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COX: "Aw, she came crawling to me on her hands and knees."  
CEM: "What did she say?"  
COX: "Come out from under that bed, you coward!"  
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And then there's the one about the rather timid S 2/c, who, upon emerging from a store with a can of beer, saw the Chaplain heading his way and slipped the can under the back of his jumper.  
"What have you there son," queried the Chaplain, "a tumor?"  
"The S 2/c didn't hesitate, "No, sir," he said, "a can—Sir!"  
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☉ **DEAR JOE:** You ought to see the weather. When it gets up to fifty, we run around bare-headed in the streets, it seems so warm. Last week it rained hailstones so big that I thought our little cottage had been hit by a Jap balloon bomb. Down at Becker Florists those hailstones as big as golf balls knocked out over a thousand panes of glass. Neon signs up and down Central Avenue took a beating and Ralph Wretman is traveling in circles getting them re-tubed . . . W. P. Clark, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, took me for a ride to Des Moines Wednesday. It rained so hard all the way they had a flash flood on the Raccoon River at Adel just after we crossed the bridge. I said to Bill, "How would you like to be doing a little fox-hole sitting in weather like this?" Bill allowed he'd done all his trench warfare a good many years ago when he was attached to the Polish army in the last war . . . As Mark Twain said, we aren't doing a thing about the weather but it's rugged. Ponds of water as big as small lakes are standing in the fields and a lot of corn is going to have to be replanted . . . I'm getting awful tired of this long underwear.

☉ **AROUND THE TOWN:** The old swimming hole at Expo was supposed to open yesterday—Thursday, but the weather was only 58° warm. Opening has been postponed. No polar bears around . . . V. L. Mayclin, whose daughter is with the U. S. Embassy in Sweden, has been named sales supervisor for the Iowa-Illinois Gas and Electric . . . Ben Duca and Mrs. Delma Schwidder have been named Farm Bureau aids for the summer in food production work . . . It was 32 at Estherville last Sunday, the lowest temperature ever recorded there in June . . . A League of Women Voters is being organized in Fort Dodge. Temporary officers are Mrs. E. M. Kersten, Mrs. Robert Smyth, Mrs. Harold Ertl and Mrs. M. A. Rudolph . . . Mrs. Aline Robinson was fined \$300.00 this week for selling beer without a license . . . The Elks are celebrating their 50th anniversary in Fort Dodge this next week. Gen. Chas. Grahl will speak at the Elks flag day ceremony Sunday evening at the band shell . . . Sgt. Chester A. Vish, whose eye was injured a week ago Saturday in the Army show, "Here's Your Infantry," is hospitalized in Lincoln, Nebraska. His eye will have to be removed . . . A Polar bear got loose in a baggage car down in Boone. Had the car to himself for quite awhile. Kenneth Sonderleiter, of Des Moines, well known in the prohibition era as the publisher of a select catalogue of liquors called "The Treasure Chest," now a zoo keeper, was called in to round him up. He did. Got him into another and stronger cage . . . The Farmers Grain Dealers Association, with offices in the Warden Building, bought the biggest elevator in the state last week. It is located in Des Moines . . . The Firemen have hunted for almost a week for the body of Frank Peterson, Manson farmer, who was drowned in the Des Moines river last week . . . Despite the cool, wet weather the play grounds are open and the grade scholars are using them . . . Ft. Dodge won it's first game in the new league Sunday, defeating Pomeroy 6 to 2. Proeschold pitched for Ft. Dodge, and held Pomeroy to four hits while the Dodgers were collecting 13 from Dalke. In other games, Manson defeated Lohrville, 1 to 0; and Vincent took Gowrie 2 to 1 . . . In the Big Seven Round Robin, the High School ball team took the worst beating of the season from West Waterloo, 13 to 0 . . . Byrl Hauck has been selected president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce . . . Wm. V. Mulroney, with the Army Air Forces in England, is now a First Lieutenant . . . O. C. Pfaff has been elected president of the Country Club. Forrest Hagerman is Vice President, and Glen Southwick, Secretary and Treasurer . . . Nevadell (Terry) Lemberg, of Badger, won top honors at Drake University in design, drawing and sculpture. She is a Junior at Drake . . . A. C. Zimmerman, of the firm of Zimmerman and Wiche, tailors, is dead. He was 52 . . . Miss Charlotte Ford, daughter of former Mayor John Ford, is the new director of recreation in Fort Dodge. She resigned as Field Director of U. S. O. in Washington to accept the position.

☉ **OVER HERE.** John Cawelti is an officer candidate in the Quartermaster school in Camp Lee, Virginia . . . Robert L. Ewing, S 1/c, is at Shoemaker, California . . . Frank Gustafson, SC 1/c, is leaving Shoemaker, heading out that a-way . . . Back in the states after 27 months in the Pacific, Loren T. Swanson, RM 1/c, is with the USS Adm. H. Rodman detail at Treasure Island. His wife is with him and Tommy Estlund also is in the same command. "The last ship I was on Bob Hulet was along." . . . S/Sgt. Cecil Julius is at Scott Field, Illinois . . . Venzil O'Dell, S 2/c, is at Shoemaker, California . . . Major Melvin Ingerbritsen, of Lehigh, is at Fort Ord, California . . . Pvt. Curtis Tessum is at Camp Pinesdale, California, going to radio school . . . Lt. Earl D. Foster, with fifty-five months in the service, many of them in the Aleutians, is now at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, in the LARTC. He's hoping to be home soon.

☉ **DOWN THE CENTER AISLE.** Lt. Isabel Knutson, NC, stationed at San Diego, was married April 14th, is now Mrs. Larson. Her brother Elwood Knutson, Y 3/c, is stationed at San Francisco . . . Ellen Thorsen and Lt. Dale Onnen, of Manson, in Fort Dodge, May 12th . . . Alma Seifert and Arthur E. Kolb, in Fort Dodge, June 10th . . . Barbara Ann Hamilton and Richard Kehm, in Fort Dodge, June 5th . . . Mr. and Mrs. Martin Hade, of Harcourt. They center aisled it 25 years ago . . . Ruth Margaret Hoffman, of Vincent, and F. O. Carl Schmalenberger, of Omaha, in Vincent, June 9th . . . Clarice Michaels and Lynn Nelson, in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, April 13th . . . Lois Havick, of Harlan, and William H. Schultz, of Fort Dodge, in Des Moines, June 3rd . . . Mrs. Edna Fields, of Alice, Texas, and Lloyd R. Hollis, CEM, in Fort Dodge, May 29th . . . Lt. Mary Kearns and Sgt. Paul Bjorke, in Sacramento, California, soon.

☉ **LA BELLE FRANCE.** Cpl. Don McLoughlin is stationed at Rheims, where General Eisenhower has his headquarters. "Don was in Paris on a forty-eight hour pass the night the war ended. "It was a wonderful sight. One I'll never forget. The French people were really enjoying themselves that night and a fellow can't blame them."

☉ **OVERSEAS.** Capt. Delbert Steiner writes from somewhere, APO 467, New York. "I arrived just two months too late to see Lt. Rozen, but I have seen several who knew him. Mighty nice place. Tell Rozen that the swimming pool is in now."

☉ **SERVICE PAPERS AND INSIGNIA.** The Norton Soundoff from Pfc. Keith Rowley, Nome, Alaska. Thanks, Keith . . . The VE Day Extra of the Gator from B. B. Brennan, S 2/c QM, Little Creek, Va. Thanks, B. B. . . From Cpl. Arthur Ross, APO 986, Seattle, Washington, the midget overseas editions of Time, Newsweek, Popular Science, Look and Redbook, two copies of Overseas Comics and The Capitol. Thanks, Art. . . The 83rd Thunderbolt from Pfc. R. A. Harp, Bar Harzburg, Germany. Thanks, Rosette . . . Tac from Sgt. Roy F. Meyer, at Orlando, Florida. Thanks, Roy . . . The Bay Stater from C. J. Steib, S 1/c, on the USS Massachusetts. Thanks, C. J. . . The Bungee Bugle from Ensign Jim Pilcher, at Glynco, Ga. On the front page is a story about the captain of the Marine detachment of the post who is an old Dodger, Class of '14. He is Guy "Rookie" Rich, and will be remembered well by all the fellows and all the gals of those years. He was handsome then and from his picture I'd say he is still Hollywood material. A week ago Jim ran into Norm Carroll at the air station, in Jacksonville, Fla. Norm is taking an aerial gunnery refresher course. Thanks, Jim . . . The Hump Express from Cpl. Floyd Zeka, somewhere in India . . . The Static Line of the 11th Air Borne Division from Bob Wickwire in the Philippines. Thanks, Bob.

☉ **HIGH SEAS.** Elmer Quick, S 2/c, is radarman on the USS Bunker Hill, CV-17, somewhere out the-a-way. Thanks, Elmer, for the Monument. And say, Elmer, in the very next letter I pick up a copy of the Monument from Joe F. Nastruz, S 1/c, on the same ship, the USS Bunker Hill. Small world, huh? Thanks, Joe . . . A. M. Haroldson, SM 1/c, is on the USS Tisdell, somewhere in the Pacific . . . Gerald Onum, S 2/c, is aboard the USS Essex V2C . . . Dick Fitzgerald, S 1/c, is now on the newly commissioned ammunition ship, the Temple Victory.

☉ **SUNNY ITALY.** Pvt. Andrew Jennings, now in Bolsano, Italy, says "hello" to Don Bell at the Liberty Cab Company and to Fred Kaufman at the Peoples Loan Company. Andy made the push over the Po with the 88th Division. Bolsano is near the Brenner Pass. Thanks, Andy, for the Whermacht Patch.

☉ **WE PLAY ALL REQUESTS THAT YOU SEND IN.** We notify the person for whom they are requested, so if you'll send the address and telephone number when you know it of that person, it'll make it just that much easier for us. Thanks.

☉ **PACIFIC.** Pfc. Edward Chada is in New Guinea . . . Pvt. Alvin I. Anderson, of Vincent, is in the Marianas . . . Roy M. Vieg, CPHM, after two years in his "Pacific paradise," is coming home on leave. Thanks, for the calendar. Yeh, I like it . . . Sgt. Verne E. Aeling, APO 74, is somewhere in the Philippines . . . Pfc. Ray Scherff, APO 86, on a famous island out the-a-way, would like to meet any Dodgers in the neighborhood. Thanks, Ray, for the Island Inquirer . . . Dean F. Linn, AEM 1/c, is sweating it out in the Marshalls. He saw the Dick Jergens show. "It was one of the best to ever hit this rock."

☉ **DAS REICH.** Pfc. Merlin D. Fawcett, who used to work at the Fort Dodge Creamery, is in Germany, having just gotten back from Czechoslovakia. "The day peace was officially declared, I saw many convoys of German trucks all the way from seventy-five miles to one hundred long, including trucks, tanks, and other German war weapons. What a sight. Roads blocked for miles and miles—we had to travel in the fields to help get them moving." Merlin is engaged to Loretta Zimmerman up in Michigan. "We intend to marry as soon as I get back." . . . Pvt. Ed Vanderslice, APO 350, is at a prisoner of war camp somewhere in Germany, and anxious to hear from Hershel Johnson and Robert Whitecotton. Thanks, Ed, for the German money.

☉ **LIBERATED.** Lt. Frank Sims, with many other Dodgers, is at La Harve, France, awaiting transportation. Hopes to be home by the middle of July . . . T/Sgt. Russell L. Schultz, shot down over Germany last January 22, is headed for home . . . 1/Lt. Bernard Gillespie, after 15 months in a Nazi prison camp. He was shot down on his 25th mission out of Italy . . . Lt. Bruce Hanson, prisoner for a year and a half, is home . . . 1st Lt. Gerald Steussy, who was shot down over Germany almost a year ago is free . . . Sgt. Eugene Briggs, is out and in a hospital in France. He was taken prisoner in Italy in 1944 . . . T/5 Tom Peed, of Duncombe, who was taken prisoner in Germany, May 12, 1944 . . . Pvt. F. J. Good, who has been a prisoner since December 22 of 1944.

☉ **TEXAS PAPERS PLEASE COPY.** Sgt. Curt Sorenson, writing from the land of monsoons and rajahs, adds this p. s. "As much as I hate India, Texas is still worse."

☉ **SMALL WORLD.** Lt. Carl E. Anderson and Joe McCarville, in Namur, Belgium. "We met by accident when Joe was going over some of my records. We didn't know each other but we had the usual talk about the home town." . . . S/Sgt. Ray McCoy, and T/S Vincent F. Powers, met one recent Sunday morning as they left church somewhere in China. They are stationed only two miles apart . . . Pfc. Angelo Breno, was in the beer line last Saturday out the-a-way, when he ran into Tommy Johnston. Tom came over for chicken dinner the next day and then the two of them



went into town and looked up **Leo Campbell**. "The three of us went into the trade winds and had a couple. **George Daniels** is over here, too, and we are going to look him up the first chance we get." Thanks for the snapshot, Angelo.

◎ **ENJOYING MOM'S COOKIN'**, **Floyd Hansen**, MoMM 2/c, back from Iwo Jima and Okinawa, where he has been having hush hush work . . . **Pfc. Tom Pray** from a hospital in the states. Tom was wounded after 30 days in the line, was in a hospital in Marseilles for five months. Looks fine . . . **Major Jack Douglas** back from Italy. Looks fine . . . **Ensign Joe D. McTigue** on a five day leave . . . **Pvt. Paul Bargar** from Tuscaloosa, Ala., home for 16 days . . . **Lt. John V. Mulholland**, Pilot on a B-24, back from England . . . **Cpl. Mervin Bowman**, enroute to Norfolk, and from there overseas . . . **Cpl. Harris Johnson**, of Gowrie, from Italy . . . **WAVE Imogene Peterson**, HA 1/c, from Lanyon, recently spent a weekend at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Omar Burkgren in Pittsburg, California . . . **Ens. Lloyd Hambleton** from Pensacola, Fla. . . **Pvt. Karl Kelocia** from Camp Hood, Texas, enroute to Fort Meade, Md. . . . **Pfc. John H. Ort**, wounded in Germany, is home for good, honorably discharged . . . **Pfc. Ray West**, from Norfolk, Va. . . **Geo. Blunk**, S 2/c, from Camp Endicott, R. I. . . **Cpl. Fred Vandi**, of Lehigh, from the E. T. O. . . **Pvt. Eugene Urban**, enroute to Fort Meade, Md. . . **Lt. Geo. Burnet**, just commissioned at Ft. Sill . . . **Cpl. Harold T. Larson** from Bremerton, Washington . . . **Cpl. R. L. Rhodes**, after having been wounded in Europe. He is in a convalescent hospital now at Camp Pickett, Va. . . **Ensign Lloyd Fuhrmeister** and his wife, who is a WAVE, from Miami, Fla. . . **Cliff and Mrs. Hollis** and son, Billy, from Washington, D. C., and **Lloyd Hollis** from the Pacific. Cliff is a C. F. C. and Lloyd a C. E. . . **Orlando Ditsworth**, S 2/c, from Camp Endicott, R. I. . . **John A. Fetrow**, S 2/c, from Tacoma, Washington. He is serving aboard an air craft carrier . . . **M/Sgt. Gordon Fawkes** and his brother **Dwight**, of Otho. Gordon is flight chief on a B-24; Dwight was wounded in Europe and is recovering at McCloskey General Hospital, Temple, Texas. . . **Sgt. Jerome Backoven** is home, honorably discharged from Percy Jones Hospital, Battle Creek, Michigan . . . **Petty Officer Robert Nicholls** has received his honorable discharge from the navy and is home for good.

◎ **WARS GRIM TOLL**, **Richard M. Peed**, GM 2/c, has been killed in action in the Pacific . . . Seriously wounded in Germany on April 19th, **Sgt. L. D. Cobb** is well along the way toward recovery . . . **Sgt. D. D. Vegors**, of Dayton, was wounded in action on Iwo Jima off Okinawa, on April 21.

◎ **85 OR MORE CLUB**, **Sgt. Keith Smokstad** and **Sgt. Dale Reichart**, who spent two years in German prison camps are out on points . . . **Cpl. Ben Salvatore**, also a prisoner for two years.

◎ **FROM THE FIVE CORNERS OF THE WORLD**, **Cpl. Sigwel Simonson**, China. "So far I haven't met anyone from Fort Dodge, but while I was in India, I ran into one fellow from the home town and that was **Larry Arnold**. We were both on the same base for several months before running into each other. I hope, if there is anyone from around home near here, they will look me up. I am with S. O. S., APO 627, which stands for Service Of Supplies. My branch of service, however, is still the air corps, but I was assigned to this outfit after I arrived here in China. The country seems to be better than India. We don't seem to have as much rain and it isn't very hot. The altitude is considerably higher, so I guess that has a lot to do with it being much cooler. The people are harder workers than the Indians. They don't have the modern equipment so it always takes them quite awhile to get their work done. Another thing, everyone in the family seems to work. You see small boys of about six years carrying buckets of water and baskets of dirt. Some of the work they do looks like work for grown men. You seldom see any automobiles here. The Chinese have a few trucks of their own, but most of the vehicles you see belong to the army."

**S/Sgt. Robert R. Rice**, France. "This outfit is pretty quiet now, we haven't hauled any cargo for a week or so. We surely did put a lot of it over, though. No doubt you've heard of the Flying Pipeline. Well, that's us! Somebody certainly was right when they called us the workhouse of the AAF. We've been known to fly anything in every kind of weather. Being I'm a newcomer, I suppose you'll want to know this: I was in on the Normandy, Holland and German invasions. Between times we hauled freight. Rather uninteresting life, but it has its moments. To my estimation, and a lot of others, Holland was the toughest, at least for the airborne troops. We met some of the roughest humans in the world—some mad Polish troops; brother, were they mad! As far as judo goes, they must have taught the Japs. One was showing me a few tricks, and he darn near broke my back with a trick handshake." Thanks, Bob, for the Airborne Troop Carrier Patch.

**Chaplain Harold G. Belsheim**, Germany. "Sometime ago I cast into your hands, via Uncle Sam's mail service, a small quantity of captured enemy material. It included one large Nazi flag, one helmet and maybe some other odds and ends. The flag was taken at Nuremberg, Hitler's favorite city. All of it was 'liberated' by the fighting men of the 42nd Infantry (Rainbow) Division. What you will do with it, I do not know. After I mailed it, it became your baby and your responsibility." This captured Nazi flag has arrived. It's the biggest flag I ever saw. I don't know what we are going to do with it, but we'll work out some appropriate way of displaying it. Thanks, Chaplain.

**Pfc. Foster Funk**, Germany. "I'm working right now at the Straggler Collecting Point, connected with the 9th Army Headquarters. By the way, Ed, post this in your letter, will you—just in case there may be someone from home around here, I would like to have them drop in on me sometime. It's hard to say how much longer I will be at this job, but I expect it to last at least another month. Our job here is taking care of stragglers and seeing that they get back to their outfit. There are times when we have to travel some 500 miles to get the soldiers back to where they belong."

**Capt. C. K. Gross**, Still in Das Reich. "In a period of almost two years in the ETO, Major Lowell K. Brueland became one of the recognized heroes of this war, holding a total of twenty-nine decorations including the Distinguished Service Cross and Silver Star. He flew 150 missions and destroyed 16½ enemy aircraft. In strafing and dive-bombing he was a one man air force. Patton couldn't have moved without him. He's America's answer to the Japanese situation in case the Nips don't give up when they first hear he's coming. Still, in the last two years I have never seen his name in YLFH. If you're not careful I'll cancel my subscription." We are very proud of Major Brueland. We admire his courage and his modesty. We had no intention of hiding him under a bushel. However, it would appear that Major Brueland's mod-

esty has only been exceeded by our incompetence. But gosh, Capt., don't cancel. You are the reader we depend upon.

**Sgt. Harold W. Burke**, APO 772, New York. "It's been a long time since I was in the old home town. I left there June 8, 1942, and the 26th of the month I will be overseas 32 months. And then I haven't enough points to come home. I have 83 points. I was in Ireland, Scotland, Africa, Italy and now I am in the southern part of France, about 18 miles out of Marseilles. I have been farther north, too. I was up at Dijon at the break-through last winter. Our job is guarding supplies on the railway, and it has been a little rough at times. I have been a cook going on two years. Should be Chaplain because I hear lots of bitching! In two and a half years of cooking, I have been in nineteen different kitchens. Just about the time we get all fixed up we get orders to move, and I am plenty sick of moving, and am sweating another move right now. I am keeping my fingers crossed and hoping to run into some fellows from Fort Dodge. In the thirty months I've been overseas I've only run into three fellows from home, and one of them was **Butch Messersmith**. He tells me his father runs a cafe in **Joe Cole's** building on 6th. He's stationed here, too, but he's in the O. M. The other two boys I saw are with Co. G. My son is in the air corps and is stationed at Orlando, Florida. He is a crew chief on a B-17 and holds a S/Sgt. rating. He outranks me. His name is **DeWayne Burke** and he used to be a clerk at the **Warden Hotel**." **Pfc. Marvin J. McCoy**, France. "I think I told you before that I met another kid from the old home town over this way awhile back, **Melvin Tyler**. I didn't know him too well but we certainly got acquainted fast. Today I met a **Red Cross** worker and I asked her if she had met **Mary Dolliver**. She said, 'Oh my gosh, everyone knows Mary.' Before she got away I managed to get a package of doughnuts from her. She said she had been overseas 26 months and was ready to go back, but didn't know when."

**Pfc. Richard D. Andrews**, Czechoslovakia. "At present we are 'liberators,' if you read the papers you will know what I mean. The people are friendly and willing to give and not receive. This is a pretty country and the land is quite rolling. They have a queer way of farming here; they have a strip of land 25 feet wide planted that they cultivate, another 25 feet wide that they plant in clover or grain. I have seen no corn here at all, guess it's just something they don't have here. Their bread is the old black sour type that makes your jaw ache when you try to eat it. Their main diet is this old black bread, potatoes, very little meat and some milk. The homes, as a whole, are little one story affairs sitting on the ground, with the barn and house all in one building. It's usually a long building with the house having a red tiled roof and the barn a thatched one. The manure from the barn is right at the front door."

**Sgt. Roy F. Meyer**, Orlando Army Air Base. "As of May 1st, I'm the proud daddy of a new daughter. C. O. (a very understanding fellow) knowing the plight of these new fathers, arranged a short furlough for me. The days went fast, all five of them, but I enjoyed every minute of them."

**Pfc. Rossette A. Harp**, Gebhardshagen, Germany. "Yesterday I sent you a couple bottles of parfum. I want all the girls, who are working on Friday nights getting YLFH ready to mail, to have a chance of winning them. Have all the girls write their names on a piece of paper or something and place them in a hat, and the two names drawn will receive the parfum. If you have some other way of doing it, you may do so. I visited the Herman Goering Factories today. I was one of the two hundred men who had a chance to see these places where they used to make guns, tanks, submarines, vehicles and all kinds of weapons, which were used in this six years of war. Most of the places have been bombed and the gas tanks have been strafed. Most of the gas tanks have been patched up where bullets have gone through. There were 23 different nations represented by the 45,000 men who work in these factories. All the time off these men have is about two Sundays a month. The factories were built in 1938, but not completed until 1939. These factories are only six kilometers (3 miles) from Gebhardshagen, where I'm staying now. We were in a town before called **Bad Harzburg**, where we had movies every night with a floor show, also had a swimming pool which opened every day, and tennis courts and stables. In plain words everyone likes **Bad Harzburg**. Here in Gebhardshagen there is nothing to do, except a few German civilians around, whom we aren't allowed to speak to. Sixty-four dollars still goes for anyone caught talking with any civilian in Germany! We've been out a few times gathering German Ammunition lying along the roads and in the fields. By the way censorship has been lifted! Now we can seal our own letters and no officer has to sign his name on the envelope anymore. Packages still have to be censored." Okay, Rossette, that parfum deal is swell. When it comes we'll do it just that way—watch YLFH and see who wins. Thanks for the picture.

**Don L. Engelman**, MoMM 3/c, Philippines. "Received several copies of YLFH recently. They were swell and it only took a week for them to arrive. I found out where lots of my old buddies are. I wrote **Dick Purkapile**, got his address from YLFH. We saw the stage show 'Oklahoma' recently. Boy were the fellows peeved, cause we were all excited over seeing white girls and then they come out on the stage with skirts to their ankles. I had a sad experience the other day, fell overboard. Nobody saw me go over, but luckily I can swim. I had to swim to a line and pull myself aboard. Wet naturally, but otherwise I was okay."

And lots of other swell letters from **Pvt. Andrew Jennings**, APO 88, New York . . . **John C. Otten**, S 1/c, Miami, Florida . . . **Orville Walters**, S 2/c, San Diego, California . . . **Sgt. E. P. McDermott**, APO 513, New York . . . **Pfc. Roy Largent**, APO 86, San Francisco, California . . . **Sgt. E. N. Smith**, APO 331, San Francisco, Calif. . . **Pfc. George Michelson**, APO 141, New York, New York . . . **Pfc. Al Habhab**, APO 559, New York . . . **Cpl. Arling Ostrem**, Victoria, Kansas . . . **T/3 Harry Brown**, APO 11430, New York . . . **Carl E. Theiss**, WT 2/c, San Francisco, California . . . And so we come to the end of Letter No. 33, in Volume 2, with the weather forecast monotonously reading "Cloudy with showers, today, tonight and tomorrow. Little change in temperature." A lot of our best customers are beginning to complain. They think that we've made a recording of that weather forecast and that we are putting it on day after day and hence are responsible for this deluge . . . That really isn't so. **Mr. Reed**, down in Des Moines, tells the U. P. they tell us and what can we do? We can't keep it a secret, and yet it does get discouraging. "Cloudy with showers, etc., etc., etc." . . . Be seeing you, Joe. Good Luck.

Your home town correspondent,  
Ed Breen.