

Your Letter From Home

A little colored boy was sitting slumped down in a chair with his feet resting on top of the table when his mammy came into the room and said, "Lord, yo sho' is a lazy boy, youse zackly like yo' pappy. Thank God I didn't marry that man."

—The Bavarian,
Augsburg, Germany

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When Lt. Shannon of ECAD was an enlisted man, he was gigger in a display of equipment because he had no comb showing in the place the Soldier's Handbook indicated it ought to be. Which is normal enough, but he was, for all useful purposes, bald.

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✦ **DEAR JOE:** The moppets, the curly heads, the kid brothers and sisters ran in a new one on us this week. Thursday night, of course, was **Halloween**. But Wednesday night, to my surprise, was **Beggar's Night**. I'd missed that somehow in my youth or maybe that came along with the atomic bomb. For two nights we answered the door for little ghosts and goblins and pixies and elves who in the clear, funny voices of childhood being very serious, demanded of us, "Treats or tricks". Some carried jack-o-lanterns and many wore sheets with holes cut for eyes and nose and mouth. There were few noise makers. I wonder if those old tick tacks that we used to carve out of a spool and put on a big nail there to be spun against a window pane are now a lost art and no longer a part of Halloween fun . . . The pheasant hunters are out and many are coming back with very good bags. The trapping season starts in Iowa on November 10th . . . The weather continues to be delightful. And farmers are happy as more and more corn dries in the field. October was the driest October in years. As a result, the leaves are brilliant in color this fall and very crisp . . . **Dr. Will Durant** was with us last night as the first speaker on **Winter Chautauqua**. He spoke at Junior High and pleased a very good audience . . . Every day sees more and more Dodgers back on the old familiar streets. It will be grand when you are back, Joe.

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✦ **AROUND THE TOWN.** The First Evangelical Church is observing its 83rd anniversary this week. They are organizing an orchestra for the 18th annual presentation of the "Messiah," Dec. 9 . . . **Women of the Moose** assumed the offices in the city hall Monday . . . **K. G. Mann** was one of 601 officers and men on a Victory Loan tour . . . Pheasant season opened Sunday with hunters having varied results on bags. Good cover is protecting the birds . . . **John Cody**, S 1/c, is home after having been held in a Jap prison camp in Java. He already has picked up 30 of the 56 pounds he lost as a prisoner . . . Another Jap prisoner of war, **Elwood O'Brien**, CPO, has returned home . . . **Beverly Holmstrom** was elected Dodger football queen at the homecoming last week . . . **Frank Owen** bowled a 299 game last Thursday night; it's the highest known on local alleys. The previous high was 298 bowled by **Dan Roberts** . . . The 24th annual V. F. W. Poppy sale was held here last Saturday . . . Shoe stores should have a great time now. Rationing was lifted at midnight Tuesday . . . **Thanksgiving** day will be observed in Iowa on Nov. 22. Only **Arkansas** and **Tennessee** are holding out for the last Thursday in the month, Nov. 29 . . . **Dr. C. Bernard Hamilton**, just out of the service, has resumed his dental practice here . . . **Sister Mary Josella**, who was interned five years by the Japs, has arrived back in the states. She is now at **Loretta Motherhouse**, Nerinx, Ky.

✦ **SCOREBOARD.** **Dodgers**, 41—**Rough Riders**, of Roosevelt, of Des Moines, 0. That tells the story of all but the first two minutes of the game. For those two minutes, the **Rough Riders** looked like a football team. **Bill Ward**, big and fast Roosevelt full back, was the spearhead of a drive that took the **Riders** to the Dodger 37-yard line. There the powerful Dodger wall called a halt. **Ward** punted over the goal line and the **Dodgers** got the ball on their own 20. On the first play, **Constantine** cut over his own right tackle on the familiar **Rockne** perfect play, was out in the open and past the safety man before he had reached the center of the field. From there it was a footrace between **George** and a very fleet **Halliburton**, left half for the **Riders**, who tried but could not pull him down. You might say that broke up the ball game. **Bob Brown** went in and kicked the extra point making it 7 to 0 and the **Riders** never looked the same again. **Wasem** made two touchdowns; **Leffler** made two and **Irv Robinson** reaching up into the blue, snagged a **Rider** pass and went for the goal line, which he made without meeting a single **Rider** tackler. The **Dodgers** were in there mowing them down. Every parent that had a boy on the Dodger squad got to see him play because long before the evening was over, every Dodger had his chance and some of those sophomores and juniors from the second and third and fourth teams looked very, very good. We'll have another powerful Dodger squad next year . . . In the meantime, we have the **Mohawks** of **Mason City** to defeat for a perfect season. After that comes the game with **Shattuck**, the charity tilt, which should be a good one. **Shattuck** has lost only one game to date and has a line that outweighs the Dodger forward wall three pounds to the man. The backfield is said to be light but very fast . . . There will be two bus loads of us leaving from KVFD for **Mason City** this afternoon.

✦ **DOWN THE CENTER AISLE.** **Dorothy Spencer** to Lt. Comdr. **Frank Laro**, at Los Angeles next Nov. 25 . . . **Margaret Meyer** to **Joseph D. Martin**, at Clare, Nov. 19 . . . **Elsie Lockman** to Pfc. **Joseph Payne** at Dayton, Ohio, Oct. 19 . . . **Ruth Russell** to Lt. **Del W. Carlton** at St. Paul, Sept. 20 . . . **Wynn Gravholt** to Sgt. **William Peed** here, Oct. 27 . . . **Mary E. Elbert** to **Ralph E. Schaffer** here next Nov. 6.

✦ **WAR'S GRIM TOLL.** Lt. **G. D. Lizer** is reported missing in the Pacific on a flight to Japan . . . S/Sgt. **Gaylord Van Alstine**, reported missing in action over Germany a year ago, Oct. 7, has been officially reported dead.

✦ **PHILIPPINES.** Pvt. **Aaron H. Montgomery** has arrived on Luzon and is assigned to the 32nd (Red Arrow) division.

✦ **JAPAN.** T/Sgt. **John J. Brady, Jr.**, now is in Japan with a Counter-intelligence corps . . . W/O **Laurence H. Koerner** is in

Japan, but expects to be home by Christmas . . . Capt. **Thomas E. Pederson** is with the 251st hospital in the heart of Tokyo . . . Sgt. **Clarence S. Hoyt** now is in Japan . . . Ensign **L. Byron Adams** recently flew from the flattop Lexington at Yokasuka to Tokyo to visit his friend, Pfc. **Robert Courtright**.

✦ **GOING UP.** Sgt. **Melville Galliard** has been assigned program director for AFN-Berlin . . . **Glen Grazier** from Pfc. to Sgt. . . . Bronze Star to Sgt. **Kenneth R. Anderson** . . . Distinguished flying cross posthumously awarded to Pfc. **Gerald D. Schmoker**, of Duncombe . . . Pfc. **Emil E. Kolesar** has been awarded the purple heart for wounds suffered in Germany . . . **Budd E. Goche**, cook to T/5 . . . **Robert L. Andrews** now is an ensign . . . **Milton J. Johnson** up to EM 3/c . . . Bronze star to S/Sgt. **Libero Birocci** . . . Pvt. **Jack Foster** has been selected to attend officers candidate training school at Fort Benning, Ga. He reports Nov. 13 . . . **Robert R. Kurtz** now is a Sgt. . . . Bronze star to **Albert B. Chesley** . . . **V. E. Voss** up to AMM 1/c . . . **Jessie Borges**, Pvt. to Cpl. . . . **Glenn A. Sapp**, Pfc. to T/Sgt. . . . **Donald J. Samuelson**, Pfc. to T/5 . . . **Audrey Eslick**, N, 2/Lt. to Lt. . . . **Walter Woodman**, 3/c to 2/c . . . **Vincent Strand**, Pvt. to Sgt. . . . **Bernard Loth**, T/5 to Sgt. . . . **D. D. Soldow**, Sgt. to S/Sgt. . . . **Howard B. Grooters**, Pvt. to Pfc. . . . **Donald M. Krog**, S 2/c to 1/c.

✦ **COMING HOME.** Pfc. **Harold Bothe**, the happy possessor of 90 points, is at Camp Lucky Strike in France waiting for the boat . . . Pfc. **Richard B. Stell** is at Camp Twenty Grand near Rouen, France, waiting to come home . . . Lt. **Paul O. Martin** is through with Iwo Jima and its sand. He's on his way home . . . **Maurice J. Callahan** and **E. G. Kraska**, both of Duncombe, are on their way home from overseas . . . Aviation Cadet **Vyron W. Frye** is on his way home from Amarillo, Texas . . . Sgt. **Amzie Yoder** is on his way home from Chieures, Belgium . . . Cpl. **Dan E. Zuetlau** is on his way home with the 37th Division from somewhere out that-a-way. **Dan** hopes to be home for Christmas . . . S/Sgt. **Wm. E. Cone** is on his way back from Paris . . . T/4 **Charles W. Graffunder** is on his way home from Norway.

✦ **PACIFIC.** Lt. (j. g.) **H. E. Freyer**, former navy recruiting officer in Fort Dodge, now on the USS Tabora, is in the Philippines and on his way back to Japan. **H. E.** is with the 7th fleet, an engineering officer with amphibious transports. He expects to retire from the service soon . . . **Fredrick LuVerne Zoss**, F 1/c, has been transferred from the USS Nevada to the USS Willard Keith and is on patrol out of Wakayama Honshu . . . Pvt. **Ralph L. Michehl**, of Duncombe, is somewhere out that-a-way . . . Anxious to meet anyone from Fort Dodge, Lehigh or Otho, Pfc. **Donald Duncan** says "have them stop in at Dog Company, Marine Barracks, Pearl Harbor Navy Yard" . . . **John Saxton**, S 1/c, is now stationed on Kwajalein . . . Lt. (j. g.) **R. C. Larson** hopes to be off the rock and home by Thanksgiving. "I have an added attraction waiting for me in St. Paul—a baby girl" . . . Pvt. **Earl Martin** is working in a hospital on the outskirts of the city of Cebu, the second largest city in the Philippines. "Keep the Letter from Home coming. Even though the war is over, not all of your fans are going to be home for Christmas" . . . S/Sgt. **D. D. Soldow** is with the Marines in Honolulu. He expects to have to remain there some time. "But as soon as I do get back, **Imo Maricle** and I are to be married" . . . **Duane Short** says hello to **Larry Geer** from out that-a-way. "Tell him I hope to be dancing at the Laramar sometime in February".

✦ **DAS REICH.** Pfc. **Fredrick Miller** is with a quartermaster outfit in Giessen, Germany . . . 1st Lt. **Audrey Eslick** is not coming home after all but has been transferred to an army of occupation hospital in Bad Wildengen, Germany. Thanks, **Audrey**, for the book on Reims . . . Lt. **Mert Williams**, writing from Marburg, Germany, says, "Here's the payoff on my tour of the ETO. They have about five hundred of us stationed in a former German insane asylum! Oh well, we are all headed home so we don't mind".

✦ **SUNNY ITALY.** T/5 **Lloyd Vanderhoff**, now in Pisa, Italy, says hello to Mom and Dad and the kids out at Clare. Thanks for the information, **Lloyd**. We are using it where it will do the most good.

✦ **ENJOYING MOM'S COOKING.** T/5 **Chester F. Smith** . . . Pfc. **Lyle Eastman**, of Bode . . . Cpl. **Robert W. Carlson** . . . Lt. **Glenn E. Rohrer** . . . Cpl. **Alvin C. Faine** . . . Capt. **Philip R. Hardie** . . . **Clarence Hively**, WT 3/c . . . Cpl. **Karl C. Jones** . . . **V. E. Voss**, AMM 1/c . . . Sgt. **Bill Algood** . . . Sgt. **William D. Jondle** has been on furlough at his home at Clare. His sister, **Doris**, is with the Treasury Department in Washington . . . **Harold Hahn, Jr.**, AMM 1/c, of Duncombe from 22 months in the Pacific.

✦ **CHINA.** 1st Lt. **Bob Marsh** is with a fighter squadron in China, on the Yellow River up at Hsian. "The Japs still aren't disarmed over here yet".

✦ **FROZEN NORTH.** Pfc. **Elmon Rosendahl** is still on Adak in the Aleutians. "It sure is slow getting the high point men out of here."

✦ We play all requests. Just send us the name and the tune and the address and telephone number. We do the rest. This service is free.

✦ **HOME FOR GOOD.** Lt. **Robert H. Berry** . . . T/4 **Ernest A. Olafson** . . . Pfc. **Stanley H. Billionis** . . . Sgt. **David Fitzgerald** . . . Sgt. **Darrell Zenor** . . . S/Sgt. **Jack Caughey** . . . Cpl. **Gould Armstrong**

... Wave **Marianne Fuhrmeister** ... Cpl. **Douglas Algoe** ... S/Sgt. **Eugene Evenson**, of Duncombe ... S/Sgt. **Walter Caskey**, of Lehigh ... S/Sgt. **Richard Johnson** ... **Francis Hartman**, CBM ... **Sterling B. Axness**, CM 3/c, of Badger ... S/Sgt. **John S. Peterson** ... Sgt. **Diamond P. Goche** ... F/O **Irvin O. Smith** ... T/5 **Kenneth B. Thompson** ... Pvt. **Paul McConnell** ... **John Francis Malady** from Navy ... **Ensign Dorence H. Freed** ... T/5 **Thelma G. Hoover** ... **Leo C. Casey** from the air corps ... Lt. **Alma E. Schrank** ... Lt. **Oliver Smith** ... Cpl. **Marion Gibbs** ... Lt. **Karl L. Smith** ... **Dennis P. Williams**, SM 2/c ... S/Sgt. **Guy F. Slagenweit** ... Cpl. **Warren Kelly** ... Sgt. **John W. Fischer** ... **Tom Pray**, Jr. ... **Charles A. Isaacson** ... **Carl J. Holmberg** ... Pfc. **Walter Apt** ... Sgt. **Chester Stice** ... **LeRoy Davis** ... Cpl. **Donald Harrington** ... Pvt. **Richard Savage** ... S/Sgt. **Herbert L. Lee** ... Wave **Enmarie De Smidt Berneir** ... **John E. Boytim**, ARM 1/c ... Cpl. **Cyril Duay** ... **Hugh McCahill** ... Cpl. **Leonard Nelson** ... Pfc. **Robert De Smidt** ... **Trafford Saul**, Ph M 2/c, of Humboldt ... Lt. **Grant Henry**, on inactive status ... Lt. (j. g.) **W. J. Carroll** ... Pvt. **Edward S. Burke** ... Cpl. **Joseph Ivory** ... T/4 **Merle Hill** ... S/Sgt. **John Struhar** ... **Floyd W. Long**, AMM 2/c ... Pfc. **Eddie Larson** is back home at Dayton, soon to be discharged. ... He is now **Mr. Earl Wilson** and back at Paton ... **John "Tubby" Rigby**, AMM 2/c, is home for good from the South Pacific ... T/4 **Daniel R. Reed** is out of the service, home for good ... Home for good is **Richard C. Anderson**, WT 2/c, of Lanyon ... Out of the army and home for good is **Frederick Haack** ... Out of the service and home for good is **Mary Fitchhorn** ... T/5 **Lyle Ricketts** is now **Mr. Lyle Ricketts** and is at the Veterans Hospital at Excelsior Springs, Mo. ... **Clarence Bosworth** is home for good ... **Ella Mae Kusterer** is out of the Nurses Corps, home for good.

✪ **SERVICE PAPERS AND INSIGNIA.** The Roundup from the India Burma Theatre from T/5 **Robert Zeka**. Thanks, Bob ... The Doodle Bug, Munich, Germany, from T/5 **Stanley G. Johnson**. Thanks, Stan. ... The Thunderbolt of the 83rd Division from Pfc. **R. A. Harp**. Thanks, Rossette. The 83rd is now at Passau, Germany. Rossette was in England recently for a seven day furlough ... A Map of Key West Today from **Ray T. Wilcox**, S 1/c, Key West. Thanks, Ray. Hope you'll be home soon ... Combat Diary of Battery C of the 465 AAA (AW) BN (S. P.) from Lt. **Tom Dunsmoor** somewhere in Germany. "During out time in combat we kept a record of everything. Since the war ended, we've had time to get it together and had it printed. You'll find several mistakes but it was printed by Germans who couldn't speak a word of English and I wasn't able to keep after them to see that everything was just right." Thanks, Tom ... The Bavarian from T/5 **Laurence Pliner** in Augsburg, Germany. Thanks, Laurence ... The Saipan Daily Target, a neat little desicated sheet that carries as its slogan, "All the News We Can Fit To Print," from **Merlin James Williams**, S 1/c. Jim is an instructor on Saipan at an anti-air craft training center. Thanks, Jim ... The Story of the 330th Infantry from Pfc. **Rossette Harp**, somewhere in Germany. Thanks, Rossette ... A beautiful map showing the battle routes of the 2nd Armored Division known as "Hell on Wheels" from Pfc. **Frank Weiss**. Thanks, Frank.

✪ **SMALL WORLD.** Cpl. **Delbert Porter** met his cousin, **Gene Messerly**, at the Red Cross Club in London while on furlough. He flew there the first part of October from Nuremburg, Germany.

✪ **OVER HERE.** **Tom Nash**, Navy, now is stationed at Portland, Maine ... Pvt. **Eugene Haire** plays in the station band at Atlanta, Ga. ... Cpl. **Edith Fiderlick** has been transferred to Frisco ... Lt. **Leland K. Reeck** is assistant ward officer at Schick Hospital, Clinton ... Pfc. **Wendell J. Reed** now is back in the U. S. A. and is stationed at Camp Patrick Henry, Va. ... S/Sgt. **Hubert N. Schrodt**, former Rialto theatre manager, has arrived in the states from Europe and expects to be honorably discharged soon ... Lt. (j. g.) **Mabel Burke** is now at the Naval Air Station, Oakland, California ... **Arthur Hoefflin**, GM 3/c, is now at Seattle, Washington. He has been on an LST for ten months and is now ready to take "ammunition out and dump it over the side." He met **Herb Carroll**, who is at transfer center waiting to go into aviation. "I gave him several old copies of YLFH that I had. He told me later he surely enjoyed them" ... Pvt. **Ted Anderson**, now at Camp Robinson, Ark., informs us that the army in the training camps at least has gone to the forty hour week. Next thing the army should do is to get in line and demand a thirty percent increase for all enlisted men. Ted is getting in some work as a master of ceremonies for camp shows and has been recommended for radio work with the special services ... Pvt. **O. L. Chingren** is now at Scott Field, Illinois ... **Gordon T. Cavanaugh**, RT 3/c, is now at Shoemaker, Calif. ... Pvt. **Rich Cervene** is working at a separation center, Fort Logan, Colo. "Most of the fellows we have been discharging have from 85 to 121 points and I sit and slave away demobilizing them with 2 measly points. Such is life." ... Cpl. **Ronald Olson** is stationed at 216 Rowan Building, 458 South Spring Street, Los Angeles 13, Calif.

✪ **FROM THE FIVE CORNERS OF THE WORLD.** **John P. Flynn**, Agent Regional Office C. I. D., APO 627, N. Y. "At long last I am on my way home and am at this time sailing into the Port of Suez. We will start through the Canal tomorrow. It has been a pleasure and a great help to receive the Y. L. F. H. and I want you and your staff to know that their work has been appreciated by us. Life at times becomes very dull and a little something like your letters has a great moral effect. I have been working with Criminal Investigation Division in Kunming, China, and they all but worked us to death. For a long time twelve of us were trying to take care of the black market, murder, and many other crimes and offenses, and it really kept us busy. Black Market and money exchange in Kunming was beyond all description. I have noticed that "Life" has tried to tell a bit of the story but they just scratched the surface."

Pfc. **Karl Loots**, FPO, San Francisco. "This isn't much of a place. Pretty dirty and the people can't speak English. Probably one out of every 200 can. It's no place for liberty, but I guess about 30 more miles up the river to Tientsin is a swell place. We expect to go up any day for liberty. They have trains here, the first I've seen for more than a year. I guess the 6th Div. is here too. I hope they are, I might be able to see **Bill Jordison** again. Bill and I got together the night before I left Guam."

Sgt. **Bernard Loth**, APO 315 N. Y., N. Y. "The demobilization is still going pretty slow here. In spite of all the Army has said, our seventy to eighty pointers are still with us and probably will go along to Japan. The eighty pointers are out of the outfit, but

some of them are still on the Island waiting to go home. At the same time, we read of sixty pointers leaving Manila for the States. Some place along the line it just doesn't jibe. Either the army is giving out a lot of false information concerning departures for home—or the Army isn't taking men by the number of points, which is contrary to its own statements."

Cpl. **A. C. Maricle**, APO, 938, Minneapolis. "Right now all of us in the Alaskan Division are frozen in more than one way. We can't get to the states and besides it is below zero. We have had plenty of snow already here and it is coming down today again. You are lucky it is so warm at home. We get about 7 hours sun a day, when it comes out. Of course, the Medics have ultra violet lamps so we have artificial sunlight, but it is nothing like that good old Iowa sun. We get to go hunting about twice a week and that helps break the monotony. On the base we have nearly 200 buffalo and there are more along the Big Delta River. They are protected by law however, so we just look at them. There are moose and plenty of beer nearby, but so far I have left the big game alone. We get plenty of ptarmigan, Franklin Grouse and rabbits to have a couple feeds a week on them. Not like those red-necks at home, or maybe it is just Mom's cooking we miss the most. The Northern Lights have been beautiful the past few weeks. When it clears off they are moving over the whole sky. Some sight!"

Cpl. **Earl S. Rowley**, APO 317, San Francisco. "I have 91 points and if they do anything at all for us, I should be on my way home by the 22nd, but I have almost lost hope of ever getting out of the army. I have over four and a half years in now and I feel like I have done my share. Well I am not sorry that I came to Japan, as I have learned a lot about these people I never knew before. I can say one thing, they can be the meanest or the best people in the world. They sure treat us nice here, and they all want to give you the salute. I feel funny walking down the street and having them salute or bow, but no matter how good they are now, I still remember how they were in New Guinea and the Philippines and when one says "So Solly" to me, I want to rap him over the head." Thanks for the cards, Earl.

T/5 **Glenn A. Sapp**, APO, 198, San Francisco, San Jose, P. I. "The Outfit I'm now in is a Salvage Collecting Company. Only thing is, there's no salvage, as they turn it all over to the Filipinos so we don't have much to do now. This Company I'm now in is so much different from the Army in the Infantry that I'm used to that I almost feel like a civilian. We get good chow, a show almost every night, a shower and even tables in our mess hall. We have Filipinos to do everything from shine shoes to keeping our tents clean. Oh yes, we even have electric lights and a small PX here in our own company. I've been getting my YLFH swell lately and it sure would do you folks who are making it possible a lot of good to see how many guys read it and say they wish their home town would do something like that."

Pfc. **Arnold H. Johnson**, APO 89, N. Y., Camp Twenty Grand, France. "At present I'm in a camp which is processing troops going home. It is near Rouen, France. But we have been here since June 2nd so now that the Division (89th) is going home soon, they are shipping all low-point men back to Germany and Austria. And as I only have forty-six points, it looks as though that's my destination also. Practically all the low pointers have left already, but as I'm a cook I will leave in the last group which will be around October 28th. And rumors sound as though I go to Vienna, Austria."

T/5 **Donald J. Samuelson**, APO 9, N. Y., Ingolstat, Germany. "I'm now stationed here in Southern Germany in a town known to the German Army as the greatest supply depot of that army. Inhabitants number 30,000. Our bombers have passed over this city many times on their way to Munich, and also visited it occasionally. I'm still doing maintenance work at SV Co. I expect to be home in January or maybe before, you know the army."

Sgt. **Richard Purkapile**, APO 234, San Francisco. Guam, Marianas Ise. "YLFH has been coming through pretty regular and it is a "God Send" to us fellows who don't know how long we still have to serve over here before we will be eligible to make the return to the mainland and our homes. There hasn't been very many changes since the end of the war, but it is a drudgery to have to sit around and wait till the time for our departure. I want to thank everyone who helped put out the letter for the grand work that was done and I know that everyone who has received it would say the same too. It helps bring us closer to home, the only place a guy will care to be the rest of his life. A couple of the home town boys are in the same company so we have had some good old bull sessions of the people we knew back there. I had already met **Bob Martin** before coming into the outfit and since then have met up with **Abe Corey**, whom I used to go to school with quite some time back. It is the first time I had seen Abe for almost six years, and he hadn't changed except to be a little more settled in life."

T/Sgt. **E. J. Lyons**, APO 78, N. Y. "A lot has happened since I last wrote to you. The best being is that the war has ended. Other wonderful things have happened, too. I spent two months going to school at Dijon, France. I attended the Cite University there and studied French. From there I spent five days in Paris, flew to Frankfurt and spent two days there and then flew to Kassel and now I am back with my outfit again. The last week of this month my outfit (the 78th Division) is moving into Berlin for occupation duties. I plan to leave for home shortly after we arrive in Berlin. The sooner the better."

In a little while we'll be off to Mason City. School has been dismissed for the afternoon at the High School and there'll be a thousand Fort Dodgers, I'd guess, make the trip to see the Dodgers play their last conference game. They'll be going by bus and auto and rail. Barring a miracle, we'll win this game. But that brings to mind the great Dodger team of '33. They came to the end of the season unbeaten and untied and went to Mason City to meet a great Mohawk team. When the game ended the Dodgers were a beaten team, the final score being 2 to 0 in favor of the Mohawks ... Next week, however, Scoreboard will tell a different story, a story, I believe, of a great team undefeated through the entire season in the toughest conference in this state ... Wish you were going with us. Be seeing you.

Your home town correspondent,
Edward Breen.