

# Your Letter From Home

GI: Do you know how to bring up children?

Sweet young thing all flattery: Oh, yes, very well.

GI: Then you'd better go and do it, because your baby brother has fallen down the well.  
—Belvoir Castle  
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A large robust woman demanded a refund on a pair of hose, recently purchased. The floor walker asked, "Madam, didn't these hose come up to your expectations?"

"Lordy, no," she answered. "Dey hardly came up to my knees".

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☉ **DEAR JOE:** This is the beginning of the third year. If you will notice the number on your letter, you'll see that this is issue number one of volume three . . . Two years ago, we started this letter on its way—Oct. 29, 1943. Our hearts were full, our souls were troubled. Death and horror stalked the world, Germany's legions were a menace to all of Europe. In the Pacific, the flag of the rising sun flew over American soil, was supreme from Paramushiro to Rabaul . . . Three men met in Moscow—Cordell Hull and Anthony Eden and Commissar Molotov. We wondered what they would decide . . . Wendell Wilkie and Tom Dewey sparred for position in the Republican party, squared off as rivals for the presidential candidacy . . . Zinc pennies were a headache . . . The Post Office went super moral and thought the Varga girl was naughty and not nice . . . In mud and blood and in far lands, the young men of Webster County and of Iowa and every other state died for freedom . . . Only two years ago, our first issue was small and timid. We wondered if you'd like it. It went to only 400 or 500. Its sponsors were Fort Dodge Creamery, Fort Dodge Grocery Co., Gates Dry Goods Store, Tobin Packing Co., Swaney Motor Co., and Radio Station KVFD. Four of those sponsors have been with the letter ever since . . . We reached our peak in circulation some months ago at nearly 5,000 copies. Now the list has shrunk to 3,750 as each day sees more and more G. I. Joes return to civilian life. During the two years you have written thousands and thousands of wonderful letters full of news and full of thanks. You've sent back hundreds of patches and magazines and guns and flags and uniforms . . . It's been the great experience of our life, one that we will never forget . . . And now we can see the end. Volume Three will never be finished. Sometime next year you'll be home. We'll write the last letter. It's be our final salute to peace that you so hardly won.

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☉ **AROUND THE TOWN.** W. V. Mulrone, Jr., has joined his father and brother in the Mulrone Insurance Company . . . George W. McHenry, 95, a resident of Webster county all his life, died Friday. He was always proud of having spoken to Abraham Lincoln and how he walked to Illinois to hear Lincoln speak . . . A large block barn on the M. T. McGuire farm near Bode was destroyed by fire last week. It was valued at more than \$6,000 . . . A V. F. W. post has been organized at Gowrie . . . A red-hot Dodger homecoming celebration was to be held this week with the Roosevelt-Des Moines grid game a feature . . . Frank H. Helsell has resumed practicing law . . . Mack Bruce has returned and is working at Wilder's Funeral Home . . . Eugene P. Rodenborn now is with the Marso-Rodenborn Company . . . Robert C. McLaury is again with Goodyear Service . . . Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Jones, living near Duncombe, observed their 50th wedding anniversary Oct. 7 . . . The Dodger "B" grid team defeated Humboldt reserves 38 to 0 Monday afternoon . . . Trials of five former officials of the Eldora training school will be held in Fort Dodge. A change of venue was granted . . . Glenn L. Laffer has bought a newspaper in Correctionville, near Sioux City . . . A Winter Chautauqua will be held in Fort Dodge. It is sponsored by the Women's Club, Junior Chamber of Commerce, and Radio Station KVFD. To appear here will be Dr. Will Durant, noted philosopher; Margaret Bourke-White, famous woman photographer; Count Carlo Sforza, Italian statesman; and Emily Kimbrough, noted author . . . Ned Young is president of the Webster County Historical society . . . The Cobblestone Ballroom at Storm Lake, operated by Larry V. Geer, was damaged by fire Monday . . . Five more polio cases have been reported in Kossuth County . . . Alan Loth and Horace Melton have formed a law partnership . . . Richard Mitchell is one of six named by Gov. Robert D. Blue to make an investigation of the state penal institutions . . . D. E. Breese has resumed his duties at the YMCA . . . John M. Cody, S 1/c, a prisoner of the Japs for three years, is visiting his brother, Joe, at Iowa City and then will come home.

☉ **SCOREBOARD.** Dodgers, 19—East Des Moines, 13. It might be remembered as the battle of the bulges. There is a jinx on that alleged field for the Dodgers. Among its foxholes and on its wash board surface as hard as macadam and sprinkled with bottle tops, brick fragments and cinders, we do not seem to be at home. It was a tough game but the Dodgers won it and laid the jinx. East started hot and was seven points ahead before the game was that many minutes old. The Dodgers had done all right until Hadley intercepted a pass and returned the ball to the Dodger 40. A plunge by Ratton was good for eight yards and then Hadley tossed a touch down pass to Peters. He tossed again this time to Caplan at end for the extra point. It looked almost too easy. In the second quarter East tried the same trick again but Heinie Wasem snared the pass on the goal line and took it back to the twenty-three. From there Wasem and Constantine alternated around the ends taking the ball to the East 22nd. From there Merrill Leffler drove across on successive plunges for a touch down. We missed the extra point. In the third quarter we picked up an East High fumble on their 15. From there Leffler smashed over in three tries. On the last plunge not a man touched him. Al Potter went over from the two on a quarterback sneak for the extra point. A few minutes later Heinie Wasem spun through the line, sifted through the East secondary, shook Ratton loose after he had a hold of his arm and sprinted 61 yards for the third Dodger touchdown . . . Marquis substituted freely from there on in and in the final minute

of the ball game, East pushed over another touchdown. And that was the game. Final score Dodgers, 19, East Des Moines, 13 . . . Tonight we meet the Rough Riders of Roosevelt High at Dodger Stadium. The Des Moines team is big but hasn't run up any very impressive record. We should take them. Then on to Mason City for another sock at the Mohawks.

☉ **ENJOYING MOM'S COOKIN'.** Jordan E. Tonsfeldt, SM 1/c . . . Ensign Richard Whitcome . . . Lt. Gary Rabiner . . . Pvt. Don Nodtvedt . . . W/O Joe McMahon . . . Capt. August Ricke . . . Jack Fitzgerald, EM 2/c . . . Robert Ditzenberger, ARM 3/c . . . Pvt. Duane Longstaff . . . Lt. Paul Martin . . . Cpl. Merle Davidson . . . Pvt. Joe Harrington . . . T/Sgt. Ernest H. Anderson . . . Major Chester Acher . . . Pfc. Duane Tyler . . . Ensign Lloyd Hambleton . . . Pfc. Darrell DuBois . . . Pfc. Delbert E. Wilshusen . . . Lt. Mason Haire.

☉ **GOING UP.** Theodore V. Maier—Pfc. to Sgt. . . . F/O John E. Rydland awarded distinguished flying cross with oak leaf cluster . . . Pfc. Herbert G. Umbaugh has completed a year as a bus driver in New Caledonia without a mishap . . . James A. Thurston—Pfc. to Cpl. . . . T/4 Charles M. Duncan, four bronze battle stars . . . Richard J. Mulrone from Lt. to Capt. . . . Clyde L. Caldwell now is a sergeant . . . Albert W. Sinnott from Capt. to Major . . . Ensign Fred H. Dorheim has been made skipper of an LSM . . . John M. Schaupp, Jr., from AMM 2/c to AMM 1/c . . . Bernard Loth from Cpl. to Sgt. . . . Jean K. Clark—Pvt. to Cpl.

☉ **ENGLAND.** Cpl. Jestin E. Ober, of Lehigh, is attending Shrivensham University in England.

☉ **LA BELLE FRANCE.** Pfc. Frank Weiss is stationed in France near the city of Lyon . . . Lt. Howard Nevenon is now stationed in Paris, France . . . Cpl. C. A. Dehart has been transferred from Germany to France. Hopes to be home by the middle of next summer.

☉ **HOME FOR GOOD.** Cpl. Leonard Nelson is out of the army, back from France and Germany, and now living at 2023 15th Avenue South . . . S/Sgt. LeRoy Cook is out of the army and back home . . . Robert W. Theiler, CMO, is out of the Navy . . . Sgt. Russell Greene is out of the army and living in Denver, Colo. . . . M. A. Laurent is discharged from the WAVES and back at Vincent . . . Signing himself "a civilian", a note of thanks from Donald McAlpin brings the welcome information that he is back home at Palmer, Iowa, for good . . . Lt. Oscar A. Lunstrum is now home at Box 112, Lanyon, Iowa . . . F/O Richard J. Leonard, inactive status . . . Sgt. Lawrence D. Kenning, of Pomeroy . . . Don Gawtry, QM 2/c . . . Cpl. William Jones . . . Sgt. Marshall E. Bickford . . . Joseph J. McDonald, RM 3/c . . . Cpl. Walter L. Remington . . . S/Sgt. Faber H. Cripps . . . Lt. Nancy Sittig . . . Lt. (jg) Jessie Poole Larson . . . Sgt. Ernest C. Flickinger . . . Don Marsh, PhM 2/c . . . Lt. Duane Ulstad, terminal leave . . . Thomas X. Kelley . . . T/Sgt. Lyle H. Kitley . . . Capt. Carl D. Scharf . . . Cpl. Richard F. Myers . . . Louis L. Davis, CMM . . . F/O Charles Freed . . . Newell Fawkes, SK 1/c . . . T/3 Gordon Nelson . . . S/Sgt. Verne E. Amo . . . Sgt. Warren Edwards . . . Cpl. Howard Libbey . . . Roger E. Viers, GM 2/c . . . Theodore N. Chada, Jr., MM 1/c . . . Lt. Edward L. Weiss . . . Pfc. Donald Cobb . . . T/Sgt. John L. Kaufman . . . T/4 Michael E. Brennan . . . Lt. (jg) Robert Durian, terminal leave . . . S/Sgt. George DeBakey . . . Edmond Adams, RM 3/c . . . Judson Adams, T/Sgt. . . . Richard Adams, MM 2/c . . . Cpl. Lewis F. Bilek . . . T/5 Luther Chinberg . . . Sgt. Mary Hutchinson . . . Cpl. Warren Shelby . . . Michael J. Bednar, Jr., EM 3/c . . . Basil L. Barnhill, ARM 2/c.

☉ **LUXEMBOURG.** Capt. A. J. Braginton, of Rockwell City, is now in Luxembourg.

☉ **SMALL WORLD.** Robert E. Constable, WT 2/c, and a Dodger named Fuller in the Marshall Islands . . . Floyd Nick Ewing, MoMM 3/c, and Herb Kenyon, MM 3/c, in Philadelphia in late September. Nick is now at the Naval Repair Base at New Orleans . . . Sgt. Robert Porter met his brother, Carl, on Okinawa recently. Their home is at Lehigh . . . Cpl. Delbert M. Porter, who was on furlough in London, met his cousin, Gene Messerly, at the Red Cross Club. He flew from Nuremberg, Germany, to London for his furlough.

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☉ **HIGH C'S.** Joseph F. Scharfenberger, F 2/c, is on the USS Kallin Bay, "A small carrier affectionately known as one of Kaiser's coffins, a pretty good ship, though, at that."

☉ **JAPAN.** Pvt. Sam Westbrook now is stationed in Yokohama . . . Ken Lochner, BM 1/c, was a member of the first unit to reach Yokohama . . . T/5 Melvin Egerton is in Fukushima.

☉ **HAWAII.** James Kelly, RM 3/c, is attending school in Pearl Harbor.

☉ **PACIFIC.** Anchored off the coast of China near Faku, James D. Peterson, AM 3/c, writes, "If any of the Webster County boys ever see the Boxer, tell them to come aboard." . . . Major W. L. Vier-



gever, formerly with Brady Transfer, is now in Yokohama. "It is quite some improvement over Leyte and Manila." . . . Warrant Officer Lawrence H. Koerner is in Japan between Yokohama and Tokyo. "The weather and scenery is fine. I hope to be home by Christmas." . . . Lt. J. B. Anderson now at Sasebo, Kyushu, Japan, is hoping to be back in Iowa for Thanksgiving . . . Pfc. Edward Chada is in New Guinea. His brother, Ted, WT 1/c, was recently discharged from the navy and is back home at Rt. 1 Fort Dodge . . . R. W. Wilson, GM 2/c, is still at Honolulu at 760, but Dwayne Crinningan, BM 1/c, has been transferred to LCI 755 . . . Pfc. R. D. Hanson is now in Manila.

✶ **SERVICE PAPERS AND INSIGNIA.** The Ninth Division News from Pvt. Eric Nelson, Munich, Germany. Thanks, Eric . . . The Stationair from Harvey C. Wiss, CY, Naval Air Station, Hilo, Hawaii. Thanks, Harvey . . . The Windy Breeze from Frank A. Fisher, CM 1/c, of Woolstock, now in the Netherlands, East Indies. Thanks, Frank. Frank, who is with the Seabees, has been in the service for three and a half years. "I've circled the globe and in all that time I haven't met a man from Fort Dodge or even close by. By the time you get this, I'll be on my way home. We go by boat to Biak and from there by plane to Manus Harbor." . . . The White Falcon from Cpl. F. W. Bovee up in Iceland. "This will be the last copy I'll be able to send. I'm coming home." Thanks, M. W. . . . The Sixth Army News and a picture of a dead Jap from Cpl. D. E. Zuetlaw, somewhere out there-a-way. Thanks, Dan.

✶ **OVER HERE.** Duane Tepfer, AM 3/c, has been transferred to supply and is at San Diego . . . Pvt. R. B. Franklin is at Buckley Field, Colorado . . . Dean Phillips, FC 1/c, is now at Quincy, Mass. . . . S/Sgt. Dale W. Nelson is now at 700 E. 17th Street, Cheyenne, Wyoming . . . Art C. Hubbard, S 2/c, is at the Puget Sound Navy Yard, Bremerton, Washington . . . Cpl. Robert Leiss, back from Italy, is now at Santa Ana, California . . . Pvt. Glen A. Musselman is at Camp San Luis Obispo, California . . . Charlene Schaeffer is a student nurse at Mercy Hospital in Des Moines . . . Jim Skophammer was injured in the Iowa-Purdue game and is in the University hospital. After the injury, he developed pneumonia . . . Walt S. McGill, now stationed in Bainbridge, Md., finds time now and then to visit old friends in Philadelphia . . . Jeanne D. Peterson, PhM 3/c, is at Camp Parks, California. A Seabee from Burnside named Manchester is also at the camp . . . Capt. Earl Kuehnast is at Biggs Field, El Paso, Texas . . . Leland Nelson, RT 3/c, is at the U. S. Navy Separation Center, Shoemaker, California . . . Cpl. Don McLoughlin is at George Field, Lawrenceville, Ill. . . . M/Sgt. Merlin S. Rufer phoned his wife from Newport News, Va., Friday. He had just arrived aboard ship from Europe . . . Pfc. George C. Brown has arrived in the states from Europe . . . Capt. Arnold H. Bertram, Army Chaplain, has arrived at Boston from Europe . . . Lt. Karl Smith is in the USA and expected home soon. Pfc. Edward M. Fawcett is recovering from wounds suffered on Okinawa, May 21st. He is at a naval hospital at Norman, Oklahoma. He was a member of a Marine mortar team . . . Carl W. Anderson, CSK, is expected home in a few days.

✶ **WAR'S GRIM TOLL.** Capt. Loren H. Devine, 28, of Humboldt, has been reported missing in the Pacific when his plane, A B-29, went down off of Tinian . . . Roland G. Stillman officially reported dead; was missing in action when the carrier Franklin was attacked off Japan.

✶ **COMING HOME.** Capt. Max Warner is on his way home from somewhere out there-a-way . . . Pfc. Arthur F. Vermule is on his way home from Luzon . . . Roy Dishman, AM 3/c, will be home for good next month from Banana River, Florida . . . Curtis Scott is about to receive his discharge at North Camp Hood, Tex. . . . W. P. "Bill" Babcock is on his way home from Luzon. His brother is married, out of the army and living in Louisiana . . . After twenty-two months in Europe, S/Sgt. Howard J. Janson is at the POE waiting for a ship home . . . Sgt. Ed C. Hoffman is on his way home from Manila . . . T/5 Newell Porter is on his way home. He says he'll be in to say "hello" before November is over . . . Pvt. Kenneth L. Knudson, who has been stationed recently at Lowry Field, Colorado, is out of the army and will be back in Moorland in about two weeks . . . Sitting in Camp Boston, Reims, Pfc. Foster Funk listens to the Army-Michigan game and wonders when he will be home. "That longshoreman's strike has effected us an awful lot. Out date for leaving has been postponed three times now for lack of shipping." . . . 1st Lt. Bessie Nostrum is on her way from Saipan to her home in Dayton . . . Pfc. Floyd Worrel is on his way home . . . Cpl. Sylvester A. Mueller is on his way home to Box 311, Manson, Iowa, from Ledo, Assam . . . Pvt. E. G. Burke is on his way back from Luzon.

✶ **DOWN THE CENTER AISLE.** Dorothy Carlson and the Rev. E. Lincoln Pearson to marry Nov. 24 . . . Myrtle Lish to Bert E. Elliott here Oct. 17 . . . Elinor Peterson and LeRoy Guderian to wed Oct. 28 . . . Bonnie Mae Foster and Sgt. Herbert Lee are engaged . . . Jean Peterson to S/Sgt. David E. Bailey here Oct. 10 . . . Muriel Clark to C. W. Beresford at Bethesda, Mo. Oct. 12 . . . Beverly Williamson to marry Lt. Paul F. Kuhn, Nov. 4 . . . Florence Banister to William Cornell, S 1/c, at Benson, Minn., Oct. 12 . . . Mildred Mathey to William Schroeder here Oct. 21 . . . Mildred Alice Knutson to Lt. Gilbert R. Loshek at Chicago Oct. 20 . . . Velva Von Stein and Robert Skophammer Thanksgiving Day in Fort Dodge. Bob is now at Scott Field.

✶ **FROM THE FIVE CORNERS OF THE WORLD.** Pfc. Richard R. Olson, Japan. "I just received your letter from home and sure was glad to read some of the news about Fort Dodge. The way we have covered the world, I don't think a copy has ever missed me. Since I've joined this outfit, we have covered over 30,000 miles and still have plenty more to go until we get back home. We were the first veterans from the European theatre to land on the island of Honshu, which is the main island of Japan. We are located at one of the air fields, which is a little north of Tokyo. The weather hasn't been too bad even though we wake up in the morning with six inches of water in our tents and our shoes floating. It has been raining nearly every day since we have gotten here and is still doing a fine job. This kind of weather is just like a typical fall day back in Iowa. We are all hoping to find better living conditions very soon, which is back in the states. If most of the people could just see the way things are carried on over here,

they surely would wonder how they ever lived it out. Some of the towns have nothing but ashes left and they are trying to rebuild before winter sets in."

Joe Carpenter, Fort McClellan, Alabama. "I am still in Alabama. There are two classes here—rebels and yankees. Some of the rebels are very stubborn. They still claim they won the battle of "Bull Run". I am now in mostly "Paratroop Division" training. We finished infantry basic this week and complete "trooper" training in two weeks. It is getting much cooler here now but it was very hot all summer long. We are still swimming outdoors though. All Army talk now is "reenlistment". They give you a good cover but between the covers, all you can do is guess. My outfit is going to Japan to replace the 11th Airborne Division. I see by the papers that the ol' scarlet and black are playing bang-up ball. I surely hope they don't hit that East Des Moines rut, as we did." Al is at Camp Fannin. Everything is swell here. Good luck.

T/Sgt. Ronald V. Wheat, Omura, Japan. "I have been here a little over "two weeks and already have been through three typhoons. By the way, I saw one thing I really enjoyed and that was the result of the atomic bomb at Nagasaki. A little scoop (maybe). They say they have proof that all the Jap brass gathered here on this field and laid plans for the bombing of Pearl Harbor."

Cpl. Paul E. Thie, Panda, India. "Both of the U. S. ports of debarkation in India—Karachi and Calcutta—are loaded to the gills with men sweating out a ride home, so it will probably be sometime late in November before we get out of here. No one would have any idea of the vast amount of U. S. military supplies and equipment that we had here in India, until you see it yourself. At Pandagar Field not far from here, there are over 1,000 planes of all makes and types awaiting transfer or disposal. Most of them are practically new. Some are being transferred to Europe for use of the occupational forces. The rest are being salvaged or destroyed. The same is true of trucks, jeeps and other vehicles of all descriptions. Thousands of rounds of ammunition are being destroyed daily. Clothing that could well be used in Europe is being burned."

Lt. Harold G. Powell, Adak, Aleutian Islands. "Just a note to express my appreciation for the fine work you have been doing with the Y. L. F. H. Sure helps to keep in touch with the fellows from home. As yet, I have not met anyone from home on the hunk of rock in the Bering Sea. I suppose since the Japs quit, you have heard more about this place. It has been kept pretty secret up to now. It is quite a base of supplies for the whole Aleutian chain; also the base for the North Pacific Fleet. It has a large Army and Navy air base also. They claim the government has spent around 200 million on this rock. Still sweating out points. I only have 45 so guess I will be here till the first of the year. By the way, you might ask Dolliver when they intend to let some "of us old officers" out. I am 37 and would sure like to get out. Seems to me we ought to be given a little consideration." Thanks, Harold, for the paper and radio program.

Pfc. Dean W. Olson, FPO, New York. "The last time I wrote to you, I was in the Mediterranean and here I am again. We are due to pull into Naples, Italy, tomorrow. This is our second trip to Europe. Our first was between Marseilles, France, and Newport, News, Va., with a load of 5700 99th Division men. Max Thompson, Congressional Medal of Honor man and General Black, C. O. of the Division, were among the passengers. It was a routine trip. On this trip our load consisted of about 3,700 Italian P. W.'s going back to Italy. They are really some outfit. I don't care much for them. They had very good treatment back in the States. Most of them were part of Rommel's Afrika Korps and fought in Tunisia. They are also very proud of themselves, but I don't know what for. We went through the Straits of Gibraltar yesterday for the third time. It was clear so I got a very good view of it. This time it looked more like what I imagined it would. The other two times it was overcast, so it looked pretty small. Tangiers, Morocco, is right across the Straits. The white buildings stand out beautifully against the background. I would like to make a liberty there. Our detachment was the first Marine one in Marseilles, since it was recaptured. That is as near as we could find out from the M. P.'s. We were taken for everything from English to Germans. I guess our green's look like German uniforms. I had a pretty good time there considering the language difficulties. The French know quite a bit of American, too. Prices are very high, such as cognac 60 francs (\$1.20). Some places it was cheaper but I guess we hit a ritzy place the first time. Everybody smokes and we were offered 75 francs (\$1.50) for American cigarettes. Black market, I guess. We were told before we left the ship a little bit about Marseilles, but you have to see it first before you really know what it is like. There were about 120 ships scuttled or damaged around the waterfront. The town itself didn't seem to be too badly damaged, but the waterfront was pretty badly beaten up."

Lyle M. Barber, S 1/c, Wakayama, Japan. "I'm going on my eleventh month out here. I'm on a little fleet tug and if anyone happens to tell you they don't leave the harbors, tell them they are crazy. In the first three months out here, we were at the following places—Pearl Harbor, Johnston Island, Eniwetak, Guam, Leyte, Manus, Ulithi, Kassel Pass, Peleliu, Saipan and after that we kept traveling from one of those places to the next. We arrived at Okinawa a little before it was secured and did salvage work there for approximately three months. When the battleship Pennsylvania was hit, we were only sitting a few ships away from her, so we got the job of towing her back to Guam with the help of another tug. After that we returned to Okinawa where we sat around for 4 or 5 days, and then got further orders to report at Wakayama, Japan, where we are now. I've been on liberty once since we got here, and I cannot explain the conditions that the people here live under. I just wonder if all the places in Japan are like this place. If so, I don't see why it took us so long to whip them."

Before we leave, let me tell you that Sgt. John Atwell is home. He looks fine and feels fine after his three and a half years in a Jap prison camp. When he saw how his four children had grown in his four years away, he said, "I feel like Rip Van Winkle" . . . The weather remains delightful, those perfect fall days that make you happy just to be alive. Be seeing you.

Your home town correspondent,  
Ed Breen