

the southwest Pacific; and it isn't bad here. I have sure seen a lot of interesting things since I left the states."

From Pvt. Chester Neilson, former Sioux Falls employee, who was listening to the "Yanks" and "Cards" battle it out in the last World Series game from someplace in England, Africa, Sicily, or Italy:

"I haven't been overseas very long, but during the time I have seen a great deal. Much could be written but we have censorship, you know. It has been raining quite a good deal of late so we built a little hut. We call them dog houses. They look so much like one; they are large enough for two men; they keep the wind and rain out and that is the main thing."

From M / Sgt. George A. Whitney, Jr., former Bronx branch employee, now stationed in Sicily:

"Quite a lot of water has passed over the dam since I last wrote. During that period we left Africa and went to Sicily. The trip from Africa was quiet and uneventful until our arrival, then we spent a very exciting two hours. There were many moments when we thought we would have to swim for it, but they were bum shots, so all went OK."

"We have been quite a ways around this island and find it very interesting. It is different from Africa in that it is the first glimpse of the old world the boys have seen. The towns and cities are old and look it. For the most part towns have been built on hillsides, no doubt for greater protection in times gone by and now have spread up and down the hills. The streets are narrow and paved with cobblestones. Have visited a number of very old and beautiful churches, also the catacombs which were a weird and unusual sight for us but extremely interesting."

From 1 / Sgt. "Jack" Mercer, former Ottumwa employee, someplace in Sicily:

"Received the August issue of Trimmings and you really have something there. It's good to read of the experiences of some of the fellows I know and I'm sure all the other Morrell employees in the service feel the same way."

"Hope people don't get the impression that the only reason I want to get home is to get a bottle of Budweiser. (Jack: you might have some trouble getting it anyway; we take what we can get and ask no questions. Oak.) I don't intend to have that until we have taught 'Adolph' and 'Tojo' a few lessons about real living that they wouldn't understand."

"The weather here in Sicily has made a decided about face recently. It manages to rain nearly every day and has been very windy. When we go to sleep at night we aren't sure we'll find a tent over us the next morning. One of our biggest worries is keeping the latrine screen up but we have it wired up now so that I'm worrying whether I'll have to print some maps showing the way in and out. As yet the weather isn't cold but it has gotten several degrees cooler during the past month. We don't mind that a bit because since we landed in Africa about a year ago we've seen some mighty warm weather. One of those good old Iowa blizzards would be a blessing to me."

From Sgt. George Henle, former Sioux Falls employee, now in China:

"I noticed one letter from Pfc. Bernard Woolheater. This is in the way of a 'Hello' to Bernard. I am stationed in China where there are very few fellows from South Dakota. I have seen quite a lot of China and the Burma Road. China is really beautiful; at one place I saw the most beautiful waterfall I have ever seen. China is really quite different from what I had it pictured: I would like to say more but censorship does not permit."

From Ensign Dale Isaacs, former Topeka employee, now afloat with the Navy:

"The south Pacific islands that I have seen are mostly islands of mountains covered with vegetation. I've seen a few natives of the Melanesian race, dark and well-built. Their chief characteristic is a protruding jaw."

From Coxswain H. B. Barnes, former Ottumwa salesman, now on duty with the Coast Guard:

"Have not written in for sometime mostly due to the fact that I have been a pretty busy boy! My dandruff has been traded in for salt which gets on your collar out here quite frequently."

From one of our "SeaBees", John Paul Edmund, CM1 / c, formerly of the Ottumwa Office and now in the southwest Pacific:

"As for myself, I am still on an island here in the southwest Pacific. We have moved though and now we are in the semi-tropics. It is much cooler and the humidity isn't quite so high, making it much more comfortable. We do have an abundance of mosquitoes, the most tenacious things I have seen. My work takes me right to their hiding places as work mostly in jungle and swampy areas. I wear more clothing just to protect me from mosquitoes than I would ordinarily at home, in the late fall."

"There isn't much I can tell as we are still under strict censorship. I can tell where we were first, which was American Samoa. A very small island of nothing but lava rock. I've been disappointed in the south sea islands. They are nothing like the stories I have read and the pictures I have seen. Of course I have only seen a couple and there must be hundreds. Perhaps I shall see more."

From S / Sgt. Norbert Hoyer, former Topeka employee, now in the Hawaiian Islands:

"We work seven days a week, week in and week out, with an occasional pass. We don't have a union to join or a chance to bargain. We get paid what the government says we'll get paid and we're glad to work seven days a week. We're glad we're getting paid what we are. But what sorta gripes us is that the men back home, whose place we are taking, and who have the power to help wonderfully to shorten this war, they all up and go on strikes, leaving the boys here out on a limb, so to speak."

"I, a Kansan, went deep-sea fishing the other day. I didn't catch anything but a scorching good sunburn, but it was fun. Our party caught three fish. The biggest weighed 30 lbs."

From Cpl. Jorgen Jensen, former Sioux Falls employee, now in England:

"I made a trip to London a while back and there were so many things to see that I couldn't begin to see them all."

I hope to go back. I did see such places as the Big Ben Clock, House of Parliament, Westminster Abbey, Buckingham Palace, and several other famous places.

"I saw many places that had been hit by bombs and incendiaries. I also saw a few boys with Purple Heart decorations and other medals, boys who are doing their share in helping to get this thing over with. The people of London treat us very well."

(Jorgen, and the rest of you boys in England: Don't forget the Company's offices in London and Liverpool. Look up the addresses in the directory. Our English brothers will be glad to see you. Oak.)

From Pvt. L. H. Breckenridge, former Ottumwa employee, now in Australia:

"One thing I can be thankful for is that I was sent to Australia. For the length of time this country has been in the war they are doing well as far as normal living goes. There has never been a shortage of food although such essentials as butter, milk, cigarettes, and sweets (lollies in Australia) were scarce and still are at times."

"The entertainment in town is not ample for the number of people, but then if you wait in line long enough you can get into a show or a dance hall. I very seldom go for that reason."

A letter from Barney Roberts, Topeka office, says he expects to spend a three-day leave in London. He hoped to be able to find the Morrell headquarters there.

From Sgt. A. R. Even, former Sioux Falls employee, now in England:

"Believe me, I have done enough traveling for some time. I will sure be glad when I can make the homeward trip. England is a great country but it can't compare with the United States."

From F1 / c William R. Ruud, Ottumwa, now with the Navy:

"I will say that we had it very easy in the Sicily invasion. But I will never forget the night of September 8, because the air was really full of lead going both ways. It looked like a Fourth of July celebration."

"What scares the life out of you are those parachute flares they drop. I guess we were lucky, however, because we came out okay. I know the good Lord was with us."

From T / 4 A. R. Marotta, Sioux Falls, now in Italy:

"We are still stationed in Italy and it looks as though we were to be stationed here for the duration. Reconstruction has begun in earnest; debris is being cleaned away; and streets and buildings are being repaired. The city now has a normal aspect, at least on the surface."

From Pfc. Roy H. Allbright, Ottumwa, now stationed in Australia:

"At present I am in Australia. It is sure a mighty fine country, that is, what I have seen of it. Customs of the people are not much different from those back home. I have been tangled up in the exchange of money, but am getting on to it."

"There are some very large ranches over here, with large herds of cattle and sheep. I haven't seen many hogs, but I suppose there are plenty of them also."



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"Oak" Says:

Well, right off the bat all "Oak" can say is that he has been snowed under. There was a time when I tried to answer every letter that came in addressed to me, but, fellows, those days are gone forever! How would you like to write a hundred or so letters each week? That is taking a weak look at the average number of letters coming in. It is just impossible to work in the time to answer all of them; when a specific request is made we handle as efficiently as we can; otherwise it is taken for granted that your letter will be used in "The Morrell Magazine" or "Trimmings" and doesn't require an answer. I hope you will forgive me for this stand.

However, I am going to do this. Each month I will address a letter in this space to all of you. You may count it as a personal reply to all letters received.

Let's get this business of names straightened out. Handling your "Magazine" and "Trimmings" copy at Topeka is Eileen Reinhardt; at Sioux Falls it is G. F. Roberts; and at Ottumwa it is L. O. Cheever. I don't know what Miss Reinhardt or Mr. Roberts get in the way of names, but it makes me feel rather funny to have some of you address me as Mr. Chetter, Mr. Cheeves, etc., etc. The letters get through okay, but the correct name speeds it up a bit.

Again, if you send pictures for use in the "Magazine", address them to the attention of Miss Reinhardt, Mr. Roberts, or the writer. Then they won't roam around trying to find a place to land, and they won't be creased or hurt in any way. You might do the same thing with your letters meant for our publications.

Now to addresses. We just can't show your addresses in our publications. For reasons of security the War and Navy Departments have asked that we do not show addresses under any circumstances. However, we will make this offer. If you want to write to some former pal, and don't know his address, send the letter to us and we'll see that it is forwarded on to your friend; and if you wish we will send you his address.

Keep us informed of your promotions; any other news you would like to see in "Trimmings". Remember it is your publication; we'll try to put in what you want to read. So far letters from you fellows would seem to indicate that we are doing pretty well with our ma-

terial. But we want to do better than that; so tell us.

Again, we want all of you to get "The Morrell Magazine". If you haven't had a subscription card tell us so in your next letter and one will be sent immediately. Sorry, but it is necessary to have this card, signed, in our files before we can send it.

Now to an idea that I have been toying with for many months. It is an idea that I would like to put into being now, and it also might have some use when this war is over. In a nutshell this is what I have in mind. Morrell men and women are wearing all kinds of shoulder patches indicating their branch of the service, or particular division, etc. I would like to have one of these representing each group in which a Morrell employee might be serving so that a display could be made for current use to show people visiting us. The other use will have to wait until the end of the war, and for the time when we are able to issue a special edition of the "Magazine" honoring you folks. It might look nice to picture these patches, or other insignia, in colors.

Of course, these patches probably could be purchased from some Army or Navy supply store, but that isn't the way we want it—and besides, how would we know what ones to buy. Pretty question, isn't it? And then up comes another problem. Take the Army Air Forces for instance, we have hundreds of boys wearing that particular patch, but we don't want hundreds of boys sending us such a patch. We want only one boy to do so—what boy? I don't know, and I don't know how to pick him.

You folks figure this out for me if you can. In the meantime if you feel you are the only one wearing your particular patch, how about sending me a duplicate to get this thing under way?

More next month—but for now a Merry, Merry Christmas!

Cordially yours,
"Oak" Cheever.

SHORT SHOTS

Lt. Bruce Hinds, formerly Savory Foods district manager at Topeka, has been sent to Fort Custer, Mich. Cecil Cook, formerly in charge of the Topeka A. M. P., has also been sent to Fort Custer for 17 weeks of Military Police training.

A/S Joseph Parlman, Sioux Falls, is at Santa Ana, Calif.

Warren Stagers, formerly employed at Ottumwa, who was wounded in Sicily is coming along fine and hopes to be out of the hospital soon.

Warren Martin, Topeka, has received his commission and has been assigned to Pre-Flight School at Dodge City, Kans.

Pvt. Wayne Studor, Sioux Falls, is with the combat engineers at Camp Abbott, Ore.

Pfc. William F. Rickert, Ottumwa, is now stationed at the Laredo, Tex., Army Air Field.

"Jack" Gonzales, Topeka, is planning menus for an officers' club at St. Petersburg, Fla.

Vernie Eisland, Sioux Falls, is a platoon leader in a medium tank company.

Cpl. Max F. Lyons, Ottumwa, is with a searchlight battalion on the west coast. He reports that it is a beautiful sight to convoy a plane across the sky at night with the lights.

Pvt. DeLoss Sorensen, Sioux Falls, is with a tank battalion at Camp Chaffee, Ark.

S1/c William R. Garrett, Ottumwa, is now stationed at Barin Field, U. S. Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Fla. He writes that fishing is especially good.

SF3/c Lewis H. Jones, Sioux Falls, now stationed at Gulfport, Miss., is waiting for the day when he can take his part in the great effort.

Pvt. Hugh N. Woody, Ottumwa, is working as a cook at Camp Carson, Colo. He has been to Cooks and Bakers School; also to dehydration school to learn how to cook dehydrated foods. He is with a new type division—a jungle warfare division.

Cpl. Alvin Scherschligt, Sioux Falls, reports that a British outfit visited Fort Bliss, Tex., recently. They had just come from a combat

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zone where they used 40-mm. guns, such a gun as Cpl. Scherschligt is now learning about.

Charles G. Elkins, Ottumwa, is now stationed at Camp Davis, N. C. His first job at Camp Davis was instructing in Radar operation; he has now been transferred to the maintenance shop doing work for which he was trained in Florida.

Pvt. Gordon H. Anderson, Sioux Falls, got to see an exhibit of Japanese equipment recently. Apparently he wasn't much impressed with the Jap guns.

Cpl. Van L. Payne, Ottumwa, is now in desert training at Camp Granite, Calif.

EM2/c Fred Gericke, Sioux Falls, now stationed at Williamsburg, Va., is going to Stevedore School; when he completes the school he will work at loading and unloading ships.

S2/c Loren C. Bailey, Ottumwa, has been doing such a good job of painting signs at Treasure Island, Calif., that he is likely to find himself assigned to that job for the duration, and stationed at Treasure Island for that same length of time.

Sgt. F. D. Miller, Sioux Falls, is now classified as an inspector with the Army Air Corps at Orlando, Fla.

Cpl. Laurence E. Iverson, Sioux Falls, is on maneuvers in southeastern Oregon. He writes that the coyotes howl during the night, and rattlesnakes take over during the day.

Cpl. Roy Lundquist, Sioux Falls, is a radio man on a B-17. He is stationed at Great Falls, Mont.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Cpl Arthur LoCasale, Philadelphia branch, who reports the birth of a son.

FROM THE CAMPS

From Pfc. Hugh C. Martin, former Ottumwan now stationed at Camp Irwin, Calif.:

"Since I left the plant I have been stationed at Camps Haan and Irwin. I was at Haan for about two months and then was transferred to Irwin. I expect to be in an Airborne Division very shortly.

"Keep The Morrell Magazine and Trimmings coming. I certainly enjoy them very much."

From T/5 Charles Ross, formerly employed in the Sioux Falls Engine Room and now stationed at the Alliance, Nebr., Army Air Base:

"I received my copy of Trimmings a few days ago. I think it is a swell idea for getting news of the boys around.

"At the present time I am stationed at the Alliance Army Air Base at Alliance, Nebr. My outfit is the Airborne Engineers. I received my T/5 rating several months ago."



From S/Sgt. C. J. Metzger, former assistant foreman of the Topeka Beef Cooler, who writes of an interesting meeting:

"Two former Morrell employees, one an Ottumwa salesman at Shreveport, La., (Richard S. Hickman) and the other a former Topeka employee (Carl J. Metzger) met at Camp Babler, Mo., convalescent hospital for patients from Jefferson Barracks, Mo. Both had undergone operations.

"We met while on mail call. I received a copy of The Morrell Magazine and it had Mr. Hickman's picture in it. We have enjoyed many little get-togethers since that meeting.

Pvt. Hickman is a specialist clerk and I am an aerial gunner. We both are Morrell men even while in the service; we are planning to return to the House of Morrell as soon as we possibly can."

From Pfc. Donald K. Brink, former Sioux Falls Hog Kill employee now stationed at Camp Ellis, Ill.:

"I received my first issue of Trimmings today and was sure glad to get it. It gives us a chance to know where our fellow workers are and what they are doing. I see where a lieutenant from the Sioux Falls plant is stationed here. I will have to look him up.

"I am out on bivouac now and the boys are in a sham battle. I was unfortunate enough to catch guard duty and couldn't join them. We all hope to be back at Camp Ellis soon.

"I salute the boys overseas for the fine job they are doing. I hope it isn't too long before I can be with them."

A letter from Ray Kietzman, former Topeka employee, written during a week-end in Sacramento, Calif., says basic training has toughened him and gotten him ready for specialized training. He is stationed at Camp Kohler, Calif.

From Sgt. Thos. R. Naclerio, former Gansevoort branch employee, now stationed at Will Rogers Field, Oklahoma City, Okla.:

"Since my last letter I have been transferred to Will Rogers Field. While on furlough the latter part of September I received word in New York to return immediately for movement.

"While in New York I visited the Gansevoort branch where I was employed. It was good to see some of the boys again. I hope to be able to get back to New York sometime soon, especially, at the time when my wife and I expect our 'blessed event'."

From Pvt. William Morris, Ottumwa Hog Kill department employee now with the Army at Camp Carson, Colo.:

"After awaiting shipment to places unknown I end up at Camp Carson, Colo. It is truly quite a change from the desert—at least something grows here. Pike's Peak is in the distance, not so far from the camp. But nothing here looks as good to me as Iowa."

From Pfc. M. A. Marken, former Sioux Falls employee, comes this fine letter. Pfc. Marken is stationed at Williams Field, Chandler, Ariz.:

"Since entering the service I have been stationed at two other Air Bases but believe I will like this one the best. I completed the A. M. technical training course at Lincoln, Nebr., last July and returned to Chico, Calif. Then I was sent here. I work on the 'Production Line, Maintenance,' which as you perhaps know is the new method used for inspections and repairs. Since I came here, August 14, I have seen the largest class of cadets graduated from this field. It is encouraging to know that one is in some way helping in the accomplishment of that great day when these fine young men get their wings and are ready for battle.

"The climate here is hot and dry, somewhat like the hottest days at Sioux Falls but I have become quite accustomed to such conditions now.

"My two sons, one in New Guinea, and the other at a Naval Air Station, write me that they are working long hours under adverse conditions but are still cheerful and doing well. The youngest son is in Florida and is a member of the Army engineers. They are all former employees of the Sioux Falls plant."

Cpl. Albert Ahlstrom, Topeka, is training at Barksdale Field, Shreveport, La., but writes that he'd rather be strolling down the avenue in his home town.

From SC3/c Nicholas Klein, former Gansevoort employee, now with the SeaBees at Camp Peary, Williamsburg, Va.:

"Today I received my first copy of the Magazine since I entered the service, and surely was glad to receive it. It took a little time to reach me as my address has been changed since you mailed it. I have been transferred to the Ship's Co. Galley where we cook for about 5,500 men a meal."

From Pfc. Everett T. Foxx, former Ottumwa Office employee, stationed at the Army Air Field at Great Bend, Kans.:

"Seems like wherever I go I see a Morrell calendar which reminds me of the pleasant days spent at the Office. First saw one in the cafeteria at Wichita Falls, Tex., while stationed at Shepard Field. Upon being sent to Fort Collins to attend school at the Colorado State College, the first thing I saw

upon entering a classroom was another Morrell calendar. At the U. S. O. at Loveland hangs another, and now after a trip over the mountains to Salt Lake City and back over them to Great Bend, I find one hanging in the Bowling Alley, where we try to get that 300 game."

From Pfc. Lloyd M. Taplett, former Sioux Falls employee, now with the Marines at Memphis, Tenn.:

"Just received my copy of Trimmings and greeted it with open arms. You see, it, along with The Morrell Magazine, helps me locate my friends in the various branches of the armed service.

"I am now stationed in Memphis, working in the Marine Headquarters Office, at the Naval Air Technical Training Center. This is a naval base, so the sailors outnumber Marines about 20 to one. Until my call to enter the Marine Para Troop School I will be located here.

"The various organizations in Memphis are doing a fine job entertaining the servicemen. I don't believe any of the boys have complained about the attractive southern girls as yet. All in all, Memphis is really a swell liberty town. I seem to find it most enjoyable."

S2/c John Keefover, Topeka, has returned to the states and writes an interesting letter about his trip aboard an aircraft carrier. John has received two campaign bars.

From Pfc. Robert V. Sutton, former Oakland branch employee, who was on maneuvers when he wrote:

"I am somewhere in Louisiana on maneuvers. By the time you get this I will probably have returned to camp.

"I certainly am happy to receive Trimmings. In the September and October issues I note references to two former Oakland employees, 'Bob' Vahey and Homer Jewett. I knew and worked with them until I entered the service. It was nice to read what they had to say and to know where they were."

From Austin V. Spencer, former Topeka plant employee, now stationed at Camp Cooke, Calif.:

"I have been receiving The Morrell Magazine for the past 26 months and have enjoyed it very much. Your service of sending this Magazine has been thoughtful and accommodating to say the least."

From Pvt. Paul C. King, formerly employed at the Ottumwa plant, now stationed at Fort Lawton, Wash.:

"To me the Magazine is about the best in news of Morrell folks. While in civilian life I didn't realize that it could be so interesting and enjoyable. I have spent quite a few hours each month, just myself and the Magazine, reliving some of the happy hours that I have spent in Ottumwa and Morrell's. I think I can truthfully say that most of the boys in the armed service feel the same way that I do.

"I am in the Medical Corps, with a Dispensary Detachment. "Give my regards to the Smoked Meat gang."

From Carl H. Oksol, formerly of Sioux Falls, now stationed with a Navy unit at Rockland, Me.:

"I am stationed in Rockland, Me., vacation land as it is known, a town of about 9,500 population. It is a sea-

coast town, and the people show great hospitality to the service men; especially to the Coast Guardsmen, who are the largest in numbers. Nearly every branch of the service is represented around here: WAC's, Marines, Navy, Navy Aviation, soldiers and above all the Coast Guard. I am with the Communication department and it is very interesting work, but it keeps me busy. "I got my training down in St. Augustine, Fla. during the cold months of December, January, and part of February. So I had a very good winter. We had a beautiful place down in St. Augustine. We were stationed in the Ponce De Leon Hotel which had all the comforts of home. In peace time rooms rented from ten to twenty dollars a day."

From Pfc. Oliver J. Resel, former Sioux Falls employee, now stationed at the Lincoln, Nebr., Army Air Base:

"The Army Air Corps is training men at this base for mechanics on the line and potential crew chiefs on airplanes, especially the larger bombers. The school is very good and all of us here learn a lot about airplanes and their maintenance."

From RT2/c Euel D. Hudgens, formerly of Ottumwa, and now with the Navy at Corpus Christi, Tex.:

"Since enlisting in the Navy December 14 last year I spent eleven weeks at Camp Green Bay, Great Lakes, Ill. Then was transferred to the main base waiting to go to school for about two months. I was sent from there to the Naval Armory at Chicago for a refresher course in mathematics before being sent to the Oklahoma A & M College. Now have been sent here for advanced training in aircraft communications. Will be here seven months or more. Will soon be working on Uncle Sam's most secret and effective weapon. Can't say more about it."

Ray Kietzman, Topeka, has met the son of M. M. Snyder, stock buyer at Hastings, Nebr., at Camp Kohler, Calif. The boys are housed in the same barracks.

From AMM3/c "Dave" Stuermer, formerly of Sioux Falls and now stationed at the Naval Air Station at Alameda, Calif.:

"At the present time I am assigned to the Engine Test Stand. We test all types of aircraft engines after they are overhauled. Although this is very interesting work I am looking forward to returning to the Morrell payroll at Sioux Falls."

From Sgt. Charles S. Nupp, formerly of Ottumwa, who was stationed with the Army Air Forces at Clovis, N. M., when he wrote; however he was expected to be sent out soon:

"I am an aerial gunner. It's a swell job if you like flying. We fly two or three missions a day consisting of bombing, navigating, gunnery practice, landings, and instruments. This is where you learn that teamwork is the only way in which we can win this war.

"There are ten of us in a flying crew. Each man has to be trained for his job to the highest degree. We have a crack crew but still we keep training to be sure that we get good hits on our target. On bombing practice the other day, from 10,000 feet, out of 15 bombs we scored 10 direct hits; the others were within a hundred feet of the bullseye!"

PROMOTIONS

Theodore P. Crall (Ottumwa) Technical Sergeant.

Clarence G. Hertlein (Topeka) Staff Sergeant

Patrick A. Beeby (Topeka) Fire Controlman 3rd Class

"Tom" Carlson (Topeka) Corporal

Raymond M. Cronk (Sioux Falls) Storekeeper 2nd Class

Darrell Darger (Sioux Falls) Electrician's Mate 2nd Class

Vincent A. Dougherty (Ottumwa) Private 1st Class

H. S. Duryea (Topeka) Private 1st Class

W. A. Hefner (Topeka) Staff Sergeant

Andrew A. Ortega (Topeka) Technical Sergeant

Joseph Ortega (Topeka) Corporal

Donald J. Peterson (Topeka) Corporal

Fred J. Truitt (Topeka) Private 1st Class

LeRoy Voelker (Topeka) Private 1st Class

Hobert B. Wheeler (Topeka) Fireman 3rd Class

Everett Williams (Brooklyn) Storekeeper 3rd Class

Woodrow Huffman (Ottumwa) Staff Sergeant

Harold S. Lasley (Ottumwa) Technical Sergeant

R. N. McIntosh (Ottumwa) Corporal

Vincent A. Marken (Sioux Falls) Aviation Ordnanceman 2nd Class

John T. Rocha (Topeka) Corporal

Harry B. Atwell (Topeka) Staff Sergeant

John Mottet (Ottumwa) Corporal

John Perdue (Ottumwa) Corporal

"Joe" Schjodt (Sioux Falls) Corporal

Robert E. Swenson (Ottumwa) Ensign

Charles D. White (Topeka) Private 1st Class

Lloyd W. Zabel (Sioux Falls) Corporal

Wayne L. Wade (Sioux Falls) Major

Arthur LoCasale (Philadelphia) Corporal

Eugene Schertz (Ottumwa) Corporal

John P. Crowley (Sioux Falls) Sergeant

Donald Olsen (Sioux Falls) Technical Sergeant

Merle Norquist (Sioux Falls) Seaman 1st Class

Floyd Sherard (Sioux Falls) Hospital Apprentice 2nd Class

Alvin Scherschligt (Sioux Falls) Corporal

John O. Pelley (Sioux Falls) Coxswain

George A. Whitney (Bronx) Master Sergeant

A. R. Even (Sioux Falls) Technician 4th Grade

H. B. Barnes (Gastonia) Coxswain

Charles G. Elkins (Ottumwa) Sergeant

"Tom" Lowe (Topeka) Corporal

OVER-SEAS MAIL

From Pvt. Eugene W. Ellis, former Ottumwa employee, now stationed in Sicily:

"Well, the war news is really good so far. With our invasion of Italy and the Russians on the move it won't be long after the first of the year before Germany gives up. I think it will be next spring. I am now doing guard duty in Sicily."

From Pvt. Lewis R. Boyd, former Topeka employee, now in the southwest Pacific:

"I received my first issue of Trimmings this week and was sure pleased to get it. I was formerly employed at the Topeka plant—for about eleven months.

"I am now stationed on an island in