

503 South St.

Waterloo, Iowa

[Pencil on paper, written in cursive]

Dear Mom

Well I thought I'd better write you and let you know that I got the money you sent me. And was I ever glad to get it, I wrote a letter yesterday and was going to have you send some money, then this morning I went to the post-office and got that check. That will last me till I get payed [sic] now, then if I get all thats [sic] coming to me I'll send some home when I get payed [sic]. I want you to write and tell me what you want for your Birthday Did Fay and Mrs [sic] Miller get a divorce or have they went [sic] back together, I have been wondering what they would do? [sic] I am sitting in the day room writing this letter, they are disinfecting the barrack today so we have to stay out allday [sic]. They have nice chairs to sit in and a radio, coke [sic] machine and candy bar machine so it isn't so bad.

That will be allright [sic] if your boy friend can get you some nylons and sugar and dad some overall [sic]. The night that I was over to Buckley the negroes all got in a fight with the white boys at the resturant [sic]. I guess the darkies were [crossed out] hitting the white boys with beer bottles. Well I guess I have wrote all I know right now.

Friday July 19, 1946

With lots of love Richard