

Your Letter From Home

"I'm sorry, madam," said the attendant at the movie, "but you can't take that dog into the theatre."

"How absurd," protested the woman, "what harm can pictures do a little dog like this?"

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Mother: Do you like our new maid, Willie?

Willie: Nope, and I don't think Daddy does either, because he's always grabbing her and biting her neck.

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☛ **DEAR JOE:** Those last lingering beautiful days of Indian summer still are here with little boys going back to cotton summer clothes, and teen age lassies rolling their blue jeans and levis not quite knee high, and the rest of us wishing we hadn't put our summer clothes in moth balls quite so soon. In everybody's block, the immemorial bonfires burn as tidy house holders rake the leaves into piles that youngsters wade across knee deep. It's so warm that buds are actually breaking on the trimmed bushes next door. Yes, autumn looks back at summer and sighs regretfully for its lost spring . . . In taverns, over coffee and around soda fountains, the talk goes on forever of this year's wonder football team and old timers remember the golden age of Dodger football, remember **Heinie Coughlin** and **Ray Fearing** and **Artie Rogers** and **Chuck Pitsor** unbeaten in 1916; tell again the story of **Bob Rankin** and **Lyle Tullar**, the two **Thompsons** and the unbeaten post war club of 1918 . . . Quarter backing his first game, **Rankin** playing against old West High in Drake Stadium on the first three plays of that game, called line plunges, lost fifteen yards back to the five yard line. On the next play, fourth down, 25 yards to go and on his own 5 yard line, he threw a pass to **Lyle Tullar**, who raced 80 yards for a touch down. **Waters**, Dodger coach, jerked **Bob**, said, "Why didn't you kick?" **Bob** said, "I was so scared I didn't know what I was doing". Recovered from his initial stage fright, **Bob** went back in, threw passes all afternoon, racked up a victory for the Dodgers over what everyone thought was an unbeatable West High team . . . They remember those old teams as they talk about **Constantine** and **Wasem** and **Irv Robinson** and **John Fieseler** and **Verne Horn**. Someone said this morning, "It's a line that's perfect from end to end" . . . Wish you were here.

☛ **AROUND THE TOWN.** Fort Dodgers again are giving generously to the Community Chest and National War Fund. Today half of the \$54,268 goal has been pledged . . . **AMVETS** have named the local organization the **Hurley-Scully Post No. 4**, in honor of **Sgt. Walter Hurley** and **Sgt. John E. Scully**, two infantrymen killed in action in Europe . . . It was not until the dead soldier's personal effects reached his parents that **Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Essig** knew that **Pfc. Dwayne Essig** had been awarded a bronze star for meritorious service . . . **Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Woodbury** will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary Saturday night, October 20th . . . **The Rev. James Shanahan** has returned home after an air trip to his former home in Ireland . . . **Leigh Butler**, formerly of Rolfe, was seen in Shanghai by **Garth Sroufe**, also of Rolfe. **Butler**, a dentist, has lived in the Orient for 30 years. He had been a prisoner of the Japs . . . Fort Dodge, with two wins, and North Des Moines with one, top the Big Seven loop this week. Neither has lost a game . . . A week ago the mercury dropped to 21 degrees, but this week it's summer again with temperatures in the 70's . . . **Joe Falco**, the copper, has been elected third vice president of the **Iowa A. A. U.** . . . **Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McMahon** have accepted positions as managers of a cottage at the boys' training school at Eldora. He formerly was Webster County clerk . . . The state convention of the **Townsend Clubs** was held here over the weekend . . . **Ralph W. Bastian** Monday reassumed his duties as Webster County attorney. He also received word that he had been advanced to the rank of lieutenant commander as of October 1st . . . Forty-seven rural schools in the county are closed—can't find teachers . . . **Mrs. Jean Dennery** now heads the Spanish-American War Veterans Auxiliary. **A. O. Swanson** is camp commander . . . **LeRoy T. Olson**, S 1/c, has returned to his ship, U. S. S. **Pritchett** . . . **Pomeroy** won the state fall prep baseball title by defeating **Lowden** 3 to 1 in 10 innings . . . A memorial plaque for **Walter F. Swanson** has been put up in the Illinois Central Depot . . . The Webster County Conservation League has been reorganized. It is headed by **Walter Beier** . . . Memorial services were held Sunday for **Edward E. Kallin**, who was killed in the Pacific, April 29th.

☛ **DOWN THE CENTER AISLE.** **Clara Ann Wrede** to **Pfc. Don Becher**, here October 8th . . . **Jeanne Lee** to **Don McMahon**, S 1/c, at Alameda, California, Oct. 3rd . . . **Sylvia Lurie** to **M. S. Pill** at Los Angeles, Oct. 2nd . . . **Mildred Knutson** and **Lt. G. R. Loshek** engaged to marry Oct. 20th . . . **Alyce Frye** to **Don Blomberg** at Los Angeles, Sept. 7th . . . **Charlotte Leavitt** and **Pfc. Nate Rotman**, engaged . . . **Loretta Prine** to **Pfc. George F. Gerrard, Jr.**, here Oct. 5th.

☛ **COMING HOME.** **Stanley Olson** is back in the good old USA. He left Okinawa on September 18th on the battleship **Alabama** and went to Pearl Harbor. From there he came to Seattle on the battleship **Iowa** to Seattle, October 15th. **Stan** was overseas 23 months . . . **Sgt. R. E. Cleveland** is coming back to the states after forty-three months in the Yukon country . . . **Sgt. K. M. Hagburg** is leaving Guam and is headed for the good old USA . . . **Cpl. Lester R. Folvog**, of Badger, is on his way home from the Pacific. He will make his home in Fort Worth, Texas . . . **S/Sgt. Robert Knudson** is on his way from Grenada, Miss., to separation center at Sioux City. After his discharge, he will visit his folks at Armstrong . . . **S/Sgt. Ward Roberts** after three years at Childress, Texas, is on his way home. "I'll be seeing you soon." . . . **Sgt. F. A. Englebart** is on his way home from the ETO . . . **Albert Hood**, of Clare, called his aunt, **Mayme Hood**, of Clare, Tuesday night, from London, England, to say that he would be home for Christmas.

☛ **WAR'S GRIM TOLL.** 1st/Lt. **Fenton Isaacson**, C 47 pilot, reported missing in the China theatre since September 28th.

☛ **OVER HERE.** **Helen Brofers**, AMM 3/c, is at Milton, Florida. "I was hoping to be out and home by Christmas, but I guess not. **Zella Thompson**, a former Fort Dodger, sent me nine blue tokens but it doesn't boost my points, so I'll see you and the gang next year sometime." . . . **Pfc. Raymond Fuller** is at Camp Butler, North Carolina . . . **Cpl. Edith Fiderlick** is in the WAC Band at Fort Mason, California . . . **Ensign C. H. Lind** is back in this country from Manila and now stationed in San Francisco . . . **Lt. (j. g.) G. T. Hamilton** is back in the states at the US Naval Air Station at San Diego, California . . . **Pvt. Earl T. Hay** is at Fort Lewis, Washington . . . **Pvt. Francis L. Beck** is a cryptographer at Scott Field, Illinois . . . **Lt. Vyva Cavanaugh Kerr** has been transferred to Washington, D. C. . . . **Pvt. Raymond McCabe** is at Fort Lewis, Washington . . . **Ralph J. Meyers**, C 2/c, is a patient at the Navy Hospital at Seattle . . . **Pfc. Delmar Showers** is back at San Francisco for reassignment . . . **Major Jack Douglas** now is at the Salt Lake City Army Air Base.

☛ **HOME FOR GOOD.** **Lt. Don Culver** is home for good on terminal leave, soon to be honorably discharged. **Don** was overseas over three years and served in Africa, Italy, France and Belgium. His outfit, the 2nd Armored, was first into Belgium and were the first foreign troops decorated by the Belgium government . . . **Cpl. Richard O'Connor** is out of the army and living at 3156 Olive Street, Huntington Park, Calif. . . . **Myron L. Harrold**, AMM 1/c, got his discharge in Boston, Sept. 12th, and is back in Palmer . . . All from Lehigh and they are all out of the service now: **Pvt. Raymond Crist**; **Clyde Robert Johnson**, Y 2/c; **S/Sgt. Lester Person**; **Cpl. Willard Freed**; **Capt. Steve Manchester**; **Clyde Bowers**, MMM 1/c; **Sgt. Donald Simmons**; **S/Sgt. John D. Condon**; **Sgt. Paul Lundberg** . . . **Clement Walsh** is back from overseas, out of the service and at home at Callender . . . **S/Sgt. Chester R. Weber** is back home in Fort Dodge and out of the service. "It's still hard to believe that I'm out but it's a great feeling anyway." . . . **George Collins**, out of the army some time now, is assistant state veterans employment representative and works out of Des Moines . . . **Cpl. Donald Harrington**, of Lehigh, is out of the army, honorably discharged, after service in Africa, Italy, France, and Germany. Originally with the 34th Division, he was subsequently transferred to the 776th Tank Destroyers . . . **S/Sgt. Melvin "Red" Campbell**, with the 85th Division, is back from the wars and happy to be a civilian again. "Red", who never as much as fried an egg in civilian life, spent most of his army career as a cook and mess sergeant . . . **LaMont Okey**, of Dayton, PhM 1/c, is out of the Navy and going back to school to get his masters degree . . . **Arnold Hage** is out of the Navy and now living at 4044 1st Street, Des Moines . . . **T/Sgt. J. F. Simpson** is out of the army, home for good and back working on the I. C. . . . **D. R. Johnson**, lately on the staff of the Navy Hospital at Davisville, R. I., is now home, honorably discharged . . . **Sgt. Bob Bollard** is home and honorably discharged after having been shot down over Austria. He was in a German prison camp for five months and was liberated by the Russians at the end of the war . . . **Cpl. Don Ellinger** is back from Texpur, India, where he was a member of the Flying Cobras. **Don** did some hunting there and got two baboons. His new son, **Robert Donald**, arrived Sept. 8th . . . **Pfc. Frank Hosford** is home on furlough, will be discharged soon and will live at Livermore . . . **Lt. Keith Peterson** . . . **Karl King, Jr.** CSK . . . **S/Sgt. George M. Webb** . . . **Capt. John M. Bice**, terminal leave . . . **Sgt. Adolf Weiss** . . . **S/Sgt. Eugene W. Briggs** . . . **Pvt. Frederick J. Good** . . . **S/Sgt. Gaylord L. Whiting** . . . **Lt. Donald G. Tepper**, to inactive status November 3rd . . . **Lt. George G. Hendricks** . . . **Pfc. Stanley Billonis** . . . **S/Sgt. Kermit Thompson**, of Badger . . . **Capt. Ferris Burleson** . . . **Eugene A. Maguire**, F 2/c . . . **William R. Rowell**, GM 2/c . . . **Richard D. Samuelson**, CM 1/c . . . **Lt. Thomas E. Tierney** . . . **S/Sgt. Earl Grannan** . . . **S/Sgt. Lehr Amo** . . . **Emmett M. Cahill**, Navy . . . **Roy Knickerbocker** MM 1/c . . . **Cpl. Don Hendricks** . . . **Pfc. Herbert Umbaugh** . . . **T/4 John F. Bliss** . . . **Pfc. Orville Mills** . . . **W/O Frank A. Young** . . . **S/Sgt. Mary Welch** . . . **E. H. Iseminger**, CM 2/c . . . **Eugene V. Jordan**, CY . . . **Svend A. Morgensen**, painter 1/c . . . **Vincent Darby**, MM 2/c . . . **S/Sgt. Kenneth Gawtry** . . . **S/Sgt. Garth L. Witte** . . . **Andrew Jensen**, BM 2/c . . . **Lt. Stanley Pingel**, terminal leave . . . **Lt. William V. Mulrone, Jr.**, inactive status . . . **Sgt. Louis Hepperle** . . . **Richard A. Conrad**, S 1/c . . . **Lt. Frank W. Griffith** . . . **Cpl. Bob Taylor** . . . **William George, Jr.**, a Marine . . . **Baird Okey**, Ptr. 2/c of Dayton . . . **Cpl. Arthur Zuetlaw**, Otho . . . **T/Sgt. Carlyle Hanson** . . . **Sgt. Joe O'Hern**, of Barnum . . . **Cpl. Charles H. Bragg**, of Gowrie . . . **T/5 Leo Foster** . . . **Cpl. Roger F. Grant** . . . **Cpl. George L. Loots** who is going back to work at the Crawford Hotel . . . **Cpl. Richard O'Connor** . . . **S/Sgt. Harry Roach** . . . **Cpl. Ross Tuel** . . . **William Rowell**, GM 2/c, who was on the destroyer USS **Tangey** . . . 1st/Sgt. **Harold V. Ogan**, who will live in Madison, Nebraska . . . **Pvt. Arlo Witte** . . . **Sgt. Mahlon Carlson** . . . **Pfc. Virgil O. Taylor**, who spent 40 months in the service, 27 of them overseas. He just returned from Guam now . . . **Don Cunningham**, RM 2/c . . . **Pfc. Charles D. Jeffers** . . . **Lt. Oscar A. Lunstrum**, who will live in Lanyon . . . **Cpl. Richard W. Humphrey** from Lehigh . . . **S/Sgt. Allen T. Roth** . . . **Pfc. Ertle Mae Stevens** Ensign **Robert Durian** who returned from the South Pacific . . . **Sgt.**

Allen C. Groat, of Badger . . . Cpl. Carl Ness, S/Sgt. Clare Ness, Pvt. Emmett Ness, Sgt. Harley Ness and Pfc. Raymond Ness, all of Duncombe . . . Lt. (j.g.) Ellen Rasmussen . . . Pfc. James Showers . . . T/4 Alvin L. Askelson . . . T/4 Eugene McDermott . . . S/Sgt. Marvin E. Farrell . . . James B. Olsen, MaM 2/c.

★ **DAS REICH.** Pfc. Dale O. Jacobson, of Gowrie, is in Bremen, Germany.

★ **SERVICE PAPERS AND INSIGNIA.** The Bomb Rack from Sgt. Richard Purkapile with the 20th Air Force on Guam. Thanks, Richard . . . A fancy map of Guam from Phil Dorweiler, Y 1/c, showing the location of every Dodger on Guam, at least everyone that Phil has been able to locate. The map shows the names and locations of the following: Louis Fiddler, Dale Taylor, Dick Taylor, Bill Jordison, Dick Messerly, Willard Carlson, Dick Williams, Bill Vandermeer, Phil Dorweiler, Harold Hill, and Don Carlson. The fellows are spread from one end of the island to the other. Thanks, Phil . . . A number of leaflets that we dropped on Jap cities from Sgt. H. E. De Pue in the Philippines. The Sgt. is on his way home and should be seeing us soon. Thanks, H. E. . . . The TTF from Sgt. Bob Hamlon of the 331st Regiment somewhere in France. Thanks, Bob . . . An ash tray with the Eiffel tower on it from Pfc. Victor Moline somewhere in France. Thanks, Victor . . . The Klipper NAS Kaneohe from R. C. Larson, Lt. (j. g.) Kaneohe Bay, T. H. Thanks, Lt. . . . Dibble Data from Sgt. O. C. Duckett from Menlo Park, California. O. C. is on his way out and will soon be home in Fort Dodge. Thanks, O. C.

★ We play all requests. To help us notify that certain person, send along the street address and telephone number if you have it.

★ When Sgt. Roy F. Meyer picked up last week's copy of "The Beam", published at the Orlando Army Air Base, he found that the old home town was again in the news. On page six was a picture of D. C. Cochran, father of Welker Cochran shooting billiards at Donley's (Henderson's to you). Thanks, Roy, for the copy.

★ **JAPAN.** Erwin O. Jones, Mus. 3/c, is aboard the USS Prairie, now anchored in Tokyo Bay . . . Pvt. Glen E. Flickinger has moved from the island of Biak to Japan . . . Now in Yokohama, Wm. H. Nelson took the train the other day to visit Tokyo. "Tokyo is about eight miles from Yokohama. It took an hour to get there. The train stops about twelve times in the eight miles." Bill found Tokyo to be in pretty good condition, and even visited a very modern four-story department store . . . Also in Japan are Cpl. Henry R. Trost (landed at Nagasaki); Duane C. Davis, S 1/c; Robert Gramerz, S1/c; Robert D. Laska, EM3/c; and John C. Plotner, S1/c.

★ **CHINA.** Cpl. Paul Davidson is still in Paoshan, China, where he has been for the past twenty-three months "The money is probably the toughest problem over here. It changes value all the time. Just before the war ended, it was three thousand Chinese to one American dollar. Now it is six thousand to one."

★ **PACIFIC.** O. H. Bohannon, SK 3/c, is somewhere out there-a-way . . . Lt. L. C. Zens is now in Okinawa and expects to be in Korea before long . . . Cpl. Richard L. Rhodes is in the South Pacific. Cpl. Russell Rhodes is at Camp Dix, N. J. . . . Cpl. Kenneth Depew, of Pochahontas, is on Luzon "sort of taking care of surrendering Japs. You never saw such a run down race of people in all your life."

★ **ENJOYING MOM'S COOKIN'.** Home from New London, Conn., where he is a signalman on a destroyer escort, is Jordan Tonsfeldt . . . S/Sgt. Floyd Wempe is home from overseas on a 45 day furlough . . . Orville L. Prime, CBM, from the Pacific . . . Mervin Hood, radar 3/c, from the Pacific . . . Lt. Glenn Anderson . . . Ensign Leon Vandi at Lehigh . . . Pvt. Barbara A. Black from Santa Ana, California.

★ **SPECIAL.** Anyone knowing the fate of Pfc. Thomas F. Lawler, of Clare, please communicate with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Lawler, of Clare. He was seriously wounded on Okinawa last June.

★ **LOCAL MEN MAKE GOOD.** Lt. (j. g.) Richard E. Schwendemann, air medal and gold star . . . Reginald H. Stine—Pfc. to Sgt. . . . Bronze star to Sgt. Damon McDermott . . . Glen F. Collins—Pfc. to Cpl. . . . Dale O. Jacobson—Pvt. to Pfc. . . . Walter Heidick—Pvt. to T/5 . . . H. W. Bacock—Cpl. to Sgt. . . . Glen E. Flickinger—Pvt. to Pfc. . . . Floyd J. Wempe—Cpl. to S/Sgt. . . . John W. Littzen—Sgt. to T/Sgt. . . . Paul Hannon—Ensign to Lt. (j. g.) . . . E. R. Rabbitt—MaM 3/c to 2/c . . . R. W. Wilson—S 1/c to GM 3/c . . . Dwayne H. Crinnigan—now BM 1/c . . . D. E. Zuelaw—Pfc. to Cpl. . . . C. A. DeHart—Pfc. to Cpl. . . . James R. Sells—S 2/c to 1/c . . . James A. Farrell—F 2/c to 1/c . . . Thomas Stapleton—Pvt. to Pfc. . . . Rudy Verbik—Pvt. to Pfc.

★ **SCOREBOARD.** Dodgers, 26—East Waterloo, 6. It was a great night for the Dodgers. East had beaten East High of Des Moines, 41 to 12. Sports writers were calling East Waterloo one of the great teams of the state and slated to win the Big Seven. East, they said, had a seat back in John Hollingsworth, who would run touch downs at will against any high school opposition. Some of us remembered John Hollingsworth from the year before. We'd seen him stopped, we'd seen Bob Dickerson nail him with a bone rattling tackle. We remembered how George Knack and Joe Carpenter slowed him down to a walk. But that was last year and we wondered about this year. We didn't have to wonder long. Somehow during the week, George Constantine had found his stride and the game was hardly started when he took off around end and went streaking through a broken field for a touch down. Throwing passes with unerring accuracy George found John Fieseler on the five yard line and John went over for touch down number three. In between Constantine had broken away on another beautiful run and had thrown a perfect pitch to Wasem, who went to the ground with the ball in his arms although an East High man had his hands on it all the way. From there the Dodgers plunged, ran the ends for that second touch down. Al Potter calling signals, seemed to do everything just right. And Lefler, from the full-back spot, made bone crunching attacks upon and through the line. Everyone played beautiful ball. We have as fine a line as the Dodgers have ever had. Fieseler and Eide at the ends, Horn and Erickson at the tackles, Arnold, the watch chain guard, and big two-ton Hutchinson at the guards and Irv Robinson at center. John Hollingsworth, the East scat back, is very fast but he never

got started. In the third and fourth quarters, Coach Marquis used every Dodger in uniform. Finally West got a touchdown. And the Dodgers made still a fourth touch down easily. George Constantine kicked three of the four possible points . . . And now it's on to East High in Des Moines. And my slogan is "Show 'Em No Mercy. Pour It On. Remember '43 and '44".

★ **FROM THE FIVE CORNERS OF THE WORLD.** Lennis W. Bloomquist, GM 3/c, Shoemaker, Calif. 973-15-51, U. S. Naval Hospital, Ward B-10. "I am a patient at the U. S. Naval Hospital at Shoemaker. I will probably be here a few weeks yet. My brother, Vance E. Bloomquist, AOM 2/c, was reported missing on the USS Bunker Hill, May 11th. I would like to hear from someone that was on the Carrier at the time that knew him. There were some fellows from around Fort Dodge on the Carrier, but I don't know who they were. I hope to start farming close to Fort Dodge next spring, if I am out by then and can find a farm. Are there any small farms for sale or rent?" Farms for rent are scarce but they can be bought.

Capt. T. E. Pederson, Tokyo. "At the present time, I'm in the Tokyo area with a station hospital. We made the grand tour from New Guinea, New Britain, and Luzon to Japan. We arrived a few days after the formal surrender, and after looking over the Jap and his industries, we all wonder whatever gave him the idea he could win a war. It's rather a blow to our national pride to recognize that we had to fight these people four years before they saw the light."

Cpl. Chas. D. Jeffers, Fort Ord, Calif. "This Salinas is quite the town. There are about five gals to every guy (soldier's paradise) and we love it. At camp we don't do a thing except bunk fatigue with Wednesday afternoons and week ends off. I am only 120 miles from the folks so I get home quite often. Yep! There's a catch to it just like all good things. This all turns up just when I am becoming a civilian. (It couldn't last in the Army). My address after next week will be Charles "Dale" Jeffers, 2601 Contra Costa Hiway, Concord, Calif. If you'll print it in Y. L. F. H. and tell any of my old friends that are around Oakland or San Francisco to drop me a line, I'll look them up."

Lt. Robert G. Smith, Tokyo Naval Base, Japan. "I have secured an automatic 12 gauge shotgun and figure on doing some hunting this fall. I had a ride in a '41 Plymouth the other day. How about that? Tell everybody at Tierney's Lunch hello for me and tell Don and Maurice I hope it won't be too long and we can drink a beer together. Also give Jim Campbell, Walt Berg and Patrolman Gangler my regards." Thanks, Bob, for the Nippon Times.

Sgt. H. W. Bacock, APO 634, New York. "I spent 21 months in England and just moved to Germany the first of the month. While in England our outfit made all the maps and did all the printing for the Eighth Air Force. Just before and after the invasion of Normandy, we were working twelve hour shifts with no time off. That lasted from April to December and then we changed to eight hour shifts. When I first came over, I was stationed in a suburb of London. We would be sitting in the day room writing, listening to the radio and suddenly it would stop. No one would say a word—they just picked up their writing material, dropped the cards, and started for their helmets and overcoats. Within two minutes, you would hear the sirens start and you headed for the shelters. Jerry used to give us some fine shows there. Two weeks after we left there, a buzz bomb landed in the guard room and killed four fellows from an outfit who were there. In January and February of '43, things were pretty rough for a while. I know the little that we went through is nothing compared with actual combat, but it still makes you feel lucky. If you stop in at Tierney's tell Moe and Don hello for me and that I will be dropping in for a beer about the first of the year, I hope."

Pvt. Roger L. Fevold, Nagasaki, Kyushu, Japan. "At the present time we are living 2½ or 3 miles from the section where the atomic bomb fell. Even at this distance, one can see a lot of the damage. Ninety percent of the windows are blown out and almost every tiled roof is pretty well torn apart. An old English missionary who was here, described the blast. He said, 'There was a huge, blinding flash, without any sound. Suddenly the buildings burst into flame. I thought the world was coming to an end.' In Y. L. F. H. of September 14th, S 1/c Moore said that Japan stinks. I and everyone else here will readily agree with him. How these people can live and work in such a maze of filth and dirt is beyond my comprehension. Fleas, lice, rats, mosquitoes and flies seem to battle continuously to see which will get the first chance at you."

T/Sgt. John W. Littzen, Palawan, Philippines. "It's my belief that this is the best island I've been on, or seen, since I've been out here. Our camp area is in an old coconaut plantation along a beach that will equal any beach in the states. I've met few fellow Dodgers but I've had some wonderful bull sessions with every one of them. Elliot Kinseth and Marcus Cavanaugh are in the same group here. Guess I'd better scratch Kinseth off for he left stateside this morning. Lucky guy. Marcus is a radio operator in the 75th bomb squadron. When I first came over, I met Ernie Anderson and Bob Johnson at Nadzab. While passing through Sansapan on a B-24, Lt. Bill Simmonson and I got together. I later met him after he was assigned to the 5th bomb group in the 13th AAF. "Zeke" Zimmer was another one I saw at the time he was with Dick Jurgen's Orchestra touring the islands. That, I believe, is the sum of the fellows from Fort Dodge. Of course, I've met a lot of other Iowa boys from all over the state." Thanks for the patch, John.

We arranged for a couple of KVFD buses for the East High—Fort Dodge football game and tomorrow morning we'll be off for Des Moines with fifty-four high schoolers. They are wonderful boys and girls. We had as much fun going and coming on the trip to Waterloo as we did watching the game. Every town we went through the girls raised the windows of the bus and cheered, "F-O-R-T DODGE, F-O-R-T DODGE, F-O-R-T DODGE, FORT DODGE, Fort Dodge, Fort Dodge—Beat Waterloo, Beat Waterloo, Beat Waterloo". Yes sir, we let 'em know in Webster City and High View and Iowa Falls and Cedar Falls. And on the way to Des Moines, we'll let 'em know in Jewell and Ames and all the other towns . . . Some fun . . . Be seeing you.

Your home town correspondent,
Ed Breen