

Your Letter From Home

A woman who had been having trouble with public laundries shrinking her unmentionables found a large railroad spike and tied a tag to it with the inscription, "Try to shrink this."

When the laundry was returned, she opened it and found a small carpet tack with a tag tied to it, reading, "We did."

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Captain (to newly appointed sergeant): "Look here, here are men coming into camp night after night after 'Light's Out' has been sounded. It's got to stop."

A few days later he asked the sergeant whether conditions had improved.

Sergeant: "Oh, yes, sir. The last man in blows the bugle now."

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☛ **DEAR JOE.** We've got another picture section coming up. Everyone seemed to like the last one so Ken got busy a month or so ago and we've got more scenes of your home town ready to roll. Football shots, glamour girls, country roads, kids, horses, dogs—the places that you know, the things and people that are your friends and your things. We're going to try awfully hard to get it to you for Christmas . . . Maybe you'll be home for Christmas, Joe. I hope so, but if you are away, we all know that it can't be much longer. The one thing that we can do to shorten that time is being done. Your Dad and Mother, your wife, your girl friends, your brothers and sisters, your neighbors and friends all want you home NOW. And they are telling Congress and Congress in turn is knocking some brass hats into cocked hats as the stampede goes on to figure out faster and better ways of getting you out of GI and back into your own duds.

☛ **AROUND THE TOWN.** Clocks were turned back an hour early September 29 and we now are on Central Standard . . . C. E. (Gene) Zenor is out of the Navy and will return to the police force October 15th . . . Grid scores: Fort Dodge, 20; Central Sioux City, 0; Waterloo East, 27; Dubuque, 6; Mason City, 7; West Waterloo, 6 . . . Harold Williams, superintendent of schools, has been elected president of the Kiwanis Club . . . Frank Grell, Jr., 17 years, is really in a jam or will be when caught by the authorities again. The kid got away from the boys' training school last Friday. Sunday night he was seen at the roller skating rink but left in a hurry . . . Delegates to the first national convention of the AMVETS from Fort Dodge Post No. 4 are Glenn Orr, commander; Duane Harrington, vice-commander; Mrs. Noreen Henriksen, finance officer; and Ken Peterson. It will be at Chicago, October 12th to 14th . . . Lt. Ralph W. Bastian, now on the inactive list of the navy, is back and will resume his duties as Webster County attorney in a few weeks . . . Cliff Hollis is out of the Navy and has started pounding a patrolman's beat again . . . Funeral services were held Monday for Ralph Mooney, stock buyer and auctioneer . . . Fred Cooper assumed his new duties Monday as superintendent of the boys' training school at Eldora . . . Mrs. Marjorie Rudolph, former sales manager for KVFD, now is with the Vitamized Feed Company handling publicity and advertising . . . Forrest Marquis, high school grid coach, has succeeded Fred Cooper as athletic director. Ben Ducea takes over as wrestling coach . . . The mercury nosedived to 27 degrees Friday night and there was a killing frost . . . Francis M. Jacobson, 31, pleaded guilty Saturday at Pocahontas to manslaughter in connection with the death of Mrs. Lois Vining, 31, local waitress. She was killed when run over by Jacobson in his ice truck. He got eight years and a \$500 fine . . . Lt. Col. Roger M. Minkel is on terminal leave prior to retirement to inactive service from the Army Medical Corps . . . Army Mothers' Canteen served 700 servicemen and women at the I. C. station during September . . . Ray Berrier is out of the Army and has resumed his duties as high school speech instructor.

☛ **HOME FOR GOOD.** Sgt. Marshall Bickford back from overseas, discharged at San Luis Obispo and now living at 1332 5th Avenue South . . . Pvt. Edmund Stiles of the original Co. B from Ireland and England, now living at 108 North 3rd Street . . . Lawo Sorenson is home for good at Gilmore City and his brother, Rollie, is on the way. "Tell all the service boys hello for us and that we wish them a speedy return." . . . E. R. Nesler, Jr., is out of the service and back in the home town . . . Cpl. R. P. Bob Metcalf is getting out of the service and his future address will be 431 41st Street, Miami Beach, Florida . . . John V. Shill is back in Harcourt with an army discharge in his pocket . . . Gerald T. Robb is out of the service and is back home at Goldfield, Iowa . . . Elbert Jordison is out of the army and home for good . . . Mitchell J. Welch is out of the army and at present visiting relatives at Lawton, Oklahoma . . . Cpl. Fred Wallace is out of the service and is living at Lincoln, Nebraska . . . Cpl. Oscar Phillips is out of the army and living at Tustin, California . . . Sgt. Lyle Gregerson is out of the army and back home at 344 Avenue E . . . Russell Jondle, AMM 1/c . . . Capt. Maurice J. Tierney . . . Lt. (j. g.) Arthur L. Brooks . . . Pfc. Robert O'Connor . . . T/Sgt. Donald Erb . . . M/Sgt. Paul R. Meyer . . . Preno Bisacchi, RM 3/c . . . Cpl. Roy C. Felky . . . Pfc. Alven H. Wells . . . Lt. Oral G. Thompson, inactive duty . . . S/Sgt. Albert J. Zehr . . . Charles B. Mattice, Cox'n, Coast Guard . . . T/5 Albert E. Brugman . . . Pfc. John P. Laska . . . Lt. Mark Tuel . . . Lt. Col. Ralph Wicks, inactive status . . . T/Sgt. Horace J. Melton . . . Don Clark, BM 2/c . . . T/Sgt. Meredith Andrews . . . S/Sgt. Lyle Gregerson . . . Pfc. George Barber . . . Jack R. Calvert, MM 2/c . . . Pfc. Wendell J. Reed . . . Pfc. Tom C. W. Pray, Jr. . . . Pfc. Orval Mills . . . Lt. H. D. Mills . . . Pfc. James Saigh.

☛ **DOWN THE CENTER AISLE.** Elizabeth Jeanne Fischer and Cpl. Dwight McKinnie, September 29th . . . Mary Winninger and Lt. James P. Cain, September 24th . . . Veronica Doyle and Paul W. McGouch, September 18th . . . Mrs. Maxine G. Porter to Leo G. Croley, September 22nd . . . Grace Mullen to Julian Halligan, September 25th . . . Clara Ann Wrede to Pfc. Don Becher, October 8th . . . Next June, Irene Ahlborn to the Rev. George Pallesen . . . Mrs. Clara McKee, of Grand Rapids, Mich., and Dr. A. E. Acher, September 15th, in Grand Rapids . . . Mrs. Rosella Rohrer and Dr. E. J. Martin, September 13th, Elkton, Md.

☛ **WAR'S GRIM TOLL.** Thomas Helderich, CMM, missing in the Pacific.

☛ **FREEDOM AGAIN.** Three Fort Dodgers have been freed from Japanese prison camps but a fourth man died. Lt. Edward M. Grimes died of acute enteritis; Elwood A. O'Brien, EM 1/c; Fred Roepke, C PhM, and Elmer Haglund, merchant marine, were freed.

☛ **SERVICE PAPERS AND INSIGNIA.** The patch of the Antilles Department from Sgt. John Halligan, who is now out of the army and on the staff here at KVFD. Thanks, John.

☛ **DAS REICH.** Pfc. Pat Derrig is in Frankfurt running a kind of taxi service for the brass.

☛ **WE PLAY ALL REQUESTS.** Just send along the address and telephone number if you have it of the person for whom you want the numbers played and we'll notify them in advance of the time at which the request will be on the air.

☛ **COMING HOME.** S/Sgt. John Atwell, Jap prisoner, is on his way home and will reach the west coast, October 8th. His wife, Sue, will be there to meet him . . . Don Kalahar, of Lehigh, is on his way home . . . Francis L. Hoyer, EM 2/c, is on his way home from the sub base at New London, Conn. . . Paul Brewster, captured by the Japs at Wake Island in December of 1941, is at Manila and on his way home. He wired his folks that his health was fair and he weighed 102 pounds . . . Cpl. Paul C. Thie is on his way home from India . . . Sgt. K. J. Niedermann is on his way home, heading for 864 Summit Avenue, Pasadena, California . . . Pfc. Foster Funk is on his way home from Passau, Germany . . . T/Sgt. David A. Lundgren is on his way home . . . S/Sgt. Dick Johnson with the 5th Air Force on Okinawa is on his way home.

☛ **SMALL WORLD.** Duane Johnson, S 1/c, and Richard L. Van Voast at the sub base in Pearl Harbor . . . Pfc. Delmar Estlund and Eugene Messerly at the Kaserne Post in Germany, a former German Officer's training school. Thanks, Delmar, for the paper . . . Pfc. Clarence Wegman and S/Sgt. Willard Schmidt on the island of Guam. Bill had 102 points and is probably on his way home by now.

☛ **PACIFIC.** Pvt. Tom Stapleton is with the 6263 Army Printing Plant in Oahu, Hawaii, "thanks to Mr. Joselyn and Mr. Kepler. Tell them hello and to write." Thanks, Tom, for the mid-Pacific patch. We'll send that copy of Home Town . . . Howard L. Brown, S 1/c, on the USS Hodges is now at the island of Leyte . . . Lt. (j. g.) H. L. Larson is in the Pacific in command of the armed guard on the SS George Luks . . . V. H. Bock, SKV 2/c, on Los Negros island in the Admiralties, says hello to everyone at the Fort Dodge Creamery. "Haven't seen a soul from home since leaving the states last fall. Wonder if there is any Dodger around here close?" . . . Cpl. Ray Thies is on Okinawa . . . Bob Daehn, Coxswain, is somewhere out in the Pacific . . . Lt. Chas. D. Anderson is at Pearl Harbor with Commanding Air Pacific . . . S/Sgt. DeWayne G. Burke is on Ie Shima with a rescue squadron. He saw the Jap peace delegation that flew originally to Ie Shima. Thanks a lot, Sgt., for those pictures of the Jap plane and of Ernie Pyle's grave . . . Sgt. Wm. Day is on the island of Saipan. I'm writing to our Congressman, Bill.

☛ **HIGH C'S.** Harley Isaacson, S 2/c, is on the USS Bunker Hill . . . Wilbur R. Rush, QM 3/c, is on the USS Fortune out of San Francisco. We are writing that letter today, Wilbur . . . R. Rex Funk on the USS Bright is now a CPHM.

☛ **LA BELLE FRANCE.** Waldermer D. Harper is at Camp Lucky Strike in France and hopes to be sailing soon.

☛ **INDIA.** 2nd Lt. Earl R. Larson is in Tezpur, India. Adding to what Cpl. Bob Zeka had to say, Earl says A & D (Assam Death) rum is a very bad drink in India, as it is lighter brand whiskey.

☛ **GOING UP.** Thomas Jordan—Pvt. to Cpl.; Vernon H. Bock—SKV 3/c, to 2/c; F. J. Benton—Pfc. to Sgt.; Dwayne Elliot Bonnell—RT 2/c to 1/c; Wm. M. Day—Pvt. to Sgt.; Darwin Brand—Pfc. to Cpl.; Alvin E. Pieper, Jr.—Pfc. to Cpl.; Herbert H. Reiser—AM 2/c to 1/c; Kenneth R. Barry—Cpl. to S/Sgt.; Richard Purkaypile—Cpl. to Sgt.; Robert E. Allen—Lt. to Capt.; Laurence Buck—Pfc. to Sgt.; Aloysius Gates—Pvt. to Pfc.; Carl L. Reed—Pvt. to Pfc.; Frederick J. Good—Pvt. to Pfc.

☛ **ENJOYING MOM'S COOKING.** Miss Alice White, Red Cross worker, 30-day leave after service in France . . . Lt. Lyle C. Jensen and wife . . . Lt. Clyde C. Dickerson, 30 days . . . 1st Lt. Ken Moreland is home on a forty-five day leave. With one of the youngest P51 fighter groups of the 8th Air Force, Ken says he's heading for the Pacific. During his five months and 47 missions in the ETO, he cracked up three times but walked out of all of them. When in England, he saw Bud O'Brian and Faber Cripps quite often. Bud was gunner at another field and Faber was a sheetmetal man repairing shot-up bombers at that field . . . Cpl. Merle Davidson is home on leave. Looks fine and weighs 200 pounds . . . Pvt. Don Nodtvedt is on his way to Utah. He is with an A26 outfit . . . 1st Lt. Justin Becker, back from two years in England.

☛ **OVER HERE.** Lowell S. Gleason, A/C, Webster City, is attending navy preflight school at Iowa City . . . Bob Williams, A/C, former KVFD employee, is back in Texas again. He was transferred there from Monroe, Louisiana . . . Capt. John Ramsden is training men at the Ordnance school at Aberdeen, Md. "Our student load has increased to the point where we are thinking of running night classes like they did at the beginning of the war." . . . Cpl. W. H. Kohlhaas, of Livermore, is at the Oakland Army Base after spending fifteen months in Africa and Italy . . . Glenn H. Peterson, F 1/c, is sweating out three more points at Tacoma, Washington . . . LeRoy Daiker, F 1/c, is at Little Creek, Virginia . . . S/Sgt. R. E. Johnson is at Deming, N. Mex. . . Pvt. R. B. Franklin is at Buckley Field, Colorado . . . Pfc. Francis O. Otto is at the Armored OCS at Fort Knox cooking for the brass, "or better still, I'm slinging hash" . . . Pvt. Karl R. Johnson has been transferred from California to Texas. He is at the air base at Amarillo. Tough break . . . Duane A. Keen, AOM 3/c, is at the US Naval Air Station at Camp Kearney, California . . . Pvt. Richard Glendening is a medical student at Georgetown University in Washington . . .

Pvt. Richard Sestini is at San Diego with the Marines. His brother S/Sgt. Bruno Sestini is home and about to be discharged . . . Sgt. Harold L. Moen is in a Convalescent hospital at Camp Carson, Colorado . . . Eva. Scribner is a cadet nurse at St. Catherine's Hospital in Omaha. Thanks, Eva, for the patch . . . Doris Simmons is at St. Josephs . . . Don Weishaar was in Creighton for a while . . . Miss Pat Wittman is with the FBI in Washington and anxious to see any visiting Dodgers. "You can always reach me through the FBI". Pat's brother, Pfc. John Wittman, is at Mar-seilles, France . . . Sgt. Eugene Savage is at Jefferson Barracks but for a discharge . . . Pvt. R. D. Sperlan is at Sheppard Field, Texas . . . Pfc. Ernest L. Carr is at Earle, N. J.

☉ **SCOREBOARD. Dodgers—20, Sioux City Central—0.** And that score tells a lot. It means the Dodgers have another wonder team. The little Maroons were good. They had beaten Aberdeen, 19 to 0, and North Des Moines, 7 to 0. I saw them in their dressing room before the game. They were big. Dick Day, their center, is a boy who'll stand 6'4" or 5". The ends were big. They outweighed us in the line about ten pounds to the man. But the Dodgers stood on their heads. Playing in their beautiful new stadium, the Dodgers received two or three plays later. Heinie Wasem on a simple delayed cross buck into the line, found an opening and ran to the Sioux's 15. The little Maroons held on their own seven and kicked out of danger but before the quarter ended, we were back again. On a quarter back sneak, Al Potter went over from the two. George Constantine kicked the extra point. Again in the second quarter, Wasem ran wild but we were stopped short of a touch down and Billy Lee, Sioux Central back, kicked out of danger. With only seconds left in the half, George Constantine threw a long one down into coffin corner and across the goal line. Capt. John Fieseler took that pass, held on to it and we had another six points. Our kick for the extra point was blocked. In the third quarter before Coach Marquis started sending in the rescuers, Heinie Wasem took off from the Dodger—thirty-five, skirted the south side line and went the whole way for another six points. And George got that extra point to make it 20. Wasem's running was sensational. Ollie Buckner hitting into a big tough line, was pretty well buttoned up. Dodger Play was what the coach ordered. It was terrific. And there was the game. Only twice in the game did the little Maroons work the ball into Dodger territory. Once only by a foot or two, and then late in the fourth quarter on a double pass, the Maroons got as far as the Dodger thirty-two . . . Tonight we meet West Waterloo there. It's their homecoming game.

☉ **FROM THE FIVE CORNERS OF THE WORLD. S/Sgt. Gilbert Strait, Biarritz Am. Univ., France.** "I'm sending a copy of our University paper. Hope it's the first as we're pretty proud of our university and I'd like to be the first to brag about it to you. We really have a well organized school here and some of the best instructors. Dean Russell, of the University of Chicago, is our Dean here. Personally, I'm taking a science course and have three of the best instructors. I'm taking trigonometry, college algebra, and general college physics. This is a wonderful setting for a university. I have classes in the mornings and do my studying on the beach in the afternoons. Last Sunday I went down near the Spanish border to a bull fight and the week before went out deep sea fishing. It's the next best thing to civilian life." Thanks, Gilbert, for the paper. We'll play that tune.

Pvt. Eric M. Nelson, Erding, Germany. "Last month I spent a week at the Riviera and what a place that is! It's the most beautiful thing I have seen as far as scenery is concerned. While at the Riviera, I met M/Sgt. McMiniment and T/5 Wayne O. Aurand, both from Fort Dodge. McMiniment said he hadn't been home in five years. He had to leave right away but Wayne and myself had quite a chat about the ole home town. Do you know anyone stationed with the 9th Air Force at Erding? I have been up to the American Red Cross Club there looking for a familiar face but as yet I haven't found any."

John C. Plotner, U. S. S. Wadleigh at Sea. "My congratulations to Miss Ziegler. She certainly is worthy of the title "Miss Iowa". It all goes to prove that Iowa is the state of beautiful girls, not Texas!

Cpl. Leonard Hill, Yokohama, Japan. "A couple of days ago I went to Tokyo—the first cavalry moved in that morning and we drove over the same night. It's much the same as Yokohama. The outskirts are burned to the ground but the downtown district is in pretty good shape. It was night and all we saw was a lot of Japs so we didn't stay very long. The first chance I get I'm going over there in the daytime and look around. The Japs seem pretty friendly but I imagine when the army returns, there will be a little trouble. All the soldiers that are here now are more or less a home guard and offer no trouble."

S/Sgt. Herbert Skoog, APO 920, San Francisco. "It has been beautiful weather here at Biak. It is a small rock, forty miles by fifty miles, and about two degrees south of the equator. It would be pretty hot here but we are all surrounded by water so that helps a lot. I have been here a year now and looks like I will be here until I go home, which I am afraid isn't soon. I have three years in the Army and twenty months overseas and only have 59 points. Most of us boys here are very much against the point system. A few of us guys went deep sea fishing last Sunday. We had a wonderful time. It was my first time for that sort of thing. We caught five tuna fish. They weighed ten pounds each. We would have caught more but most of our hooks were too small and they straightened them right out."

Sgt. M. J. Cavanaugh, Jr., Palawan Island. "I am now in the "Garden Spot of the Philippines", as it is so dramatically referred to. I am with the "Crusaders" here in Palawan. John Litzten is in the same Bomb Group, the only Dodger in the vicinity. I met "Zeke" Zimmer in Tarawa, who is with Dick Jurgens' All-Marine Band. So long for now and keep the news coming. "Home for Christmas" is the motto of the 75th."

Robert E. Segar, S 1/c, Okinawa. "Now that the storm is over, I can say for myself that I don't care to go through too many of them. The wind got up to 80 M. P. H. here and we didn't get a direct hit either, so you can imagine what it would be if a direct hit had been made by it. It took down a large assembly shed that had just been built; also, it blew over the chapel and quite a few tents around here. This is just what happened here on this base. Around the island, it blew quite a few ships up on the beach and some ships ran into each other; it was so rough. It blew down an Army hospital that had Prisoners of War that had just come in from Japan. We had quite a celebration here on the island the time the first report came that the war was over. I was at the show and about 21:30, it seemed like every gun on the island was firing. No kidding, Ed, it was even better than a 4th

of July celebration years ago. Of course, when everybody heard it was an unconfirmed report, they were a little down hearted but they knew that it wouldn't be too long. When the real report finally did come, there was hardly any celebrating done at all. I guess that was because there were quite a few guys hurt the first time."

Ch. Wm. T. Paden, Capt., APO 180, San Francisco. "We arrived in Okinawa about the time the fireworks ceased. Our outfit is located near Naha, a part of what was to have been a gigantic depot. Everywhere there are evidences of the terrific battle which was fought here. The weather is nice and cool and we appreciate it in contrast to India's heat, although we look longingly back to the living conditions we enjoyed in India as contrasted with this tent life."

Pfc. Robert E. Skoog, APO 27, San Francisco. "I'm not in Tokyo, but 24 miles from Tokyo. We are staying in a Jap post. We have good barracks and running water and electric lights. The people here are much more civilized than the people on Okinawa. Every other home has a radio set. The people here seem glad the war is over. Some stand on the street and jabber away at us but we can't understand them. They have modern roads and quite a few cars and trucks. But still a lot of farmers have oxen to pull their carts. As far as the towns being bombed out, the small towns aren't hit at all. The only towns hit are the big cities. Some of the people here didn't even see a bombing raid."

Sgt. Robert E. Gunderson, APO 159, San Francisco. "Today has been an exceedingly happy day for me as I received two copies of "Your Letter From Home" plus the grand booklet entitled HOME TOWN. Words just can't express how wonderful it is to receive such a booklet as that over here in the Philippines. The pictures, indeed, really seem to bring you in closer contact with the people and different places in Fort Dodge. After being away twenty months, a person more or less forgets some of the picturesque places in Fort Dodge. It is quite true that in looking at these pictures, I still find Fort Dodge to be the old home town in Iowa that I know and love so well. I, too, am very grateful to everyone who made it possible to print the many copies for servicemen and women. Give my regards to Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Gunderson and son Johnnie."

Bob H. Guffey, F 1/c, Shimotshu Ura, Honshu Island, Japan. "We have been in this inland sea since the 12th of September and have swept every day except two. We tied up to a dock that belonged to a former Jap refinery the 17th and went ashore. We were the first Americans ashore in that particular town and the people were really afraid of us at first. After a while they came up and tried to talk to us but very few could speak English. The Jap refinery had been bombed by our planes and was really a mess. All there was, was rusty, twisted steel. The trade mark was Circle Z. We saw a 1935 Ford truck, a 1934 Buick coach, and a 1933 Ford sedan. Really made us homesick. The Buick had an almost brand new set of Dunlap tires on it and we couldn't figure out where the owner got them. There are a lot of pretty girls in the town, (of course, we weren't interested) but they were pretty well afraid of us. One of the Japs who could speak English said they were warned of the crimes the Americans would commit. They were about the same as the Japs committed in the Philippines and elsewhere. They have a small gauge railway and for such a little engine, it really made a noise. The policemen wear uniforms of black with quite a bit of gold braid. They carry small sheathed swords but no guns or billy clubs. This is very mountainous around here so the Japs start a town wherever there is a break in the mountains. There may be only 20 or 30 houses but nevertheless it's a town and the train stops there. The Japs had a P. O. W. camp somewhere near here and they worked the prisoners 16 hours a day. We swept the way in for the hospital ships to evacuate them."

Don L. Engelman, MoMM 3/c, Leyte Gulf. "I got a lucky break recently—got to see brother Bob. He is on a L. S. T. Some of Bob's pals may be interested in the fact that Bob is now bossed by a California redhead and the U. S. N. Yep, he's a married man. He's got a beautiful wife—Hollywood material. If possible, I would like to have any Dodgers at Navy No. 3149 look me up on the U. S. S. A. B. S. D. No. 5."

Sgt. J. J. Benton, Prague. "At the moment, I'm in Prague, Czechoslovakia, in the Russian zone of occupation. There are very few GI's here, perhaps less than half a hundred, and five men from my outfit are in the process of setting up a radio station at a nearby airfield. For the time being at least, I shall be the only American radio operator in Prague, and it's not a particularly pleasant prospect, for it may mean working 12 to 18 hours a day. Keep up your good work, Mr. Breen, even though it's all over now, for I know we all enjoy your letters."

Allen E. Weber, F 1/c, FPO, San Francisco. "We are now at Korea. That is a part of North China or Manchuria. We are anchored in the river of Jinsen, a few miles from the city of Jinsen. My ship was the first American ship in here in 14 years and about 60,000 occupation troops followed us in. On this cruise we took, we just sailed around the coastline. I guess they just wanted to show off the fleet as we never stopped anywhere. I get a big kick out of these Chinese and their fishing boats. They sure go out in the ocean a long ways for the kind of boats they have. The boats look like a big board turned up on both ends and they have a big sail on them. I don't know what keeps them from turning over. They must be good sailors. They really seem happy to see us and do a lot of waving as we go by."

T/3 F. U. Moore, APO 512, APO New York. "I hope to leave for the states inside of the next week or two, and for one, I've seen my share of scenery for quite some time to come. I have been from Casablanca to the foothills of the Alps in Italy, so I am well content to let the furriner's keep it for their own travels."

This last week we had Elmer Wheeler with us at KVFD. Elmer, the top hand at Sizzle Ranch down Dallas, Texas, way. He had a lot of fun. He was in the Marine Corps for a couple of years. But now he's back telling people how to sell and, of course, his great phrase is that one he uses in every speech, "It's the sizzle that sells the steak". He has some rare ideas. For example—he always gets his hair cut on Monday. If you'll drop in when you are back, I'll tell you why. He spoke before the high school assembly at 1:30 and before a packed house at the High School at night. He told the bobby soxers and crew cuts how to get your first job. At night his subject was "Take An Hour To Say No". Before we get completely back to a world at peace, us folks at home are going to have to do some mental reconverting . . . And that's why we had Elmer here . . . Wish you could have been here, Joe. So long.

Your home town correspondent,
Ed Breen.