

MAY 27 1992.

DEAR MARCIA:

I REMEMBER THINKING TO MYSELF,
"AT LEAST HE WON'T HAVE TO BECOME
INVOLVED IN THE WAR". THIS WAS
SEPT. 1939. I AM REFERRING TO YOUR
UNCLE ALVIN WHO WAS TAKEN FROM US, -
AND IS TO THIS DAY THE ONLY SYBLING
OUT OF (16) TO HAVE BEEN CALLED IN.

IT WAS ABOUT THIS TIME, IN AUG. OF
1940, TO BE EXACT, THAT I, MY DARLING
WIFE DELLA, AND OUR FIRST BORN, PATTY
MADE WHAT WAS FOR US, A BOLD MOVE.
WE DROVE OUR 1930 MODEL A FORD FROM
CANTON KS. TO CHICAGO. THE REASON -
TO COMPLETE (HANDS ON) A CORRESPONDENCE
COURSE IN AIR-CONDITIONING & REF-
RIGERATION.

MOST OF THE FAMILY THOUGHT WE
WOULD COME BACK TO KS., BUT WE
STAYED ON IN CHGO, WHERE FOR THE
FIRST TIME I BECAME INVOLVED IN A
MFG. PLANT. THIS WAS IN 1940-'41.

WELL, YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENED
ON DEC. 7 1941. OUR NATION WAS
AT WAR. ALTHOUGH WE HAD BEEN
INVOLVED IN EUROPE ON A LEND-
LEASE BASIS, THIS WAS ALL OUT. -

DRAFT BOARDS WE SET UP,
BIDS WERE BEING ISSUED FOR
CONTRACTS TO PRODUCE TOOLS OF
WAR. BEING CONNECTED WITH A MFG.
PLANT, IN A MATTER OF MONTHS WE
WERE PRODUCING - AMMO. CASES FOR
THE NAVY'S MACH. GUNS AND TOOL-
BOXES FOR THE ARMY'S FIELD KITCHENS.
LATER ON AIRCRAFT ENGINES FOR B24's.

SO, YOU SEE YOUR MOTHER
IS RIGHT - I MISSED MILITARY
SERVICE - WAS NEEDED SOMEWHERE
ELSE, AND I THANK GOD FOR IT.

YOUR UNCLE WALT.

P.S. MORE POWER TO YOU
ON THIS PROJECT.