

Dilly, dilly dumpling, my  
son Tom,  
Went to bed with GI sox  
on,  
One shoe off and one shoe  
on,  
Boy, was he skonked  
drunk?  
Camp Howze "Howitzer."

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☞ **DEAR JOE:** The New Year came in low—around 16 below—strafing the country side with bursts of chill winds and drifting snow. This is the 5th day of the offensive and no relief in sight. Winter is on the march . . . G. I. Joes coming home from Newfoundland and the Aleutians blow on their fingers and wonder why they ever left those temperate winter resorts. It's too cold to skate, it's too cold for sliding. Milk freezes in the bottle and pushes the cream up like a popsicle. The milk man's horses breathe out long plumes of vapor and there's an iron creak to the wagon wheels as they grumble along over the ice and hardened snow. Children tiring of Christmas toys run their fingers over the frosted windows, rub peek holes on the glass. Cars start grudgingly, many are pushed and a few are frozen. The city carts sand hills and corners, and large citizens tripping however carefully, take funny sudden spills . . . Merrymakers on Saturday evening and on New Year's Eve stayed out of the cold, hugged cheery fire places and drank their toasts in hot buttered rum and Tom and Jerry's . . . It's the glad New Year and another golden age-to-be in which perchance all men may recognize their brotherhood and achieve that happiness that is in every New Year's wish . . . Skoal to the New Year, skoal. (It's the Norse in me. When there is hoar frost on my eyebrows and icicles on my whiskers, it comes out).

☞ **AROUND THE TOWN.** The DeMclay-Rainbow winter formal was held at the Laramar, January 3rd. A very pretty party with Sam Campbell and band doing the music. Louise Constantine and Jack Bonnell headed the committee in charge . . . One tap room in Fort Dodge is selling cigarettes two for a nickle just as an accommodation to its customers . . . Property is changing hands. Sears Roebuck has rented the Sullivan Garage on North 7th Street for a farm store . . . Elmer Hall has purchased the Goodyear spot on 12th and 1st Ave. No. Will take possession April 1st. . . Waltrick Printing is moving to its new building across from the City Hall on 1st Avenue South . . . Skating was good for a day or two and then came the snow. Hydro Park is in good shape now but too cold for skating . . . The county went over the top in its last bond drive quota by \$400,000 . . . The Retailers have appointed a committee to work toward getting Wartburg College moved to Fort Dodge. Bill Clark and Elmer Apt will go to Detroit soon to further that cause . . . Charlie Coughlon, who with his brother Henry made Dodger football history back in '17 and '18 is dead. He was 43 years old . . . City sold eight deer from its herd at Oleson Park. Two went to Henry Hale, home town millionaire, for his yard and six went to Schowalter Deer farm at Jackson, Wisconsin. That leaves 16 deer still at the park . . . Had a bad accident on Highway 169 six miles south of Fort Dodge in the early evening of December 30th. The Rueben Johnson's, their two daughters, Mrs. E. B. Soppeland and Betty Christenson, all of Gowrie, were coming into the 4-H Club dinner. The Everett Danielson's and their four year old boy, of Harcourt, were driving home. The roads were slick with ice and the fog was as thick as they say it is in London. Neither car was travelling fast but they crashed together. All nine people went to the hospital. All will recover . . . Bill Clark, Sec. of C. of C. kept track. 302 families moved to Fort Dodge during 1944. 148 left. Houses, apartments, rooms are very hard to get. No one seems to be able to explain where all the people are coming from. It's like the cigarette shortage. No one seems able to explain where they have gone . . . Carl T. Jacobson, of Dayton, has been elected chairman of the board of supervisors . . . Katherine Warner, for fifty years post-mistress of Dayton, has retired. She took office in 1893 under Grover Cleveland. Mrs. B. J. Okey has been named acting post-mistress . . . John Pray says the city's water supply has been increased three million gallons a day by the installation of pumps in two of the city's five wells. It was needed. Last summer water was a bit short for a day or two during a hot spell. Didn't cost much either as such things go—\$6,000 . . . M. A. Rudolph, well known coal salesman, is dead. He was 52 years old . . . Carl Aabye is chairman of the Red Cross drive. Webster County quota is \$46,500.

☞ **ENJOYING MOM'S COOKING.** Lt. A. Charles Kramer, Jr., of Dayton, from duty in the Pacific . . . Lt. Clarence Burnham from Camp Crowder, Missouri . . . Geo. Doncombe, A/S, from Farragut . . . Cpl. Millard Monson from Great Lakes . . . Omer Peterson, Ph M 2/c, from the Aleutians . . . Pvt. Gene Sorenson, of Callender, enroute to Ft. Meade, Maryland . . . Genevieve Brofer, Ph M 3/c, from Newport, Arkansas . . . Neva Knickerbocker, PR 2/c, from Olathe, Kansas . . . Lt. Alma Shrank from Pine Bluff, Arkansas . . . Pvt. Clyde Largent from Camp Gordon Johnston, Florida . . . Pfc. Leonard Stahl from Shick General Hospital at Clinton, Iowa . . . Ernest Lehman, EM 2/c, from North Africa . . . T/5 Dean Carlson from Santa Fe, New Mexico . . . Pvt. Dale Davis from Camp Blanding, Florida . . . Regena Brown, navy nurse, and her brother, Sgt. Howard Brown. Howard is stationed in Bermuda, Regena at Robinwood Nurses' home in Toledo. Arthur Brown, S 2/c, is also home after two years aboard the carrier Enterprise in the Pacific . . . Willard Nelson, S 1/c, from the Mediterranean theater . . . Pvt. Eugene Yetmar from Camp Blanding, Florida . . . Chaplain Donald Lee, of Callender, from Rome, New York . . . S/Sgt. Robert Moore from Ft. Logan, Colorado . . . Betty George, S 1/c, of Clare, from Crane, Indiana . . . Howard Scott, S 1/c, from the Pacific . . . Pfc. Paul Hoyer from the Marshall Islands and Guam . . . Lt. John I. Lynch from the European theater . . . Pfc. Marvin Inman, of Duncombe, from the Aleutians . . . Sgt. Everett Rice, of Gowrie, from Ft. Benning, Georgia . . . Pvt. Robert M. Hood, from Camp Crowder, Missouri . . . Pfc. and Mrs. Earl Murphy from Ft. Story, Virginia . . . Col. and Mrs. Jess Steburg from Will Rogers

Field, Oklahoma City . . . Lt. F. W. Griffith from the China, Burma, India theater where he'd been flying 'em "over the hump" . . . Pvt. Paul Bargar from Northington General Hospital, Tuscaloosa, Alabama . . . Pfc. Alvin Pieper from Elgin Field, Florida . . . Gene C. Johnson from the naval hospital at Springfield, Massachusetts . . . Emmett M. Cahill, SC 1/c, from Brooklyn, New York. Emmett has a new son, Michael, born December 19th . . . S/Sgt. Clarence Cooklin from the 7th Army in Germany.

☞ **GI JOES AND JANES SEND GREETINGS.** Pvt. L. D. Cobb with the Spearhead Division in Germany. We'll play that number, L. D. . . Cpl. Harold Carl, APO 650, New York . . . Pvt. Richard Culver with the 71st Division in France . . . Pvt. Phil E. Ulstad, Miami, Florida . . . Dr. Otto Glesne, Lt. Comdr., Camp Lejeune, No. Carolina . . . Pvt. J. H. McNeilly, Camp Pinedale, Fresno, California . . . T/5 A. D. Donner, Camp Lee, Virginia . . . A. L. Kennedy, EM 3/c, FPO, New York . . . Sgt. Otto J. Mueller, somewhere in Italy with the 34th Division . . . T/5 John J. Amandus with the 12th Army Group, somewhere in France . . . Sgt. John "Ed" Scully says hello to all his friends from somewhere in Holland . . . Cpl. Donald Knutson, 12th Bomb Grp., APO 390, New York . . . Cpl. Robert T. McDaniel, APO 228, New York . . . Pfc. Newell S. Porter, APO 350, New York . . . The Bergstrom's, 59 Spring Street, Bury Lanes, England . . . Capt. Stephen Manchester, with the 34th Division somewhere in Italy . . . Pfc. Charles Falco from Paris, France . . . Sgt. Edmond Vosika, from somewhere in India . . . Pvt. John "Al" Wagner from somewhere in France . . . Cpl. Robert Horton, somewhere in France . . . Pvt. Donn Richey somewhere in Paris . . . Phil Dorweiler, S 2/c, Hawaii.

☞ **TWO HEARTS THAT BEAT AS ONE.** Virginia Beasley and Glen McGuire, of Jewell, November 18th, in Fort Dodge . . . Onnalee Greenlee and Cpl. Glenwood Crow, December 25th, in Fort Dodge . . . Ruth Fitch and Robert L. Jenk, December 26th, in Fort Dodge . . . Janet Kallansrud and Pfc. David Courcelle, of Albany, November 30th, in Albany . . . Velda Meyers and Pvt. Angelo Breno. No date has been announced . . . L. Marvel Holm and Lt. R. C. Enburg, of Lehigh, December 23rd, in Fort Dodge . . . Lowene Rutherford and Paul Hasselman, Easter Sunday, in Fort Dodge . . . Lola Shepard and Frank Flynn, December 26th, in Fort Dodge . . . Vernice Schulze and Sgt. Paul Meyer, December 16th, in the Trinity Lutheran Church, near Clare . . . Delvera Hyde and Pvt. Dale Davis. No date announced . . . Winifred Harmon and Sgt. W. L. Pray, December 30th, in Fort Dodge . . . It's Mr. and Mrs. now. C. H. Hughes, AM 2/c, wrote to me from Livermore, California, and said he had married the sweetest girl in the world at San Leandro, Calif., December 16th. But doggone, Cecil didn't tell me her name. Congratulations . . . Kathryn Anderson, of Lanyon, and Pfc. Omar Burkgren, of Dayton, in Berkeley, California, December 24th. Pfc. Burkgren is stationed at Camp Stone-man, California.

☞ **WAR'S GRIM TOLL.** Pvt. Virgil Harvey, reported missing in Germany, November 22nd, is a prisoner of war in Germany . . . Pvt. Arden Swanson is reported missing in action in France as of November 28th . . . T/Sgt. Charles Klinger, Jr., is a prisoner of war in Germany. He was serving in Italy and was listed as missing on October 17th.

☞ **GOOD FELLOWS GET TOGETHER.** Cpl. Vearl Thompson and Pvt. Edmond Coughlon and Pfc. Lorell McFarland in New Guinea. Thompson and Coughlon are together now in the Philippines. Came in on D-Day, October 20th. "The people are very nice in the Philippines and most of them speak English" . . . Melvyn O. Phipps, S 1/c, Keith Douglas, Peter Nilles and Farrell Hansen on Whidbey Island, Washington. Phipps says, "I guess I'm what you call a yeoman striker; one of the most hated guys in the Navy. Especially by 'air dales.' We'll play that number, Melvyn . . . Marvin Nelson, Coxn., and Wayne Stromberg in Pearl Harbor. Marv also saw Jim Haring on Guadalcanal.

☞ **PACIFIC.** Bruce Kenyon, RDM 3/c, is somewhere in the Pacific . . . W. S. McGill, BM, writing from Somewhere says, "If I even started to write home what some of the fellows write home, it would mean a court martial. Our censors have us cut down to hello and good-bye." W. S. is abroad the U. S. S. Independence . . . Sgt. Richard Lowrey is somewhere in the Pacific.

☞ **SUNNY ITALY.** Capt. Howard W. Green, somewhere in Italy's mud is thankful for box car quarters and an improvised stove. Thanks, Howard, for the article from "Stars and Stripes."

☞ **SERVICE PAPERS AND INSIGNIAS.** "The Key Outpost" from G. H. Gronwall, SM 1/c, Key West, Florida. Thanks, G. H. Glad you got to see Ray Wilcox and his wife . . . The Christmas edition of the "Island X-Tra" from Evoldt A. Zuetlaw, PTR 2/c, somewhere in the Pacific. Thanks, Evoldt . . . The 83rd Spearhead from Pvt. R. A. Harp somewhere in Luxembourg . . . The 100th division and the 45th division patches from Sgt. Bob Lawson somewhere in France. And a package of German cigarettes—24 to a pack. Thanks, Bob . . . "Camp Howze Howitzer" from Cpl. Scott Pfaff, Camp Howze, Texas . . . "The Sky Writer" from Richard Fitzgerald, S 2/c, Pasco, Washington. Thanks, Dick . . . Gerald Vincent Carroll, S 2/c, sends the "Honolulu Air News." Thanks, Gerald . . . "The Stethoscope" from Forrest Livasy, Ph M 3/c, U. S. Naval Hospital, Seattle, Washington.

☞ **DAS REICH.** Pfc. Donald J. Samuelson, of Stratford, is somewhere in Germany. We'll play that number, Don . . . S/Sgt. Willard A. Balm and Lenus Wieberg are together in Germany in the 95th division. Lenus Wieberg has been in Paris on a furlough recently. The 95th was in on the taking of Metz. Willard occasionally sees products of Tobin's and of the Fort Dodge Creamery.



★ **LA BELLE FRANCE.** Pvt. Donn Richey is now in Paris . . . Pvt. Ralph Montgomery is meat and dairy inspector with the 167th General Hospital somewhere in France. T/4 Sam Struher is 1st cook in the officers' mess, same outfit . . . Cpl. Tony Gargano is somewhere in France. While in England he saw Lt. Nancy Sittig, George Brown and Bill Oswald.

★ **MERRY ENGLAND.** Pvt. W. C. Strom, now in England, registering in the Red Cross Club in a small town saw above his name, the names of Arnold Askelson and Leo McDonald. We'll play that number, W. C.

★ **OVER HERE.** Geo. A. Rowe, CM 3/c, is at Fort Pierce, Florida . . . Capt. E. E. Hoover and Capt. Ferguson, of Dayton, are in Camp Livingston, Louisiana. Dr. Ferguson is getting ready to take a boat ride . . . Cpl. and Mrs. Robert Carlson, Igloo, So. Dakota, have a new daughter, Linda Carol, born December 13th. Mrs. Bob was formerly Olga Louise McKnight . . . Cpl. William H. Gadbury is at Camp Roberts, California . . . Ensign D. A. Dunbar is at Jacksonville, Florida.

★ **PHILIPPINES.** Pfc. Warren Winslow is in the Philippine Islands. We're looking for that picture now . . . Cpl. William Tuel is somewhere in the Philippines with the 7th Division, Btry. B, 31st F. A. . . Cpl. Wilbert Babcock is in the Philippines. Thanks, Wilbert, for the snapshot of you and S/Sgt. Dick Johnson . . . Robert J. Ault, S 1/, is somewhere in the Philippines . . . Pvt. Elden Fitzke is now in the Philippines.

★ **OVER SEAS.** Pvt. Don Sullivan, somewhere in Europe, sends a picture of "our main objective," one Adolf Hitler. Very handsome he looks, too. Underneath it, Don has written, "The noose is tightening". Thanks, Don. Murphy is on the list . . . Cpl. Melvin Duchring is now getting his mail, APO, San Francisco.

★ **HIGH C'S.** Emile C. Rogness, Ph M 1/c, is on the U. S. S. Grafen—sister ship to the U. S. S. Sibley on which Lt. Comdr. E. B. Dawson is chief medical officer. Abe Castagnoli drew duty on the same A. P. A. Emile saw and talked to Frank Muterspaw recently . . . Conrad Taylor, MoMM 1/c, is on the U. S. S. Tyrell . . . Ralph M. Hanson, BM 2/c, is on the S. S. John Blair with the armed guard . . . Don R. Gawtry, QM 3/c, is on the U. S. S. Grand Rapids, and when last heard from was on shore leave in Boston.

★ **HOLLAND.** Pvt. Ray Martin is in Holland. We'll play that number, Ray . . . Pvt. Foster Funk saw Mel Ott, Frankie Frisch, Bucky Walters and Dutch Leonard in a show in Holland. "I really enjoyed it."

★ **BELGIUM.** Pvt. Fred J. Miller is somewhere in Belgium . . . An article in Colliers Magazine "Thunder Bums" is the story of the fighter squadron of which Cpl. George Michelson is a member. George and his squadron are now in Belgium. "When this is all over, all readers of YLFH should have a reunion in Loomis Park." Sounds swell to me.

★ **INDIA.** S/Sgt. A. K. Griep is on his way home from India.

★ **ALEUTIANS.** Dan Rodman, Mus. 3/c, is in the Aleutians. "No complaints to make except the Aleutian climate is living up (or down) to its bad reputation."

★ **BERMUDA.** Lt. Kermit H. Hansen has arrived in Bermuda, "A spot of great natural beauty."

★ **FROM THE FIVE CORNERS OF THE WORLD.** S/Sgt. Mary F. Welch, somewhere in England. "Lately we have had a great deal of fog in addition to our regular rations of rain, mud and cold. England was beautiful though, last summer for a few weeks but it has a staid, rather frozen type of beauty which makes us appreciate the States even more. The people are, for the most part, gracious and polite. But they are very reserved (maybe it's shyness) and lack the easy, friendly manner of the Yanks. They all have a burning desire to visit America but I'm afraid many have a rather distorted opinion of the life in the States. The American-made "cinema" being about all they ever see here, they've gleaned some pretty fantastic ideas from them. They believe everyone is lousy with money—and this American "army of occupation" in their midst isn't doing much to change their minds, what with the Yank being paid so very much more than the British."

PPfc. Adolph Weiss, APO 920, San Francisco. "I'm not an old-timer in these parts; nevertheless I'll admit I've seen all I want of the lush, green, virgin tropical verdure resplendent in all its virile beauty—Burton Holmes can take it from here. I've been at my present location only a few days. Came up by plane (censored) hours in the bucket seat of a C-47. I'm ready and willing to press my fanny into 36 hours more of similar service if the navigator would plot the west coast of the U. S. A. Hope your holidays were pleasant and cheerful; that you got a good "dew" on the T & J's."

Sgt. H. E. DePue, somewhere in the Philippines. "This is the first place I've been down here that has anything near to a white person on it. All the other places were fuzzy wuzzy's and they sure grew tiresome! So far, I hold the record for the hundred yard dash to a fox hole at night. Usually there's a tree stump in the way. A Jap plane has a peculiar sound—almost like a Maytag. We call them "washing machine Charlies" and a few other unmentionable things."

Cpl. Paul C. Thie, somewhere in India. "India is a country of strange customs and strange people. Everything is done in a very primitive manner, and no one seems to hurry very much. Nothing to hurry about. Jackels run wild in our camp each night. We have to put our shoes up high, so they won't come in or tents and chew on them or carry them away. I am constantly on the watch for Fort Dodgers. Someday my vigil will be rewarded."

Pvt. William J. Jones, Harmon Field, Stephenville, Newfoundland. "Just sitting around tonight wishing I was home. To make matters worse, they've got a big Christmas tree all lit up on the hill by the Chapel. They've also got a row of lights around the steeple and then they have a loud speaker hooked up to the organ and it keeps continuously playing Christmas carols. It's really nice but it surely makes a fellow homesick. Sure would like to be back in the old home time going to Midnight Mass instead of going out here to Stephenville. This makes the second Christmas for me in Newfoundland."

T/5 Dorothy Schubert and Bob Phipps, somewhere in France. "Maybe you've received letters before this, written by two people, so perhaps this isn't a novelty. I have been fortunate enough to get out of the mud for awhile, come to Paris, and see Dorothy Schubert. Anyone that has not seen her for sometime would have to look twice, as I did, or not recognize her. She is the first one I've seen from home in the last 19 months, which has made the occasion even more enjoyable. None of the sights of Paris can

compare with an American girl. I hope I can see Fort Dodge again before 19 more months . . . Bob Phipps wrote the above paragraph. It was a surprise to see him walk into the office one day, but seeing a Fort Dodger here in Paris is no rarity. As a matter of fact, there are four of us working in this same block, namely Jack Poisnick, Merle Ormand, Bill Gerhart and myself. We both want to thank you for "Your Letter From Home". We enjoy them so much so please keep them coming. Bob Phipps and Dorothy Schubert."

Ensign Fred H. Dorheim, FPO, San Francisco. "Up and down the west coast here I have run into several relatives from Fort Dodge. A few weeks ago I visited Dick Lowry, a Marine who used to work at Tobin's. Since seeing him he has shipped. Just this last week-end I visited Peter Hillisland (from Lohrville) and his wife, the former Maxine Hauge, who used to work at the Fort Dodge National Bank. Pete is with the Air Corps at Muroc, California, and Maxine works at the Red Cross Field Director's Office there. We spent a very enjoyable week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Helmke, from Lohrville; a very, very hospitable host and hostess."

Pvt. Robert J. Donly, Philippines. "The people here are far more civilized so we find life a little more interesting. They're a proud people and the cleanest I've found in a long time. The other day you might say I played nurse maid. One of the younger generation, about two, came into the tent. He lives next door to our camp area. We fed him candy and gum and when his Mother came looking for him he wouldn't go home. We told her he was all right so she left him. After a while his little head started nodding so we put him to bed and pulled the mosquito net down so the flies wouldn't bother him. He slept until his Mother came to take him home. So you see, the kids are pretty much the same here except in color."

Cpl. Joe Augustine, somewhere in Italy. "Roy Tornabone and I shipped across together in September of 1943 and we spent several months together in Africa and Italy. His work took him on frequent trips to Algiers so he got to meet Calisesi, Amanzio, Anver Habhab and other ex-Co. G. men. The only Dodgers to come my way so far were Dick Mahoney of the police force Mahoney's and S/Sgt. Gelpen. The latter was playing baseball on the opposing team at a Repple Depple in Italy when I commented that he reminded me of someone from home. After the game we had a gab-fest in his tent. Our trip through France took us through some grand country and the French certainly showed plenty of gratitude. On our return we came through Rome and Pisa. The tower was intact although it has been used by the Germans as an O. P. During our short stay in the Eternal City we stayed in a villa that has served as headquarters for General Kesselring not so long ago. After visiting all or most of the other points of interest we had an audience with the Pope in Vatican City. The frescoes, mosaics and sculpture of St. Peters are beyond description in their beauty and true-to-life exactness. We had our meals in the Mussolini Forum which is perhaps the most palatial structure of present day Italy. In keeping with the modesty of Musso." (Thanks, Joe for the patch.)

Ensign Queento L. Vandi, somewhere in France. I have just come aboard ship from a very interesting trip to Calais. The main object of our visit was to see and inspect the big guns which shelled Dover from across the channel, but we did stop and look over the small French villages that had been bombed very severely. About mid-morning we reached the first battery of big guns and had a good time looking them over. It was quite a thing for the British officers to be inspecting the same guns that gave Dover such a heavy shelling for four years and then finally were silenced. One pill box had received a direct hit, causing the barrel (16 in. diameter) to split all the way down to the breech. In one of the pillboxes we found hundreds of bottles of German "mix". Equivalent of our soda water—so we picked up a few bottles and sauntered out to the jeep and sat down to a very delightful lunch. One of the British Officers could speak French, so occasionally he would talk with the people there. On the way home we stopped at a typical French Cafe for coffee and our own sandwiches. The coffee was made of ground dried wheat, I was told, but was surprisingly good. The mistress of the place had a small girl of about five, I would guess, and we gave her some oranges we had with us. I thought it was rather funny, our going into a cafe with sandwiches and feeding the owners, but I really got a big kick out of it. The lady gave me a very beautiful cut wine glass." (Thanks, Quinto, for the pictures of H. M. S. Victory.)

And so to an end the first letter of this gay New Year. The mail this week broke all records and the postman's back. Look at greetings from Joes and Janes, and on top of those a pile of letters more welcome than flowers in May. Nearly all of them we've acknowledged one way or another but among those coming late to us and not otherwise attended to were more grand letters and cards from Pfc. Richard Dickerson, Geiger Field, Washington; M. H. Chase, Ph M 2/c, FPO San Francisco; Pfc. William Flaherty, APO 783, New York; 1/Sgt. Gerald Willoughby, APO 528, New York; Everett M. Meier, S 1/c, San Diego, California; Pfc. Daniel Hyde, APO 952, San Francisco; Cpl. Lyle E. Culmer, APO 502, San Francisco; Pfc. Leonard M. Mickelson, APO 454, New York; Jou Jaroslowsky, Rdm. 1/c, FPO, San Francisco; Pfc. Emory G. Friday, APO 314, New York; Sgt. Lester M. Nesvold, APO 557, New York; Cpl. Wallace G. Rodewald, APO 957, San Francisco; M/Sgt. Everett N. Talcott, APO 417, New York; Pfc. John D. Wittman, APO 454, New York; Carl E. Theiss, WT 2/c, FPO, San Francisco; John Vanderhoff, FPO, San Francisco; and Pvt. Charles S. Walker, De Ridder, Louisiana . . . I've made only one New Year's resolution that I know I'll keep. Remember the story about Jiggs Dunnigan and how he was caught in a flood at Punkin Run, Pa. You remember, Jiggs was perched on the roof of a bungalow with various and sundry citizens of Punkin Run and the waters of the unabridged Sunabitch were whirling around them when down below he observed a straw hat floating back and forth, back and forth on the water. Jiggs called his neighbors' attention to it. "Yeh," said the local citizen, "that's Pa Smithers. He's mowing the lawn, just like he said he would. Come hell or high water he was a-goin' to mow that lawn before sundown!" We're really not that resolute, but we are going to get out Y. L. F. H.—as long as this ——— war lasts ——— come hell or high water. Good luck, Joe, at least twice as much as you need.

Your Home Town Correspondent,  
Ed Breen.