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Oct. 21, 1943 Dearest mound Dad, I take my new "Victory Model Shaffers pen in hand once again to advise my dearest parents that everything's O.K. I hit the "Jock pot" today; when in came fine hoge letters. I was very glad to hear that you received the \$80. also I was very happy to learn that my very generous pape stretched that 50 into 75 and bought another bond. Fosh, thanks a million Dad, Rothies very fine thank- you letter came today. Josh, she's certainly a wonderful girl. Little Dove certainly has wonderful parents. I really

cherish the picture she sent of David with his soldiers cap. I some little Dane very dearly - The got about ten pictures of him in my wallet and I show them to everybody. also a fine letter from Betty today - she seems so very very happy - that fact alone mokes me rest easily. I guess the little fello's there by now! And then there were your three swell newsy letters, mon. you really keep me up on the affairs of the town. The news clippings prove to be of much interest. It would certainly seem swell to see a good old Des Momes Register but I don't know just what

the deal would be getting it here . Certainly am glad to hear of the continued success of the business - under the capable promotion of my brother, Billy. Dad, you seem to be very busy beeping the forms in shape, too! The new lane over at Swea is no doubt a real improvement. How are the renters ( Die forgotten the name) doing on the Louth form o Live a scratch on my ankle that's become infected -So Lie been running around camp wearing a carpet slipper. It's getting better enery day as my pilot paints it with iodine and bandages it regularly.

Well, Joeks, I guess this is about all for tonight. Love, Jemmy P.S. I was glad to hear about Bob H. and Bob B. I notice by the clippings you've sent that a great many of the home town toys are getting furloughslucky devils ! P.S. (Junior) tell the boys" and friende hello for me. mon, Zill see what I can do for a souvenir for you .

Hi Damid.