

Your Letter From Home

Groom: Have you kissed the bride?

Best Man (absently): Oh, yes, hundreds of times.

—Belvoir Castle, Ft. Belvoir, Va.

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A law firm sent a member to plead a case in another town. Soon he sent them a telegram: "Justice triumphed." They wired back, "Appeal at once."

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☉ **DEAR JOE:** We are now having the summer that we waited for all summer. The forecasts are reading, "Fair and continued hot. Iowans swelter in the heat wave." The Labor Day weekend was a honey right up to Monday morning. Then it rained and turned cool but by noon the sun came out and all the festivities went on as planned except the bathing beauty contest. That was postponed until next Sunday. It was really a very fine week-end . . . Saturday night Larry had two bands at Expo in a famous battle of music and had a famous crowd . . . The meat situation seems to have loosened up greatly and Fort Dodge restaurants are serving very excellent steaks . . . Despite this streak of Indian summer the leaves are turning gold and brown. They are skittering across the back yard and last evening our neighbor across the alley had the season's first bonfire. . . We'll be going out soon on those late fall steak (?) fries. And soon, yes, this time next Friday, we'll be getting ready to broadcast the first of the Dodgers football games at Dodger Stadium—Dodgers vs. Albert Lea . . . Hope you'll be back before the season ends.

☉ **AROUND THE TOWN.** Alice Ford, daughter of former mayor John Ford, is on her way to Chungking, China, with the state department . . . Herbert Berg, city electrician, died last Saturday . . . The Lions Club had a dinner Wednesday evening at the Boat Club. Dr. Wilbur Thatcher spoke. . . Treloars are now paying \$27.00 a week to dishwashers plus board and that's a six day week . . . We now have two bus lines running between Fort Dodge and Estherville . . . You can now pay your gas and light bill at the S and W Drug, an added post-war convenience . . . The hemp plant at Humboldt is being offered for sale by the government . . . The final process for the atomic bomb was invented at Ames. Many Fort Dodgers worked in the various plants producing them . . . U. S. O. recently offered a Fort Dodger \$250 a month to teach fly-casting to GI's in France . . . In a curtain raiser Labor Day evening the football squad divided into the Reds and the Whites played a full game for several hundred fans at Dodger Field. The Reds sparked by Henie Wasem, Dick Wold and Al Potter took the Whites whose ace was George Constantine, 14 to 0 . . . School started Tuesday. It really looked good to see all the boys and girls coming and going in their new finery . . . The Dodgers lost to Adel last Sunday, 3 to 2, but came back on Labor Day to beat Fort Des Moines, 1 to 0 . . . Miss Bonnie Pint has accepted a position as stewardess with United Air Lines . . . H. C. Kirkberg sold his plane to an air corps general who flew up from Texas and got it . . . Central Avenue is being widened between 14th and 16th Streets . . . The building containing the Dodge Theatre has been sold to a theatre concern and the Dodge will re-open soon . . . Leslie Rose, of Eagle Grove, was fined \$300 in the district court for drunken driving . . . Iowans will have only one license plate in 1946.

☉ **THE WAR ON THE HOME FRONT.** On Tuesday morning, Commander-in-Chief Robert Blue (Governor to you) ordered Company G to the battle of Eldora. On Wednesday of last week as YLFH previously reported, 179 boys rioted in the mess hall, went out the windows and over the hill. Next day, nine more left and then after four companies of the state guard arrived, 40 more made their escape. Von Krog, superintendent, was suspended; two employees were held to the grand jury. Ronald Miller, 17, was killed by a blow on the head. That was the immediate cause of the riot. But old and savage punishments had created the spirit of rebellion. With those who went over the hill to escape the beatings with ax handles and leather hammer straps were Kenneth Worrick and Frank Grell, Jr., Fort Dodge boy bandits recently sent to Eldora. Some miles away from the school, Worrick was shot twice, once with a shot gun and again with a twenty-two by two different farmers. He is now back in the hospital at Eldora . . . Company G left here with 31 men under the command of Lt. Leonard Pint. Several high school boys are with the company . . . Several investigations are going on at Eldora. Percy Lainsont, warden at Fort Madison, has been named temporary superintendent. He and Lt. Col. Moss of the State Guard have already made some changes, better meals, better beds, better living conditions. Some 570 boys were getting only 100 pints of milk a day—many of these youngsters are only 10 and 12 years old. The real story of the shame and disgrace of Eldora is to be found in the refusal of the Iowa legislature year after year to appropriate enough money to make these places run right. I know. I was in the Senate.

The same thing is true of our insane hospitals. Only worse . . . A movement is on foot to get the Governor to appoint Fred Cooper, Fort Dodge high school athletic director, superintendent of Eldora. If you want to help, write to Governor Robert Blue in Des Moines . . . James Swaney and Duane Sturdevant have been recaptured—you know the boys that got away from Sheriff Joe McMahon after stealing Al Loomis' Creamery Co. car. This time they were captured in Deming, N. M., with a car they had stolen in Rockwell City. They will not be returned to Fort Dodge. The federal authorities will prosecute in New Mexico.

☉ **WAR'S GRIM TOLL.** Lt. Glenn Rohrer is in the hospital at Winnipeg, Canada. He was severely burned in an explosion as he was destroying army films. Glenn had been flying supplies in Northern Canada . . . Duane Essig, who was killed in Italy, August 7th, died in a jeep wreck. He was leading a number of jeeps through mountainous country when his jeep skidded on the muddy road. He was killed instantly.

☉ **HIGH C'S.** Eddie Fisher, S 2/c of Lehigh, is on the USS Fred Berry out of San Francisco. Lawrence Hively who was on the same ship has been transferred. "I was surprised to meet Venzil O'Dell, an old friend of mine from Lehigh. His ship was anchored right next to mine." Eddie says "hello" to KVFD staff member Marilyn Williams . . . Raymond C. R. Johnson, F 1/c of Dayton, is on the USS Waxwing out of New York . . . Pvt. Robert Halbach is on his way to some post in the Pacific . . . Robert D. Hepperle, S 1/c, is on the USS Hancock somewhere in the South Pacific.

☉ **PACIFIC.** T/5 Verl S. Pugh is with the engineers somewhere out that way . . . Cpl. Walter Schuh is at Manila after having spent 16 months in Finchhaven, New Guinea. His brother, Glenn, is at Truax Field, Madison, Wisconsin . . . Deane E. Smith, S 1/c, has been transferred into the 143rd CB and is somewhere out that way . . . Pfc. Lloyd M. Gaster is stationed at Zamboanga, Mindanao.

☉ **OVER HERE.** Pvt. Foster Rutledge is now at Orlando, Florida . . . Robert G. Ditzenberger, ARM 3/c, is at San Diego, California . . . Frank W. Keener, AOM 3/c, is at Norman, Oklahoma . . . Sgt. E. V. Gibson is with the Air Corps at Stockton, California . . . Cpl. George Lundgren is at Pueblo, Colorado . . . Lt. Stanley Pingel back from overseas, is at Camp Wolters, Texas, and hopes to be discharged in about two weeks . . . S/Sgt. Garth Witte, formerly of Humboldt, is now at Barksdale Field, Louisiana . . . Sgt. Donald Hyde is in a hospital in Texas, but hoping to be home soon . . . Pfc. Russell Forsberg is in Ward C of the Mayo General Hospital at Galesburg, Illinois, and will be there for some time. How about dropping him a line? . . . Cpl. Robert Metcalf, now at Elgin Field, Florida, hopes to be out of the army soon. He'll be 39, September 20th . . . Wave Faye Jurisin, S 1/c, is now at Arlington, Virginia. "I met a girl from Fort Dodge the other day, in fact she works right in my office. Her name is Dickinson. She has only been in a short time." . . . Alice Koerner, SK 1/c, is out on points after two years and four months. She is still with the Navy, however, in a civil service position and is stationed at the Glenview Naval Station, Glenview, Ill. Her brother, Lawrence, is a warrant officer in the Navy and now at Iwo Jima . . . Cpl. Lawrence R. Bunda is now stationed at McClellan Field, Sacramento, California, after spending a thirty day furlough at home in Moorland . . . Lt. Frank J. Sims is now at San Antonio, Texas . . . Pvt. Raymond Hogan is at Boca Raton, Florida . . . Cpl. Lyle O. Bloomquist, of Gowrie, is at McChord Field, Washington.

We play all the requests that you send in even though we no longer acknowledge them in the letters. If you will send the address and telephone number of the person for whom the request is played, it will help a lot as we like to call and say when we are going to play the request.

☉ **ENJOYING MOM'S COOKIN'.** T/Sgt. Eugene Carlson, of Bode, is home on his way to Camp Crowder. His outfit was at Marseilles when the war ended ready to ship for Okinawa. Eugene has a lot of points and won't be going anywhere out of this country now . . . S/Sgt. Lester E. Person, of Harcourt, is home honorably discharged after four years in the air corps. He was at Pearl Harbor, Makin and Tarawa. While over there he ran into Ross Tierney, of Fort Dodge, and Joe Sandahl, of Dayton. Lester is enrolling at the Iowa State College at Ames headed for a degree in engineering . . . Chaplain Donald G. Lee has been at home in Callender on a sick leave from Scott Field for the past three weeks . . . Pfc. Lucian Peterson on sick leave in Callender, returns to Miami, Florida,

September 8th . . . T/Sgt. E. A. Jordan is home for good, honorably discharged . . . Pvt. Leonard Wolff is out of the army, honorably discharged . . . 1st Lt. Chas. Martell and F. O. John Gelino. They flew home from England . . . Sisters Helen Brofer and Mrs. Kenneth E. Frye.—Helen from Pensacola, Florida, and Mrs. Frye from Newport, Ark. Both are in the Waves . . . Cpl. Arthur Zuetlau, honorably discharged . . . Bob Rothermel, S 2/c, from Great Lakes . . . 1st Lt. Galen Hambleton honorably discharged after three years and some months with the air corps . . . Roger Brown, HA 2/c, enroute to Great Lakes . . . S/Sgt. Frank Falco, honorably discharged after service since September of 1940 . . . Cpl. Wm. C. George, Jr., honorably discharged from the Marines after service at Bougainville, Guam and Guadalcanal . . . Betty George, SC 3/c, from Crane, Indiana . . . Cpl. Curt Sprick back from the ETO . . . Robert Pavay, MM 2/c, home for good, honorably discharged with 12 battle stars. He spent six months in Iceland and 29 months in the Pacific aboard the battleship South Dakota . . . Cpl. Darrell E. Nash from Camp Crowder, Missouri . . . 1st Lt. Justine Becker back from a year and a half in England . . . Cpl. Lewis Bilek from service with the 3rd Army in the ETO . . . Cpl. W. J. Burton honorably discharged . . . Pfc. Oliver McGruder from the ETO . . . Pfc. Daniel Hyde from the Pacific enroute to Aberdeen, Maryland . . . Ensign Ray Carlson from ten months overseas . . . Cpl. Don Zakeer from overseas with the intelligence unit of a tank outfit . . . Pvt. Art Kirsch enroute to Lincoln, Nebr. . . Lt. Edward Kelleher enroute to San Francisco . . . Sgt. Milford Jenison after more than three years in Iran is back home for good, honorably discharged . . . Jeanette Wright, Y 1/c, enroute to Great Lakes . . . Honorably discharges for Walter Cooklin and Pvt. Donald L. Peterson . . . Pvt. Edward C. Holland from Scott Field, Illinois, enroute to Sheppard Field, Texas . . . John R. Hill, S 1/c, from Great Lakes, Ill. . . Richard J. Kulman, A/S, from Great Lakes, Ill. . . Pvt. Robert L. Ackerson from McCloskey General Hospital, Temple, Texas . . . Beverly Samuelson from Cadet Nurses' Training, at Sioux City.

⊕ TO A WEDDING THEY'RE GOING. Maxine Rodenborn and Hubert Hatcher, EM1/c, of Seattle, Washington, in Washington, D. C., August 24th . . . Darleen Morris and Albert Zemke. No date set . . . Irene Ferguson and Robert Linn, BM 1/c, of Lehigh, at Fort Dodge, September 2nd . . . Lt. Peggy Harley, of South Whitley, Indiana, and T/5 Robert Moe, in Besancon, France, August 9th. . . Shirley Smith and Donald Clemens, in Fort Dodge, September 4th . . . Mary Cowie, of Aberdeen, Scotland, and F. O. John Gelino, in Bradford, England, July 21st. John is back home now and Mary is awaiting transportation . . . Geneva Mae Carpenter, of Shreveport, Louisiana, and 1st Sgt. William Todd, August 1st, in Barksdale, Louisiana . . . Mrs. Bernice Maly and Kenneth Kaufman, in Fort Dodge, September 3rd . . . Marlys Brink, of Waterloo, and Lt. Donald Kehm, August 26th, in Waterloo . . . Veronica Doyle and Paul McGough, in Fort Dodge, September 18th . . . Louise Foote and Robert Sturdevant, in Fort Dodge, September 13th . . . Virginia Johifs, of Oakland, Missouri, and Cpl. Gordon Samuelson, in Joplin, Missouri, July 9th . . . Ruth Ann Dunlevy, and Joe English, of Clare, August 29th, in Fort Dodge . . . Nancy Murphy, and Lt. Howard Ericson, in Fort Dodge soon.
Correction—the little gal Jim Gibson, MoMM 2/c, married was Helen Kuinsland and not Helen Krusland. Excuse please. Jim is back at Port Hueneme, California. Recently he saw Rodney Black and Joie Johnson.

⊕ SWITZERLAND. Sgt. Rudi Anderson is vacationing in Switzerland. Thanks, Rudi, for the postal.

⊕ DAS REICH. Pfc. Dale Davis is sweating it out in Mannheim, Germany, waiting for the day when he can climb into his old work clothes and go back to his job at the Messenger. He saw his cousin, Jim Davis, recently and also Floyd "Skinney" Worrel.

⊕ SERVICE PAPERS AND INSIGNIA. "The Sniper" published by the 90th Division in Weiden, Germany, from Sgt. Fred R. Nordgren, now sweating it out with 81 points in Schwartzenfeld, Germany. Thanks, Fred. We'll say hello to Vernon and to the Rigbys . . . A bunch of snapshots and a grand letter from Cpl. F. W. Bovee, Meeks Field, Iceland. They are finally coming home. Thanks, Frank. We'll see that your letter goes to Norwich . . . A picture of Buck, the handsome, lonesome, singing cowboy and his brother, Bill, as they were entertaining GI's in Italy. Buck is home now, honorably discharged, looking fine and working at Horn's. Thanks, Buck.

⊕ LA BELLE FRANCE. Pvt. Glen Brown is with the air corps somewhere in France.

⊕ GOING UP. Robert Larsen, Pvt. to Cpl. . . . John B. Kutz, Jr. - Pfc. to T/5 . . . Dean E. Smith - S 2/c to 1/c . . . Verl S. Pugh - Pfc. to T/5 . . . Robert E. Christianson - Pfc. to Sgt. . . . Merle M. Faulk - Cpl. to Sgt. . . . Lyle A. Blomquist - Pfc. to Cpl. . . . Charles J. Long - Cpl. to Sgt. . . . Faye M. Jurisin - S 2/c to 1/c . . . Raymond Smith - Cpl. to Sgt. . . . Stanley C. Lawson - Cpl. to Sgt. Gordon MacKenzie - Lt. to Capt. . . . Mervin R. Friesth - Pvt. to T/5 . . . Lilsabeck - Sgt. to S/Sgt. . . . Mary Clark (nurse) Lt. to Capt. . . . Myron Porter - F 2/c to 1/c . . . Virgil E. Cannon - Pvt. to Cpl. . . . Ray V. Jordison - Pfc. to Cpl. . . . Donn J. Richey - Pfc. to T/5 . . . Harold A. Cook - Lt. (j. g.) to Lt.

⊕ FROM THE FIVE CORNERS OF THE WORLD. Pfc. R. R. Dickerson, Okinawa. "We had quite a celebration here when we learned the Japs were asking for peace. Everybody fired their guns and the searchlights made V's in the sky. This place took a beating during the battle. Naha, the capital, is completely ruined.

We sleep in tents made by our own Tent and Awning Company."

Lec H. MacDowell, A. B. M. (cF) 2 /c, c/o FPO San Francisco. "Tomorrow marks two years the U. S. S. Anzio (formerly the U. S. S. Coral Sea) has been in commission and I have been aboard the ship all the time, starting in from the battle of the Gilbert Islands right on through them all until the present time. This is what I really wanted to tell you. We received a new squadron aboard and who should be one of the pilots but "Ensign Gordon Larson", also of Fort Dodge. Naturally we had a good bull session talking of things back home, etc. Now that there are two Fort Dodge vets' aboard the "Anzio" (or known to the fleet as the big "A.") we can really do some big operating! Anyway, it's swell to have some one aboard from the old home town to talk to and help pass the time away. Since I've been aboard I've been very fortunate, first of all meeting my father in Pearl Harbor when he was working there and then later on getting the chance to have my young brother, Bob, aboard and now, Gordon Larson! Speaking of Bob, I'll have to put in a plug for him as the lucky guy is on the U. S. S. Missouri and she is the fortunate ship to have the signing of the final peace terms in Tokyo Bay."

Pfc. Foster F. Funk, Regensburg, Germany. "I went on a fishing trip yesterday, Ed—one day only. It was the first time that I have fished in the last ten years. We went up in some nearby mountains and fished in streams not more than a foot wide. We caught beau coup fish and they were all trout and there were some very nice ones. We used grasshoppers for bait. It was quite a thrill to see them hit that bait. I caught 20 for my share. All together we caught 90. Late last night after we got back to camp we had ourselves a good old fish fry and they really hit the spot. We were plenty hungry."

Robert Hutchinson, AEM 3/c, Guam. "At present I consider myself one of the luckiest guys overseas. I've met only a few people from Fort Dodge in my travels. Now I have a very close friend only a few miles from me. My brother is here on Guam with me. He is in the army air corps, a B-29 squadron, and I'm in a combat aircraft service unit. I was lying on my sack one night about a week ago and looked up into the muzzle of a sub-machine gun. Bill had just come over from Saipan. I had him point the thing in another direction and we settled down to an all-night gab session. We see each other almost daily now. It makes a guy feel like this isn't such a bad old world after all. Carl Loots, Phil Dorweiler and Almer Vinsand are in the Marianas, but I haven't seen them yet. It'll be a wonderful day when we're all home again. I guess that's it for now. Thank you and those responsible for "Your Letter". We'd be lost without it."

Sgt. Olin J. Maage, Okinawa. "Now that the war is over I suppose that everyone is pretty darn happy. Well I am but I sure wish that I had been back in the states when it ended. Now I don't know when I will get back. Are you going to continue the letter now that it is over? I surely hope so as I look forward to getting it and even if it is sent by regular mail, I think they handle it as airmail because it comes just as fast. I have met a couple of Dodgers here and wish I could meet more. It's really nice to meet guys from home out here. I don't see anything here that reminds me of home. I have yet to see a nice farm and village and the people are very primitive and uncivilized."

Frank L. Schnell, E. M. 1/c, Samar Philippines. "I received my issue of Y. L. F. H. with the swell pictures of home. I had thought I might have forgotten the old place but believe me, it all looks familiar and just like heaven. I have seen a lot of the country from Iowa to the Gulf of Mexico, a hop over to Trinidad, then back to the East Coast, across country to California, a short stay in Oahu, Hawaii, and now on the Island of Samar, and I haven't seen any place I would rather be than good old Fort Dodge. I have enough points to get out and expect to be on my way home in a couple of weeks. At present I am waiting for transportation. I want to thank all the merchants and everyone connected with Y. L. F. H. for a swell paper. I enjoyed every one very much and expect to be in and see you very soon. I am looking forward to a real Thanksgiving and Christmas at home." We'll take care of that request, Frank.

T/5 Harold Foran, Camp Myles Standish, Mass. "We were on our way from Marseille, France, to the South Pacific by way of Panama and were a few days at sea when V-J day came and they rerouted us to Boston. We had a nice view of the coasts of Spain and North Africa and the rock of Gibraltar on the journey. One night we received an S. O. S. from a British ship. A woman passenger was seriously ill. So we headed for that ship and transferred her to our ship by lifeboat. As we have fifty-one doctors in our outfit she received the proper care and is now well on the way to recovery."

There was little mail this week but the letters we did get were wonderful. I know many of you are moving around or waiting to be moved. When you do move send us a postcard giving your new address. That way we can keep YLFH going to the right spots. Sometimes they'll be forwarded if we don't have your right address. But in other instances we'll simply get them back. And then we start looking for you. A lot of fellows are getting home now for good. One ex-GI, who was in yesterday, is going to buy a tap room, two who were in recently are going farming, another is going back to school. We'll be glad when you are all ex-GI, Joe, glad when you are back home enjoying the peace for which you paid so great a price. Be good, fellow

Be seeing you.
Your home town correspondent,
Ed Breen