

PROMOTIONS

O. J. Baerenwald (Sioux Falls) Fireman 1st Class
 John R. Myers (Sioux Falls) Corporal
 John M. Rolsing (Topeka) Private 1st Class
 Martin J. Uram (Pittsburgh) Corporal
 H. F. Wagner (Sioux Falls) Private 1st Class
 Edna Hoyer (Topeka) Yeoman 3rd Class
 Ray Orman (Ottumwa) Technician 5th Grade
 Charles N. Glew (Brooklyn) Commander
 Hopewell A. Reif (St. Paul) Marine Gunnery Sergeant
 Daniel Allen (Los Angeles) Stm2/c
 W. T. Reed (Birmingham) Corporal
 Barton Dunning (Newark) Sergeant
 F. E. McCarthy (Newark) 1st Lieutenant
 Dale K. Corcoran (Sioux Falls) 1st Lieutenant
 E. Temple Sheldon (Topeka) Pharmacist Mate 3rd Class
 Charles J. Keller (Ottumwa) Private 1st Class
 George A. Whitney, Jr., (Bronx) Warrant Officer (jg)
 Charles O. Sheppard (Sioux Falls) Lieutenant
 Grant Hagen (Sioux Falls) Corporal
 H. J. Ahrendt (Sioux Falls) Storekeeper 2nd Class
 Grant Larson (Sioux Falls) Captain
 John D. Stark (Sioux Falls) Yeoman 3rd Class
 Carl W. Kostboth (Sioux Falls) Technician 5th Grade
 Virgil Wirt (Sioux Falls) Lieutenant
 Clarence Meland (Sioux Falls) Seaman 1st Class
 Willie J. Comstock (Sioux Falls) 1st Lieutenant
 Harold Findlay (Ottumwa) Technician 5th Grade
 John L. Akerman (Chicago) Technician 4th Grade
 John Lehman (Ottumwa) Corporal
 George C. Hedstrom (Topeka) Technical Sergeant
 F. R. Olsson (Topeka) Motor Machinist Mate 2nd Class
 John A. Oppermann (Topeka) Private 1st Class
 Dean R. Bennett (Topeka) Hospital Apprentice 2nd Class
 Harold W. Gillman (Topeka) Private 1st Class
 Leonard G. Esser (Topeka) Private 1st Class
 James I. Martin (Topeka) 1st Lieutenant
 Ernest N. Monthey (Topeka) Staff Sergeant
 Cecil L. Miller (Topeka) Staff Sergeant
 "Jack" Ginder (Topeka) Motor Machinist Mate 2nd Class
 Harry E. Neilson (Topeka) Fireman 1st Class
 Donald E. Reichman (Topeka) Storekeeper 3rd Class

OVER-SEAS MAIL

From Pvt. Joseph H. Miller, formerly employed in the Pittsburgh Sales Office, and now with the Persian Gulf Command in Iran:

"I am working at headquarters here and getting along fine. Since being overseas I've been around quite a bit and have seen things I read about but never believed existed. They make one realize what home really is. Some places have been a little tough to get accustomed to, but here in Teheran we have the situation well in hand."

From S/Sgt. Donald E. Smith, formerly of Topeka, and now with the Army in India:

"I received *Trimmings* and enjoyed it very much. But as I was reading I found Donald E. Smith, that's me, in Iran. Well, not yet, but I can't say that I won't be because this is the Army."

"I am now in the deep jungles of India. I used to make remarks about jungles, and now I am living in them with all the wild life. But I like it; there's a lot to see here and a lot to do. This jungle is no plaything."

From Pvt. Irvin Wierenga, Sioux Falls, now in Alaska:

"Everything is rolling along fine up here, even old man winter and his sub zero weather. We have all the clothes we need to keep warm. All we need is to have the sense to wear them."

From Pvt. Warren R. Jones, Ottumwa, now somewhere in Iran:

"I have been doing a lot of traveling since I left Morrell's for the service. I was sent to Ft. Warren, Wyo., for my basic training. Then I was sent to New York and from there to Bombay, India. Finally I landed in this place called Iran but better known as Persia."

"I thought Bombay was bad but this place is the worst in the world. It isn't very civilized. The people are dirty and they will eat anything. They really go for our candy, chewing gum, and American cigarettes. They make their clothes out of gunny sacks or any old rags they can find."

"I am out here in the middle of the desert and it really gets hot—up to 180°. Right now we are in the rainy season. You have to wear boots when it rains because the mud comes up over your shoes. It is as slick as ice."

From W/O George A. Whitney, Jr., formerly employed at the Bronx branch, and now in England:

"My greetings this time are from 'Merrie England'. Coming here was as much a surprise to me as to many others, but it goes without saying that I am rather pleased to be here. After over a year in the field, it was mighty strange at first to again have a roof over one's head and a bed with a real honest to goodness mattress on it. After Africa and Sicily, coming here was just about perfect."

"We are situated in rather a good area, very old and many places of interest; also plenty to do in the way of entertainment. The people are all very nice and were especially so at Christmas time. I believe most everyone that was able to be off had an invitation somewhere either to dinner or tea."

From Pvt. "Bill" Campbell, former Topekan, someplace overseas:

"There isn't very much that I can say as to where I am or what I am doing. I am someplace overseas, just where I can't say. We had a very nice trip over except for a little rough weather. The waves looked like mountains beside the ship. We were on deck most of the time and the salt water really makes you feel good—but it also makes you feel hungry."

From Sgt. Vince Johnston, Sioux Falls, now in Italy:

"I am somewhere in Italy. So far I have liked it much better than North Africa; that is all but the rain and mud. The Italian people treat us very nice and we get along pretty well."

From Pvt. Francis Brady, Ottumwa, now in the south Pacific:

"I haven't been having many exciting experiences recently. But since leaving the states I have been on New Caledonia and several other islands. I wish I could tell you of all the places I have been but censorship is very strict."

From Sgt. J. E. McKinney, former Memphis branch salesman, now stationed on the Alcan Highway:

"We boys up here have been blessed with a very nice and mild winter so far. Very little snow and ice. Only last night it turned a little cold, say about 18° below zero, which is the worst it has been this winter."

"I received and appreciate the copy of the year's business sent us by Mr. Foster. I am proud of all of you; I think that was a nice job well done in spite of wartime conditions. Certainly hope this year will turn out even better. Have been hearing the Red Heart program over KIRO, Seattle. Glad the Company is still keeping the program on the air."

From Lt. "Al" Emrich, formerly a Topeka salesman at Enid, Okla., and now in England:

"At the present time my station is near Glasgow. I was attached to the 8th Air Force. I really liked being attached to the Air Force; there is always something doing around the base."

"One night in New Brighton, near Liverpool, where I was billeted, a couple of friends and I were drinking bitters in a pub and struck up a conversation with an Englishman, Harry Milnes. As you know the English are keen on dog racing and the conversation eventually got to dogs and dog food. Mr. Milnes casually mentioned that he fed his dog Red Heart exclusively. Naturally explanations followed that remark and it turned out he is chief accountant at Morrell's Liverpool office. He invited me to visit the plant the following morning and I accepted."

"I borrowed a jeep the next morning and to get to Liverpool I had to cross under the harbor through the Mersey Tunnel, which is four miles long. It is a magnificent thing and the most modern I have seen in England. It has inlaid lighting and tile walls and a four-lane highway. The Morrell office is located close to the mouth of the Tunnel as you come into Liverpool, so I had no trouble in finding it."

"Mr. Milnes met me at the office door and then I got the thrill of a lifetime. Expecting my arrival, they had called the directors together and I was introduced to them in Claude Morrell's office. Among them was W. A. Venables who has 66 years' service with the Company."

From Sgt. Fred Knudsen, Sioux Falls, stationed in New Guinea:

"We live in tents right along the seashore. Although we are real close to the equator, it is never too bad because of the sea breezes and there hasn't been a night when I didn't need a cover. If there were any cities around here, it would be an ideal summer resort. Along the beach are thousands of sand crabs. They live in abandoned snail shells and build houses somewhat like white ants."

Cpl. Clyde F. Brown, Topeka, from somewhere in India, wants to know about Morrell's and has been placed on the mailing list.



MR. HAM GOES TO WAR

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Oak Says:

After a month's absence I am back with what news I have. Thought you folks would be interested in hearing from Guy and Eileen once in awhile. They might have some news from Sioux Falls and Topeka that I would not be able to pick up. So, a new schedule for these little monthly letters has been started. I will write every other month. Miss Reinhardt and Mr. Roberts will take over, alternately, in the in-between months. Miss Reinhardt will be with you next month.

No complaint on the way you folks are sending in the shoulder patches. Quite a list of acknowledgements to make, so let's be off. Patches came from T/5 Robert Vis, Sioux Falls, 34th Division; Sgt. William Rickert, Ottumwa, Army Air Corps and 2nd Air Force; Cpl. Irvin Wierenga, Sioux Falls, 11th Air Force; Cpl. George Yencsik, Ottumwa, 40th Division; Pfc. Harold P. Taylor, Topeka, 4th Air Force; Sgt. J. E. McKinney, Memphis, Northwest Service Command; Lt. R. H. Newby, Topeka, 79th Division; Sgt. John L. Akerman, Chicago, Persian Gulf Command; Lt. J. M. Anderson, Ottumwa, 5th Air Force; Pfc. William Plank, Ottumwa, 32nd Division; and Cpl. Robert Harbin, Sioux Falls, ?

By the way, "Bob" Vis: S/Sgt. Glen Little, Ottumwa, sent me a duplicate copy of the patch for the 34th Division, so yours has gone along to your wife as you requested. Only too happy to do this. Aside to "Bob" Harbin: Tell me what your patch represents; can't find any picture of it in my files.

Those of you getting the Magazine have seen by now that we are reproducing the patches, accompanied by a little story. That's the main reason I need information about the patches you send in. This should prove to be a most interesting series. Patches are coming in from all over the world; the work that some of the Commands and Divisions are doing is public information, so we can make our stories interesting; we don't have to hint and duck around the bush. By the way, you Marines: Note that Marines also have shoulder patches. What about it?

For those of you not getting the Magazine we are enclosing a subscription card. This must be filled out and returned before we can place your name on the Magazine mailing list. If you want to get the Magazine, start the card back today.

In the district basketball tournament held in Ottumwa last week, Ottumwa

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ran slap bang against a Burlington team which it had defeated twice during the season and lost 38-34. But that's nothing, the night before Ottumwa defeated Muscatine, after having lost to the "Little Muskies" twice before during the season. Then to keep the thing going along all screwed up. Burlington lost to Franklin High of Cedar Rapids in the finals 22-20—you guessed it! Burlington had defeated Franklin twice already. The second time was near the end of the season when Franklin took a 44-17 shellacking. Franklin, Waverly, Harlan, and Hull, the only Class B team in the tournament, battled for the state crown with Waverly finally winning.

Cordially yours,
 "Oak" Cheever.

A BIT OF COMPANY NEWS

Don't ordinarily like to take up space in *Trimblings* to give you news other than that which concerns you boys and girls yourselves. But we believe you will be interested in this bit of Company news.

It will be a blow to some of you to know that "Tom" Bailey, manager of the Savory Foods Division, Ottumwa, passed away March 10.

Promotions to fill the vacancy created by Mr. Bailey's death have been announced. Earl Paxson, manager of the Savory Foods Division at Sioux Falls, will transfer to Ottumwa to head up the Division. J. K. Kloehr, formerly assistant to Mr. Bailey at Ottumwa, goes to Sioux Falls succeeding Mr. Paxson. H. R. Critchley, in charge of the Chicago Savory Foods district, will come to Ottumwa to take over Mr. Kloehr's duties.

LT. WALTER B. SCURLOCK

News of the death of Lt. Walter B. Scurlock, former Ottumwa plant employee, has just reached us. He was killed December 22, 1943, in action over Germany. Previous information coming to us indicated that Lt. Scurlock was missing in action. News of his death was released by the German government through the International Red Cross.

He entered the service in November 1942 and was sent to Buckley Field, Colo. Then he went to Fort Myers, Fla. He graduated from the school there as a sergeant and at the same time received his wings as a gunner on a bomber. During his service in England he participated in many bombing missions, was promoted to lieutenant, received several medals, and was awarded the good conduct medal.

WOUNDED IN ITALY

Pvt. Melvin Hux, former Ottumwa plant employee, was wounded on the Italian front February 1. He was a machinegunner and was seriously wounded in an arm. He has been awarded the Purple Heart.

Melvin says, "May see you soon."

CONGRATULATIONS

Lt. Kenneth Wall, USMC, Topeka, was married February 25 to Patricia Ann Pomeroy, formerly employed in the Topeka plant office.

Hylton Boyd, Topeka, is the father of a daughter.

W. T. Reed, former Sioux Falls salesman at Birmingham, Ala., is the father of a daughter. E. W. Maston, also of Birmingham and now in the Merchant Marine, is a new bridegroom.

Pvt. W. K. Dunn, formerly employed in the East Cambridge branch, is the proud father of a daughter.

"Tony" Javurek, formerly of Sioux Falls, reports the birth of a son. Pvt. Louis Besco, Ottumwa, is also the father of a son.

TWO RECEIVE AIR MEDAL

Two Topeka employees have received the Air Medal for meritorious service while in action against the enemy.

"Bill" Christian has been in 13 operational missions with the Air Corps and has been awarded the

Air Medal for the first five. He received an Oak Leaf Cluster when he completed the tenth mission.

Lt. William I. Davis has been awarded the Air Medal in England by Brig. Gen. E. R. Quesada for "meritorious achievement while participating in missions over enemy territory."

MISSING IN ACTION

Pfc. Wilbur Lewis, formerly employed in the Ottumwa plant, has been reported as missing in action while serving on the Cassino, Italy, front. He has been missing since February 3. Pfc. Lewis was a member of a tank crew.

He entered the service December 4, 1942, and received his basic training at Ft. Knox, Ky. He went overseas in April 1943, with a tank battalion.

SHORT SHOTS

Pfc. Franklin B. Shaw, Sioux Falls, is now stationed in England. Finds it quite a change from the good old U. S. A., but nevertheless, he says it is interesting.

Hugh J. Lafferty, Ottumwa, is stationed at New London, Conn., with a Coast Guard cutter crew.

Pvt. Everett E. Grimes, Topeka, has pulled K. P. several times in England and has always been interested in discovering that Morrell products are being used.

Sgt. William Willard, Sioux Falls, is with a Fortress squadron whose missions over occupied Europe read like a fiction story.

Pvt. Louis Besco, Ottumwa, reports they are having nice weather at Camp Callan, Calif.

Pfc. Roy J. Groves, Topeka, dropped us a V-Mail letter from England that didn't have very much reading matter left after the censor got through. He hacked it up pretty badly, Roy. Try again.

T/5 Emil Orth, Sioux Falls, reports that spring is just around the corner in England.

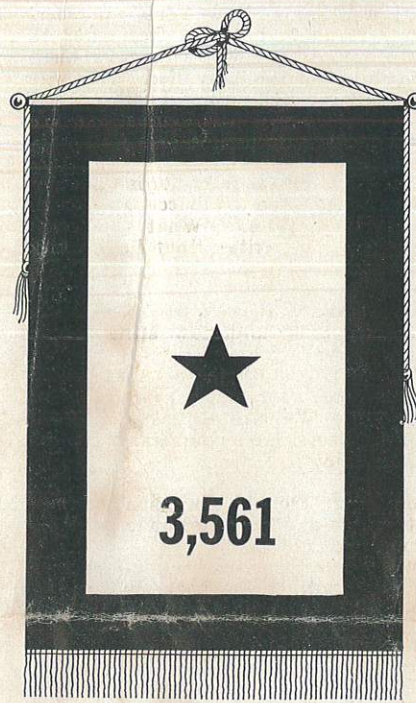
Pvt. Virgil K. Elliott, Ottumwa, reports the extreme pleasure he had in seeing and hearing General Montgomery speak recently.

Pvt. Paul C. Foster, Topeka, is now stationed at Camp White, Ore.

Pfc. Milford J. Jameson, Sioux Falls, is in the Aleutians.

Cpl. John O'Brien, Ottumwa, is still serving as a mail clerk in Italy. Writes that he is pretty close to the front lines; can hear the big guns thundering; and can see American and German planes—when the Germans are brave enough to come out.

"Art" Warner is in Canada and writes his Topeka friends that the



country is similar to the United States and that the people are neighbors of which to be proud.

Sgt. Perry McGinnis, Sioux Falls, crossed the equator and duly became a shellback. He is in the south Pacific.

Pvt. Ira Deborn, Ottumwa, is with an anti-aircraft artillery unit at Camp Haan, Calif.

Robert Lee Murphy, Topeka, wrote that on his voyage to the south Pacific, he saw boxes of food with the Morrell label on them aboard a supply ship which they passed. "Quite a thrill," he writes.

Pfc. Irving A. Anderson, Sioux Falls, is in Iran on the supply line to Russia.

Pvt. James L. Welsh, Ottumwa, compares Italy's "sunny" weather to that of California. Even so he writes that Italy is, or should be, a nice place in which to spend a winter.

"Jack" Oppermann, son of A. T. Oppermann, Topeka, is now overseas awaiting assignment in the Pacific.

Pvt. Derald D. Deal, Sioux Falls, is in Ireland.

Pfc. Edward L. Whitney, Ottumwa, was very sorry to read of the injury to Charles Niles, wounded in Italy. Edward and Charles entered the Army on the same day. Edward is stationed at the Abilene, Tex., Army Air Base.

Ray Kietzman visited the Topeka office, while home from his station in California.

Pfc. Paul R. Anderson, Sioux Falls, is still stationed at Camp Bowie, Tex., where he is doing odd carpentry jobs.

Cpl. Lyle John, Ottumwa, is playing a little basketball in North Africa.

Calvin Duncan, Topeka, had his first furlough since going into the Army and visited the Topeka plant for a day.

Pvt. Don C. Nikadym, Sioux Falls, is attending dental technicians school at Springfield, Mo.

Pvt. Willis Moffit, Ottumwa, figures he is pretty fortunate to be stationed in Australia.

"Herb" Bullene, Topeka, is stationed at Camp Crowder, Mo.

H. J. Ahrendt, SK2/c, Sioux Falls, is in Hawaii, just a few miles from Honolulu.

Pvt. Kenneth Overturf, Ottumwa, is in India.

One of the first Topeka plant employees to go into service, W. W. Bryan, has returned to the states after a foreign assignment in the vicinity of Greenland. He is now stationed at Davisville, R. I.

Cpl. Paul Farrell, Sioux Falls, is now stationed somewhere in Italy.

Cpl. Anthony Canny, Ottumwa, is having his troubles with money in England.

Homer Swenson, clerk in the Topeka Killing office, reported to Ft. Leavenworth on March 17.

Pfc. Dean Benson, Sioux Falls, is a photographer at the Salt Lake City, Utah, Air Base and likes his work a lot.

T/Sgt. Lester Warrick, Ottumwa, says they are giving the Germans hell in Italy.

Lt. "Jack" L. Horacek, Topeka, with the Marines in the Pacific, is assistant post exchange officer, mail censor, and in charge of athletics. A busy man, eh what?

F. C. Adair, Sioux Falls, has been instructing aircrewmembers at Daytona Beach, Fla.

H. K. Barcus and Earl Hatfield are together in the south Pacific with a SeaBee outfit.

Lt. James I. Martin, Topeka, is a flying instructor at the Army Air Field, Douglas, Ariz.

Capt. Grant Larson, Sioux Falls, had to go to England to meet the movie stars. "Jimmy" Stewart is stationed at the same field as Capt. Larson.

FROM THE CAMPS

From Floyd O. Markley, F2/c, former Topeka employee, now attending electrical training school at St. Louis, Mo.:

"I am now in St. Louis, Mo., finishing an electrical course. I will graduate in about three weeks. Then I will either go to advance school or out to sea."

From Pfc. Wilton E. McKnown, former Sioux Falls employee, now at Boca Raton Field, Fla.:

"I left Truax Field, Madison, Wis., about three weeks ago. I am now starting a course here in advanced radio mechanics. Boca Raton Field is on the seacoast about 45 miles north of Miami. Florida weather is about like summer back home but it gets pretty cool some nights. I'm looking forward to some deep sea fishing while I am down here."

From Pfc. Harold W. Johns, former Ottumwa plant employee, now stationed at Camp Stoneman, Calif.:

"I was looking through the last Magazine I received and see where three of my former pals, Charles Long, 'Jug' Ross, and Gene DeSelm were pictured. Tell them all 'Hello' for me."

From Lt. "Jack" Woodward, former Syracuse, N. Y., branch employee, now stationed at the Fairmont Army Air Field, Geneva, Nebr.:

"Just a line reminding you I still think of JM&CO. in my 'spare' time. I have visited many of our plants all over the country during my two years in the service and found them all more than hospitable."

"I really enjoy receiving The Morrell Magazine and its supplement, Trimmings. I have always considered the Magazine an excellent publication and Trimmings has certainly come into its own. It rather keeps the Morrell employees in touch with each other. You are certainly doing a fine job."

From A/C Harold B. McQuiston, former Topeka employee, now taking flight training at Independence, Kans.:

"I'm in basic flight training here in my own home state. I doubt that I can get home for a short visit however. We're supposed to get in some night flying, formation and instrument flying while here, but this is only the beginning. It's a great training and I fairly love it."

From Pvt. Orlin C. Skrondahl, former Sioux Falls employee, now on desert maneuvers in California:

"There isn't much that I can say. We are on our last lap in our desert maneuvers. From here I don't know where we will go. This Army sure keeps us guessing. Have been in the Army for 17 months and all of that time, except for two furloughs, has been spent south of the Mason-Dixon line. Right now I feel more like a southerner than a northerner."

"But in all the traveling I have done I wouldn't trade any of the country I have seen for South Dakota. I believe the majority of the fellows who have lived in the middle west will agree with me."

From Pvt. Henry Allbright, former Ottumwa, now stationed at Camp Casey, Wash.:

"My brother, in Australia, is making it o. k. and from a letter in Trimmings I see that he has written you."

"Weather up here is cold and it rains almost continually but suppose it could be worse."

"I have been in 27 states since joining the Army and I wouldn't trade any of them for Iowa, and especially Ottumwa. Stationed in the camp here with me is a fellow who used to work in the Topeka plant. We talk about the two plants quite a good deal."

From Sgt. Thomas R. Naclerio, former Gansevoort employee, now stationed at Esler Field, La.:

"I was home, New York, on emergency furlough between December 18 and January 6. My wife gave birth to a child but the baby died. My wife is doing very well now so I feel more at ease." ("Tom": Our sympathies are extended to you in this loss.)

On a day off recently Louis Casebier Topeka, attended a tobacco auction in Clarksville, Tenn. "What a racket there was," he writes, "but I got a kick out of it."

From Duane E. Pascoe, S2/c, formerly of Sioux Falls and now stationed at Ames, Iowa:

"I am now stationed at Ames and I like it here a lot better than I did at Farragut. We are entering a four months electrician's course and I think I shall enjoy it."

From Pvt. Donald Swanson, former Ottumwa and now stationed at Morrison Field, Fla.:

"It is sure nice and warm down here; we play football and basketball in our shorts; and at night it is cool enough for two blankets."

"I am working over on the line with all the bombers and A. T. C. planes. I wish you could see all the planes that come through here. This is the last place for refueling and getting the planes loaded. They really work us. I just ran into Lt. Alsdorf and S/Sgt. "Johnny" Reed; they came in on a B-24. They were the first fellows I had seen from home since I came down here."

"My brother, Walter, is now in Italy. He sent me some Italian money recently."

Carl Metzger, Topeka, is now at an Army air base near Blythe, Calif.

From Sgt. Gene Halger, former Sioux Falls employee, stationed at Camp Gruber, Okla.:

"I've been promoted to a weapon sergeant and have several different types of machine guns and rifles to keep in repair. I also teach a class covering these weapons."

From Pfc. "Don" Overturf, formerly of Ottumwa and now stationed at Mines Field, Calif.:

"I'm now stationed here at Mines Field, Calif., going to a P-51 factory school. Believe me, that is one real plane. When all our planes and pilots get as good as that plane we can't lose."

James Barker, Topeka, is now in charge of the carpenter shop at the Hutchinson Naval Air Station.

From AMM3/c Robert J. Browning, Sioux Falls, now stationed at Oakland, Calif.:

"At the present time I am attending school. This school was formerly the Boeing School of Aeronautics and has turned out some fine airline mechanics. The Navy is using it now to train men for work on the large transport planes. I have just completed my third week here and can say it is really a swell institution."

From Pvt. George Overturf, formerly employed in the Ottumwa plant, stationed at Fort Riley, Kans.:

"Maybe I should start from the beginning. I'm at Fort Riley, Kans. It is a cavalry replacement center. I am in a tank outfit with an assault gun—

a 75-mm on a medium tank. It is some weapon. We are now taking up the M-1 rifle; it is a nice gun to have too.

"We have been out on the range for a week. We are trying for a record; don't know how I will make out."

"Joe" Magistro, Topeka, is in the Army now, but he was able to have a reunion at home in Brooklyn, N. Y., with his brother, Frank, who is in the Navy.

From AMM3/c Curtis J. Hirsh, Sioux Falls plant employee, stationed at Norman, Okla.:

"Since last July 6, the day I arrived at this base, I have done many different things. First of all, I spent four weeks as mess cook, equivalent to the Army 'K.P.' Then, I started going to school—the aircraft mechanics school. While going to school I enjoyed the honor of being class commander. I graduated the first of the year. Since then I have been held here as an instructor."

From Pfc. Bernard Lindsey, Ottumwa plant employee, stationed with the Marines at New River, N. C.:

"As you know I am stationed with America's greatest military service, the Marines. I am undergoing a rigid course in Radar. It is quite interesting and I know that it is an important job."

From Ray A. LeSueur, Sioux Falls, stationed at San Diego, Calif.:

"I have passed the second class gunner's mate course and expect to be advanced to that rate the first of March. I am stationed here as an instructor in hydraulics and gunnery. Have 40 men to which I teach these courses each week."

From Cpl. Marion Williamson, Ottumwa, now at Camp San Luis Obispo, Calif.:

"We have been on the move most of the time since last February; going through maneuvers in Tennessee and Alabama, then to desert training in Arizona, and finally ending up with maneuvers in the desert of southern California. We are now at San Luis Obispo, Calif., taking special training."

Roy Sturm, formerly stock clerk at Topeka, lost about 30 pounds during his Navy boot training, but Roy had that much weight to lose and he certainly looks fine in his uniform.

From Cpl. Robert Foster, Sioux Falls, stationed at Tonkawa, Okla.:

"I am not an M. P. anymore. I am a mess sergeant in the compound with German prisoners. It is really a lot of work as I have to take care of four mess halls and it sure keeps a person going. I have collected a few souvenirs from some of the prisoners. I get many packages of cigarettes from the Germans as they don't like the German cigarettes now that they have smoked the American brands."

From Sgt. William F. Rickert, Ottumwa, now at Casper, Wyo.:

"I am taking my R. T. U. (Replacement Training Unit) now. There were several crews of us sent here for our training. I don't know how long our training will last, neither does anyone else. I would be willing to bet that my next change of address will be an APO number."