

Your Letter From Home

Sent To You With The Best Wishes Of

Royal 400 Oil Company
The Fort Dodge Grocery Co.
The Fort Dodge National Bank
Veterans of Foreign Wars
The Gates Dry Goods Co.
The Fort Dodge Creamery Co.
The Fort Dodge Serum Co.
The Tobin Packing Co.
The Elks Club of Fort Dodge

Iowa Auto Supply Company
American Legion and 40 and 8
Clinic Pharmacy and Supply
Iowa-Illinois Gas & Electric Co.
Fort Dodge Tent & Awning Co.
Rialto & Strand Theatres
Brady Transfer & Storage Co.
Becker Florists
Larry Geer Ballrooms

Radio Station K V F D

Sponsors of "Your Letter From Home" heard over KVFD daily 12:45 p. m., Monday through Friday

I want the lights that brightly shine,
I want the man, I want the wine,
I want the fun without the price,
I want to be naughty and still be nice,
I want the thrill of a long drawn kiss,
I want the things that the Good
Girls miss,
I want the arms and the heart of a
man
And stay single—if I can;
Now what I want is a little advice—
I want to be naughty and still be
nice.
—From the Bay Stater Published on
the USS Massachusetts.

A very tired, foggy-eyed soldier went
into a USO center, where there are
hooths along a wall for theatre tick-
ets, coffee, food and one for beds.
What our hero wanted was a bed. But
he got in the ticket line by mistake.
"One," said he. "Don't you want to
take a girl?" said the motherly lady.
He hesitated. "You can if you want
to," she urged. "You'll have more
fun if you do."
—From the Bay Stater Published on
the USS Massachusetts.

Vol. 2, No. 48

WRITTEN EVERY FRIDAY

September 21, 1945

★ **DEAR JOE:** This is the day the world is supposed to end. Rev. Long and his followers are waiting out in California. Swami Yogananda says they've miscalculated—that it's going to end but not yet—ain't mean enough yet. The boy on the elevator said, "Sure is a pretty day for the end of the world." And I echo him. It sure is. And it's a beautiful day for a wedding, a beautiful day for football and a beautiful day for the world to be at peace, a beautiful day for duck hunters and a beautiful day to get out of the army. After what Marshall said yesterday that seems not so remote. 70 points by October 1st and then 60 by November 1st and then all men out along in the winter who have been in two years. It sounds wonderful . . . Soon we'll be getting ready for Christmas. We were making plans the other day. The streets will be lighted and festooned. There'll be parties and dances. Yes, sir, Joe, this is a beautiful day. I don't think it's the world's end either. I just hope it's the beginning of a new and better world, for all of us.

★ **AROUND THE TOWN:** Last Sunday morning Sheriff Kapsch, of Pocahontas, found the bruised and battered body of Mrs. Lois Vining, Warden Coffee Shop cashier, in a ditch north of Pocahontas. Later in the day with Capt. W. L. Gormally of the city force, Kapsch arrested Merle Jacobson, a Fort Dodge ice man, for questioning. Jacobson said that they had been together and had quarreled on the highway near Pocahontas Saturday evening. She got out and he ran over her by accident. Then he picked her up, put her in the cab and drove down the highway. When he found she was dead, he became frightened and threw her out. Jacobson is still in jail as the investigation continues . . . Chuck Ruhl, Fort Dodge garage owner, died Wednesday . . . The Study Club gals are already planning the annual Charity Ball . . . Duck hunting opened Thursday morning at 9:19 a. m. Flash—servicemen and women do not need hunting licenses in Iowa. Not until Congress says the war is over . . . The P. W. Camp at Algona will fold soon . . . Hal Manders, formerly of Detroit, will hurl against the Dodgers for Adel this coming Sunday . . . Bud Fisher of the B & F Sales Company, has sold out to his partner, Jacob A. Breckwald, and is going back to Wisconsin to run the family paper mill . . . 1,500 to 2,000 moppets are expected at KVFD's big free Tom Mix show at the Rialto and Iowa theatres tomorrow. Lucky youngsters admitted on Ralston box tops will see a wild and woolly Western, funny cartoons and will carry home six English shepherd puppies, three Persian kittens, 30 gold fish, four rabbits, eleven guinea pigs and a pair of smoke-gray love birds. Top hand Ken Peterson is riding herd on the live stock now . . . Ralph Woodard, last year Dodger star, will start at end for Iowa next Saturday. Art Johnson, back at the university after three years of flying for the Army, has not gone out for football as yet . . . The Community Chest drive opens in Fort Dodge, October 8th. Maurice Charon is drive chairman . . . Sgt. Conrad Peterson, of Badger, has been liberated from a Jap prison camp after three years . . . Ray Orres picked up a couple of boys to give them a ride down town. As they were driving along, one of them slugged him over the head four times with a pop bottle. Roy got the car stopped and the young men fled . . . Senator Clyde Herring died last Saturday night . . . The city has a new milk ordinance requiring all milk sold in the city to be pasteurized . . . Retail stores are seriously considering closing on Saturday evenings . . . C. L. Mattice has been named state president of the Elks . . . The Dodgers won the 5 County League title defeating Eagle Grove, 4-2, in the Round Robin Tournament at Dodger Stadium . . . Jack Mulrone's service station was robbed of \$500 last Sunday night . . . The new rules put into effect at Eldora make it sound as bad as Devil's Island. Sample—no talking or laughing at meals . . . The Wa Tan Ye scholarship awarded annually to an outstanding student has been presented to Joan Cavanaugh.

★ **GOING UP.** Don Rogers—Lt. to Capt. . . Earl L. Kuehnast—1st Lt. to Capt. . . William D. Lamb—Pvt. to Pfc. . . Joe Lowenberg—Pfc. to Cpl. . . E. A. Hazelton—Lt. to Capt. . . F. D. Bailey—Plt. Sgt. to 2nd Lt. . . Kenneth O. Kelly—RT 3/c to RT 2/c . . . Tourney Valashek—Pfc. to Cpl. . . Robert A. Benson—Cpl. to Sgt. . . Raymond W. Kehm—Pfc. to Cpl. . . Delbert E. Wilshusen—Pvt. to Pfc.

★ **SCOREBOARD.** The Dodgers first grid game should really be classed as no contest. It was a massacre, a rout, a humiliation. After using every player on the bench (33 in all), Forrest Marquis' boys ended the game with forty seven points to Albert Lea's zero. The first score was made by the Dodgers in the first three minutes of play. Constantine went over standing up on the fifth play of the game and then went back and kicked the extra point. And that was the way it went no matter which one of the three Dodger teams was in. Heinie Wasem and George Constantine made two touchdowns apiece. Potter, Buckner and Messerly made one each. George Constantine made his second touchdown on a sixty five yard return of a punt. It was a beautiful run. George is definitely triple threat being able to kick pass and run. Heinie Wasem is a fine break away runner and Ollie Buckner in the full back slot looked very good. John Fieseler, veteran end, played his usually rugged game but went out with a knee injury that will keep him out of the Boone game. Dick Wold does a nice job on tossing passes. He threw a beauty to Paul Eide. Here's the line up—Fieseler (c), LE; Horn, LT; Arnold, LG; Robinson, C; Hutchinson, RG; Erickson, RT; Eide, RE; Potter, QB; Constantine, LH; Wasem, RH; Buckner, FB.

★ **AUSTRIA.** Pfc. Paul Burch is working in the publication office in Linz, Austria, and likes it very much but hopes to be heading home soon.

★ **WHEN SENDING IN REQUESTS**—we take care of all of them—please include the street address and telephone number of the person for whom you are requesting the number. It will help us get in touch with them.

★ **ENJOYING MOM'S COOKING.** Sgt. Howard Sheker is out of the army honorably discharged and home at Otho, Iowa . . . Pvt. Elmont M. Heinlen is out of the army honorably discharged and at home at Rockwell City . . . Sgt. Earl D. Bock is out of the army honorably discharged and living at 8 South 17th Street in Fort Dodge . . . From Manhein, Germany, and honorably discharged after three years in the service, T/Sgt. Lucius W. Riley . . . T/5 Warren Shelby, home by plane from Saipan and hoping for an early discharge . . . Herb Josephson is back from Tampa, Florida, out of the service, honorably discharged . . . Edwin Rydman is home, honorably discharged . . . Lt. Carl Bahls is back home, honorably discharged . . . Lt. Comdr. Otto Glesne back from Camp LeJeune, N. C., Marine center of the world, a hot and humid place, abounding in alligators, deer, brown bear, and bird life. There used to be good fishing in New River . . . Eugene McGuire, F 2/c, USS Earhart, from a cruise in the Gulf which would up in the hurricane of a few days ago. "When we left Porto Rico, we were told we could run out of the way of the storm, but it caught us. Those waves whipped up by a seventy mile an hour wind looked just like hills rolling toward us. Our ship was often over on its side at a roll of 35 or 36 degrees. We were in it for twenty-four hours." It took Gene only 100 hours to get from Porto Rico by boat and train to Algona, Iowa . . . Lt. Col. Roger Minkel home for a short visit . . . Lt. Col. George Bruno Marchi on his way to a discharge . . . Lt. Col. John Shrader back from Germany, France and Belgium . . . C. O. Lindquist, CWO, from Dam Neck, Virginia, looking forward to being out of the service soon . . . Eddie Cahill, GM 3/c, from three and a half years sea duty, honorably discharged . . . Ensign Magnus Nodtvedt enroute to the USS Salamaua, now in Tokyo Harbor . . . Cpl. Roger Olson after two years in the Pacific . . . Tom Powers, C Ph M, from 23 months in the Solomons . . . William Hartman is home, honorably discharged after four years in the service . . . Carl Theiss, Sea Bee, WT 2/c, after 30 months, is home from the South Pacific . . . Leo Loots, MoMM 1/c, is out, honorably discharged. Leo had been in service since October of 1942 . . . Capt. Robert J. Patterson enroute to San Diego . . . F. O. Richard Leonard after service as a glider pilot in Europe . . . Pvt. Paul Schwering, of Duncombe, honorably discharged. Paul went into service with the air forces in January, 1942. He served in Egypt, Tunisia, Foggia, Sicily, Burma and India . . . Donald W. Clark is out on points and is back at 320 G Street . . . Major Lynn Irish from Newfoundland . . . Paul R. Shappell, CM 1/c, after 22 months in the Pacific, honorably discharged . . . Pfc. Palmer Strom honorably discharged with 118 points. Palmer went through nearly all the European campaigns having been overseas over three years . . . 1st Lt. George Robertson from Camp Bowie, Texas.

★ **HIGH C'S.** Pfc. Dean Olson, USMC, is on the USS Admiral W. L. Coops. "We are about to go through the Straits of Gibraltar." On board with Dean is Eugene Arn, former Dodger.

★ **PIN UP GIRL.** After seeing Shirley Clawson's picture in the roto section of YLFH titled "Home Town" and mailed out in July, Eugene Conway, S 1/c, and his buddies have named Shirley the pin-up girl of the SLCU-40 and they are planning to enter her picture in the magazine, "My Navy." Gene is somewhere out thet away.

★ **ALTAR BOUND.** Rosetta Murray and Arnold Bechtel, S 2/c, both of Lehigh, at Lehigh on the 8th of September . . . Evelyn Jeffries and Sgt. Francis Satterlee of Des Moines, in Fort Dodge on September 16th . . . Mavis Baedke, of Gowrie, and Dwight E. Ward, Navy petty officer of Bremerton, Washington, and formerly of Gowrie, October 9th in Bremerton . . . Genese Smith and Kenneth Haugen, S 1/c, of Badger. No date set . . . Lorna Belle Longstaff and Roy K. Christofferson of Rochester, Minn., in Fort Dodge, September 10th. Roy was recently discharged on points . . . Marcella Mae Stanek and Lt. Francis Pendergast in Fort Dodge, September 15th . . . Betty Milliren and Keith Douglas, Navy Gunner instructor, September 11th, at Nashua, Iowa . . . Barbara Basler and Ensign Don Dillman. No date set . . . Mary Wittinger and Lt. James Cain, of Barnum, September 24th, in Fort Dodge . . . Inez Rae, of Sigourney, and Sgt. Cecil Serth in Sigourney, August 11th . . . Kathleen Thayer and Darrell Bailey, AMM 1/c, in Seattle soon . . . Julia Cody and Willard Klein, of Humboldt, in Fort Dodge, September 9th . . . Connie Havighurst and Harold D. Minor. No date set . . . Mary Cartee and Sgt. Richard Berrier, of Badger, in Fort Dodge, September 9th.

★ **SMALL WORLD.** On the U. S. S. Massachusetts on the 29th of August, three Fort Dodgers waited for the war's formal end, the Jap surrender. They were Lt. Ralph Bastian, Clarence Hively and Conrad Steib. "We had been at sea 60 consecutive days." Thanks, Conrad, for the Bay Stater . . . Harry Crosby, S 1/c, after traveling 100,000 miles on a tanker as an armed guard finally ran into a Dodger. It was on the island of Ceylon. "For three days we had as good a time as possible in the place where we were." . . . Pfc. Delbert Wilshusen and FO Charles Herringlake in Salina, Kansas.

Chuck had flown a B 29 up from Chatham Field, Georgia, to get out of the way of the big blow coming up from Florida and the Gulf . . . Albert Jacobson, MoMM 3/c, and Gene McMahon. Their ships lay along side of each other out in Leyte Bay. Al, whose ship was the first to hit the beach at Okinawa, hopes to be home by Christmas . . . Robert J. Ault, S 1/c, and Fred Faine somewhere in the Philippines.

⊛ **OVER HERE.** Capt. Don Rogers writing from Newark, N. J. says, "Give my regards to Mrs. Block, John O'Connor, Bob Mills, Jerry Steussy, Wilbur Thatcher and the rest of the gang." . . . Lt. Frank J. Sims is awaiting a discharge at San Antonio, Texas . . . Basil Barnhill, ARM 2/c, is at Memphis, Tenn. . . Joyce Thompson is a typist at Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio . . . Pfc. Ed Hadden is back in the states at Camp Swift, Texas . . . Pvt. Kenneth Vinson is at Keesler Field, Miss., going to an army air corps mechanics school . . . He is now 2nd Lt. F. D. Bailey and just standing by for a discharge at Camp LeJeune, N. C. And the old gentleman with the long whiskers has just presented him with a thousand dollars in back pay . . . Sgt. Lawrence E. Johnson is with the army recruiting service at Nashville, Tenn. . . John Cawelti is graduating from QM OSC at Camp Lee, Va. . . Neva Thompson, S 1/c, is at the Wave Barracks, Patuxent River, Md. . . L. L. Okey, PHM 1/c, is being transferred from San Francisco. Hopes to be out soon. . . LaVerne Clausen, SK 2/c, is at San Bruno, California . . . Pvt. Dick Cervene is at Fort F. E. Warren, Wyoming, going to quarter-master school and enjoying it very much . . . Pfc. Byron D. Jeys is at Camp Shelby, Mississippi . . . Jim Skophammer is out of the army and going to school at the State University. Jim's folks have moved to Albert Lea . . . Cpl. LaMoine R. Driscoll is at Camp Claiborne in the process of being discharged . . . Cpl. Lyle O. Bloomquist is a military counsellor at the separation center at Fort McArthur, San Pedro, California . . . Pvt. Richard Whittington is at Fort Knox, Ky. . . Ray Wilcox, S 1/c, reporting on the hurricane from Key West, Florida, says that their lighthouse on the coast had winds up to 145 miles per hour. "In Miami the winds were up to 99 miles an hour." Ray has been in the service 46 months and hopes to be out soon . . . Cpl. Kenneth Summers is back from overseas and stationed at Camp Campbell, Ky.

⊛ **COMING HOME.** T/4 Alvin Hansen is leaving Magdlos, Germany, for home very soon . . . T/5 Ned Ackerson is on his way home from Germany with 80 points . . . Pfc. Richard Culver is on his way home from France . . . Glen Thompson, of Badger, is on his way home . . . Floyd R. Stoner, QM 2/c, has the points and is being discharged from the Navy. He is now at Iwo Jima waiting for a boat . . . Pvt. Leroy Thorson is on his way home to Somers. "We leave La Harve on the 15th of September." . . . Sgt. Dale Brand is on his way home and scheduled for a discharge . . . "Yessiree! So now call me Mr." is A. M. Haraldson's greeting from Portland, Oregon. In the Navy he saw action in the Gilberts, the Marshalls, the Marianas and at Okinawa. "Right now I want to take my little family somewhere and settle down and be a darn good 'lil of civilian." . . . S/Sgt. Jacob Turgesvik is on his way home from Furth, Germany, to 808 North 9th Street . . . Pvt. Eugene Taylor is on his way home from Munich, Germany, to 1023 South 23rd Street, Fort Dodge . . . Russ Kreger, CMoMM, one of the lucky forty-four pointers, is leaving Guam this week for home . . . 1st Lt. Don L. Culver, of Harcourt, after three years overseas, is on his way home . . . K. Kelly, RT 2/c, is at the Naval Hospital at Great Lakes. He'll be out and home in thirty days . . . Roger E. Viers, GM 2/c, has fifty points and is on his way home . . . Capt. E. D. Lundell is on his way home from over there and in hopes of being discharged soon . . . Edwin A. Adson, MM 2/c, is on his way home to Thor, Iowa. "Tell Larry Geer to wax up the floor as I'll be seeing him pretty soon." . . . Capt. Steve Manchester is leaving the war college in Washington and is on his way home. "Having the opportunity to say yes or no, I said, 'Yes, I'll go back to Fort Dodge.'" . . . Sgt. Elmer F. Theiss is on his way home and on his way to an honorable discharge . . . Sgt. Clarence Lindquist is on his way home from Germany and hopes to be in Fort Dodge soon . . . Cpl. Gerald Robb, who has been stationed at the lonely outpost of Fort Pepperrell, Newfoundland, is leaving soon for home . . . Sgt. Major Arthur Gallentine, USMC, is hoping to come home soon after thirteen years in the Marines. Art, we are having the best of fishing in years. Dutch Black caught an eight pound, four ounce wall eye the other day and Art Christenson hooked not one, but two small mouth bass that weighed over three pounds each. The water has been so high for years that there are a lot of big ones in the river waiting to be caught . . . Cpl. Paul H. Decker is on his way home from the Pacific.

⊛ **DAS REICH.** S/Sgt. Edmund Lee, with 99 points, is sweating it out at Manheim, Germany. Ed hit the beachhead at Normandy on D-Day with the First Army. "Last Christmas I spent in the Battle of the Bulge. This one I hope to spend in Larry Geer's ballroom" . . . Lt. D. Cole McMartin is in an ammunition depot near Munich, Germany, wondering when the war will end for him. He has 86 points "but that isn't many for an officer." . . . Sgt. Jim Janvrin is in Boote, Germany . . . Pvt. Valdo Peterson is leaving Germany to go to school in England for three months . . . Pfc. Foster Funk has been laid up in the hospital at Regensburg, Germany, with a painful operation. Hopes to be home soon . . . Capt. Oliver P. Quist writing from the ETO, says, "In spite of the fact that I have been away from Fort Dodge for a long time, it is surprising how many people I still remember there."

⊛ **PACIFIC.** S/Sgt. V. M. Montgomery of Lehigh, is on Tinian Island . . . Pvt. Dean Freitag is at Pearl Harbor . . . Glen Clyde Chittenden, RdM 3/c, is on U. S. S. Cecil and was in Tokyo Bay for the surrender on the 2nd . . . Cpl. Wally Walstrom is on Ie Shima. Wally's been over in that area for 27 months, "But don't expect to leave soon." . . . Delmer Pearce, S 2/c, is on Okinawa. "The natives are quite interesting. They get six cents a day for working from 8 until 4" . . . Pvt. Melvin Lillig is on Panay Island and that is somewhere out that way. Thanks for the bulletin, Mel . . . Merle R. Crockett, S 1/c, on the U. S. S. Boxer, an aircraft carrier, on his way to Pearl Harbor. Thanks, Merle, for the "Bark of the Boxer." . . . T/5 John E. Vohs is now in Manila after a 14,000 mile trip from France.

⊛ **SERVICE PAPERS AND INSIGNIA.** The Fixit from E. H. Williams, M 1/c, on board the U. S. S. Altair somewhere out that way. Thanks, E. H. . . The patch of the 1st Cavalry Division, the first outfit into Tokyo, from T/5 Martin Telleen and the 1st Cavalry Division Cavalier. "At the present time I am with the

1st Cavalry Division just outside Tokyo. We expect to move in shortly and take over. Seems rather funny at times to move in and take control of these places. First it was Yokohama and now it will be Tokyo for the rest of the time over here, which I hope will not be long." Thanks, Martin . . . The Tezgaon Times from Sgt. Harold Armstrong somewhere in the ETO. Thanks, Harold . . . The History of 203rd AAA Battalion of the 7th Armored Division from T/5 Ned Ackerson. Thanks, Ned . . . The Compounder from Lt. (j. g.) Ellen Rasmussen, N. C. US Naval Hospital, Pensacola, Florida. Thanks, Ellen.

⊛ **FROM THE FIVE CORNERS OF THE WORLD.** James W. Gormally, RM 2/c, Norfolk. "Last June I was transferred off the U. S. S. William P. Biddle and sent to Treasure Island for further assignment. They kept me there for about six weeks and in that length of time I saw five or six fellows from home. One night at a dance, Dale Hall, Jack Jones, and myself all got together for a brief visit. Bobby Peterson was another Fort Dodge that I saw. About August 6th I was sent over to Norfolk for shore duty. On my arrival here, they granted me an eleven day leave, which gave me seven days, nineteen hours and ten minutes at home. Old Man Weather really treated me fine and the dew only fell heavy once. Had a few good golf games and had a chance to run around the excellent ball diamond. They have me stationed now at NAS, NOB, L. P. L., Norfolk, Va. I suppose that Dad has already informed you of that and now the good old letters will start coming in once again. Every place I have ever been the fellows think that your letters are the best in the West. That roto section was better than words can say and to me it has served dual purposes. My young sister lives here in Norfolk and I always take the letters over to her when I have read them. Her husband is stationed here at this base also and it sure does make it nice having someone in this vicinity that you know. Otherwise this duty would be rough and almost as bad as the fellows say Texas is. Before I close I want to thank all the people who helped you in the making of YLFH and it has helped all of us in our absence from God's country. I also would like to say "hello" to Kermie Hartman and Don Campbell. As far as I know Don is still aboard the Biddle and I'm betting that he is in Tokyo making history."

Cpl. Louis Fidele, Jr., Island of Guam. "Fort Dodge is well represented here in the Pacific. I have had the opportunity to meet many fellow members of the armed forces from Fort Dodge. The city products are also represented out here. I have seen products from Tobins, Fort Dodge Grocery Company, Fort Dodge Creamery Company and Fort Dodge Tent and Awning. All in all, I believe the good old city personified "Home Town"—U. S. A. I have traveled over the vast expanses of the South and Central Pacific all the way from Guadalcanal to Iwo Jima. I was a member of a rifle platoon, but at present I am in S-2 military intelligence. The Third Marine Division has fought on Bougainville in the Solomons, Guam, in the Marianas, and Iwo in the Volcanos. I have been very fortunate—I've escaped tropical diseases, and was only slightly wounded on Guam. Our future tasks may be military occupation of Japan. Being in S-2, I would be concerned with interrogation and interpretive language work. I am learning basic Japanese. Speaking it is relatively simple, but writing it is extremely complicated. The surrender came as a great surprise to all of us, but it meant no more invasions, and brought home a reality. The marines here on the island went to extremes in welcoming the first surrender news. It took disciplinary action to quiet them. Now everybody talks of points, rotation, discharges, Bill of Rights, civilian life, the family, the girl back home, and a well deserved rest."

Vernon E. Voss, A. M. M. 1/c, FPO, San Francisco. "I've really been around the world in the last four years. I've been East to the Suez Canal and West to China. For the last three months, I've been with Admiral Halsey's Third fleet in its strikes against Japan, or rather the island of Honshu. At the present I'm at Tokyo. We flew over Tokyo the other day. It was a sight to see. There is simply nothing left of the place."

T/5 H. B. Garton, APO No. 758, New York. "In the "Home Town Men Make Good" paragraph, I head the list with the statement, "Hamilton B. Garton is now T/5! Boy, I wish I were something else. You see I've been a T/5 since June 1, 1942. The T. O.'s of the outfits I've been in have played heck with whatever ambition I ever had. I realize that the statement was made through an error of some sort, but I couldn't help passing the laugh back to you. One of these days I'll be a Pfc (poor frightened civilian) and I want that status indicated in red ink. Everything is going smoothly. Had a good trip to Bavaria recently. Saw the theatre at Ober Ammergan, Brenner Pass, Hitler's home and Eagle's Nest, Mozart's birthplace and plenty of beautiful mountains. I much prefer the scenery around Fort Dodge though."

Sgt. Elmer Eugene Hansen, APO No. 151, New York. "I have been overseas now for over 28 months and am sort of getting tired of being away from home. I came from the States straight to England and was stationed there for over two years, and all during the war. I married a very fine girl there last February and have been very happy with my bargain. On July 16th of this year I came over here to Germany to help with the Army of Occupation and here I am now. I am located right outside of Augsburg, Germany, about 40 miles from Munich. We are located right in the middle of Bavaria and I really believe it is the most beautiful part of Germany. The country around here is very picturesque and the customs of the people are very interesting to observe. They use oxen as beasts of burden and have peculiar farming methods—almost all of it being done by hand. Their clothes are very good for a people that have seen so much of war. They all look very well fed, even though the papers say they are only getting one-third of the rations we are getting."

There were lots of wonderful letters this week. We had a grand time reading through them. Nearly two years of letters now and what a history they tell. They are very precious to us . . . Tonight it's football again and this should be a battle. Boone you know, has been waiting for years to beat us. Tonight they'll have nine lettermen on that squad at Dodger Stadium and they want to win. Last week they beat a good Oskaloosa team, 20 to 6 . . . Correction—Junior Kiliper was the second web foot in that egg race at the Expo water follies. Excuse it, please, Junior . . . So long, Joe. Be good.

Your home town correspondent,
Ed Breen.