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A little trick, I'll tell the world,  
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A welcome smile on ruby lips.  
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☞ **DEAR JOE:** Last week we had ground hog day. Yeh, last Friday. We watched the sky pretty carefully all day. It was a dull grey day, a sky as heavy as lead. We had had enough of winter and we didn't want ole Mr. Ground Hog to see his shadow. I don't know if he came out. But if he did, I do know he didn't see his shadow. Couldn't have. There weren't any shadows that day. But we haven't had any let-up in the weather. Saturday night we got a mist that froze and turned driving into something like tight wire walking. Sunday was the same, only worse. Then it turned cold and we had more snow. The temperature dropped to twelve below Monday night. Brrrrrr. What a ground hog . . . This next week we have Valentine's Day coming up. Remember those comics we used to buy when we were kids? They've still got 'em. I picked up a couple today, you know the 'type. "Tennis Champ," a tall skinny guy missing the ball and the verse, "You say you're a tennis champ, My but that's tall, It's plain that you haven't, A thing on the ball." The fancy ones with lace and feathers and gold leaf were mostly designed for you, Joe. They all say what a great guy you are, and how we miss you and how you are our Valentine, and how we are going to smother you in love and kisses, how we're going to welcome you back as you've never been welcomed before. And that's the truth. As far as your girl is concerned and your Mom and your Dad and all your friends and home folks, there isn't any argument, Joe. You are our all American Valentine. And we wish you were here.

☞ **AROUND THE TOWN.** Carleton Beh, of Des Moines, bought the swimming pool bonds, \$17,000 worth at an interest rate that figures 1.18 percent . . . Another important fire this week, right on the main drag. Fire gutted McClellan's, occupying the S. E. corner of Central and 8th in the Snell Building. How it happened no one knows. Fire was discovered at 3:25 Sunday morning. The F. D. had it under control in a hurry, but the entire stock was destroyed and the building thruout it's seven stories filled with smoke . . . "Footlight Favorites," a mixed quartet singing light opera from the gay nineties down thru Oklahoma, played to over a thousand people at the high school auditorium Monday evening. This attraction was brought to town by the Men's Civic Glee Club. A very elegant show . . . Sperry Brothers Laundry, 116 North Ninth Street, has been sold to F. S. Shaffer, of Webster City . . . W. J. Bell was bound over to the grand jury under \$10,000 bond for an attempted assault upon a 65 year old woman. He forced his way into her home last Saturday afternoon . . . Like Pistol Packin' Mama of last year, today's Cinderella tune is "Rum and Coca Cola." Despite a ban by the networks because of the "Rum" or the "Coca Cola," the recording by the Andrews Sisters is selling by the hundreds of thousands . . . Gould Campbell, late of the U. S. Army, is going to Coffeyville, Kansas, to manage a fine new furniture store . . . Duncombe has a new city well 972 feet deep . . . In Des Moines, the Iowa House of Representatives passed a local option beer bill. Expert guessers think the bill will never reach the senate floor . . . Income taxes in Iowa have been cut to 50% of pre war rates, same as last year and the year before . . . The Chamber of Commerce-Retailers dinner was held in the Warden Wednesday evening. Speaker was W. A. Klinger, of Sioux City. Elected new directors of the Chamber were Elmer Apt, Fred Clark, Herb Horn, Alex Krause, D. E. Potter. Elected Directors of Retailers were Elmer Apt, Harold Burch, John Gimble, Wendel Hale, Dale Happ, and Arnold Johnson . . . The infantile paralysis march of dimes did all right in the local theaters. They passed the hat and collected \$1,127.00 . . . Webster County farmers are selling Uncle Sam 1,210,163 bushels of corn. This is the largest county quota in the state. Iowa's quota for the 99 counties being 22,000,000 bushels. The corn will be held in the government stockpile against future emergencies . . . Cigarettes are scarce, so is coca cola but so far there is no coal shortage in Iowa . . . Mary Alice Zeigler, winner of K V F D's Expo Pool Bathing Beauty Contest, was winner in the state contest, named Miss Iowa by MGM, and placed eighth in the national judging in New York City. She will receive a \$25.00 war bond from MGM, presented by Gov. Bob Blue . . . FLASH! S/Sgt. Keith Smokstad; S/Sgt. Dale Reichert, prisoners in Germany, have been liberated by the Russian drive. They are on their way home. Three other Fort Dodgers, S/Sgt. Dennis Berry, Francis Haglund, and another unidentified Dodger in the same prison camp, may also have been liberated . . . Last minute, S/Sgt. Robert F. Demery is reported missing in action. He was serving with the 3rd Air Force in France . . . 1/Lt. John F. (Jack) McMahon, Thunderbolt pilot, is missing over Luxembourg as of Jan. 27th.

☞ **SCOREBOARD.** This doesn't seem to be our year to beat 'em. The Dodgers went to Webster City Tuesday night, hoped to skin the Lynx. But the Lynx were full of fight and we came home badly mauled. Score 25 to 22. We were on the short end . . . The big tournament of the Sioux City diocese has been on since Tuesday, going day and night. It ended last night with Bancroft (St. John's) winning from Algona (St. Cecelia's) by a score of 26 to 23 . . . The glamazons are battling it out all over Iowa this week in sectional tournaments. Watch for complete results next week . . . Despite their inability to beat Webster City, the Dodgers are third

in standing in Northwest Iowa . . . While we can't seem to beat Webster City, East and West Waterloo are our meat. The Dodgers knocked off West Waterloo 30 to 19 last Friday evening. The following evening they took East 38 to 27. Lanyon defeated Harcourt twice last Friday evening. In the girls' game the score was 38 to 29. In the boys' game, 34 to 28 . . . Corpus Christi last week defeated Fonda 39 to 8 . . . Bode defeated Sacred Heart, of Fort Dodge, 26 to 24 last Friday.

☞ **ENJOYING MOM'S COOKING.** L. B. Arnold, Mo. M. M. 3/c, is back from the South Pacific . . . Edward Vaughn is home for good, honorably discharged and back with the fire department . . . Lt. George G. Hendricks is home from Italy. A little late, Lt., but we'll play that number for Mrs. George G. Hendricks, at Lutheran Hospital . . . Cpl. Dwight Sweet, from 35 months in New Guinea. He is with the Medical Corps of the 6th Army . . . Sgt. Robert English, of Clare, from the Philippines . . . Lt. Robert D. Nelson, of Stratford, from England, where he piloted a B-24 . . . Cpl. Don Schill, of Gowrie, from the 34th Div. in Italy . . . Lt. Harlen Reid, navy blimp pilot from South America . . . Sgt. Oscar Johnson, from Corsica, and 28 months in the Mediterranean Theater . . . Sgt. Jerome Bockoven from Italy . . . Pfc. Fred Brighi, from the South Pacific. He was at Tarawa and Saipan . . . Sgt. and Mrs. Walt Humphrey from Camp Hood, Texas . . . Cpl. Richard Larson, of Harcourt, from the S. Pacific, where he took part in the invasions at Tarawa and Saipan . . . S/Sgt. Jack Gadbury, Co. G veteran is back from Italy . . . Pfc. John Potter from Keesler Field, Miss. . . Laurence H. Koerner, Petty Officer 1/c, from Tiburon, Calif. . . Pvt. John Dessinger, enroute to Ft. Meade, Md. . . Cpl. William George, of Clare, from the South Pacific . . . Theodore O'Connor, S 2/c, from Farragut, Idaho.

☞ **OVERSEAS.** Pfc. Don McClure is with the SOS Parachute Infantry somewhere in Europe . . . Pvt. Sidney Thompson is now getting his mail APO 298 N. Y. . . Sgt. David Price can be reached APO 5, New York . . . Pvt. Walter E. Sampson is getting his mail APO 15770, New York . . . Pvt. Glenn Rezabek is overseas, APO 518, New York.

☞ **HIGH C'S.** Gerald O. Roth, SK 1/c, is on the U. S. S. Rixey . . . Gale F. Stringer, F 2/c, of Otho, is on the U. S. S. Healy in the Pacific . . . Lewis Dean Woodle, CSM, of Lehigh, is on the U. S. S. Pheasant . . . James D. Peterson, S 1/c, of Callender, is on the U. S. S. Kalinin Bay, an air craft carrier. His brother, Lucian, was wounded in the foot in Belgium on December 22nd. He is in a hospital in England and showing normal improvement . . . Vernon E. Voss, AMM, is on the U. S. S. Amsterdam.

☞ **HELP, HELP!** Cpl. Jack B. Aplan's folks would like to know where he is. Can anyone send them this information?

☞ **TWO HEARTS THAT BEAT AS ONE.** Ruth Malady and Howard Wilcox, Ph. M. 2/c, of Ames, February 9th in Ft. Dodge. Wilcox is back from the Mediterranean where he served on the flag ship . . . Helen Marie Bowers and Cpl. Eugene Curl sometime in March, in Fort Dodge . . . Jean Black and Dr. Mario Cornejo, of Santiago, Chili, in Santiago this summer . . . Norma Dunscombe and Marvin Niemeyer, of Humboldt, Feb. 18th, at the Lutheran Church in Deercreek . . . Elizabeth Lepley and Arthur K. Brown, Petty Officer 2/c, Jan. 2nd in Fort Dodge . . . Pauline Hayden and Roy Sullivan, of Barnum, Jan. 23rd . . . Mr. and Mrs. James J. Hogan. They celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary in Fort Dodge, Jan. 21st . . . Rosalie Gribble and Floyd R. Martin, Jan. 20th, in Minneapolis.

☞ **HOME TOWN BOYS MAKE GOOD.** Earl Larson over in India has gotten a field commission effective January 11th. He's now 2/Lt. Earl B. Larson . . . To Capt., John Bice, somewhere in the E. T. O. . . To T/Sgt., Stanley Pingel, APO 90, New York . . . To Lt. (j. g.) George T. Hamilton . . . The Silver Star to James Scire, C Ph. M. . . Wings and a commission to Kermit Jenks, at Waco, Texas, last week . . . The Bronze Star to Cpl. Harland R. Yates, with the 5th Army in Italy . . . The distinguished flying cross to Capt. E. G. Mills, B-17 pilot in England . . . The air medal to F/O Norman Wiche, co-pilot of a B-17, based in England . . . To 1st Lt., Robert McDonnell, somewhere overseas.

☞ **GOOD FELLOWS GET TOGETHER.** Conrad Steib, S 1/c, and Lt. Ralph Bastian on the U. S. S. Massachusetts, somewhere in the Pacific. Thanks, Conrad, for the "Bay Stater" . . . W. S. Wilkinson, E. M. 3/c, Don "Stub" Johnson and Carlin Acher. But laments, W. S., "those lucky boys are now in the states." W. S. has Eddie Bodaken's address and is planning to look him up. W. S. is with Navy 128—BARI U. S. Ship Repair Unit . . . Dodgers at Camp San Luis Obispo are Tom Dorsey, Bob O'Connor, Don Windchantz, Sgt. Craus and Pfc. William Armstrong . . . Pvt. Darwin Brand and Ray Fallon, somewhere in New Guinea. Ray was with a band that visited Derwin's base. "The whole band has the talent of any big band . . . Been listening to a Jap propaganda station. Those boys sink our navy and destroy our army every day. One thing they have is good popular American Music just to make us homesick. A gal then talks in a smooth silken voice and says things about why our gals aren't going to wait for us. Darn funny." . . . J. V. Guttenfelder, Mo. M. M. 2/c and Bill Hotek, of Otho, at Port Hueneme, California. Thanks J. V. for "Acorn Action."



☛ **WAR'S GRIM TOLL.** Pfc. Lawrence Greenfield, of Harcourt, is reported killed in action December 20th, in Belgium . . . S/Sgt. Robert D. Bollard, missing in action since Dec. 11th, when his plane failed to return from a flight over Austria, is believed to be a prisoner in Germany. A radio broadcast by his pilot from Germany says all of the crew came through, and are prisoners in Germany . . . Lt. Floyd Vevle is missing in action. B-17 pilot, he failed to return from a mission over Germany Jan. 14th. His twin brother, Lloyd, also a Lt. and B-17 pilot, has been missing in action since Sept. 28th. Floyd was a former member of the staff of K V F D . . . 2/Lt. Robert DeLanoit, of Badger, C-47 transport pilot, was killed in action Jan. 18th . . . Capt. D. R. Lindsey is now officially reported to have been killed in action over France, August 9th. Pilot of a Martin Marauder, he completed his mission, stayed in his plane when it was hit, and ordered the crew out . . . Sgt. W. D. Jondle is a prisoner of war in Germany . . . Sgt. J. H. Wolfe is reported missing in action in Belgium as of Jan. 7th . . . Lt. Dave Hill is in a hospital in England.

☛ P. O. W. Sgt. August Struhar, P. O. W. in Germany says in a recent letter that all he does is "play ball and lie around getting tanned." A prisoner a little over a year, he recently received his first letter from home. His brother Sam is a Sgt. in France, and his brother John is a S/Sgt. in Atlanta, Ga.

☛ **CHINA.** S/Sgt. Roy Blunk is with a bomb squadron in China.

☛ **INDIA.** Flight Officer Jim W. Rigby is in India, flying transport.

☛ **GAY PAREE.** Dorothy Schubert is now a Sgt. and stationed in Paris.

☛ **BELGIUM.** Capt. R. W. "Doc" Williams, of Humboldt, is in Belgium. He often sees Sgt. Elmer Theiss and T/5 Albert J. Cacioppo. "Good boys and doing a fine job." Doc, we'll sure play that number, and from here on in you are an old subscriber.

☛ **IRAN.** Sgt. James Nolan is stationed in Iran. He is starting his third year. "In the summer we endure heat up to 160 degrees. Lately, in fact for the past three months, it has been raining every other day."

☛ **OVER HERE.** Marvin Moreland, Marine V-12 at Colgate, is in Sampson Naval Hospital, Geneva, New York. His brother, Lt. Kenneth Moreland, is flying a P-51 based in England . . . Pfc. Don Willis, writing from Camp Lejeune, N. C. asks for a digest of the GI Bill of Rights. This isn't a promise, but we'll get a copy and see if it's possible to work out a thumb nail digest that will fit Y L F H. If we can, in it will go—soon . . . T/Sgt. Harold A. Woodard, formerly of Gowrie, is now at the airfield at Lincoln, Neb., after returning from England in December . . . Mid'n Ellis G. Hanson, of Callender, is at Harvard on a five months course in navy supply . . . S/Sgt. Chris Chardoulis learned how to speak and write or draw or paint or whatever you do with it—Japanese, at the University of Chicago. Chris is now at Military Investigators School, at Ft. Sam Houston . . . Cpl. Wm. R. Oswald is at Camp Callan, Cal. . . Lt. R. M. Bloomquist is working on B-29's at Pratt, Kansas . . . Lt. Robert Jensen is at Muroc, California . . . Carl Russell, AM 3/c, is at the Naval Air Station at Beaufort, S. C. . . Bernard J. Thomas, AOM 2/c, is at Mayport, Florida . . . T/3 George C. Morgan is at Ft. Sill, Okla. . . Lt. (j. g.) J. H. Fitzgerald is instructing in radar at San Diego . . . Wallace E. Lowry, AM 1/c, of Callender, back from 33 months overseas, is now in California in the metal shop at the air base in San Diego . . . Pvt. Earl E. Martin is at Camp Livingston, La., and would like to meet other Dodgers . . . T/5 Carl L. Conrad is at Ft. Benning, Ga.

☛ **SERVICE PAPERS AND INSIGNIA.** "The Daily News" from O. H. Bohannon, S 1/c, in New Guinea. Thanks, O. H. . . "The Yank Down Under" from S/Sgt. Fred Vannoni, somewhere in the Pacific. This issue of the "Yank" printed for GI Joes is sold for 3d. How come, how come? Thanks, Fred . . . A swell picture of Carl Nelson, CM 2/c, taken on Guadalcanal. Thanks, Carl . . . "The White Falcon" from Pfc. Frank W. Bovee somewhere in Iceland. Thanks, Frank . . . The patch of the 32nd Division from T/Sgt. Paul E. Larson, APO 32, San Francisco. Thanks, Paul . . . Pictures of 1/Lt. D. G. Culver, APO 252, New York, and of Pfc. Jay Culver, APO 562, New York, from their dad. Also an American propaganda leaflet. Thanks, fellows . . . "The Skywriter" from Richard Fitzgerald, S 2/c, Pasco, Washington. Thanks, Dick . . . The "Bomb Bay Messenger" from Cpl. Melvin Inman, Lincoln, Nebraska. Thanks, Mel . . . "The Ford Islander" from Kenneth O. Wertz, H. A. 1/c, Pearl Harbor. Thanks, Ken . . . "The Radio Post" from Pvt. Royce A. Cornell, Madison, Wis. Thanks, Royce . . . The "Bay Stater" from Conrad J. Steib, S 1/c. Thanks, Conrad . . . "The Returnee" from Cpl. Richard O'Connor. Thanks, Dick.

☛ **MERRY ENGLAND.** Lt. Ruth E. Nordstrom, of Boxholm, is in the British Isles . . . Sgt. Harold Stewart, in England now a year, returned recently from a week spent in Leeds, on furlough. "We stayed in a private home and the lady that ran the home was swell to us. We had fine meals and when we left she packed us a lunch to take back for we had a long way to travel" . . . Cpl. R. E. Johnson says "Hello" to Bob "Joe" Elston from somewhere in England.

☛ **PACIFIC.** Leonard Myer, MOM 2/c, is with reserve squadron VH2 somewhere in the Pacific . . . 1/Lt. R. W. Merryman, writing from the Pacific says, "Have been in protracted tropical isolation. Prospects, however, are brightening. Looks as if I'll get back sometime this year . . . Pvt. Warren Slawson, who used to work for the Lehigh Sewer Pipe and Tile, says "Hello" to Ray Dallam from the Palau Islands, where he is at an airfield well equipped with B-24's and fighters. "I am a medic, but I take care of our generators and carpenter work" . . . Pvt. Joe "Danny" Ritts, somewhere in the Pacific, sends an interesting booklet by Waltha Winchell y-clept "Broadway Alien" and asks can we publish same. We are not the old Maestro. Ben Bernie's in his grave. But we shall see me lads, we shall see. A bit of good reading, Joe, a bit of good reading . . . Benner A. Decker, EM 3/c, is somewhere in the S. W. Pacific . . . A whole handful of Japanese invasion (stage) money, from Lingayen Gulf on Luzon, from Harold Oleson, S 2/c, on the U. S. S. Rocky Mount. Thanks, Harold. He picked it up in the invasion . . . W. E. Petcoff, RDM 3/c, was in on the landing at Lingayen Gulf on Luzon. Yes, sir, Gene, we'll play that number . . . Cpl. Otto C. Williams has been in the Philippines since D Day.

☛ **DAS REICH.** Pvt. Frederick J. Miller is in Germany. "Yesterday, January 3rd, I received Y L F H of November 17th, 1944. It was the first I had received since leaving the U. S. A. No kidding. I almost thought you'd stopped sending them. Keep 'em coming."

☛ **FROM THE FIVE CORNERS OF THE WORLD.** W. M. Skophammer, HA 1/c, C/o Fleet Postoffice, San Francisco. "Again this evening, I received my copy of your lil paper. So far today I got it and one more letter from Fort Dodge. It was the first mail I had received in a long time. By the way, what is wrong with the Fort Dodge basketball team? They are letting us down on all fronts. What's the matter, have the Armed forces taken all of the scrappers that Fort Dodge used to have? Or are these guys just no good? They had better be for getting on the ball or we will disown them. By the way, these are not slurs on anybody's coaching or anything foolish like that. I was just wondering."

Cpl. Richard C. O'Connor, Hot Springs, Ark. "Have been here via rotation for the past week and to just say it's something for the books would be putting it mildly,—it certainly isn't the Army in any sense of the word,—tough old battlers who made our country what it is today are, no doubt, tossing in their graves at the thought of such a thing as this setup we Returnees enjoy! We live in the hotel whose stationery I borrowed for this manuscript, and are given every type of courtesy and luxury known to the hotel profession, efficient maid service, bell-hops at our beck and call, a three course meal, with all the trimmings, a real orchestra sounding off with the latest tunes of the musical world! A continuous program which lists something or other any GI in uniform would enjoy is in force here to make our stay a real enjoyable one. To rate all this, the GI must have served a specified tour of duty overseas, sweat out having the army send a replacement; and he can and will report to a Rest Camp such as this near his home, but he won't rest much, not with all these goings on."

Cpl. Paul C. Thie, APO 390, C/o P. M., New York, New York. "Before I was assigned to this outfit, I ran onto Bob Zeka from Fort Dodge. I spent several days with him, and we had some good "bull sessions" about the Old Home Town. Our outfit is blasting the living daylight out of the Japs in Burma. Believe me, these B-25's really can pack a mean wallop, as the enemy has found out. It's winter here but the weather compares more to May or June back home, hot in the daytime and cool enough to sleep under blankets at night. India is a very dirty, backward country. Poverty and disease run rampant, and the natives are for the most, primitive in their ways, and in everything. 30 to 45 rupees per month, about \$10.00 to \$14.00 American money, is an average worker's wage here. Of course they don't break their necks earning this, but nevertheless, it's a small amount. All India does to the average G. I. is make him realize what a wonderful place the U. S. is after all."

S/Sgt. K. L. Newbrough, Laredo, Texas. "I've been back in the states since Nov. the 5th, but this is the first camp I hit where I know approximately how long I'll be stationed. I reported to Santa Monica after my 21 day furlough. From there I went to Santa Ana to the convalescent hospital—guess they thought I needed a rest. Maybe so. While I was overseas the Letter From Home was one thing that I expected to read at least every Tuesday or Wednesday because that was the days that it usually came on. I got to read it after a couple of fellows on my crew read it. Guess they kept looking for my name or something of which I don't know. They really enjoyed it although they never heard of Fort Dodge until I got on the crew. They did then. I'm down here on the border getting ready to go to Central Instructors School. Hope to be a gunnery instructor some of these days."

Paul Macek, Civ., APO 408, New York, New York. "Nothing exciting ever happens over here. If it did strict censorship would not permit the usage of it. There is a small village, about a half a mile distant from camp, that is visited by most of the boys. Here is the only place we can spend some of our lonely nights. Champagne is plentiful, and is sold at the nominal price of \$2.00 a quart; but, beer is sold at the extravagant sum of sixty cents a pint. (Oh, for a good, cold glass of American beer). "Work" is our password at this overseas base. We are on an eleven hour a day shift, seven days a week. At the present time I am working on the all night shift, from six in the afternoon to six in the morning. Long hours are the main factors in finishing this all important base on schedule. Sports events are my favorite past time. At the present it is too wet and muddy to play ball, but we have a reconverted warehouse, which makes it possible to box and wrestle. In an exhibition the other night, I threw my opponent in three minutes. Reminds me of the good old times I had when I was under the expert tutelage of Coach Cooper. (Good luck to all the teen-age boys who are now participating, and keep up the Fort Dodge tradition. We are all behind you.) There still are a few Fort Dodgers left. In the same barracks, with myself, lives Clarence Case. Feels good to have some home town boys close. Occasionally I run into Ray O'Hern and Jim Hart. Again, many thanks for YLFFH, and now I'm taking time to thank all the sponsors who have, should I say, "put out," so we can all enjoy this letter."

Waldemar D. Harper, APO 230, C/o P. M., New York, New York. "We landed in Normandy on D 11, joined the 9th infantry and followed them for a few days, then we were detached to the 32nd Airborne. We stayed with them until they were relieved by the 90th Inf. We aided on the breakthrough in Normandy, and the drive across France. We were in the battle for Metz, and now we are somewhere in Germany. I am writing this in a cellar by the light of a candle. It isn't like the Waldorf Astoria, but it is a reasonably safe place to stay when things warm up."

Lots of letters this week. There were others, good G. I. letters from S/Sgt. Eugene Evenson; Martha M. Magoon, SN; Pfc. Verl S. Pugh; Malcolm G. Beck . . . The news is so encouraging we go to bed each night hoping the 'phone will ring before morning. We want that morning to come, that morning when we'll stay up most of the night with the teletype going crazy and the 'phones ringing and the whistles blowing and the bells ringing and the news, the glad good news of victory coming roaring over the wire. It's coming, I know it is, and soon. Good luck, Joe.