage hauling contracts and are asking the city to take over the contracts.

My love to you and your Mother,

Margaret E. Ruffenbuhl