

# Your Letter From Home

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**DEAR JOE:** What would you rather do—or go fishing? The sky is a million, trillion, miles high today and blue all the way. Way off to the south, at about two o'clock, there's just one little cloud. Perfect July weather. 80 degrees it was at noon and half the corn laid by. The weather's been beautiful lately, just right for working and playing. If you don't mind a private gripe, we'd like it hotter for swimming... Speaking of swimming, Joe, we're going to have a tournament of beauty out at Expo Pool to select "Bathing Beauty" the most beautiful girl in Northwest Iowa. We are hoping to get some really glamorous pictures that we can pass along to you. We'll do it. Of course, with you gone, there isn't much glamour left.

**AROUND THE TOWN.** Co. G., State Guard, is now in summer training at Camp Dodge, under the command of Capt. Ross Cox. Other officers, 1st Lt. Leonard Pint and 2nd Lt. Ernest Woodard... Gowrie collected two tons of paper in the scrap drive... Harold and Doris Kalahar, 11 year old twins, of Lehigh, had a beautiful team of Shetland ponies. They sold them to buy two \$100 war bonds. Their brother, Cpl. Don Kalahar, is in England... Social Calendar: The Elks had a stag last Monday night. The American Legion will hold one next Monday night. Some fun... Duncombe and Burnside are over their quotas in the bond drive... E. S. Cortright is leaving the high school faculty to become assistant professor of speech at Oregon State College, at Corvallis, Oregon... C. O. Lindquist has been promoted to chief gunner in naval aviation. He is stationed at Norfolk, Va... Judge Dick Mitchell will keynote the state Democratic convention in Des Moines, July 29th... O. C. Pfaff is chairman of the new recreation commission... Alice Ford, former Fort Dodger, has flown to Ireland on an OWI assignment... James Fitzgerald, county supervisor, has been named advisor to the Iowa Post War Rehabilitation committee's highway commission.

**DOWN THE CENTER AISLE.** David E. Peterson, GM 3/c, of Dayton, now at San Diego, Calif: "When the war is over, Gladys Warwick, of San Francisco, and I are gonna start our own private war." Dave's back from four major engagements in the Pacific. So this one with Gladys will be his fifth... Phyllis Sherwood and Lt. Donald J. Kotlow of Chicago, in Hobbs, New Mexico, July 4th... Thelia Bock and Fred Jacox, S 1/c, of Little Falls, N. Y., sometime later... Jean Sheerer and Lawrence Magnall, of Utica, Ill., July 6th, at Boone... Mary Laufersweiler and Sgt. Keith Feilding, of Milo, at Wareham, Mass., June 28th... Adeline Tell and John Eslick, both of Dayton, June 25th, in Dayton... Mary Lou Salvatore and Vernon Allison, in Fort Dodge, July 1st... Marcella Kelly and Louis L. Morf, of Fredericksburg, Iowa, August 9th, in Otho... Mildred Miller, of Atlanta, Ga., and Lt. Richard V. Gadd, The date will be announced later... Margaret Marsh, of Lehigh, and Russell Saunders, of Montezuma, at Los Angeles, June 17th... Kathlyn Moore, of Kanawha, and Laurel Johnson, of Gowrie, July 4th, in Kanawha... Jean Windschanz and Joseph Houston, of Des Moines, Fort Dodge, July 30th... Betty Butrick and Don Hudson, July 4th, in Fort Dodge.

**GOOD FELLOWS GET TOGETHER.** Cpl. Lester Person, Marvin Johnson, of Gowrie, Joe Sandell, of Dayton, and Ross Tierney. Lester ran into them all during the 27 months he's spent out in the South Pacific. Thanks, Lester, for the 7th A. A. F. "Brief." Look up Merrill Saunders. He sent me a copy, too... A/C Gene Brown and his old boss, Bill Olmstead, in Denver. Also Dean Tuel. Gene is now at Santa Ana, Calif., and wondering what part of the camp John Dowd is in. He'd like to hear from Ray Fallon... Ensign Q. Vandi and his brother, Fred, at Indiantown Gap. They had a party with a lot of Fred's buddies. Quento is about ready to take his boat for a ride... Ken Kelly, S 1/c R. T. and Lee Nelson, former KVFD engineer, in Great Lakes. Ken says Chicago is definitely U. S. A.'s best liberty town... Pvt. Don Cobb, Eldred Prang and a fellow named Arnold, in New Guinea. Don, who was on New Britain island for a while, has been overseas 16 months... Sgt. Cecil Scott and Mary Dolliver, in Italy... John F. Estlund, F 1/c, and his uncle, Sgt. Edw. F. Dwyer, in London. The surprise meeting almost floored them both... Pvt. Robert Donly, Harold Arkoff, and Ward Gray, of Rockwell City, in New Guinea. Yes sir, they are on the list now, Bob... Pvt. Barbara Block, Wayne Laird, HA 1/c, of Otho, and Bud Demintroff, PhM 2/c, of Lehigh, at Camp Lejeune. N. C. Pvt. Lorraine Brown, of Duncombe, and Bobbie were in boot camp together. Bobbie is now at Norman, Okla., training for AMM... Pfc. Harris Renquist and Leo Peterson, in Camp Robinson, Ark... Lt. Floyd Stott, and Capt. Manchester, Shannon, Norris and Kleinschmidt, of Co. G., in Italy. Lloyd wrote to Larry Geer about it. Said he missed Welch and the rest of the gang... A/C Eugene Soppeland, of Gowrie, now training on AT 10's, at Ellington Field, Texas, had a short visit with Oscar Lundstrom at Sherman, Texas, and only last week saw Navy "Red" Dallman at Bryan, Texas... Pvt. Herbert Carlson is at Camp Stewart, Ga., and with him are Joe Lucas, Joe Dorsey, Clarence Balcom, Jack Collins, and Frank Porter... Charlotte Berry is at the air field at Topeka, Kansas. So are her brother, T/Sgt. Byron D. Berry and Sgt. Marv.

Vieg. She says hello to Frank Strode and Carl Theiss... Somewhere with the fleet and together are W. S. McGill, BM 2/c, Dick Jewel and Bob Ashford... S/Sgt. Richard Sperry, Sgt. Ambrose Crowley, Lt. Harlan Mills, and Pfc. Dale F. Smith are together at Liberal, Kansas.

**FILE UNDER "ODD JOBS."** Pvt. Ray Trickle is the detachment barber in Iceland.

**WHILE I THINK OF IT.** Letters from New Guinea, Burma, India, and China have an oriental odor, perfume perhaps—something like sandalwood.

**COVER HERE.** Doris Simmons is a nurse cadet at Omaha. The day begins at 6:00 a. m.—last class ends at 4:00 p. m.—bedtime, 10:00 p. m. "You really welcome bedtime when it comes around."... Bob Hutchinson, S 2/c, is in Jacksonville, Fla., going to AMM school... Grenevere Swanstrom, Sp (T) 2/c, is now at Corpus Christi, Texas... Phil Dorweiler is at Camp Scott, Farragut, Idaho, for boot training... Jack Kearns, A/S, V-12, back from overseas is at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minnesota... Robert J. Ault, S 2/c, is at Bremerton, Wash. Thanks, Bob, for "The Ship's Log"... Marjorie Wamsley, SpT 2/c, who taught in Calender and Dayton, is a link trainer instructor at Chase Field, Beeville, Texas. With her is WAVE Marion Johnson. Thanks, Marg., for "Air Call"... Lt. Don Lehman is at Amarillo, Texas, for pilot training after having been in England with the 525th Bomb. Sqdn... Pvt. Ralph W. Gambach, formerly of the Junior High faculty, is now an instructor in cryptography at Chanute Field, Ill. Cryptography, huh? Shucks, I don't either... John Prokap, S 2/c, is at Camp Thomas, Davisville, R. I... Mathias Nilles, CM 2/c, is at Camp Parks, Calif... Pfc. Ray F. Meyer is at Robbins Field, Ga. Thanks, Ray, for "The Beacon"... Cpl. Stan Ulrich is at Ft. George Meade, Md... S/Sgt. and Mrs. Robert L. Becker are at home to Fort Dodgers at 434 North Reddington Street, Hanford, Calif... Darwin Donald Wing, S. C. 3/c, is in the U. S. N. Hospital, Unit 3, Ward A9, Shoemaker, Calif. How about dropping him a line? He's going to have a knee operation... Pvt. Dean Olson high school graduating class of '44, is now at San Diego in the Marine Corps. His address: Plt. 627, R. D. M. C. B. He'd like to see some other Fort Dodgers... Wm. Armstrong, Bob O'Connor and Tom Dorsey are together, Co. A., 341st Inf. APO 450, Camp Livingston, La... Lt. Don Evans is with the 6th Fighter Sqdn., APO 953, San Francisco... Pvt. Gordon Belthius is at Greensboro, N. C... M/Sgt. W. A. "Pat" McBane is at Camp Gordon, Ga... Cpl. J. R. Cramer is at Camp McCoy, Wis... C. J. Campbell, SC 1/c, is going to a chief commissary school at Waukegan, Ill.

**DOWN UNDER.** M/Sgt. G. Stockwell, present address New Guinea, wants a number played for his wife. O. K., George, we'll do it... T/Sgt. Ralph Stuart is doing tractor and diesel mechanic work in the South Pacific... Orville R. Lindner, S 1/c, spent his first 4th of July away from home in the Marshall Islands with the rain coming down very hard... T/5 Russell Brewer is in Hollandia. His brother, Ensign Lee Brewer, is pulling out of the gulf and heading for the South Pacific... Dale Irvine and Max Wakefield, somewhere FPO, San Francisco.

**ENJOYING MOM'S COOKING.** Marilyn McFarland, PhM 2/c, from Mare Island, Calif. It's a reunion at the McFarland home in Gowrie, as everyone, two brothers and her sister, are all home and together for the first time in four years... Pvt. Bernard Loth, from Camp Crowder, Mo... T/Sgt. O. Duckett, from Camp Gordon, Ga... Capt. Eldon Hoover, from New Guinea. He received a severe back injury there last January during a hurricane and has been on the mend ever since, most recently in Schick Hospital. Looks fine now and is due for at least six months states-side duty... Robert Guffey, S 2/c, from Gulfport, Miss... Cpl. Olin Maage, of Vincent, from Cherry Point, N. C... Pvt. and Mrs. Chas. McPherson, of Dayton... Pvt. Merle Tague, from San Diego... Harold De Muth, F 2/c, from Ames... John Fritz, CCM, for the first time in five years. He was at Pearl Harbor, took part in the battles at Midway, Guadalcanal and the Savo Sea... Thomas McNally, AMM 2/c, from San Juan, Puerto Rico... Harold Higby, PhM 1/c, of Lehigh, from the Southwest Pacific... John Klinger, P. O. 1/c, from sea duty, and Mrs. Klinger... W. C. Howard, Jr., AMM 1/c, and his wife, from Hutchinson, Kansas, on their way to San Diego.

**BETTER LATE THAN NEVER.** Capt. Melvin B. Ingebritsen, former director of physical education at Lehigh, was Pfc. Mel. D. Ingebritsen in World War No. 1. In the battle of Soissons, through his skill and daring, an enemy machine gun was silenced. Last week, the army remembered his courage and gallantry. He was awarded the Silver Star at Camp Beale, Calif., for that action back in July of 1918. Capt. Ingebritsen re-entered army service March 10, 1940, in Fort Dodge, as a sergeant in the guard company.

**BEST LINE OF THE WEEK** and from a story in "The Mid Pacifican," describing a young lady who was going to bed sans nightie. "She was barefooted up to her chin."

**SERVICE PAPERS.** "The Mobster" from Ensign Ellen M. Rasmussen, in Australia. Ensign Rasmussen transferred recently from New Guinea to U. S. Fleet Hosp., No. 109, in Australia. Thanks,

Ellen . . . From Norman Habenicht, "The U. S. Army Dispatch," chosen the best army service paper in the world, published in Iran by the Persian Gulf Command. A very beautiful job, too. Norm. is now a sgt., stationed in Persia, in a spot where the natives are clean and speak understandable English. Thanks, Norm. . . "The Navy Breeze," Chicago, from Bill Muenster, CM 1/c. Thanks, Bill. . . "The Marine Corps Chevron" from Pvt. Dean Olson, San Diego. Thanks, Dean. . . "The Communique" from Camp Livingston, La., from Pvt. William Armstrong. Thanks, Bill. . . "The Bull Horn" from Norman, Okla., from R. W. Hoyer, S 2/c. Thanks, sailor. . . "The Muzzle Blast" from Don L. Redenborn, Naval Air Gunners School, Hollywood, Fla. Thanks, Don. . . "The Stars and Stripes" from Pvt. Rosette A. Harp, in England. Thanks, Rosette. . . Lt. Glenn C. Rohden sends us "Salvo" from Salina, Kansas. Thanks, Glenn. . . "The Airship" from J. W. Armstrong at Lake Hurst, N. J. Thanks, J. W. I thought you lighter than air men had joined the buffalo and the cavalry. . . "The Harpoon" from D. B. Gawtry, QM 3/c with the Coast Guard in Brooklyn. Thanks, Don. . . "The Bomb Blast" from Cpl. Ernest Flickinger, at Childress Field, Texas, and from Pvt. Foster Funk, the Fort Ord "Panorama," a very beautiful paper done, it would be my guess, in toto.

**OHAVE HARDLY BEEN ABLE** to put down "The MidPacifican," the army newspaper in the Central Pacific area, since I got it from Carl Theiss, WD 2/c, from somewhere out in the Hawaiian Islands. As full of scandal as an old maids' quilting party. Wish you could see the front page story—"Girls Rub Fred G. Muscles"—No "Funny Business" allowed in 59 local Massage Parlors." Thanks, Carl.

**SHOULDER PATCHES AND INSIGNIA.** Two beauties have come in so far—the blue, gold and red triangle, the 20th Armored Division, from Cpl. Frank Valashek, Jr. of Camp Campbell, Ky., and the Second Army shoulder insignia from Pfc. Ralph Stephen at Camp McCoy, Wis. Thanks, fellows. Yes, yes, yes, Y. L. F. H. is making a collection of shoulder insignia! Send yours in. I know we haven't got it.

**WAR'S GRIM TOLL.** Pvt. Paul Jordan, with Co. G., was wounded in Italy June 26th. He's recovering in a hospital there under Capt. Bill Thatcher's care. The German who threw the grenade that got Paul was shot seconds later by Tony Amanzio. Paul, awarded the Purple Heart, is getting along fine. He says the wounds are not serious. . . Sgt. Carl S. Heffner, of Duncombe, was wounded in action in Normandy, June 13th. . . Sgt. F. D. Bailey was wounded at Saipan June 14th. He also has a wound stripe from Tarawa. . . Lt. Paul Webb was wounded June 22nd, by bursting flak as he piloted his Fort on a mission over a Nazi base. He was hit in the wrist and may be hospitalized for a couple of months. . . T/Sgt. Fred Thomas, of Dayton, turret gunner on a bomber based in England, is missing in action as of June 21st, on a raid over Germany. . . Lt. Wilfred Stagman, navigator with a bomber crew based in Italy, was killed in a flight over Romania, April 4th. . . Lt. Mervin Forey was killed in a crash landing near Orsett, England, on June 8th. . . Capt. Don Thatcher is missing in action over France as of June 22nd. He was flight surgeon at an air base in England. . . T/Sgt. Vern H. Johnston is missing in action as of June 22nd. Radio gunner on a Fort, his ship failed to return to its base in Italy. His brother, T/Sgt. Robert Johnston, was previously reported missing as of March 27th. He was a paratrooper in Italy with an American-Canadian outfit. . . Lt. Frank Vratney, missing in action, is believed to have parachuted to safety. Eleven chutes were seen to leave his plane as it plummeted out of formation on May 11th, somewhere over France. Frank was first pilot. . . Lt. Marvin Vinson, fighter pilot, is missing over France as of June 21st. He had flown over 20 missions. . . Cpl. Mervin Cain, of Barnum, was killed in France, the first day of the invasion. He had been awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action in the Sicilian Campaign.

**FROM THE FIVE CORNERS OF THE WORLD.** Cpl. John E. Swartz, Italy, "It is just about dark and I am sitting in an olive grove. Boy, there sure are a lot of them where I am, also grape vineyards. I spent a couple of days in Rome, a very interesting city, and I don't think I will be able to return there as we are on the move most of the time. I saw Dick Broadstone today. He was okay. Sometime ago, around Anzio, I ran into Wayne Danielson. Had quite a talk. Also, I ran into a couple of boys from Co. G.—Bill Hubel and Red Klinger—and told them to say hello to all the fellows from Fort Dodge. We have come a long way since we left Anzio, and have a long way to go as yet—and how. Boy, it's been a long time since I left Fort Dodge—just about three and a half years. I am starting on my 29th month overseas; a long time no see."

Sgt. John F. Moburg, China, "Am in a B-29 outfit under the 20th Bomber Command so we are at least making some news, even though we receive it so seldom. Cal Timney (former Mutual and KQFD radio commentator) and Harry Zinder, of Time magazine, were here to cover the recent raid on Yawata, Japan, in which several of our planes participated. Harry Zinder flew in one of our planes and gave a very accurate word picture of the mission, which you have probably read in his recent press release. We hear Japanese radio broadcasts every day and our recent raid certainly has them riled up. They are promising all kinds of revenge."

Sgt. Joe Spike, Somewhere in Burma, "There are movies every night, and you never know when the General himself will be sitting next to you. Tonight, the movie was stopped after the first reel, while chocolate ice cream was served. And then the rains came. I never thought I would stand in line, during a downpour, waiting for ice-cream—but there I was. Usually the food isn't too bad, but you have to cultivate a liking for rice and potatoes, and then Rath's own brand of Spam. A recent cartoon shows how we feel about Spam. Two German soldiers were watching a plane being loaded with propaganda leaflets. One turned to the other and said, "I think we could do more towards breaking their morale if we dropped Spam." There are many varieties of bugs in Burma, but the prettiest I have seen so far is a beetle, with a bright green shell, and legs that have a red glow that flashes on and off as he walks. Butterflies are pretty, and moths quite abundant at night,

along with little black sand fleas that bite the heck out of you. Lizards, scorpions, snakes and other crawling things keep you on the alert. Monkeys begin to chatter like a pack of howling dogs at daybreak, the kind I've never seen in a zoo at home. They are a pretty grey, with a black face and eyes, a very long tail, shaped like a baseball bat." (Some day, when we get together, Joe, you can tell me what was in the first page or so of your letter. The censor cut it to ribbons.)

Pfc. Hugh Carlson, Italy, "We have had the chance to visit that most beautiful of all over here, Rome and the Vatican City. The beauty of the church of St. Peters is so great that if one isn't expecting it, it takes your breath away. And even if you are expecting it, you can't exactly know just what it is going to be like before you enter it. I don't think there are words big enough to even try to tell you the feelings of a person when he enters to see the Church of all churches. I only wish that I could explain to you folks the true size and beauty of it all." (Glad to hear you are coming home, Hughie. We'll be looking for you.)

Pvt. Ralph Rosales, France, "Y. L. F. H. is a "front line" letter. I landed in France D-Day and just before I had received Y. L. F. H., I lost everything except that letter. Two days later I received another letter, so just a few yards from the enemy I sat in my fox-hole and read the copy over and over three times. At present, I'm taking it easy and have received the May 27th copy, so am reading it in France, but no doubt the island is full of "Dodgers." Keep up the good work and hope to be home with you soon. So until then, "Bon jour," as the French say."

Pvt. Tom Pray, Camp Robinson, Ark., "I think there is more grass out on the old football field in Fort Dodge than there is in the whole state of Arkansas. If I could just come home, I would gladly be your life guard out at the pool for no pay at all, just to sit and see all the Fort Dodgers. Bob Paulin is here with me and that helps a lot with some one from home with you. I went into Little Rock Saturday night and ran into Leo Peterson, the boy who used to be at the theaters. He married Dorothy Burgess. He is just down the road a couple of batts. I am in a message center section (code, radio, etc.) and we start on technical training the 8th week."

A/C Raymond C. Hogan, Bennettsville, South Carolina, "I'm here in South Carolina. I'm flying PT 17's and boy are they ever hard to fly! I was landing this morning and I put the thing into a "ground loop," which is bad. If I get along alright, I believe I will solo next Wednesday. The Climate here in South Carolina is terrific. It's so hot that when we get through flying, we look, by our flying gear, as if we had just been in swimming. To top it all off, the mosquitoes are so thick and so big that next week we are going to be issued G. I. baseball bats to defend ourselves. I would like to thank all the firms who are helping in keeping Y. L. F. H. going to all parts of the world. You at home don't know how well it is appreciated by the boys, both at home and abroad."

Pfc. Douglas Viers, Italy, "I have done some big moving since the last time I wrote you. The beachhead is no more and I'm not a bit mad about that. Anzio Annie is no more. We had a look at her. She was a big gun but now she's just a relic. I had a chance to see Rome. The old ruins and all of that stuff are there but the thing I'll remember most is how easy it was to get lost and how tired my dogs got trying to take me over the whole town in one day."

Dean D. Nelson, Sp (T) 1/c, Miami, Fla., "I am a tower control operator in charge of the tower here at the Dinner Key Airport. It is very interesting work. We get seaplanes in here of all kinds and descriptions. I am sure you have all heard of the "China Clipper." It operates out of here. This airport is owned by Pan American Airways, but is operated by the Navy now."

Ralph Stephens, Camp McCoy, Wis., "Again I'd like to say how much we soldiers still in the States enjoy reading those excerpts you print from comrades in arms—literally stationed around the world. I wish they could know how much we feel in their debt and how they honor us by writing at all. That letter from Jimmy Euckroyd, for instance, from far away New Guinea. Why, I remember his buying candy from me—by the penny's worth!" (Thanks so much, Ralph for that beautiful 2nd Army patch. Yes, I can use any and all shoulder insignia.)

And there were other cards and letters, a lot of grand ones. Many of them we've acknowledged indirectly. Others came from Pfc. Lorell McFarland, APO San Francisco. (We sure will play that number for Dad. Don't know why Bob isn't getting his letter. Am checking on it.) . . . Art Chantland, A/S, Farragut, Idaho. . . Lennis Bloomquist, A/S, Great Lakes, Ill. . . Robert Highland, Moses Lake, Wash. . . Pvt. Glen Flickinger, Hamilton Field, Calif. . . A. B. Petrie, New London, Conn. . . Pvt. Galard Ashbaugh, Harlingen, Texas. . . Gerald Vincent Carroll, Southwest Pacific. . . Dwain J. Edwards, S 2/c, Long Island, New York. (Yes sir, Dwain, we'll play that the 21st.) . . . Pfc. Merton Sweet, France. . . Pfc. Paul Lundberg, Italy. . . S/Sgt. Gaylord Grcman, APO New York. . . Lt. (j. g.) J. B. Anderson, Italy. . . Cecil C. Scott, Italy. . . Verne D. Skcland, S 1/c, Hawaiian Islands. (Thanks for those pictures, Verne.) . . . Pete Lang, Cox, FPO San Francisco. . . Pvt. Richard J. Hoyer, Canada. . . Sgt. N. C. Habenicht, APO New York. . . Robert Rex Funk, PhM 1/c, FPO San Francisco, Calif. . . T/5, Abbas Habbab, Fort Benning, Ga. . . Pvt. Arden Swanson, Ft. George G. Meade, Md. . . Cpl. Morris E. Gleason, England. . . Cpl. Joseph A. Fraser, Camp Crowder, Mo. . . T/5 Walter Ackerson, Fort Jackson, S. C. . . S/Sgt. C. T. Baumunk, Camp Rucker, Ala. . . Cpl. Paul Thic, Gulfport, Miss. . . Pvt. Floyd Derrig, New Guinea. (We'll get that address for you, Lloyd.) . . . Sgt. C. E. Dueker, Davis, Calif.

Thanks so much to all of you. These shoulder patches that have come in are so darned good looking as I see them mounted here, that I want more. I've been bitten by the bug. So if you got an extra one, Joe, you know what to do with it. You girls are not barred either. If you've got an extra one, Jane, send it along. . . Be good and good luck. I hope you'll be back home soon.

Your home town correspondent,  
Ed Breen.