

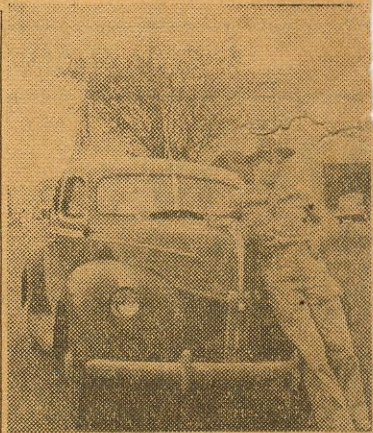
Takes His Car With Him To the Philippine Islands

Charles Underwood, son of Ernest Underwood, an official in the State Highway Department, claims to be the only American Army officer in the Philippines with a car with a Texas license.

Young Underwood, who left Topeka to attend the University of Missouri's school of journalism and then assume a position with the Amarillo (Texas) Globe-News, wrote last week from Manila that his car arrived in the Islands after a two-and-one-half-months journey from San Francisco.

Underwood says that work in the Philippines is very interesting because of the defense drive there. He reports that Army officers are working twice as hard as they did in peace time.

The young reserve officer was in a party recently which escorted Mr. and Mrs. Henry Luce about the Island. Mr. Luce is the editor



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of Life and Time magazines, and Mrs. Luce is the well-known woman playwright who publishes under her maiden name, Clare Booth.

Respect No Standings Records

From purely circumstantial evidence, it looks as though Uncle Sam is trying to transport his Texas Panhandle boys as far from their native Plains as possible. But they are still breaking records wherever they go.

Perhaps the most unusual out of this week's crop of mail belongs to Charlie Underwood, a former member of the Globe-News family (advertising department) who is now with the U. S. armed forces in Manila, Philippine Islands.

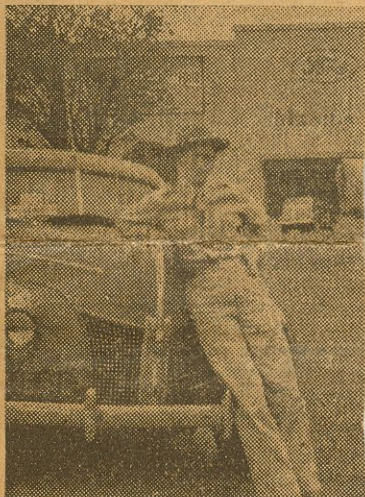
"Submitted is my claim, with photo for proof, of taking an Amarillo car and Potter County license farther than any other of our local citizens," he writes. "My car came this past week-end, more than two and a half months after I left it in San Francisco.

"Of course, we have to get Manila plates and such, so I wanted to get this picture while some of the Texas atmosphere remained.

"I'm liking it over here a lot. Although we are working about three times as hard as has been the custom in the Philippines, the work is interesting and for the most part pleasant. And I had a swell trip over here.

"That, and the fact there's many side trips as well as exploring Manila itself is making this stay mighty nice. No one here seems to know how long we'll be here—if it will be more than two years or not. This depends a lot on the international conditions, I think.

"We are still in the midst of a rainy season here, which would turn the Panhandle into a small sea. It is the only time of constant moisture and lasts from middle of June into October. Then it is dry again until this time next year they tell me.



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"Except the small European-American colony, Manila is almost sans white women. All the army and navy wives and families have been sent back, or are in the process of being sent back, to the States. But as they say about the little "brown sisters"—"These girls sure have a healthy tan, don't they?"

"To capitalize on the practice blackout which was staged here last week, the local press put on some advertising specials. Most outstanding was a double truck of about 2 by 6 ads with every other one a reverse.

"Engraving costs are very cheap and many of the ads make use of all the modern practices known. So you can see the fourth estate is pretty much on its toes. I've picked up a couple of good ideas already. In my work I come in contact with many of the local press.

"Also one night I was in an Army-Navy party to escort Claire Booth Luce (Mrs. Life-Time, as well as being pretty well known, of course, in her own right) and a young fellow White, who had been called back to the States by Time to handle their Far Eastern desk. These two joined Mr. Luce and they took the clipper back. But we fairly showed them the town "as an average soldier or sailor sees it."

"I often wonder how the war scares, conscription, etc., are affecting business and in turn advertising back in the States, particularly Amarillo."

A former Kansan, Underwood worked in the editorial department four summers while attending the University of Missouri School of Journalism. He came here immediately after graduation. He was called into service due to his reserve officer status.