

C. F. Callahan (Brooklyn) Boatswains Mate 1st Class
 Clement Kennedy (Ottumwa) Seaman 1st Class
 Dwayne E. Coy (Sioux Falls) Fireman 2nd Class
 Harold Rist (Sioux Falls) Yeoman 2nd Class
 Paul Schultz (Sioux Falls) Corporal
 Jans A. Kirkegaard (Sioux Falls) Machinist Mate 2nd Class
 "Ed" Haggar (Sioux Falls) Fireman 1st Class
 E. F. Wilkinson (Sioux Falls) Sergeant
 Laurence Iverson (Sioux Falls) Staff Sergeant

OVER-SEAS MAIL

From Cpl. Charles Ruble, Ottumwa, in Italy:

"As to the ladies, you should see these clever and nice looking ladies of Italy; they are tempting to every man's eyes. But you should see them work; men take it easy; at times one is tempted to kick the men in the pants and change the load. "Towns, or rather villages, are closely settled, each high on a hilltop, and there it sits. People live in the villages and work out in the fields near by; some walking, others more fortunate, riding a donkey to and from the fields."

From Cpl. Roy Lundquist, Sioux Falls, in New Guinea:

"I have been in New Guinea for some time now. If you think South Dakota heat is bad, you should spend a season on this island. I don't see how the natives stand it. But hard as it is we have a job to finish here.

"We feast on coconuts and pineapple. Jungle food is plentiful so we will never have to worry about having enough to eat. "Have seen quite a few Morrell fellows on the island. It is sure a coincidence how you can run into them. There isn't anything like running into a fellow from your home town."

From Sgt. "Jack" Bradley, Topeka, stationed in England:

"I always look forward to the arrival of The Morrell Magazine as most of the fellows I used to know and work with have enlisted in some branch of the service. The Magazine is the only way I have of keeping track of them."

From Cpl. P. W. Drauschke, Jr., East Cambridge branch, now in Italy:

"Yesterday our outfit shot down two Focke-Wulf 190s that were trying some hit and run bombing. We were in the North African campaign from January 30 'til the day of the German surrender. We had some close calls but came through in fine shape."

From Pfc. Austin E. Watters, Ottumwa, now in England:

"I just got back off a 48-hour pass that I spent with 'Johnny' Roberts. He worked in the Fresh Meat department when I was in the Paint Gang. There is also another sergeant here that worked at the plant. His name is Wiley. We are in the same camp together and see a lot of each other.

"It has been two years since I left the plant and went into the service. I also have three other brothers in the service and out of the four of us, three are overseas. One in Italy, one in Iran, and I'm in England; the other brother is in Louisiana."

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

"I have been in Tunis, Algiers, Bizerte, and Oran. Right now I am somewhere in Italy. I find it interesting, with many things to see."

From S/Sgt. Clarence G. Hertlein, Topeka, now in Italy:

"I am a mess sergeant in the Italian theatre of operations. Many times, since I came overseas, I've prepared meats sent to us from John Morrell & Co.

"It is with high pride that I look back at my former days with the Company. Since I left the good old U. S. A. I have traveled through Ireland, Scotland, England, Africa, and now I am in Italy."

From Sgt. Russell S. Milton, former Brooklyn branch salesman, now in Italy:

"Please accept my thanks for the Magazine which has reached me in the various places I have been—both in Africa and Italy. At times it was the only reading matter available. You can imagine how I devoured its contents.

"At present we are in an area where censorship is very strict; even the weather is taboo. So, naturally it leaves very little to write about. However, I can say—and definitely—the more I see of this part of the world, the more I realize what a paradise the good old U. S. A. is."

From Pfc. Edward W. Collier, Ottumwa, with an APO out of San Francisco:

"I'm in the Marines, and I like it. Have been overseas since July last year. The scenery is O. K. but I'll take the U. S. A. for my part. But we have a job to do over here and I know the boys will do it up right. We know what we are fighting for—our rights and our freedom so that our loved ones can live in peace forever.

"Our food is fine. I ate some corned beef hash a few days ago. It was good; it should have been. It came from John Morrell & Co."

The Esser brothers, from Topeka, are in three corners of the globe. Leonard is a Pfc. in the Marine Corps at San Diego, Calif. Henry is a sergeant in the Army medical corps, somewhere in England. "Bill", a Pfc. in the Army engineers, is in North Africa.

From Pfc. "Jack" Swart, Sioux Falls, in southern Italy:

"Since I left you I have really been on the move. Have seen some of the states, then Ireland, England, North Africa, and now Italy. So far I have seen quite a bit of Italy and what I've seen isn't so bad. When we first arrived there was plenty of apples, nuts, etc., but now things are a little hard to get.

"It is typical fall weather now; nice in the daytime and cool at night. It has been raining a lot and we expect snow at anytime; in fact, we can see snow in some of the higher mountains now. It will be the first snow I have seen in three years, and I am looking forward to it."

From CM3/c Benjamin A. McCoy, Ottumwa, with a construction battalion in the southwest Pacific.

"Ottumwa is very well represented here with most of the fellows being former Morrell employees. Nine of us got together the other day in a sort of a reunion; we had our picture taken. We had a good time talking over old times back home. It was agreed that there is no place quite as good as a town named Ottumwa back in the good old U. S. A.

"These south sea islands aren't all they are claimed to be by a lot, at least at the present time. It is very humid and hot here. Just great for growing coconuts."

Donald F. Smith, Topeka, writes by V-Mail from India, "on the side of my bed under a lovely moon." He writes, "I was just thinking of the job you are doing to put this one big job over."

From Pfc. A. J. Mueller, Sioux Falls, somewhere overseas:

"If South Dakota could get as little as one-fifth the rain we get here in a year, it would be a paradise for the farmers. One other thing a person has to be on the watch for is a bombardment of coconuts."

From 1/Sgt. "Jack" Mercer, Ottumwa, now in Italy:

"I left Sicily since I last wrote you and am now somewhere in Italy. Guess it wouldn't be giving away secrets to tell you that it is really wet here. It has rained everyday since we arrived and guess there will be another month or two of it. It has been nice today but it is getting cloudy and will undoubtedly rain before long.

"Our trip over was nice and we have seen some very nice country. Guess anything would be nicer than Sicily. Noticed an article in Trimmings, from Cpl. Carr, stating that most of the fellows liked Sicily. I managed to see nearly two-thirds of the island and I must have missed his bivouac area."

"Moe" Waters, Topeka, is in North Africa and says he found good use for everything in his Christmas box.

From 1st Lt. John M. Anderson, former Ottumwa salesman, now in New Guinea:

"Receive The Morrell Magazine every month. Due to my moving around the date of arrival varies each month. However, I find, possibly due to the lack of sufficient reading material, that I read it from cover to cover. I know that I, and without fear of contradiction practically every other person that has an opportunity to read the Magazine, has merely glanced through it reading only those portions which pertained to me or my friends. I am the only one in my outfit connected with Morrell's, but you would be surprised to know the number of men now on your regular 'reading list'.

"People actually having contact with this war are the ones knowing least what is going on. This pertains to the writer, and I can say that I am as close to the front lines as anyone with a desire to live should be. One soon learns to disregard danger, however, because of the continuous close proximity with it tends to make one careless. Have less worries here in the Jap's front door (frankly think it is becoming his back door) than I had in trying to fill a car in my selling days. Have only one complaint, and this is a chorus if everyone could speak out in a body, and that is we have not seen a WHITE woman for months, not even a nurse. You can readily see what hardships we are having."

From M. Van Steenwyk, Sioux Falls, in New Guinea:

"When I left for overseas duty I landed in Australia, and from there on to New Guinea where I am stationed at the present time. We had a little excitement the other evening when the boys discovered a 12-foot snake who had decided he was lonesome and crawled under one of the beds. Everything came out OK and the boy is now wearing a snakeskin belt.

"I rode my motorcycle up to the Jap Zero graveyard in search for some souvenirs and couldn't find anything but a couple of machine guns. They were too big to take back to camp with me."



MR. HAM GOES TO WAR

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"Oak" Says:

Not much in the way of news this month. Weather can't serve as very much of a subject because we just haven't been having any weather. Maybe old man winter will get around to paying a visit some time, but he certainly is taking his time this year.

I do want to thank all of you who have been sending shoulder patches. I am going to have these patches photographed and then will use them in the Magazine from time to time, accompanied by a story explaining the patch and the history of the division. This will be the first step in telling your buddies on the home front about your division. Since the last report the following patches have been received: Pvt. Paul Shepherd, Ottumwa, Army Service Forces; Sgt. Albert C. West, Ottumwa, 103rd Division; Pvt. James M. Warnock, Ottumwa, Tank Destroyer Battalion; Pfc. Fred A. Evans, Los Angeles, Headquarters, Army Ground Forces; Sgt. D. R. Tallman, Topeka, 7th Air Force; Pvt. Lew Wells, Ottumwa, wish I knew because I can't find his patch pictured in any publicity I have; Pfc. Marion Anderson, Sioux Falls, 8th Air Force; Cpl. Jake Thompson, Ottumwa, Amphibious Engineers; Pvt. Donald C. Dean, Ottumwa, Sixth Service Command; Sgt. Field Kling, Ottumwa, 10th Armored Division; Pfc. William Proctor, Ottumwa, 81st Division; and Sgt. C. H. Flint, Sioux Falls, 102nd Division.

Glad to see several of you fellows when you were home on furlough. Miss Reinhardt, at Topeka, and Mr. Roberts, at Sioux Falls, report that they also are receiving visits. We all like to see you when you are at home. So—if you are from Ottumwa—put L. O. Cheever, General Office, on your list to see; if from Topeka, Eileen Reinhardt, Office, would like to talk with you; and if from Sioux Falls, G. F. Roberts, also Office, would like to hear about your service. We like to have these visits; it gives us a chance to get your comments both on the Magazine and Trimmings. Some of the changes that have been made in both of these recently are due to comments dropped by boys home on furlough.

The Company made money in 1943 as you will see by statement prepared for employees which you will receive. If you get the Magazine it will come along with the January issue. If you don't get the Magazine, your copy of the statement will be enclosed with this copy of Trimmings.

Cordially,
 "Oak" Cheever.

Trimmings

FOR AND ABOUT OUR FORMER EMPLOYEES IN SERVICE

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MR. HAM GOES TO TOWN

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WE'RE GLAD!

We're glad; in fact, we're dog-gone glad that you folks found the Morrell Christmas box so good. It would be hard to even estimate the number of thank you letters that have come to various officials of the Company. In fact, there have been so many that it was impossible for any one individual to reply to all of them.

The executives of John Morrell & Co. take this opportunity to acknowledge your kind thank you letters. They are glad you liked the various articles in the box; it was one way they could let you know that we all were thinking of you on Christmas Day.

Also, it was impossible to use all the letters mentioning receipt of the box in Trimmings. Just not enough space. But we do like information some of you sent along giving us the comments of other boys who didn't receive boxes from their former employers. That puts you, us, and the Company one up.

SHORT SHOTS

Pvt. Wayne Studor, Sioux Falls, is going to demolition school at Camp Abbot, Ore.

Harold Iott, Topeka, is in Brazil. He is a baker with a hospital unit.

Sgt. Guy A. Snelling, Ottumwa, has just recently celebrated his third Christmas in the Army. During that time there has been very little of the United States he hasn't seen. He is now at Fort Sill, Okla.; incidentally he started his training at that camp.

Harry Leary, Los Angeles branch, writes from an APO address in New York that he always looks forward to news of the Los Angeles branch.

Harry Hawn, Sioux Falls, doesn't think much of San Diego as a liberty town but says North Island is the best base he has been assigned to so far.

Cpl. Craig Irwin, Topeka, is with

a Marine Corps unit somewhere in the Pacific.

Pvt. Lloyd D. Nichols, Ottumwa, received a carton of cigarettes recently that had followed him to Africa, England, and back to the United States. He is now stationed at Alva, Okla.

Pvt. Judd Meester, Sioux Falls, has been transferred to Texas A and M College as an engineering student.

Sgt. D. R. Tallman, Topeka, now stationed in the Hawaiian Islands has planted squash around his shack. The plants are blooming and running all around the place; he expects to have fresh squash in February.

Sgt. William Houk, Ottumwa, writes that Trimmings is like a coca-cola after a 25-mile hike. He is stationed at Camp Granite, Calif.

Pvt. Everett J. Kolstad, Sioux Falls, has returned to Fort Francis E. Warren, Wyo., after three months of training at Bloomington, Ill.

Watt Jones, Topeka, is doing military police duty on trains from Denver east and goes through Topeka every third day.

Lt. Michael V. Link, Ottumwa, is now at Camp Pickett, Va., after having just finished desert training. He thought it was a little rough at times.

Pvt. Chester Neilson, Sioux Falls, is now located somewhere in England.

Albert Ahlstrom, Topeka, is stationed at the Army Air Base at DeRidder, La.

Pvt. Arthur McSparen, Ottumwa, suffered an injury at the Avon Park, Fla., Bombing Range. He thinks he might possibly be given a medical discharge.

Pvt. Bernard V. Hoffman, Sioux Falls, is a light tank driver and machine gunner in training at Camp Campbell, Ky.

Bryce Bloom, is going to gas

school at the Marine base at San Diego, Calif.

Pvt. Robert K. Bates, Ottumwa, who was stationed in Alaska for about three months has been transferred to the Hawaiian Islands.

Pvt. Glenn Hinsvark, Sioux Falls, is with an A. S. T. P. unit at the University of Missouri; he is studying engineering.

Lt. Harold Tasker, Topeka, is in England and aide-de-camp to Brig. Gen. Hinman, U. S. A. A. C.

Cpl. LeRoy E. Follett, former Ottumwan and now in Australia, recently ran across a sailor who formerly worked in the Topeka plant. Guess they had lots of fun discussing Morrell's.

Pvt. Edmund Burg, Sioux Falls, has completed his basic training at Fort Ord, Calif.

Matthew Browne, Topeka, is working in a laboratory at the Army Medical Center in Washington.

Pvt. Gerald Porter, Ottumwa, is in the British Isles; he is homesick every time he sees the name, John Morrell & Co.

Pvt. James F. Oates, Sioux Falls, is taking the A. S. T. P. course at North Dakota Agricultural College.

"Joe" Rodriguez, Topeka, is an M. P. on trains out of St. Paul, Minn.

John O'Brien, former Ottumwan and now a mail clerk in Italy, has seen and talked with Don Newell, a Red Cross worker but formerly athletic coach at the Ottumwa High School. John says Don is ready to go back to coaching again.

A/S Lyle Fenstermaker, Sioux Falls, has been transferred to Birmingham Southern College.

John Rodarte, Topeka, has been transferred to the signal supply unit at Houlton, Me.

Cpl. Charles Hellyer, Ottumwa, is receiving his copies of **Trimmings** in North Africa.

E. R. Shipper attended the Cooks and Bakers School, and then went on to Advance Base School at San Diego, Calif. He is now an assistant cook and wears the stripes of a corporal.

Bruce Grout, Topeka, is taking Air Corps training at Wichita Falls, Tex.

Pvt. Lew L. Wells, Ottumwa, is looking for someone with an APO address out of Seattle that might be in his part of the world. Incidentally, Lew thinks some of you boys in England should transfer to Alaska where weather is weather. He wrote recently, "Those guys in England don't seem to know when they have a good thing. Let them come out to the Aleutians, and then they will appreciate England."



Pvt. "Eddie" J. Gunn, Sioux Falls, is looking after meat at Maxwell Field, Ala. He inspects meat for a lot of camps that have prisoners of war.

The three Berwert boys from Topeka are overseas—Paul, in the Navy; "Bill" and George in the Army.

Pfc. Logan Tharp, Ottumwa, who has been in the jungles of the Pacific for almost two years is hoping that he will get home pretty soon.

Harold Rist, Sioux Falls, is still working with the Navy at Omaha, Nebr.

Hodges Agnew, Topeka, landed in the United States the day before Christmas after a sojourn in England. He is now stationed at Eglin Field, Fla.

Pfc. Merle L. Feeney, Ottumwa, had his first chance to see England from the air recently. It was his first trip up and he really enjoyed it.

Dale F. Ucker, Sioux Falls, has transferred to the Air Corps in hopes that he will be allowed to fly some day.

Floyd Markley, Topeka, has completed electricians school at St. Louis.

Robert G. Butler, Ottumwa, is now stationed at Camp Gifford, Iran.

Pvt. Leonard Boe, Sioux Falls, is a musician at the Amarillo Air Field. He participates in a broadcast from the field each week. His principal task, however, is that of chapel organist, a job he thoroughly enjoys.

Emmett Caulk, Topeka, expects to be located soon at North Island, Calif.

EM1/c Hugh J. Lafferty, Ottumwa, reports that his crew at New London, Conn., enjoyed his Christmas box almost as much as he did.

F1/2 R. Quigley, Sioux Falls, spent about three months in the hospital. At the present time he is at Sun Valley, Ida., convalescing.

Roy Lassen, formerly in charge of Topeka Claim department, has been sent to Camp Callan, Calif., for his basic training.

William Hissink, Ottumwa, is now in flight training at the Brayton Flying Service, Cuero, Tex. He has completed seven hours of his required 65 hours in primary. He is looking forward to soloing soon.

A/S Willard M. Peterson is an aviation student at Xavier University, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Maurice King, formerly assistant to the personnel manager at Topeka, is now an ensign and taking gunnery training at New Orleans.

Pfc. William Proctor, Ottumwa, has been in the service for 19 months and during that time has been on maneuvers in Florida, Tennessee, the Arizona desert, and California. He is now at Camp San Luis Obispo, Calif.

Sgt. Lloyd W. Zabel, Sioux Falls, is stationed at Avon Park, Fla., where he is taking combat training.

R. L. Johnson, Topeka, is at Camp Grant, Ill., in a medical training unit.

Pvt. Francis Swanson, Ottumwa, was hospitalized for a time at Santa Fe, N. M., with a nerve condition.

Pfc. Leo L. Ward, Sioux Falls, is on maneuvers in California.

CONGRATULATIONS

T/Sgt. Andrew A. Ortega, Topeka, was married at the post at the Las Vegas Army Air Field where he is stationed. It was a military wedding.

Congratulations to Ferman Kitterman, Ottumwa, who was married while home on a 30-day leave recently. Ferman has been in the Navy since December 8, 1941.

Pvt. and Mrs. R. L. Johnson, Topeka, are the parents of a son, born January 11.

FROM THE CAMPS

From Pvt. William Ebelsheiser, Ottumwa, now at Camp Kohler, Calif.:

"Finished my E. R. C. training in code at Des Moines August 21, 1943. Had a two week furlough and then reported here to Camp Kohler for active duty. Am getting 13 weeks of code and then will probably be ready for the firing line. "Finished basic last week and have

gotten a good start in school. Basic was pretty rough on me, but probably did me some good. Had a chance for sharpshooter but got rattled on the firing line in rapid fire and blew it."

A letter from Steve Crello, Topeka, indicated he was near England. The day after his letter was received, Steve walked into the Topeka plant and told a very interesting story about his trip to Naples.

From Andrew A. Ortega, formerly employed in the Topeka plant but now an aerial gunnery instructor at the Las Vegas Army Air Field:

"I enlisted in the field artillery January 31, 1941. Six months later I transferred to the Air Corps. I went to Lowry Field, Denver, Colo., to armament school and in January 1942, I was sent to Las Vegas as an aerial gunnery instructor. In October, 1942, I was sent to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, to teach Brazilians gunnery tactics. I remained there until March 1943; then returned to Las Vegas.

"My present rating is technical sergeant and I am still an instructor. I like my work very well although I'd like very much to go across and help do my part. However, I know that an instructor has a bigger job here, to teach and train boys to aim well and shoot straight."

From S2/c Mae A. Cummins, formerly of Sioux Falls but now a WAVE and stationed at Dahlgren, Va.:

"I am now stationed at the Navy Proving Grounds at Dahlgren, Va. Here all Navy ammunition and guns are tested. It's a very interesting but noisy place. I am a radio control tower operator. I must say it's a lot different from the work I used to do with Morrell's; but it's interesting and I really have to be on the ball at all times. The planes depend on us so much.

"We log all planes in and out; advise them on take offs and landings; find out who the pilot is and the purpose of his hop. Along with that we have to keep planes away from restricted areas; keep the runways clear and have clearance for all planes the whole day long so they don't get shot down as enemy craft."

From Pvt. Mike S. Calvert, former Ottumwan, stationed at Camp Carson, Colo.:

"There are a lot of men in our division who used to work in the plant. John Morrell & Co. is the only company which writes to its employees in the service. So keep up the good work; it will never be forgotten."

From Cpl. Quinto J. Bussolari, formerly employed at the East Cambridge branch but now with an armored division at Camp Gordon, Ga.:

"I read in **Trimmings** about your campaign to get shoulder patches from all the different divisions in which Morrell employees are located. I think it is a swell idea. I am sending along the patch for my division. Maybe it will start your collection. I know there are former employees in other divisions and I hope they will follow suit."

From Sgt. Glen W. Smith, Jr., Topeka, now stationed at Fort Clark, Tex.:

"Army life is about the same old story. The weather has turned rather chilly down here; in fact, I thought I would nearly freeze to death last week when we were on bivouac. I've met two or three boys down here from the Topeka plant who are in the same camp. I want to say once more that I really appreciated the Christmas box."

From A/C Homer Berdahl, Sioux Falls, now stationed at the Navy Pre-Flight School at Iowa City, Ia.:

"I'm now stationed at Iowa City, at the Navy Pre-Flight School; like it fine but find it means a lot of hard work. I've been in the Navy nine months and am well on my way to becoming a Navy pilot. This Iowa City school has been called the muscle building factory of the Navy Air Corps; it is supposed to have the hardest physical training program given to U. S. forces. Here we learn hand-to-hand football, wrestling, boxing, swimming, and many other sports and drills that try a person's physical endurance.

"This training is just fine, but I'd like a crack at the Japs and I hope my chance comes soon."

From Pfc. Edward Houseal, Ottumwa, on desert maneuvers:

"My company was on maneuvers for three weeks and just got back to camp. We will stay in a week and then go on another three week maneuver period. When we arrived back in camp all the tents were down and we had a nice job in putting them back up again."

From Pfc. Robert V. Sutton, former Oakland branch employee, now stationed at Camp Claiborne, La.:

"I have just returned from my furlough and had a swell time. They sure are busy at the Oakland branch. I talked with Mr. Lawrence, the manager, also Mr. Chamberlain, who had just gotten married. They were both pleased to see me and I was pleased that I had visited the branch."

From Cpl. Donald J. Peterson, Topeka, now stationed at Santa Monica, Calif.:

"I am feeling fine in this land of liquid sunshine—California. Rain, rain, rain, that's about all it does. A few sunny days. We are now stationed at an airfield out here, but for how long I don't know. We are living in pup tents and praying it doesn't rain. But we have an easy life compared to the boys over there."

From Pvt. Oscar M. Huotari, former Sioux Falls employee now stationed at Camp Abbot, Ore.:

"I have been here at Camp Abbot for five months and have finished my basic training and also the course in cooking and baking. They decided to make a cook out of me; maybe they figured I could sling the hash better than bullets. I am now waiting for shipment which should be most any day."

From Lt. Gerald L. Bush, Ottumwa, who was stationed at Muroc, Calif., when he wrote the letter, but now has left for overseas service:

"As you know I am a navigator on a B-24 Liberator. 'Ernie' Myers' experiences reported in a recent issue of **Trimmings** was excellent and interested me because we both joined the Air Corps at the same time. I will try to give some idea of the work on a Liberator.

"We are in the last phase of training before going overseas to join a combat unit. Our group is already formed and divided up into four squadrons. Each squadron has 18 crews; our crew is No. 2. Each crew has 10 men—pilot, copilot, navigator, bombardier, radio operator, engineer, and four gunners.

"My job as navigator is to get the ship there at a predetermined time with as little gas as possible. The navigator must also know the bombardier's job, as well as the radio operator's, and he must know

how to operate and fire the guns as well or better than any of his gunners. That in brief, is what I have to do."

From Nicholas Klein, formerly employed at the Gansevoort branch, but now with the SeaBees at Camp Peary, Va.:

"Being a veteran of World War I, and coming back into service for this war, I want you to know that we appreciate your Christmas box and other mailings.

"I am serving in the Commissary Department, cooking and cutting beef. I am with a chief Commissary steward who spent 13 years in the English Navy. When I showed him the Christmas box, he told me all about the Liverpool office.

"In a past issue of the **Magazine** I read an article about one of the Fosters being stationed at Brest, France, with the Navy during the last war. (Editor's Note: That was J. M. Foster, now manager of the Sioux Falls plant). I was in Brest all during the war, being one of the first Americans over there. I was on an old coal-burning destroyer; that boat is ancient history compared to the ships of today.

"We expect to leave here at any time and head for the south Pacific. I am with the SeaBees and am a qualified marksman so I expect to be right up in the front with the rest of the 'fighting builders' as they call us."

From Cpl. Bruce V. Grout, from Topeka, now with the Army Air Forces at Sheppard Field, Tex.:

"I formerly worked at the Topeka office; entered the service in October 1942, and am now serving with the Air Force. I was stationed at Fresno, Calif., for 10 months; was transferred here to Sheppard Field last September. I have been working in the Classification Office during all of that time except for a period of two weeks. My work is very interesting and it seems as if something new is always coming up."

PROMOTIONS

Hubert K. Breuer (Topeka) Corporal
Leonard D. Glaze (Topeka) Corporal
Merrill H. McGrath (Topeka) Corporal
Chester L. Ross (Topeka) Technician 5th Grade

Henry Wilkerson (Topeka) Corporal
George C. Hedstrom (Topeka) Technical Sergeant

James A. Plumberg (Topeka) Sergeant
G. E. Sage (Topeka) Sergeant
Earl J. Colgrove (Topeka) Private 1st Class

Robert T. Deiter (Topeka) Corporal
Floyd W. Dessenberger (Topeka) Corporal

Clyde L. Good (Topeka) 1st Lieutenant
Floyd J. Lichty (Topeka) Corporal
Thomas R. Lowe (Topeka) Corporal

James I. Martin (Topeka) Lieutenant
Warren Martin (Topeka) Lieutenant
Dean D. Meggison (Topeka) Sergeant
Robert R. Neiswender (Topeka) Corporal

Oscar W. Proctor (Topeka) Corporal
John O. Rodarte (Topeka) Corporal
Charles G. Smith (Topeka) Sergeant
John J. Devlin, Jr., (East Cambridge) Yeoman 1st Class

J. P. Courtney (Ottumwa) Shipfitter 1st Class

John Nicol (Topeka) Shipfitter 3rd Class
Lyle R. Elfring (Sioux Falls) Sergeant
R. R. Boelsen (Sioux Falls) Sergeant

Hollis F. Peck (Ottumwa) Lieutenant (Senior Grade)

Robert T. Newman (Ottumwa) Ships Cook 3rd Class
Gene Halger (Sioux Falls) Sergeant