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Clerk: "Sir, my wife told me to ask you for a raise."
Boss: "All right, I'll ask my wife if I can give you one."

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Rookie: "How far is it to Camp?"
Sergeant: "About ten miles as the crow flies."
Rookie: "How far if the crow had to carry a pack and a rifle?"

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☛ **DEAR JOE:** This is probably the luckiest Friday the 13th ever to come your way. Just look at that roto section. We hope you'll get as big a kick out of it as we did. We're pretty proud of it even if we did have a little part in putting it together. **Ken Peterson, Don's brother**, and for many years sports and news editor of the Webster City paper, is now with KVF D handling news and promotions. Ken got about 200 pictures together. He sorted them out and arranged them and wrote the sub-titles. Then we re-sorted and rearranged and wrote more sub-titles. All this started about three or four months ago, right after Ken came back from the navy. (He was in 39 months). Then we took it to Des Moines and had some dummies made. Then **Marj Rudolph** and Ken took it out to your friends up and down the avenue and around town. And they really went for it. The roto people have had it about eight weeks. But now it's back in our hands. Soon it will be in yours. We think it's beautiful. We are tremendously grateful to all your friends in Ft. Dodge who made it possible. And we hope you like it. There is a little error on the first page. The printer dropped a line of type but we can correct that here. The bathing beauties reading from the top left are as follows: **Mary Ziegler, Georgeann Gilman, Betty Durschmidt, Donna Hanrahan, Naomi Johnson, Betty Woodruff, Helen Isaacson, Shirley Meyer, Marion Johnson and Lois Becker** . . . So Joe, for us and for you, we hope it's a happy Friday the 13th.

☛ **AROUND THE TOWN.** The returns from the 7th War Loan are in. Webster County cleared its quota by a comfortable margin. Incomplete returns show bond sales in the county totaling \$3,625,-786.00. Quota was \$2,750,000 . . . On June 7th, **Luverne Boeckman**, 22 years old, of Sumner, Iowa, struck 74 year old **Rupert Bullard** during a row following an auto accident. July 9th, Bullard died of the blow in Lutheran hospital. Boeckman is being held for manslaughter . . . In **Rockwell City** last Sunday they dedicated a chime system in the **Methodist Church** to the service men and women of the congregation . . . The corn is away behind . . . Needs perfect weather to catch up. And even so, the Ag. experts say the crop will be the shortest in years . . . **Co. G**, of the State Guard, is at Camp Dodge . . . In the district legion Jr. baseball finals at **Dodger Field**, Bancroft snowed under **Manson**, 14 to 0 . . . The eclipse of the sun in Fort Dodge Monday morning was a little dim. The sky was clear at 7:00 and the visibility good but at 7:15 a. m., the time of the greatest shadow, the sky was clouded over. At 7:25 again it was clear. Nearly everyone was out, looking through smoked glass and old camera negatives . . . The **Ration Board** is moving to a new office on South 9th Street, right across from the **Liquor Store** and next to **Western Union** . . . **Mrs. A. Z. Lloyd** is the new president of the **Legion Auxiliary** . . . The **Army Mothers** have opened a canteen at the I. C. Station . . . **Mid Continent Air Lines** is asking for permission to run a line from Des Moines to **Minneapolis** with a stop in **Fort Dodge** . . . The **O. D. T.** has caused sleeping cars to be taken off the I. C. between **Waterloo** and **Chicago** but we still have sleeper service from **Ft. Dodge** to **Chicago** . . . **Moppets**, who listen to **Tom Mix** over KVF D, are now engaged in collecting clothing for child war victims in Europe. **Charlotte Ford**, recreational director, is in charge of the local drive and clothing is being brought to all city play grounds . . . **John Nelson**, 88, of Gowrie, went out to his garage in **Gowrie** last Saturday and hanged himself . . . **Billy Schultz**, who has been in Des Moines with the State Dept. of Health, has resigned to go into the movie business. With a partner, **David Bonine**, he plans to make educational films . . . **Don Edison**, of the **Farmer's Grain Dealers Assn.**, has been named a member of the **Missouri Valley** authority . . . **E. L. Berner** has been named chairman of the **Iowa Board of Watchmaker's Examiners** . . . When you come home you'll find a new movie theatre being built across from the **Rialto** and east of the present **Iowa** . . . The **Congressional Medal of Honor**, which has been awarded posthumously to **Capt. D. R. Lindsey**, will be awarded to his wife, **August 9th** at the **Presbyterian Church** at 7:30 p. m. The ceremony will be broadcast by KVF D and the **Iowa Tall Corn Network** . . . **Hugh Donly** recently purchased **Henderson's Billiard Parlor** and also the **Wahkonsa Cigar Store** . . . **Dr. E. N. Zinn** and **A. C. Swanson** won the **McQuilkin** trophy at the C. C.'s annual 4th of July Tourney.

☛ **WAR'S GRIM TOLL.** Pvt. **P. A. Gehling**, of **Clare**, was wounded on **Okinawa** . . . **Sgt. Michael Patz**, of **Clare**, was wounded somewhere in the **South Pacific** . . . **Cpl. Henry Hendrickson** was wounded in the shoulder in **May** on **Okinawa** . . . **Lt. Lloyd Vevele**, long listed as missing in action, is now reported to have been killed in action in the **ETO** Sept. 28th, 1944. His twin brother, **Lt. Floyd**, also a bomber pilot, has been listed as missing in action since **Feb. 14, 1945** . . . **Sgt. Paul Ross** has been wounded again for the fourth and fifth time on **Okinawa**.

☛ **ENJOYING MOM'S COOKING.** Back from England and France and out of the **Seabees** is **Floyd Nichols**, **CM 2/c**, of **Duncombe** . . . **Don W. Clark**, **BN 2/c**, from **Coronado, California** . . . **Pvt. Roy Carlson** from **France** . . . **Pvt. Robert D. Vinson** enroute to a new camp. His brother, **Pvt. Ken Vinson** is at **Keesler Field, Biloxi, Miss.** . . . **Sgt. Howard Madson**, from **Westover, Mass.** . . . **M/T Sgt. Robert Brake**, back from the **South Pacific** and now awaiting re-assignment at **Cherry Point, N. C.** . . . **T/Sgt. Jack Simpson**, from **Italy** . . . **S/Sgt. and Mrs. William Pray**, from **Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas** . . . **Norman L. Rosen**, **A. S.**, from **Camp Endicott, R. I.** . . . **Sgt. John Fisher**, from **Italy**, on his way to **Sioux Falls** . . . **Pat Dennis Johnson**, from **Scott Field, Ill.** . . . **Pfc. James Cannon** from **Kelly Field, Texas** . . . **Robert Muhl**, **Sq. 1/c**, from **San Pedro, California** . . . **Sgt. William A. Balm**, from **Germany** . . . **Lt. and Mrs. Scott C. Pfaff**, from **Ft. Benning, Ga.**, where **Scott** recently received his commission. He will report to **Camp Livingston, La.** . . . **Edward**

James Cahill, G. M., from service in the **Atlantic** . . . **Sgt. Roland Laird**, of **Otho**, from the **E. T. O.** . . . **Pvt. Chas. Walker**, from **Stuttgart, Ark.** . . . **William Bayles**, **S 1/c**, from **San Francisco** . . . **James Knickerbocker**, **Radar** man from **Okinawa**. His destroyer was sunk there and **Jim** spent two hours in the shark-infested waters . . . **Pfc. Wm. D. Leadley**, from **Holland** . . . **S/Sgt. Marshall Bickford**, from **Germany** . . . **Pfc. Peter Reis**, from the **E. T. O.** . . . **Sgt. Windell K. Boots**, from **Germany** . . . **Pfc. Richard R. Olson**, from the **E. T. O.** . . . **Lt. Kathleen Hanrahan**, from **O'Reilly General Hospital** . . . **Sgt. Rudolph Vevele**, after three years in **Europe** . . . **Lt. Don Kehm**, back from a **German Prison camp** . . . **T/S Walter H. Ackerson**, from **Czechoslovakia** . . . **T/Sgt. Ralph Barnes**, of **Duncombe**, from **Santa Ana, Calif.** . . . **Cpl. Jack Theissen**, from **England** . . . **S/Sgt. Jack Armstrong**, from **England** . . . **Pfc. Kenneth Olson**, from **Ft. Custer, Michigan** . . . **T/Sgt. Howard Crummer**, from **England**, where he was a radio operator on a **B-17** . . . **Lt's Dale** and **Dean Cummings** just graduated with wings and commissions . . . Out of the army on points is **T/5 Mervin P. Thomas**.

☛ **SERVICE PAPERS AND INSIGNIA.** The **Bayonne Beacon** from **Lt. Wally Rogers**, **Bayonne, N. J.** Thanks, **Wally** . . . The **83rd Thunderbolt**, from **Pfc. R. A. Harp**, **Passau, Germany**. Thanks, **Rosette**. You know that perfume that you sent finally arrived in good shape. It smelled very good and all the girls were crazy about it. And each wanted some. So instead of drawing lots for it, the girls who address the letter from home divided it up into 45 attractive little bottles and now they each have some of your perfume and you've got forty-five pin-up girls. They told me they were each going to write to you . . . The **Beachhead News**, founded on **Anzio**, printed now in **Germany**, from **Sgt. Bob Lawson**. Thanks, **Bob** . . . The **Patch of the Marine Defense Battalion** from **Pvt. John Prime** who is somewhere in the **South Pacific**. Thanks, **John** . . . **Vol. 1, No. 1** of the **Gilder Diary**, published for the men of the **325th Glider Infantry Regiment** of the **82nd Division** to remind them of the old days from **Casablanca** on. It was sent to us by **Pfc. Glenn Kruse**. In the regiment the other day, **Glenn** discovered **Ray Stanek**. "The second Dodger I've seen overseas." The **325th** is with that part of the **82nd** that has been sent to **Berlin** as part of our forces of occupation . . . **Rainbow Reveille**, the publication of the **42nd Division**, from **Pfc. Jack Sloan** with the **3rd Army** in **Austria**. Thanks, **Jack** . . . The **Windsock** from **Pvt. Leonard E. McCarville**, **Oahu, Hawaii**. Thanks, **Leonard** . . . The **All American Para Glide** from **Sgt. D. A. McClure**. **Don** is somewhere in **Germany** and is with an outfit of high point men ready to go home but "From all indications we won't be home for at least three months." Thanks, **Don** . . . The patches of the **92nd** and of the **34th** from **Lt. Col. Roger Minkel**. The **Red Bull Patch** is of an older vintage and has on it the lettering "Sandstrom Division." Thanks, **Rog.** . . . The **Cinc Packer**, from **Phil Dorweiler**, **Y 3/c**, on **Guam**. Thanks, **Phil**.

☛ **SUNNY ITALY.** 1st **Sgt. Gerald Willoughby**, now in **Florence, Italy**, is waiting to be returned home and to be discharged from the army.

☛ **PANAMA.** **Cpl. Glenn Bastian**, of **Gowrie**, is now in **Panama**.

☛ **HIGH C'S.** **Tom Timmons**, **SF 1/c**, of **Lehigh**, is on the **USS George Ingram**. His brother, **Gerald**, is now a radioman first class.

☛ **PACIFIC.** **Glen Beck**, **MoMM 1/c**, is shoving off from **Treasure Island** for somewhere out the a-way . . . **Cpl. Neil R. Duff** is somewhere out the a-way, north of the **Equator** and west of the **International Date Line** . . . **Fauncey Bemino** is now a cook with the **63rd FCS, 403rd FCG, APO 72**, in the **Philippines**, and has the welcome mat out for hungry **Dodgers**. **Fauncey** says instead of **Abbott and Costello**, it was supposed to be **Bud Casanova** and **Lou Laurance** . . . **Sgt. Bill Algood** is on **Guam** and looking for **Dodgers**. He is with headquarters **70th AACS Group, APO 426** . . . **Fred L. Davidson**, **EM**, is on the **USS Gantner**, somewhere out the a-way. Yes **Sir, Fred**, if you are ever transferred, **Ed Bishop** will become an old subscriber. **Fred** has been in the **Navy** 40 months. He's looking forward to seeing his brother, **Orville**, at **Pearl Harbor** . . . **Harold Brown**, **MoMM 3/c**, is somewhere in the **South Pacific** . . . **Frank A. Fisher**, **CM 1/c**, of **Webster City** and **Woolstock** is somewhere in the **South Pacific**.

☛ **CZECHOSLOVAKIA.** **Pvt. Clarence Pessica** is somewhere in **Czechoslovakia** . . . **T/5 Marlin G. Willey** is somewhere in **Czechoslovakia** . . . **Pfc. Donald Wahlgren** is in **Pilsen, Czechoslovakia**, guarding a prison camp. "As I look at it we are here protecting the Germans from the Czechs." **Don** would like to hear from **Jerry Hogan**.

☛ **OVERSEAS.** After sixteen months, "In what is generally known as the loneliest place in the world," **R. L. Winkelman**, **EM 2/c**, is ready for some of "those delightful moments I once spent in **Larry Geer's ballroom**." . . . **R. G. Striker**, **CSK**, is overseas again. "When I get back to God's country next time and with my two and a half years in **Alaska**, I'll probably have to take out naturalization papers." **R. G.** saw **Mr. and Mrs. John Bestick** in **Omaha** and saw **Ed Snook** out in **Frisco**. His ship was in the way of some implement of destruction so he gets a little leave while they put it back in shape."

☛ **WE PLAY ALL THE REQUESTS** that you send in even though we no longer acknowledge them individually in the letter. When sending them in, include if you can, the address and telephone number of the person for whom the request is made. It helps us to get the word to them.

☛ **AUSTRIA.** **Sgt. Al Rumme**, writing from somewhere in **Austria** says, "We moved down here a week ago today to take care of that boy **Tito** and then the **British** moved in so our mission was called off. Later **Al** was injured while riding in a jeep and is now in the hospital."

OVER HERE. Sgt. Dean "Pat" Saigh is at the Air Base in Sioux City. There's another Dodger there, Cpl. Kapp, who works at the Air Base Theatre . . . Pfc. Wallace McCubbin, of Gowrie, is at Camp Beale, California . . . A/C Bob E. Williams is now doing ditch diggin' and carpenter work at Goodfellow Field, San Angelo, Texas. Not all God's chillun' got wings . . . Sgt. Tony Chardoulis is at the US Naval Repair Base at San Diego, California, and is looking for Dodgers . . . T/4 Fritz Schrandt, with 110 points, is stationed at Jefferson Barracks helping other "over 85ers" get out of the army. The army says that Fritz is essential . . . Sgt. Harold L. Moen is back in the states, at Glennan Hospital, Ward C-7-N, Okmulgee, Oklahoma . . . A/C Vyron Frye and John Ryberg, from Harcourt, down Texas way at Amarillo . . . Pvt. Merle Davidson is an automatic weapons instructor at Camp Robinson, Arkansas. He'll be home August 1st . . . Mrs. James E. Craft says hello to her husband on their ninth wedding anniversary, "We'll celebrate our 10th one together" . . . Lt. William Rice, Jr., is at San Marcos, Tex. . . John P. Herman, A/S, is at Great Lakes . . . Eugene McGuire, F 2/c, is assigned to the USS Earhart and at present is stationed at the Fargo Building, Boston . . . S/Sgt. Paul Savage is at Pyote, Texas . . . LaVerne Clausen, Sk 2/c, is at Camp Peary, Williamsburg, Va.

SMALL WORLD. F. O. Conrad Bloomquist and Harold L. Benedict, somewhere in the ETO . . . Pvt. Ray N. Johnson, Roger Hoop, Jack Foster, Bernard Umbaugh, and John Nelson are all in the same company in basic training at Camp Wolters, Texas. Edward Anderson and Bob Wenzel are in the same battalion but in different companies. They all left Fort Dodge on the night of June 11th, of this year . . . Pvt. Robert A. Arn is in southern France where the "beer is terrible and the wine worse. Don't let anyone kid you about France. Give me the States." In Germany, Bob met "Beef" Bestick.

DOWN THE CENTER AISLE. Virgil F. Bird, EM 2/c, of Lehigh, and Ronnie Newby, of Hawthorne, N. Y., June 30th, 1945, at Ocean Grove, N. Y. . . Thelma Bock, and Fred Jacox, SK 1/c, of Little Falls, N. Y., at Fort Dodge, July 12th . . . Norma Jean Finney and Petty Officer Richard Danielson, of Putnam, Conn., in Chicago, June 30th . . . Marcella Mae Stanek and Lt. Francis Pendergast, sometime this fall . . . Eleanor Thomas and Francis Van Alstine, of Pocahontas, July 25th, in Fort Dodge . . . Lorraine Butrick and Cpl. M. M. Dahms, of Sioux City, July 4th, at Olathe, Kansas . . . Rita Harbachek and Sgt. Fred Willardson, in Fort Dodge, July 3rd . . . Pauline Peterson and Willie Janssen, of Gilmore City, in Nashua at the Little Brown Church, June 30th . . . Mary Evelyn Kearns and Sgt. Paul E. BJORKE, of Reader, S. D., at Sacramento, California, June 9th . . . Bonnijane Lowery and Sgt. Leonard Peterson, of Lake Park, June 27th, at Spencer . . . Chadyne Joy Tribby and Sgt. T. John Trowbridge, June 27th, in Fort Dodge . . . Ellen Louise Goodrich, and Howell Cornell Reeve, Coast Guard petty officer of East Moriches, Long Island, N. Y., June 24, in Center Moriches, Long Island, N. Y.

FROM THE FIVE CORNERS OF THE WORLD. Pfc. George Davidson, Germany. "I thought I'd better drop you a line and notify you of my change of address, so that I can start getting YLFH regularly again. My former unit, the 76th Division, is being filled with 85 pointers and those over 40 years. I only half qualify in either respect, so I was led quietly away. I'm now enjoying the army life as a member of corps artillery. We're living very comfortably in a hotel. It's really nice, despite the fact that they took the chambermaids away. I'm glad they did. Most of those gals have the face and figure of 'the angel,' and I'd lay 8 to 5 that one of them could beat the angel two falls out of three. Well, so long for now—I guess I'll go count my points once more."

Pfc. Dale J. Taylor, Okinawa. "We landed on Okinawa the first of April with our tanks and seemed to get along okay. We moved down to the southern part of the island then and the work really began. Our tanks met some pretty rough opposition. This island is very pretty and seems to have very good possibilities for air strips. The natives here are small, and the women seem to do most of the work. They work with their babies tied to their backs and seem to think nothing of it!"

T/Sgt. Walter Horn, Furth, Germany. "I was stationed in and around Metz for nearly four months. While there two Fort Dodgers looked me up. Capt. Clarence Johnson, formerly of the F. D. Line, was the first Dodger I saw. We spent an interesting couple of hours talking over old times. Cpl. Bob Swanson also found my outfit while he was located in Luxembourg. We have seen each other often since then; matter of fact, he just stepped into the doorway now. He is stationed in Nuremberg only four miles distant. Last week we went on pass to Luxembourg together, and we had a great time there."

Lt. D. R. Hemerson, Halle, Germany. "This is a very beautiful section, there is much farming and a few factories. The main difficulty is getting the factories in a working condition. Our bombers certainly were more effective than I expected they could be. I have seen almost all of the largest cities in Germany, and the more I see the harder it is for me to understand how they carried the war as far as they did."

1st Sgt. Harold Ogan, Somewhere on Luzon. "In your last letter I see where there are quite a few boys getting discharges on the point system. I have 90 points so I am keeping my fingers crossed and hoping that I will soon be picked, then maybe I can eat some of that awful food such as eggs in the shell, fresh milk and several other items. I don't see how people can stand them. I am writing this letter for the following three men. First, tell Larry Geer that we are waiting to visit the Laramar and to be sure and keep the doors open for us. 1st Sgt. Harold Ogan, Sgt. Everett Heldreth, and Pfc. Russell Francis."

Pfc. Robert Steyer, Manchester. Just a few lines and a book of Hubert to show you how most of us have been living these past three years and seven months. After looking the book over do you think that all the—returning Ft. Dodge Citizens can ever be converted back to the old corn belt way of living? It won't be long now, Ed, until most of us will be returning home again. All the old guardsmen from Ft. Dodge have the equivalent 85 points needed for discharge. On service alone most of us have 91 points and over; and, brother, each little point has meant sweating a month out. Most of the Dodgers in the outfit have left us but there are still some of us left from the Capital of the World as Ft. Dodge is called in this outfit. Some of the boys left are Will Strauss, Jake Stiles, Gene Farrell, George Stell and Bob Morrow. Off hand, I guess that just about accounts for the fellows who are left now. I have been hearing quite frequently from my old buddy, Maurie Bestick. The last letter I had from him was when he was in Germany at a Replacement Depot, sweating out his transfer into a

new outfit. Maurie volunteered for combat medics, but he didn't quite make it over in time for the big show. Jerry was beaten before he was assigned the work he wanted. Read in the Messenger about Lt. Ulstad. Dwayne was here to visit us on his way back home and the bull sessions that we had over these English pints of beer were something to write home about. I had known Dwayne for a great many years besides going to school with him. It's great to see a friend after four or five years. Well, Ed, I guess this will have to be it for this time. It looks as though we should be walking into Fort Dodge by the latter part of July at the latest. Hope you like Hubert, he's typical of the experiences that a G-I encounters here in Merry Old England." Thanks, Bob, for Hubert. He's wonderful.

Lt. Donald E. Anderson, China. "I have been overseas but a couple of months, but I have met two fellows from Fort Dodge. I saw Cpl. Dick Friesth in India, and he shared some newspapers from the home town with me. We met several times while I was there. I then moved up to my squadron here in China, and the first day I met Lt. Bob Marsh, another Dodger. Of all the things in China that are disrupted I believe their money system is the worst. I am not sure of the exchange ratio before the war, but right here it is 1000-1. It fluctuates all over the country. Where the Americans are stationed it is always higher, and even more so in a large city. With a bundle of the stuff you may be able to buy an egg or two. Lately we have been getting a lot of rain, and it is much cooler than in India. It is really nice living around here. Just about now the Chinese are taking the rice shoots and transplanting them. They surely do a lot of work for what they get out of it. Each man has a plot of ground the size of a small lawn. In this small garden he works from dawn until dark, and survives the year around on this meager income. They have the crudest methods of irrigation for their rice paddies, although it is quite an ingenious network of canals and ditches. They elevate their water with foot-tread water wheels. At this time of the year the rice paddies look so clean, but in a few weeks they will all be just so many puddles of dirty water. The soil is a red clay and is almost as slick as ice when it's wet, and sticky as gum when it starts to dry. It can rain one day and with a little help from the sun be dry the next. The people as a whole are very poor and resort to begging, selling trinkets, etc., for a living. This does not include the farmer, as he is a very hard working fellow and dies when quite young because of this. You see fellows carrying loads extending from a stick slung across their shoulder that are big enough for a pack horse. Many of these specimen die young and have a curved spine from the heavy loads piled on their pago sticks. So much for China and its inhabitants."

Pfc. Richard Culver, Schonback, Czech. "I am here in Czechoslovakia doing border patrol, and such a life. The people are very old fashioned in appearances and actions. They do all their farming by hand. They raise mostly hay and wheat here. I have read a lot about the Sedaten Lands, and after seeing them I discover they really are as hot as the books say."

Pfc. Glenn A. Sapp, Luzon, P. I. "I'm at the present in a rice paddy on the edge of my foxhole, while I'm writing. And believe me it's really hot, reminds me of main street on the Fourth of July. Since I've been on Luzon, I was lucky to get to see my brother, Earl, in Manila. We spent several Sundays together. Then I left and went to Bagio. While I was there I received word from his commanding officer that he had died of diptheria. It surely was a shock to me. Boy, I surely was glad to hear that Germany surrendered, and believe me we're doing our best to end it here. I hope I just have to make one more beachhead and that that's on the depot in good old Fort Dodge." Thanks, Glenn, for Reveille.

W. O. Kruse, CSE, Philippines. "I am now stationed in the Philippines, of course as always on a jungle island. I've seen jungles from the shores of Australia to New Guinea, Netherland East Indies to the Philippines. But I guess I'm going to miss the chance of cutting the lock on the gate at Tokio, which isn't very far off now, as I'm to be sent home very shortly for a discharge. I had the pleasure of meeting Donald Phillips, of Callender, here on this island. Clayton Stoner is not so far from me and we plan on meeting one of these days soon. I will thank you and the sponsors in person when I get home again, and before I forget, tell those school children who write those letters you enclose with YLFH, that their letters are always gladly received and answered, so thank them also."

Robert Hutchinson, S 1/c (AEM), Marianas. "This is hardly like the '4th' we used to have at home. We've got the fireworks all right, but the ice cream, picnics (in the rain—it always seemed to rain on the 4th), fireworks at Expo and the night ball game have been misplaced somewhere."

Sgt. Elbert J. Zehr, Eger, Czechoslovakia. "I saw Samuel S. (Pinky) Beers the other day, just long enough to have a little talk of home and the prospect of going home. We're all sweating out the points and I now have 80, with the prospect looking very good for 5 more—waiting on our 4th battle star to be officially confirmed. I must close, even though the supply business stinks at present, a supply sergeant can always find something to do, if it's only to count battery property or try to answer why so and so's pants didn't come in. However, the name isn't supply sergeant that your called around here, but I'll not mention that." Thanks, Sgt., for "The Lorraine Cross."

And there were other letters as welcome as the flowers in May from Cpl. Ross Tuel, Jr., APO 758, New York . . . Lt. Thomas E. Tierney, Great Lakes, Illinois . . . S 1/c, Delores E. Nelson, FPO, San Francisco . . . A/C Norman M. Locatis, Maxwell Field, Alabama . . . Pvt. D. E. Haring, APO 469, New York . . . T/5 Wm. Flaherty, APO 797, New York . . . Cpl. H. T. Haroldson, APO 339, New York . . . Sgt. Eldred Prang, APO 922, Postmaster, San Francisco . . . Pvt. Herman Hale, Sheppard Field, Texas . . . Cpl. Thos. J. Dowd, APO 463, Postmaster, Minneapolis, Minnesota . . . Sgt. Harry McBride, FPO, San Francisco . . . W. C. Howard, Jr., A. M. M. 1/c, FPO, San Francisco . . . Cpl. Foster Funk, APO 339, New York . . . Pvt. Cecil C. Markley, Columbus Square, San Francisco . . . Cpl. Paul W. Rodman, APO 519A, New York . . . Pfc. K. Stephan, New York . . . It's really great to hear from all of you. We shall never get over marvelling at how you do it . . . But don't stop . . . Keep it up! The best of this letter is what we glean from yours . . . This week-end we are going to Okoboji and do a little swimming and boating. Maybe we'll even go out and catch a few perch . . . Our tires are lousy and gas is short but we're going to take a chance. Tell you next week how we come out on the fishing. So long, pal . . . Be good.

Your home town correspondent,
Ed Breen.