

*E. N. Terranova's
Letter to Rose Loncar
February 2, 1977*

*Memories of the
North Platte Canteen*

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Rose Loncar
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I travel quite a bit and often fly over Nebraska and each time I recall that wonderful stop in North Platte. I often speak to my family of your town and the great hospitality it gave me.

I wish to thank you and all your town's people, from the bottom of my heart, for the fine gesture you extended to me and all those G.I.'s that were fortunate enough to have made that stop.

Sincerely,



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