

Your Letter From Home

Dad to boy on way to a night club, "Son, when Abe Lincoln was your age, he was busily studying law every night." Son: "Yeah! And when he was your age, Pop, he was President."

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Mess Sergeant: "Didn't I tell you to notice when the soup boiled over?" KP: "I did. It was exactly 1640."

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☛ **DEAR JOE:** The Russians roll into Berlin. The San Francisco Conference begins. Everyone is wondering when V-E day will be announced. Here in the station, we listen to the Mutual line. We've been told that important news may break any moment . . . Out of doors it's spring, although a wee bit belated, after that first exuberant day or two. The leaves push on and the flowers bloom even though it is only 47 degrees. Next week we may be running around in our shirt sleeves enjoying summer heat . . . The Drake Relays are on today and tomorrow and the usual little band of bobby-soxers and high school lads have taken the interurban down to see the Relays Queen and her court, to wander thru the lobbies of the Des Moines hotels, to see the relays, to meet D. M. bobby-soxers and high school lads and to come home after a hectic two days, dog tired but having had "a wonderful time" . . . I wish you were back here, Joe, to go with 'em. Or maybe we'd go out along the river and do a little fishing. Armstrong, Loomis and Eno are looking for a ground crew for those sail planes. Maybe we could work at that over the week-end.

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☛ **DOWN THE MAIN DRAG.** Wartburg College officials are coming in May to discuss moving the college to Fort Dodge . . . Every committee of the Chamber of Commerce is on record in favor of building a city auditorium . . . Priebe and Son, Chicago poultry and egg dealers, have purchased the A. R. Loomis and Son properties in Northwest Iowa. They have been operating these properties under a lease since 1936 . . . A Milford bootlegger, Charles Wohldefer, seized with three cases of whiskey, was fined \$700 and costs by Dist. Judge Fry. John Mitchell appearing for him said he was trying to make some money for his family . . . There will be no parade—no official parade—in Fort Dodge on V-E Day. If you want to parade, you'll have to organize one of your own. And maybe you will . . . Mahlon George, Assistant fire chief, is resigning from the department, May 1st . . . 31,500 lbs. of clothing have been baled in Fort Dodge in the United Nations' Clothing Collection and more coming in all the time . . . Woody Herman played at the Laramar Wednesday evening. It was so crowded one girl found herself dancing with three 4F's . . . Louie Armstrong and Al Loomis came back from Oklahoma this week with a couple of army sail planes. They bought 'em at Cimmaron Field, now abandoned by the army and used only for the sale of used planes and surplus equipment by the government . . . Sgt. Al Rabiner has been liberated. He was taken prisoner by the Germans only a short time ago . . . Mary Dolliver arrived in Fort Dodge today. She has fifteen public meetings to attend in the next six days. While she is here, she will be made an honorary member of Wah-Tan-Ye, the club that has sponsored many projects to assist her in her Red Cross work.

☛ **ENJOYING MOM'S COOKING.** Miss Mayme C. Jondle, HA 2/c, is home for good, honorably discharged from the Navy . . . Don B. Sinkey, S 1/c, of Dayton, and Cpl. Joe Youngstrom, also of Dayton . . . Lt. Marv Danielson, of Lehigh, from a German prison camp. He was taken prisoner November 1st, near Aachen, and was liberated by the Russians January 22nd . . . S/Sgt. Harry Bryson, Jr., from Germany . . . Francis Hartman, C. B. M., from the Pacific . . . Pfc. Keith B. Rowley, from Great Falls, Montana . . . Pvt. Emerson Stockwell, from Camp Crowder, Missouri . . . Pvt. Robert Licht, from Ft. Ord, California . . . 1st Lt. and Mrs. Don Lehman, and daughter Kay from Carlsbad, New Mexico . . . Lt. (j. g.) Harris Magnusson, and wife and daughter from Corpus Christi, Texas . . . Pvt. Richard Kreiman, from Camp Bowie, Texas . . . Pvt. Charlie Ernst, from Camp Fannin, Texas . . . Richard "Dick" Woodard, A/S, from boot training at Great Lakes, Illinois . . . A/C James E. Williams, from Corpus Christi, Texas . . . 1st Lt. Don Tepler, from Liberal, Kansas . . . T. L. Curryea, P. R. 1/c, from Port Angeles, Washington. His new assignment is to Salem, Mass. . . . Jack Bunker, Petty Officer, 3/c, from Mare Island, California . . . Jacob Stieb, S 1/c, from the Pacific . . . Kenneth Ackermann, S 2/c, from Great Lakes . . . Donald Bailey, AMM 1/c, from the South Pacific. He's on his way to Seattle, Washington, for re-assignment . . . 2nd Lt. Bruce Lefler, from Lincoln, Neb. . . . Cpl. Floyd Byrne, of Moorland, from Lincoln, Neb. . . . Cpl. Gordon T. Nelson, from the Aleutians.

☛ **SCOREBOARD.** The Dodgers took the Lynx, of Webster City, 8 to 2, at Dodger Field, Tuesday evening. Mericle and Cochran did the mound honors for the Dodgers. Mericle allowed three hits, Cochran none. The Dodgers got only five hits off Richardson, but got them when they counted . . . The Dodgers took fourth in the Tomahawk relays at Cherokee. Henry Wasem was first over the high sticks in :15:9, and the mile relay team won in 3:39:4 . . . The Dodgers defeated Gilmore City last Friday, 3 to 2, in an extra inning. Ralph Woodard knocked out the winning run, a homer, in the 8th inning.

☛ **WAR'S GRIM TOLL:** Sgt. John E. Scully was killed in action in Germany, March 27th . . . Sgt. John Gesperowicz was killed in action in Germany, April 12th . . . S/Sgt. John White was killed in action on Luzon, March 3rd . . . Pfc. George B. Mercer, was killed in action on Iwo Jima, March 26th . . . Sgt. M. J. Yetmar is a prisoner of war in Germany . . . Pvt. R. E. Rofdal, was wounded in Germany, April 9th . . . Pfc. Don Steburg was killed in action in Germany, April 7th . . . Pfc. M. I. Peterson was wounded in Germany, April 4th . . . Pfc. Glen Grazier is a prisoner of war in Germany . . . T/S Andrew Sorenson is a German prisoner of war.

☛ **HONEYMOONERS.** Marjorie Olson, of Burnside, and Edward Fisher, Jr., S 2/c, about a month ago. Ed is stationed at Treasure Island. Recently he met Lawrence Hively, WT 3/c. They are going out on the same ship . . . Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Rummie, married 55 years, April 28th . . . Mr. and Mrs. John Gurnett, married 50 years April 29th . . . Charlotte Boge and Everett Olson, in Fort Dodge, April 19th . . . Dorothy Moore, of Warrenton, Mo., and Capt. James M. Huebsch, April 12th, at Harvard, Neb. . . Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Scheideman, married 50 years, April 25th . . . Doris Peterson and Ensign John Potter, April 28th, at Providence, R. I. . . Alice Isabell Gormally and Petty Officer Alex M. LaRocca, of Sioux City, April 24th, in Fort Dodge . . . Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Hughtets, who were married fifty years ago, April 19th . . . Eleanor Piltingsrud, of Callender, and Adam Weber, of Tuscon, Arizona, in Callender, April 12th.

☛ **THE MARTINS AND THE COYS.** They ain't feudin' anymore. Your LFH reporter was on the ground this morning at the very moment when Steve Constantine and Blank Swaney smoked the pipe of peace. Swaney came in the back door at 10:00 a. m., accompanied by Floyd Rankin, and wearing his ordinary civilian clothes and a beautiful Swaney blush. Steve, wiping his hands on his apron, came around from behind the fountain and they met and embraced half way between the soda fountain and the candy case. They confessed to embarrassed on-lookers that they had been just fooling all the time.

☛ **HOME TOWN BOYS MAKE GOOD.** To Lt., Stanley Pingel, and also a silver star, somewhere in Germany . . . S/Sgt. Jim Constantine and his platoon took one hundred prisoners in a German village . . . To 1st Lt., L. R. Arnold, somewhere in the Pacific . . . To 1st Lt., Jake Thorson, P-61 pilot on Oahu Island . . . The air medal to 1st Lt. Robert Stewart for meritorious achievement as pilot of a Marine dive bomber, at El Toro, Santa Ann, Cal. Bob has flown 54 missions against the Japs.

☛ **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to James J. Hill, on the 29th, from Mr. and Mrs. James Pliner and Bernice.

☛ **OVER HERE.** Lt. M. B. Bruce is division officer at the U. S. Naval Air Base at St. Louis . . . Capt. Ron McEwen is back in this country from Foggia, Italy. He is in Los Angeles, or was, awaiting re-assignment . . . Harold Linn, E M 3/c, is at Camp Perry, Virginia . . . Eddie Mahoney, S 2/c, at Great Lakes, says hello to his brother, Chuck, on Luzon, and to Freddie Englehart, over in Italy. "Dennis," Eddie says, "is looking younger every day." . . . Pvt. Paul J. Tilt, is at Sheppard Field, Texas . . . Tom Estlund, S 2/c, RDM, is at Treasure Island, California . . . S/Sgt. Ted Rule, is in the hospital at Ft. MacArthur, California . . . Sgt. Ralph Brooks, is at Kelly Field, Texas . . . The Cummings twins, Vernon and Virgil, are air cadets at Victoria, Texas . . . Pvt. Duane Harris, is at Keesler Field, Mississippi . . . Sgt. Oscar Johnson, back from overseas, is at Columbia, South Carolina. He was in North Africa, Sardinia, Corsica, and Italy for 28 months . . . Cpl. Dorothy Sweet is at Pecos, Texas . . . S/Sgt. Dean Pat Saigh, is at Miami Beach, Florida . . . Lt. (j. g.) Howard Bath, is temporarily at the Naval Medical Center at Bethesda, Md. . . . Robert G. Ditzemberger, S 1/c ARM, is at the Naval Air Station, Box 35, Radio Training, Jacksonville, Florida . . . Pvt. Del Wilshusen is in Seattle, learning to be a B-29 mechanic . . . Pfc. Marvin Inman is on an air compressor at Fort Riley, Kansas . . . S/Sgt. Harold E. Campbell is on one of the Islands in the Caribbean Sea . . . Cpl. Harold A. "Andy" Schill graduated from advance gunnery school at Buckingham Air Field, April 21st. He is at Ft. Meyers, Florida, awaiting transfer orders.

☛ **MERRY ENGLAND.** 1st Lt. Kenneth E. Moreland is flying his P-SL, out of England.

☛ **DAS REICH.** 2nd Lt. Audrey Eslick, with the 133rd Evac. Hospital in Germany, has the latch string out for all visiting firemen from Fort Dodge, Iowa. "I'd love to see them." . . . Pfc. Paul R. Martin, is in Germany, and says he's feeling fine . . . Pfc. Justin E. Ober, of Lehigh, is in Germany . . . Pfc. Thomas P. Sheridan, is with the 3rd army in Germany . . . Sgt. Tex A. Dial, formerly of Eagle Grove, and later a stunt man for the movies in California, now in Germany, had the distinction of firing the first round into Germany for his division. Thanks for the picture, Sgt. . . . Pfc. John R. Dessinger is with the 94th Division, 3rd Army in Germany . . . W. K. Huskey, is now a 2nd Lt., with the 835 Engr. Arm. Bn. APO 528, New York. . . Pfc. Delmar Estlund, is somewhere in Germany. "Any more we carry our duffle bags around like children carry lunch baskets. We are always picking 'em up and setting 'em down." . . . Pfc. James Saigh is somewhere in Germany.

☛ **LA BELLE FRANCE.** Pfc. Harold Foran, is with the 306 Gen. Hospital, somewhere in France . . . Stan C. Betters, CM 2/c, is on a P. T. boat on the channel. He's looking forward to the day when he'll see his boy for the first time. "From what my wife writes, he'll be at the door to meet me."

☛ **HIGH C'S.** Pvt. Bob Arn, is somewhere at sea. "The scenery always consists of water and ships." . . . Robert Laska, EM 3/c, is on the U. S. S. Biloxi, a ship that has gone through nine bombardments and sunk three ships in the last year. The Biloxi lived through the typhoon last November. How many air attacks the Biloxi has gone through, the crew has lost count . . . W. S. McGill, BM 2/c, is at sea somewhere. "The main souvenir I want to bring home is me, as soon as possible. Been almost four years since I was on the old main drag." . . . Clarence A. Will, GM 1/c, still in

the E. T. O., says "hello" to Bob Lawson, and wishes they were both on the banks of the Des Moines river doing a little fishing . . . Glenn A. Christians, SM 2/c, is now on the S. S. Jacob H. Gallinger, out of New York.

☉ **SERVICE PAPERS AND INSIGNIA.** The Camp Clark Sentinel from T/Sgt. M. H. Van Horssen, Camp Clark, Missouri. Thanks, Sgt. . . "The Desert Slip Stream" from Harold C. Peterson, SKV 2/c, Fallon, Nevada. Thank you, Harold . . . A German bayonet and a German rifle from Pfc. R. A. Harp, somewhere in Germany. Thanks, Rosette . . . The India Burma "Round Up" from Pvt. John S. Doud, somewhere in Burma. Thanks, John.

☉ **INDIA.** T/S. Cleo D. Hanson is in Assam, India. I think that suggestion of yours to dedicate a number to all the youngsters who wrote letters to Joe is swell. We'll dedicate a number this next week.

☉ **IT'S GOOD TO MEET SOMEONE FROM HOME.** Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence F. Stupka, C. M. 3/c, and Mrs. James Tucker, at Hampton, Virginia. Larry and his wife, the former Marjorie Haring, are now at Frontier Base, Staten Island, New York . . . Douglas Mailander and Pfc. Fred J. Miller, somewhere in Germany. "Our AAA was guarding a bridge his outfit had put up across a river. We really had a long chat. It was the first time either of us had met anyone we knew . . . Pfc. Raymond Fuller, of Otho, and Earnest Layson, somewhere in Germany . . . Pfc. Gordon Belthius, and his brother, somewhere in Italy . . . Joe Doyle, S 2/c, and F. L. Davenport, who ran a Barber shop on Ist Avenue South for years, somewhere in the Philippines. "I was beginning to think, writes Harold, all the Dodgers in the Pacific were hiding out somewhere, when I bumped into three all in five days. . . Cpl. John Burke and Basil Barnhill, at Norfolk, Virginia . . . S/Sgt. Roy W. Drier, and S/Sgt. Robert Rice are sharing the same tent somewhere in France.

☉ **WE PLAY ALL THE SELECTIONS** requested in your letters even though, because of the number of them, they are no longer acknowledged in YLFH.

☉ **SUNNY ITALY.** From Sunny Italy, Pvt. Tony Amanzio says "hello" to all of his friends . . . From somewhere in Italy with the 34th Division, Cpl. Ernest E. Beverlin says hello to his sister and to Marie Kurtz.

☉ **PACIFIC.** Paul E. Shelton, S 2/c, is in the Philippines . . . James W. Keeble, MM 3/c, was in on the invasion of Iwo Jima. "Plenty Rough." . . Vincent Harrold, CM 1/c, is on his second tour of duty of the Pacific. His wife, the former Joella Blunk, who was with him in San Francisco, is now back in Fort Dodge . . . Pvt. Albert J. Brez, is with the 77th Division in the Ryukyu Islands . . . Lt. Paul Martin, flying a P-51, was the first squadron of land based fighters over Tokyo. "Old Fujiyama looks just like the pictures." Paul's outfit has seven nip planes to its credit . . . Pvt. Charles McBride, with the 81st Division, is somewhere in the South Pacific. Thanks Soldier for the pictures of Peleliu. By the way, fellows, Charles is married . . . T/Sgt. Verle T. Smith, is on Okinawa. "The country here looks a lot like Iowa along the Mississippi." There isn't much left of the homes, but with their tile roofs, it must have been rather pretty." . . . Cornell Wing, Mus. 2/c, formerly owner of Dr. Pepper Bottling Co. in Fort Dodge, is aboard the U. S. S. West Virginia. "We were in all of the major engagements of the Philippines campaign, and met the Japs in the battle of Surigao Straits." . . . Sgt. Larry Hart, is with the 5th Marines. They just finished the job at Iwo Jima . . . Dean F. Linn, AEM 2/c, has been on the Marshalls eighteen months, four more to go . . . Lt. (j. g.) Wm. R. Rasmussen, is at the U. S. N. Base Hospital No. 15, in the Admiralty Islands. Thanks Lt. for the papers . . . Walter Irvin Pigman, is with the Sea Bees, on the Marianas Islands . . . Pfc. Donald Duncan, U. S. M. C., is with the fire department in Hawaii. He's at the fire barn and would like to see any and all Dodgers. Don says "Why can't we have a meeting?" Sure, something like the Iowa picnic in Los Angeles. Recently he saw Don Spillman . . . Marvin N. Vinnes, MM 3/c, is somewhere in the South Pacific. He has served in New Guinea, New Hebrides, the Admiralty Islands, and in New Caledonia . . . Paul Trusty, WT 2/c, is in the hospital. Base Hospital 18-Navy 926, in the Marianas.

☉ **MRS. C. F. BAILEY,** 20 King George Rd. Andover, Hants, England, who became the wife of Pvt. C. F. Bailey, on May 31, 1944, is on her way to Fort Dodge. C. F. is in Germany.

☉ **FROM THE FIVE CORNERS OF THE WORLD.** T/4 R. Z. Lloyd. Somewhere in France. "I read about the plan for a new field house for Fort Dodge. I've been squeezing into that High School Gym. for several years. It is hardly large enough to handle regular contests, let alone tournament contests. Even wrestling tournaments could draw larger crowds if there was a decent gym. Why not start a movement through the "Y. L. F. H." to build one? Fort Dodge is going to want some kind of a War Memorial. What could be better than a field house, or combination fieldhouse and Civic Auditorium? Fort Dodge has needed one for years. Put a decent gym facility into Fort Dodge and it's the best town in Iowa for athletic contests. Put in the combination and you have a plan for the guest speakers and musical shows.

Pvt. Maurice L. Bestick, somewhere in Belgium. "Well after three years, two months and twenty days in England, Scotland, Ireland, and Wales, I've been moved to the continent and spent a short time in France, and now I'm in Belgium waiting for the move into the Fatherland. I've been taken out of the Hospital Unit I was with and I'm now a combat Medic following the Infantry. Bob Steyer and Bob Morrow are still at the Hospital as well as Bill Stroust, and I don't know what will happen to them. I thought I stood a chance for rotation but I find I'm stuck for the Duration so Fort Dodge will not have the pleasure of my presence for sometime to come. Do me a favor and see if I'm still a citizen of that fair city. If not, I'll take out citizenship immediately.

Pfc. Byron D. Jeys, Somewhere in Germany. "There are more bridges across the Rhine now than there were in peace time and the super highway is quite a piece of work. The Cologne cathedral towers still stand but Cologne is almost a ghost city. I should think there's an opportune time for the Army to offer a course in the German Language. The Military Government looks like it would be a good deal to be in. We have a good interpreter in our company headquarters of which I am a member. One of the German Medics or surgeon (a prisoner of war) asked whether

Coco Cola was made in U. S. A. They speak English very well. The Army provided medical care for the civilians by allowing guarded German Medical doctors to care for them 2 or 3 times a week. The personnel of the company have been doing some hunting in the adjoining forests. We have had deer meat 3 times. One time they surprised a bear and a wild boar. I hope you can read this as the pen isn't working too hot. Some of our billets—German former homes, were equipped with pianos and bath tubs occasionally depending on what our billeting party could get. The fruit trees and flowers are all in bloom and there is much activity among the farmers. The land is rich and well cared for."

Corp. D. M. Steiner, Somewhere in India. "Right now I am as brown as a berry. I have just completed a fourteen day rest camp at Calcutta and did I enjoy myself swimming, golfing, riding, and a little Indian Liquor. A little is enough to kill you, so I made it a very light dose. Doing a reorganizing job. I believe I will be able to be first with a "Ledo Road Patch," Now, of course, the stillwell Road." It's a long bumpy, dusty, muddy road to China."

Lt. Mary E. Kearns, Regional Hospital, Santa Ana, California. "Just a note to tell you of a nice time I had with my brother Robert, Hospital Apprentice 2/c of the Navy. I attended his graduation from Hospital Corps School at San Diego, last Thursday. I must say the Navy does things up right. The ceremony was very snappy and impressive followed by a program put on by a Marine band. Of course the Marine band doesn't compare with Karl King's Band, but it was good. I notice the new sponsors from time to time. I would like to thank each individually. I wonder if they'll ever know how much we all, in every branch of service, enjoy and appreciate their efforts in making the "Letter" possible. It's really wonderful. It hasn't been too long since I was home but it has been a long time since I was home in the Spring. Hearing of the planting of crops, gardens, etc., makes me lonesome for Iowa and especially Fort Dodge. Keep up the good work, we can't thank you enough."

R. W. Porter, QM 3/c, F. P. O. New York. "Thought also that you might be interested to know that I ran into John Toohy about a week ago and we held a real old fashioned session over a few bottles of Hatuey (local beer). John was on his way thru the X base where I am stationed most of the time and 'twas pure luck that we should have seen each other as neither of us knew the other was anywhere abouts. Of course the conversation was so centered upon Fort Dodge that a fellow with John left us after about 10 boring minutes feeling as he said very foreign. Seems odd but to spend an evening now and then with someone from home is the greatest tonic ever. Beer of course being the tongue lubricator it is brought about a discussion of everything and everyone we'd both ever known. I wanted to tell you that I was in a foreign port on the day of the death of the President and honestly Ed, one would think that the King had passed away. Every possible manner of showing respect was exhibited. It made one feel that maybe we don't appreciate the fact that being Americans is a blessing. We held a memorial service on the fantail of our ship on Sunday following his death. In attendance were officers of the Royal Navy and the entire personnel of the U. S. Navy stationed at that port. Tell Bob Gadd I send my best to him—and the same to you."

Capt. A. R. Ricke, A. P. O. 559. "The weather here in England is wonderful—just like late spring in Iowa. We have even been sun bathing on several occasions. If the weather stays like this, we should really give Adolf a good going over. Bill Mulroncy and Dick Schnurr are still at their same base—and Dr. Beeh's nephew was here—he's finished and is now on his way home. I've started on my second tour and got those "tracks" about a month ago. Now I have seven missions in, making forty-two all together."

Pfc. Foster F. Funk, in Germany. "Three men, all slightly deaf, were motoring to London in a noisy old car. As they were nearing the Metropolis, one asked, "Is this Wembley?" "No," replied the second, "this is Thursday." "So am I," chirped the third one, "Let's stop and have one." I guess I don't have to tell you how we feel over hearing about the death of the President. It was a great shock, and left us numb, as none of us realized he was that bad off."

Capt. Koscoe E. Klinger, Somewhere in Central England. "This spring in England has been pretty nice on the whole. Right now all the blossoming kind of trees are in full bloom. I ran into Major Marvin Burkgren, of Dayton, the other day. Had a pleasant visit with him too. It's funny, but we had to meet in England in order to get acquainted with each other. We certainly were stunned and grieved to learn of President Roosevelt's death. Last Sunday we held a lovely formal service just before Retreat. Our Company laid a wreath for him at the base of our flag pole, and our Chaplain gave an excellent, brief eulogy. Our flag will hang at half-mast for 30 days—and our work will continue."

Pfc. Floyd Zeka, in India. "Noticed that F/O James Rigby is here and through a round about way I found out he censored some of my letters. Was looking for him today but he wasn't in so will try again another day." Thanks for the picture, Floyd.

There was a lot of mail this week. Wonderful letters from everywhere. Most of them we acknowledged one way and another. There were others from Pfc. Thomas W. Clarken, APO 464, New York . . . S/Sgt. J. L. Armstrong, APO 557, New York . . . Gene L. Johnson, S 1/c, Shoemaker, California . . . Carl Edward Russell, AM 3/c, San Francisco . . . Pvt. Willard Swanson, APO 15863, New York . . . R. E. Lochray, C/O Fleet Post Office, San Francisco . . . Pfc. Edward Hubel, APO 761-R, C/O Postmaster, New York . . . Pvt. Charles S. Walker, Stuttgart, Ark. . . S/Sgt. Herb. Josephson, Mac Dill Field, Florida . . . McClellan W. Long, S 1/c, C/o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, Calif. . . Pvt. Cecil C. Markley, San Francisco, California . . . S/Sgt. Harold T. Stewart, APO 558, C/o Postmaster, New York . . . Sgt. Joseph S. Seka, APO 514-B, C/o Postmaster, New York . . . Cpl. Ernest E. Beverlin, APO 34, C/o Postmaster, New York . . . Pvt. Wilbur J. Swanson, APO, 964, C/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

If this war hasn't done anything else, it's made wonderful letter writers out of a lot of us. It's taught us to wade into a letter just like we'd been born with a life-time pen in our fist. Thanks so much, Joe, for all the wonderful ones you've written.

Your home town correspondent
Ed Breen.