

Your Letter From Home

Gent: I want to die with my boots on.
She: Well, put 'em on! Here comes my husband.
A GI took the F/Sgt's advice and put on a clean pair of socks every day. A week passed. "Where are your shoes?" growled the F/Sgt's. "I can't put them on over seven pairs of socks," replied the GI.
"The Troop Carrier," Sedalia, Missouri.

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The moon was yellow,
The lane was bright,
She turned to me
In the summer night;
And with every glance
She gave a hint
That what she craved
Was real romance.
I stammered, stuttered,
And time went by,
The moon was yellow
... And so was I!
"The Troop Carrier,"
Sedalia, Missouri.

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DEAR JOE: Sometimes I work late on this letter. It's quiet, there's no one around and I can work without interruption. Tonight happened to be one of those nights. I was working here pounding away at the typewriter and in walked my friend from another town a good way off. I hadn't seen him in years. When I last heard of him he was in the army down in New Guinea, with the air corps. I was surprised and glad to see him. So we leaned back and talked. He looked good even though he had been in New Guinea for twenty-two months. He's out of the army now. We talked about a lot of things and finally about YLFH, when he saw what I was doing. He'd never seen a copy. He said, "Tell 'em what people are thinking over here and what's going on." ... Maybe that's what I should be trying to do, maybe we've missed the boat ... I can't tell you much about what people are thinking that you don't know. ... About other things I can only guess. Everybody I know wants to get away from war, to end it as you'd end an epidemic of smallpox or typhus or diphtheria. We are agreed that if the United Nations Charter will provide a council table where disputes can be discussed before everyone starts reaching for a gun, that maybe we won't need to do any more shooting. ... Some people think we should arm to the teeth. My own idea is that there'd be less shooting if we'd all disarm down to our toes. ... There's a LOT OF GRIPING at home about this and that. But it's harmless. Same kind of griping that goes on in the army. It's the national American pastime. It's a wonderful thing, too. Keeps anyone from getting the idea he is Superman. ... The one thing everyone agrees upon is how wonderful his own son or brother or dad or nephew or friend or husband or sweetheart, who is in the army, navy or marines—name your own branch of servitude—really is. ... Joe, if you could only hear your mother or your dad, or your wife or sweetheart tell it, you'd know that you'd won the war all by yourself. And I think so, too. So what the heck, there's no argument. How about shooting a little pool?

AROUND THE TOWN. E. L. Berner has been appointed a three year member of the new watch makers licensing board. ... Viola Martin is retiring as Clerk of the Federal District Court after 20 years of service. Her place will be taken by Jane Sullivan. ... 500 Iowans headed by Mrs. E. T. Meredith, of Des Moines, have asked Gov. Robert Blue to parole life-imprisoned 16 year old Dorn Machovec, who shot his stepfather in Humboldt county a year ago last January. Original sentence was passed by Judge Stillman, of Algona. ... KVFD discovered a hen at the Henry Dorian home that was mothering three kittens. Subsequently the old hen had her picture taken and got front page notice in the Des Moines Register. ... The Legion had a wonderful picnic at Dolliver Park last Sunday. All the ice cream and pop was consumed and the Wille's, Robert, Olive and Mom won nearly all the athletic contests. Fred Cooper and Walt Englebart won the three legged race. ... Fort Dodge will observe the Fourth with a double header ball game, a band concert at night. Lt. Col. Roger Minkel will speak at the band shell in the evening. ... Lots of towns round about are having rather elaborate celebrations. Eagle Grove is giving away a pony, Sac City is having horse racing, baseball, radio entertainers and pink lemonade. ... KVFD wins another first. Gee, I tell you it's monotonous! This time in the Billboard nation-wide promotion survey. KVFD was first, the only Iowa station in the money. ... A recent survey conducted by Robert S. Conlon and Associates, of Kansas City, for KVFD and WHO, shows KVFD to be first in listeners in Fort Dodge from 8 a. m. to 6:15 p. m. ... The Dodgers lost to Lehighville last week, 2 to 1. ... Manson defeated Farnhamville, 7 to 1. ... With the 7th War Loan drive nearly over "E" bond purchases in Webster County are lagging. At present the County has purchased about 70% of its quota. ... Bob Harrington, using a field mouse for bait, caught a 19 lb. 3 oz. walleyed pike about 300 feet below the dam early this week.

HIGH C'S. Mel Estlund is a Steward Mate 2/c with the Lykes Bros. S. S. Co., and is now on the Flying Scud, sailing out of San Francisco, making ports in the Central and Southwest Pacific. ... Lt. J. E. Lindstrom, on the USS Dayton, out of San Francisco, says hello and best regards to Fort Dodge. ... Robert Moretti, AOM 3/c, is on the USS Tulagi out of San Francisco.

ENJOYING MOM'S COOKING. Lloyd E. Schultz, Ph M 3/c, of Wall Lake, formerly of Fort Dodge, from two and a half years in the army. ... Home and out of the army are Lester Chalberg and John Frandsen. ... Three time winner in narrow escapes, Manfred Rhodes, of Duncombe, is home from the wars. In trying he bailed out into the Gulf of Mexico. Over Europe he was twice reported missing in action, finally became a prisoner of war. ... Lt. Comdr. W. W. Stevenson, after twenty-four months in the Pacific, is now back with his wife and family at the Naval Dispensary, Seattle, Washington. ... Out of Army is Sgt. Ray Nelson, who served thirty-eight months overseas. Ray was in on the battle of the bulge in the Ardennes. Out of the 342nd Engineers with whom he served, only nineteen out of 1700 were left after the breakthrough. Ray is going to Cedar Rapids to live with his mother at 118 3rd Ave. West. ... Sgt. Elliott Collson, of the Marines, has a honorable discharge and is enjoying life as a civilian in the Queen City of the Hudson, Poughkeepsie. ... Out of the army, honorably discharged is Cpl. L. W. Rankin, and on his way with his wife and son, to visit his sister at Marietta, Okla. ... Carl Waldemar "Wally" Olson, who has visited all the islands in the South Pacific but one. ... Ensign John Pilcher, from Glencoe, Ga., where he pilots a blimp. ... Joe Johnson, ROM, of Duncombe, from the west coast. ... Pfc. Delmer Borer, from Kennedy Hospital at Memphis, Tenn. He was hit in the arm on April 7th, in Germany by machine gun fire. ... Petty Officer Willis Belknap is out of the navy after 32 months service, and will return to the police force soon as captain. ... Pvt. Paul Jordan, who held the first selective service number in Fort Dodge, is home honorably discharged with 115 points. His six brothers are still in service. ... Cpl. W. L. Peed, of Duncombe, is home after a year in a German prison camp. He was taken prisoner in Italy. ... Sgt. E. J. Flattery, from Mountain Home, Idaho. E. J. is a radar-radio operator on a B-32. ... S/Sgt. Sidney Lindsley, Jr., enroute to Pueblo, Colo. Sid completed 45 missions in the S. W. Pacific. ... Ens. Lloyd Hamblton, from Banana River, Fla. ... Thomas Paul, S 1/c, from aboard a cruiser, which spent the last 16 months in the S. Pacific. ... Dick Muhl, SK 3/c, from Seattle, Washington. ... Ens. Vernon Smith, navy flier, back from the south seas says a method is being developed to stop the attacks of Jap suicide pilots. ... Pfc. Sam Neill, Jr., from 27 months in a German Prison camp. ... Pvt. Fred Good from a German prison camp. ... Pvt. Clyde Rodreick, from Camp Joe T. Robinson, in Arkansas. He's on his way to Fort Riley, Kansas. ... Lt. Owen

Walton, from a German prison camp. ... Walt S. McGill, B. M. 2/c, from the USS Independence. ... Pfc. Glen Grazier, from a German prison camp. ... Clarence Case, former commander of the VFW, is back in town after seven months overseas. He can't tell us where he's been or what he has done or seen. But Clarence says he has a great story to tell when military censorship permits about a neutral country. Clarence is smoking good cigarettes made in Portugal that cost only four cents a package. He will leave again with the Army Engineers, possibly in September. ... Pvt. Donna V. Vaccaro from Greenborough, N. C. ... Lt. Stanley Pingel is home from Germany. ... Pfc. Ray Kehm, liberated POW, is home on a furlough. ... Capt. Wayne Warren, home from 27 months in the Mediterranean. ... Sgt. Harold Strong is out on points and back with his family. He was in the army three years and had flown 65 missions in the ETO. ... Sgt. Bob Hill is out on points after 42 months overseas. He's been offered many jobs. ... Gordon Cavanaugh, Radar 3/c, from Navy Pier, Chicago. ... Cpl. Earl Ferris, enroute to Sioux Falls, S. D. ... Cpl. Gene Aspenson from Walker Air Base, Kansas. ... Fred Crouse, S 1/c, from 11 months in the Pacific.

WAR'S GRIM TOLL. Vance Bloomquist, AOM 2/c, serving aboard a carrier in the Pacific is reported missing in action. ... S/Sgt. G. W. Armstrong was wounded on Okinawa. ... Pfc. W. P. Horner, held by the Japs as a prisoner after the capture of Corregidor, was killed in action October 24th, 1944. The Jap ship on which he was being moved was sunk on that date.

HOME TOWN BOYS MAKE GOOD. George Dale Burton, on an LCS, somewhere in the Pacific, is now a CMO. ... Dale and Dean Cummings are now Lieutenants in the air corps. They graduated on the 27th of June, at Victoria, Texas. ... To Sgt. Jim Collins. ... To Cpl. Carl Leiss, APO 719, c/o P. M., San Francisco. ... Sgt. Mert Williams is now a 2/Lt. He got a field commission. ... Wings and a commission last week to Richard Jordison at Corpus Christi, Texas, in the Marine Corps.

DOWN THE CENTER AISLE. Johannah Heyer and T/4 Robert Crist, of Lehigh, in Liverpool, England, May 12th. Bob's brother, Ray, is home, honorably discharged after four years and two months in the army. He was wounded on Leyte. ... Maria Derrig and Howard Berryhill, of Webster City, just out of the army on points after seeing action most recently on Okinawa, June 19th, in Flint, Michigan. ... Vivian Brand, of Chicago, and Chas. Dickey, June 16th in Chicago. ... Lt. Peggy Harley, of South Whitley, Indiana, and T/5 Robert Moe. No date set. ... Agnes Oppgaard, of St. Paul, and Sgt. M. J. Peterson, June 16th, in St. Paul. ... Mary Mason and Cpl. Robert G. Anderson, of Milbank, S. D., early in the fall. ... Alice Vivian Moon and Silas Tungevisk, of Radcliffe, in Fort Dodge, June 20th.

PACIFIC. Pfc. Dale A. Miller is somewhere on Luzon. ... Harold C. Peterson, SKV 2/c, of Manson, is somewhere out the a-way, CASU 54, Fleet Postoffice, San Francisco. ... O. H. Bohannan, SK 3/c, reports very excellent fishing out the a-way. "Some of the fellows caught a 200 pound shark the other day. Most of our catch are small red snappers, mackerel, several of the blue and skip jack family and marlin. The red snapper is by far the best eating." ... T/5 L. L. Chinberg is acquiring a sun tan on Oahu. ... Cpl. Robert G. Porter is somewhere in the Philippines loading bombs on Allied heavies. "I sure wish I were back working at Flynn's Service Station again." Thanks, Glenn, for the Jap money. ... T/5 Don Maschino is at Finschafen, New Guinea, "The mud hole of the world." Thanks, Don, for "Cross Fire". ... H. L. Culver, MoMM 1/c, somewhere in the Philippines, has a new daughter, Linda Kaye. ... 1st Lt. Richard Mulrone is now in the Biak Islands.

OVER HERE. Margaret Laurent, SSMB 3/c, is at Camp Elliott, San Diego, California. ... Plt. Sgt. F. D. Bailey is at the Marine Barracks, at Great Lakes, standing by to get a field commission that he won on Tarawa but couldn't accept while he was in the hospital. ... R. D. Samuelson, CM 1/c, is at Paris Island, N. C. ... Pvt. Wilbur Sandburg is at Camp Hood, Texas. ... Faye Jurisin is now working in the Bureau of Personnel in Washington, and living at Arlington Farms, Virginia. ... Pfc. Paul Hoyer is at Marine Barracks at Great Lakes. ... Francis Hoyer, EM 2/c, is on his way to sub school at New London, Conn. ... Dorothy Havens, AMM 1/c, has been transferred to Whiting Field, Milton, Fla. ... Helen Brofer, AMM 3/c, is at Milton, Florida, a town that is now meltin' with the heat. ... T/5 Russell Rhodes is at the convalescent hospital at Camp Pickett, Virginia. ... Lt. George Burnet is at Lawton, Okla. ... Don Linn, AS, of Lehigh, is at Great Lakes. ... Sgt. Raymond Newbrough is in the hospital at Savannah, Ga. He ran a safety wire through his eye about five weeks ago. He is making a fine recovery. His sight has been saved and he will be out again soon. Lt. Don Hicks is in the same hospital and getting along fine. ... Pvt. Charlie Ernst is at Camp Rucker, Ala. ... Pvt. Paul H. Mundt, of Farnhamville, is now at Ft. Meade, Md. ... W. D. Cunningham, AP 1/c, is at Oakland, California. He is now piloting DC 3s and DC 4s. His sister is a cadet nurse at Minneapolis General Hospital. ... Pvt. Earl Hay is with the medical corps and going to an eight weeks school at El Paso, Texas. ... Pvt. Duane G. Longstaff is at Kessler Field, Mississippi. Thanks, Duane, for the insignia.

SMALL WORLD. F/O John M. Sweeney and Sgt. Milo Voss, somewhere in China. ... Arthur Davis, S 1/c, Edgerly Watts and Bob Ditzenburger, in the navy air base at Jacksonville, Fla. ... Pfc. Robert Skoog, of Dayton, just fresh from a big campaign in the Southwest Pacific, met Vincent Bestick, GM 3/c, and Lt. Gerald Patton, of Gowrie, on the way out. Bob's brother, S/Sgt. Herbert Skoog, is also in the SW Pacific. Bob says hello to everyone. ... They got together in Manila, Pfc. Leonard Heitcamp, John Ascherl, Pvt. John Hanson, S/Sgt. Paul Steinmaus and brothers, S/Sgt. William and Pvt. Paul Powers, all from Duncombe.

DAS REICH. Pfc. Frank Campbell, with the 278th Engineers, is in Speyer, Germany. ... Pfc. Foster is guarding a warehouse in Gutersloh, Germany. ... Pat Derrig is with the military government in Nidda, Germany, "A pretty place, hills and green trees all around, just about like Kalo, with a small creek running through the town." Pat says the Letters From Home have been getting to him in seven days. ... Pfc. Johnnie Sorlie is somewhere in Germany and tired with being overseas two and a half years. ... Pfc. Francis Hart is somewhere in Germany. ... An amusing postal from Sgt. Joe Smith, somewhere in the Bavarian Alps. Thanks, Joe. ... 1st Lt. Cole McMartin is with the Third Army at the town of Grafenwhar in Germany near the Czech border. ... The special May, 1945, edition of The Santa Fe Express from Cpl. Robert Horton, somewhere in Germany. Thanks, Bob.

☉ **BELGIUM.** Cpl. Clarence Hyde is somewhere in Belgium.

☉ **MERRY ENGLAND.** Cpl. Clarence F. Youngren, F 1/c, is in Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk, England. He says hello to Floyd Zeba, in India, and would like to hear from him. Clarence's address is 410 Bomb Sq. 94th Bomb Grp., APO 559, New York. His brother, Chester, is a F 1/c, on the USS Graffius, out of San Francisco. Thanks for the song, Clarence.

☉ **SERVICE PAPERS AND INSIGNIA.** The Post Echo from Lt. Harold A. Dessinger, Vol. 1 and No. 1, the publication of the Engineer Depot at Liege, Belgium. Thanks, Harold . . . The 2D Replacement Regiment Press from Pvt. Paul Mundt, Ft. Meade, Md. Thanks, Paul . . . The China Lantern from S/Sgt. Ray A. McCoy, somewhere in China. Thanks, Ray . . . The first issue of the Beachhead, from the A. A. F. redistribution center at Miami Beach, sent to us by Pfc. Jessie Borges. Thanks, Jessie . . . The Wildcat, published by the 81st Infantry "Wildcat" Division, from Pfc. R. L. Newby, Visayas, Philippines. Thanks, R. L. . . . An illustrated booklet and a very amusing map all about the Timberwolves, the 104th Infantry Division, from Major Chas. R. Atwell, now in Halle, Germany. Charlie got his majority and a bronze star on the battlefield, "Both unexpected and very agreeable surprises." The 104th is leaving for the CBI but Charlie is being kept on in Germany to remain probably with the military government . . . The Monterey Horn from Lt. Chas. D. Anderson, of Gowrie, from the US Naval Air Station at Monterey. As one of his duties at the airfield, Lt. Anderson will have charge of the publication of the Monterey Horn. Thanks, Lt. . . . The 83rd Thunderbolt from Pfc. Rossette Harp, somewhere in Germany. Thanks, Rossette . . . Hell on Wheels, the publication of the second armored Division from Pfc. Frank Weiss, formerly of Gates Dry Goods Company, now in Calbecht, Germany. Thanks, Frank . . . The Chaser from Marianne Fuhrmeister, SpX 2/c, Leamington Wave Barracks, Miami, Fla. Thanks, Marianne . . . The White Falcon from Cpl. F. W. Boyce, up in Iceland. Thanks, F. W. . . . The Troop Carrier from Lt. Wm. G. Hesser, now at Warrensburg, Mo. Thanks, Bill.

☉ **LA BELLE FRANCE.** Capt. Kenneth R. Leffler is an instructor at the Infantry Officer's Training School at Fontainebleau, France . . . Lt. I. C. Wogenson is in LaBelle France, and "most reliable (5% official) sources indicate that this particular group is slated for an extended stay." . . . Sgt. Glen Peterson is at Marseilles, France, and by this time probably on his way home with over one hundred points . . . S/Sgt. Guy Slagenweit is having a wonderful time along the Riviera and wishes we were there. Gee, and that's been my fondest dream—a vacation on the Riviera . . . Pvt. Willard Swanson is somewhere in France.

☉ **OVERSEAS.** Pfc. Ivan Atkins is with Co. A of the 404th Engineers, APO 464, New York.

☉ **FROM THE FIVE CORNERS OF THE WORLD—**Sgt. Joe Seko, APO 559, New York. "Many of my friends will remember me helping them through the induction service back at Camp Dodge, Iowa, and of course won't condemn me for it because I must admit that one day they proved to be very monotonous. It was my job in the line of duty, so I guess I'm forgiven by now by any that still remember the hectic day that they put in, in the above mentioned place."

1st Lt. Don G. Culver, Immendorf, Germany. "After nearly three years I finally arranged to get to see my brother. I just got back last night from a five day trip to visit him. He is stationed in Metz, France, and I am in Immendorf, Germany, so it was really quite a trip. Exactly three hundred and ninety-one (391) miles. I got to go in my jeep so I made the trip in one day each way. It sure was great to see him after such a long time. Now if I can just get back to see the rest of my family that will just about complete things except for complete and final victory. I expect by now you are saying to yourself "well where in heck can Immendorf, Germany, be". It is not a very large place so if you know where Brunswick is you will have a very good idea of where I am. Immendorf is just south of Brunswick about ten miles. It is one of the places where Herman Goering had his Herman Goering Works, but today this Herman Goering Works is quite "Kapoot". We are stationed right in the middle of the settlement where the workers of the plant used to live so, of course, there are a lot of civilians around here. A lot of the women are very nice looking too. I am sure they know that the soldiers cannot fraternize with them because the women do about everything in their power to show off their womanly features to the soldiers to entice them. I see nothing so enticing about them and especially when you stop and think that maybe no more than two months ago they might have been driving a tank or carrying a gun. It is a cinch they were doing nothing to help us win the war. I can say the country over here is really quite beautiful and the people seem to be quite industrious. They sure have some nice looking crops and very little equipment to do anything with. Most all of the tending of crops is done by hand.

Pvt. Bernard Giese, Fort Myers, Florida. "This wonderful night in Fort Myers, Florida, finds three wandering Joes in a wonderful sunset, obscured and overcast by rain clouds. We are assembled on a sack in a tar paper shack. All three of us are now training to be future Army Air Force Remote Control Turret Gunners on B-29 Super Forts. Upon completion of our twelve week course of rigid and "intensive" training, we will graduate and receive our wings. Well, Ed, old pal, the weather reports state that a hurricane will possibly come this way. We might be home faster than we plan on. The wind is terrible down here. We must dash out and get our drawers off the line and tie down our tar-paper shacks. Dictated by moult and writ by hand!"

Pfc. Richard Black, Somewhere in the Philippines. "I got my fill of swamps and jungle my first two days here as several of us went out exploring. Our haul was pretty good, some coconuts, pineapple, bananas which were the wrong kind, monkey food only. Our next chance we get we're going after a monkey as there are a lot of them here. The only catch is a few swamps, etc., to get at them."

Sgt. George Caldwell, Erding, Germany. "The company is billeted on an air port near the town of Erding. Erding is just a few miles northeast of Munich. It is the first flat country I've seen since we hit Germany. They seem to go in for raising hay. Everywhere you look you see people working in hay fields. Most of the work is done by hand. Farm machinery is very scarce. It is quite a sight to see a woman swinging a scythe down through a field. When they get done you'd swear it was cut with a mower. I'm enclosing a couple of pictures. Both were taken at Berchtesgaden, Hitler's mountain home. The building is Hitler's home and the big window in the end of the building, right side of picture, is the window that all the newspapers carried pictures of. It was in his study and looked out over the Alps. The other picture is taken from the window. The dark object is an eavespout hollowed out of a timber. As you can see in the picture of the building the Air Corps has worked on it. The building was gutted by fire. It is really a wonderful view and a chance I probably would never have had, had I not been in the Army. Of course I'd give up all such chances just to be in the old town tho'." Thanks, George, for the swell pictures.

Pvt. Donald P. Nodtvedt, Keesler Field, Mississippi. "I have met several fellows from Fort Dodge down here. Ed Steinhoff, Pfc. Bob Pfaff and a couple of others. Ed has the Big Dodger for this year so I can't miss that. I'm going to an aviation Mechanic School down here on the night shift. The only thing bad about it is it's so hot we can't sleep during the day." Just a line to let you know that Uncle has found a new boarding house for me. I got here right in the middle of the rainy season. I hear that it's been raining back there too, but it can't be like this. It rains daily and sometimes all day. The place is about half covered

with water all the time. We have board walks leading from place to place. By the way, this is Buckingham Field and I'm here for Gunnery School. I ran across Junior Brown from the home town and I'm keeping an eye for some others."

Robert J. Ault, S 1/c, Somewhere in the Philippines. "You know, Ed, awhile back I got a kick out of reading in one of the papers where one of the Fort Dodge boys told how civilized the people were here in the Philippines. I have often wondered where that fella was stationed at. All I have seen is the jungle part myself, but I would sure like to visit that civilized section."

Lt. R. J. Mulroney, APO 920, San Francisco. "I am now on Biak, which is considerably farther from Fort Dodge than I had ever intended to get. However, the Army, in its very purposeful way, has changed my original plans. I was in Fort Dodge on the 28th of May, and I have already been here several days. It takes pretty near as long as that to get up to Minnesota for a fishing trip. Ed, this world is getting too small. I am a personnel officer at one of the Air Transport Command Air Bases in the South West Pacific. My most difficult task is taking in the soldiers deposits. They come with their pay books and say they want to deposit \$100.00 to be sent to their home town bank. With that they toss me a handful of strange bills including Dutch, Philippine, American, and English, and say here is the hundred bucks. I can't argue with them because I sure can't understand these damn conversion charts. Somebody is probably going to get screwed up, and I hope it isn't me. Well, you can see that my job isn't dangerous. As a matter of fact if I had to shoot a gun I would close my eyes because I could probably do better that way. As for my knife, it is so dull from opening beer cans (warm beer, by the way), I'm sure it wouldn't penetrate the outer epidermis. There has been some rough stuff, but its all clear now, and probably safer than Main Street on Saturday night. I understand Wertzel Weiss is somewhere on this lovely coral rock, but I have not yet seen him. I will be looking for him soon. Here is a thumb nail description of our activities here. Get up in the early A. M., eat, go to work, check for mail, wash out some clothes, go to the movie if one is on, or a USO show, drink a couple of cans of beer, and then go to bed. It's not exciting, but it's not so bad either if you don't have to stay in one place too long, which all too often happens."

S/Sgt. Victor Macek, APO 230, New York, New York. "Right now we are in Giersleben, Germany, and we really have a swell place to live. It's sort of a mansion and I'll bet it must have 25 or 30 rooms in it. About a month or so ago when we were located in Halle, I happened to run across John Snook. He didn't recognize me until I told him my name and after that we had quite a chat. It was sure good to talk to one of the local fellows because a person don't get that opportunity every day. I also heard the other day that Lt. Kenny Hill is only a short distance from us. I'd sure like to get over there and see him. We used to work together at the USG."

T/5 Harold J. Foran, APO 562, New York, New York. "Recently I enjoyed a trip to Paris. Visited the Eiffel Tower, Tomb of Napoleon, Cathedral of Notre Dame, Arch of Triumph, saw the Gold plated statue of Joan of Arc, and many other interesting sights."

Leonard Myer, AOM 2/c, Fleet Postoffice, San Francisco, California. "At the present time I'm with a rescue squadron, and it has been sometime since I strolled down Central Avenue of Fort Dodge, in fact three years this coming November. I've hopes of doing so sometime in the near future as that means a great deal to a guy out here because it is home that really counts. A few nights ago I got quite a thrill as Dick Jurgins and his all Marine Corps Band passed through here on tour and did a show for us. Much to my surprise I noted a familiar face up on the stage and consequently it proved to be Zeke Zimmerman, of Fort Dodge. I didn't get the opportunity to talk with him but the boys put on a real show for us that we enjoyed a lot. The many stage shows we see are really tops in entertainment and don't think we don't appreciate them."

Deane E. Smith, S 2/c, Somewhere in the Philippines. "Well, it's a long time since I've written in to tell you that Y. L. F. H. is tops, but here I am, and saying it's one of the best morale builders I've seen out here, except for one blonde USO entertainer. Since I've last written, a lot has happened. We've moved to a small island and for awhile were by ourselves, but now we're crowded to the brim. I'm drinking ice water and listening to the radio. Oh, what a change from 6 months back."

Lt. G. E. Rohrer, APO 737, Minneapolis, Minnesota. "I've been receiving Y. L. F. H. for a number of months but until now had not done much to help with your collection of patches. I trust that you do not have another one such as this, being that I am the only Fort Dodger in this theatre. The white of the patch represents the ice pack, the blue the waters of Hudson Bay, the white in the center is an igloo and the red represents the Northern Lights. This is the patch worn by the men in the Central Canada Theatre. This is also worn in the Labrador Theatre. I have recently been promoted from Second to First Lt. after being in the Army 16 months. I only wish for one more promotion. To be promoted to the grade of a civilian. I know the rest of the fellows feel the same. Today is the longest day of the year and it really is long here. We are getting 23 hours of daylight which is a long day in any part of the world. I'm stationed at Churchill, Manitoba, which is about 2500 miles north of Fort Dodge. My job is to fly supplies into the outlying weather stations near here. I have crossed the Arctic Circle many times which is always a thrill to me. This theatre of operations has been declared inactive since VE-Day so we should be getting home about the first of August." Thanks, Glenn, for the beautiful patch, first I've seen.

Pfc. Thomas Larson, Minster, Germany. "I'm now billeted in what used to be a German Army Camp. It took me eight days to get here from England. I went by boat from England to France, then I climbed aboard a 40-8 Boxcar and continued through Belgium, Luxembourg, Holland and Germany. One thing I noticed in particular was that every railroad bridge had been blown out, the largest being over the Rhine River. The bridges since have been replaced by the Army Engineers. The climate here is very similar to that in Iowa. The Germans also grow the same crops; and despite the war the people seem to be pretty well dressed especially the frauleins. We are not allowed to talk to them so you can imagine how they try to encourage us. I've been in 15 countries since the war. I hope to hit the good old U. S. A. soon. And other swell letters from: Cpl. Guy E. Feeley, APO 280, New York . . . Pvt. L. Lindberg, WAC Detachment No. 2, Camp Carson, Colorado . . . T/5 Ray Millard, APO 753, New York . . . Lt. Jack L. Jones, APO 350, New York . . . Sgt. Wendell Thompson, APO 558, New York . . . T/3 Harry W. Brown, APO 218, New York . . . Sgt. Robert E. Gunderson, APO 321, San Francisco . . . 2nd Lt. Irvin C. Wogenson, APO 133, New York . . . A. L. Kennedy, EM 3/c, c/o Fleet Postoffice, San Francisco . . . T/5 Garold G. Calligan, APO 519-A, New York . . . Joseph Doyle, S 2/c, c/o Fleet Postoffice, San Francisco . . . T/5 John J. Amandus, APO 655, New York . . . F. L. Schnell, EM 1/c, c/o Fleet Postoffice, San Francisco.

In fact the mail this week was super. I don't know how you find the time to do it . . . Bill Mauldin's new book is great, a lot of his best cartoons plus his story of the war and how he came to picture it as he has . . . The weather's been fine, a little humid around the edges but on the whole okay . . . Went to a wedding this morning, a big church wedding with a beautiful bride in satin and lace and a long, long veil, and the groom very elegant in tails and an ascot tie. Beautiful bridesmaids, too, and a flower girl, flowers everywhere and wonderful organ music . . . Hurry home, Joe, and take that best girl under your arm . . . And Joe when you get married, remember me. I'm kinda nuts about weddings . . .

Your home town correspondent,
Ed Green