

Charles W. Humphrey (Ottumwa) Seaman 1st Class
 Charles E. Hunt (Ottumwa) Fire Controlman 3rd Class
 LeRoy Jewell, Jr. (Sioux Falls) Private 1st Class
 Paul V. L. Jobe (Ottumwa) Private 1st Class
 William H. Johnson (Sioux Falls) Private 1st Class
 William Miller (Sioux Falls) Private 1st Class
 Stanley F. Nelson (Sioux Falls) Private 1st Class
 Roger T. Oyam (Sioux Falls) Lieutenant
 Frank E. Reed (Ottumwa) Seaman 1st Class
 Gerald H. Schaefer (Sioux Falls) Corporal
 Cecil V. Starnes (Sioux Falls) Private 1st Class
 Earl J. Tockey (Little Rock) Ship's Cook 3rd Class
 Forrest L. Wellenstein (Sioux Falls) Pharmacist's Mate 3rd Class
 Fred Wells (Ottumwa) Yeoman 2nd Class
 Wally Wells (Ottumwa) Corporal
 John S. Miller (Ottumwa) Staff Sergeant
 John J. Nicol (Topeka) Shipfitter 2nd Class
 S. A. Rosenstengel (Topeka) Aviation Machinist's Mate 2nd Class
 Loren M. Carlson (Ottumwa) Signalman 3rd Class
 Donald Hayes (Ottumwa) Signalman 2nd Class
 Max K. Daugherty (Ottumwa) Corporal
 William F. Rickert (Ottumwa) Staff Sergeant
 George W. Hartley (Ottumwa) Water-tender 2nd Class
 Lloyd R. Kerr (Ottumwa) Lieutenant
 Grant L. Hagen (Sioux Falls) Corporal
 George M. Harris (Ottumwa) Radioman 1st Class
 Bernard H. Jones (Topeka) Corporal
 Charles O. Neidt (Sioux Falls) Corporal
 Norbert S. Pehl (Sioux Falls) Technical Sergeant
 Mark L. McDermott (Sioux Falls) Captain
 Ralph Dechand (Topeka) Machinist's Mate 3rd Class
 Robert Gatewood (Topeka) Sergeant
 Clarence Galbraith (Topeka) Pharmacist's Mate 2nd Class
 Doniven Ingenthron (Topeka) Corporal
 Arthur Warner (Topeka) Corporal
 Ralph A. Brown (Topeka) Lieutenant
 Charles L. Undorf (Topeka) Corporal
 Rex A. Neubauer (Topeka) Private 1st Class

FROM THE CAMPS

From Sgt. Dayle A. Rickerl, Sioux Falls, stationed at Peterson Army Air Base, Colo., when he wrote:

"I am now stationed at Peterson Army Air Base in Colorado. Here we are taking our combat crew training and shortly after we finish, sometime in March or April, we will undoubtedly go overseas. Our training has been rather strenuous at times, but everyone likes the field and is well satisfied with the various subjects we cover. Almost all our instructors are combat men who have come back to the states, so we feel that we are getting the best instruction that can be given."

From Pfc. Philip E. Pepper, Ottumwa, stationed at Gowen Field, Boise, Ida.:

"My own work is a bit on the unusual side I suppose. I am a veterina-

rian in the Air Forces. Since we have only planes and no horses or other animals our work deals exclusively with the inspection of all food products of animal origin purchased by the Army Air Forces for their own and other bases. It is quite interesting and I enjoy my work. We have quite a volume of office work to do and I do that part of the time."

Lawrence Herman, Topeka, is in charge of the Navy's butcher shop at the New River, N. C., base.

From Pfc. Kenneth H. Hovdenes, Sioux Falls, at Camp Pickett, Va.:

"I have had a year and a half of foreign service in the far north arctic regions of the Northwest Service Command. My daughter was born while I was there and was a year old when I returned to the states four months ago and saw her.

"Since then, I transferred to the combat engineers at Camp Pickett, Va.

"The States are a real paradise to me and I shall fight harder when I return to active duty, knowing that the people back home stand firmly behind me."

From Pvt. Darrell Davis, Ottumwa, stationed at Camp Swift, Tex.:

"I am stationed at Camp Swift, Tex. It is about 43 miles from Austin. A very rare thing happened here sometime ago. It rained for two days and then froze; there was ice all over. The old-timers of Texas said that it had been 20 years since they had had ice like that."

Manuel Vargas, Topeka, wrote on paratrooper illustrated stationery that he is completing his training at Fort Benning, Ga.

From A/C R. W. Olsen, Sioux Falls, training at Maxwell Field, Ala.:

"After I enlisted, January 12, 1942, I was stationed down south for a few months and then went overseas in one of the first convoys. I spent about a year in England, Wales, Ireland, and Scotland with the 8th Air Force in a depot group attached to a bombardment squadron. To my surprise I returned to the United States in April of 1943 to try my luck at pilot training. Since my return I have been located in the east and south going to school, but now I am on my way to primary training.

"My experiences overseas seem to be a dream now, but I still have a deep feeling for the boys left over there. Let's hope it won't be too long before it is all over but first I want to get a chance in the Pacific as a fighter pilot."

From Pvt. John McDavitt, Ottumwa, stationed at Camp Stewart, Ga.:

"For the time I have been in the Army I have covered a lot of ground. No doubt I will cover more before I make my final trip home. I am stationed at Camp Stewart, Ga., down here where they have rain and swamps."

"Bill" Ramsey, Topeka, is with an Ordnance company in California, in the repair shop.

From T/Sgt. W. O. Lokken, Sioux Falls, stationed at Buckley Field, Colo.:

"I have changed addresses again. Back to the states after spending three months in South America. Quite a

change from the tropics to the climate here in Denver."

From S2/c Alvia Lee Brown, Ottumwa, now stationed at Ream Field, San Ysidro, Calif.:

"I am stationed very near the Mexican border and have had the pleasure of visiting Mexico several times. It is an interesting country."

Arnett Sims, Topeka, is at the Lincoln Army Air Base for his first training.

From S2/c John D. Stark, Sioux Falls, stationed at Farragut, Ida.:

"I am in the office of the Storekeeper School where I work as a yeoman. The only work we do is our respective jobs, mine being that of a stenographer."

From Roger Baitsell, Ottumwa, at Camp Murphy, Fla.:

"Although I am attached to the Air Corps we are receiving our training in communications from the Signal Corps. Camp Murphy is near West Palm Beach—a basic training center for SPARS—which makes it all very nice."

From Sgt. Fredrick D. Miller, Sioux Falls, stationed at Hammer Field, Fresno, Calif.:

"Hammer Field is quite a far cry from the little fields I've seen this last year. We have everything we could ask for; good food, air conditioned barracks, three good picture shows, swimming pool, gym, bowling alley, and some of the finest post exchanges I have ever seen."

From Pvt. Boyd Mowrer, Ottumwa, now at Camp Howze, Tex.:

"Our job gave out on the west coast so we are now in Texas for advanced training and a new assignment."

"Joe" Rodriguez, after confinement in a hospital at Ft. Snelling, Minn., visited the Topeka plant. In the same outfit with "Joe" is Roy Hinkle, formerly employed in the Topeka Smoked Meat department.

From Sgt. William F. Rickert, Ottumwa, stationed at the Army Air Base, Casper, Wyo.:

"I am first engineer on a B-24. In the crew, as everyone knows, there are four officers, the pilot, co-pilot, bombardier and navigator. The remainder of the crew are enlisted men. I am first engineer; the other fellows are radio man, armorer, and three gunners. Of course, every man has to handle a gun during combat and should know something about every other fellow's job on the ship."

Louis Casebier, besides working from 8 a. m. to 11 p. m. with ordnance maintenance at Camp Campbell, Ky., found time to plant a Victory Garden. When his work slackens we hope he will find time to look up Darrell Martin, also stationed there. Two former Topekans should have a lot to talk about.

From "Jim" Huddleston, Ottumwa, at Camp Grant, Ill.:

"They say that the medical training we get here is equivalent to a year of college. Then we also have military training, and during the past three weeks I have also been taking MP training—I have been busy."



MR. HAM GOES TO WAR

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Eileen Says:

I've read all of your letters, fellas—whether you write to the management, to your department or to the Personnel department—and keep those letters coming. They are the only source of items for Trimmings.

When you return to visit the Topeka plant, you will find me in what you would call "a strategic position"—you can't miss seeing me to get your pass approved for a visit through the plant. You fellas in uniform are the only ones privileged to visit the plant in wartime, too. And after your visit, we check your correct address and talk with you about your life in the service.

But there are more and more of you who will not be dropping in and perhaps have little time to write until this war is over. Please be assured that our thoughts and prayers are of you these days, whether you are in England, Italy, India or on the Islands. It's you we think about when we buy a War Bond, when we run out of ration stamps or hear the newscasts.

Everything is about the same at Topeka. Lots of rain this spring, almost every day for weeks, has brought problems of getting stock to market. We've made a few necessary improvements and had a general housecleaning recently, preparing for the annual visit of the Company's Board of Directors.

We are very proud of the record you fellas are making—proud that when the newspapers tell about Lieutenant "Bill" Davis, S/Sgt. Rollin Looker, S/Sgt. "Bill" Christian and others, we can share with you the satisfaction that you're doing your best. We're proud, too, that you were Morrell men and, we hope, will be again soon.

We appreciate this chance to say "hello" directly and to wish you God-speed to Victory and home again.

Most sincerely,
 Eileen Reinhardt, Topeka.

GERALD BUSH KILLED

Lt. Gerald Bush, formerly employed in the Ottumwa Superintendent's Office, has been killed in action in Italy. The message from the War Department read, "The Secretary of War desires me to express his deep regret that your sonwas killed in action in defense of his country on the third of April in Italy."

Gerald entered the Army Air

Corps in December of 1942. He received his wings as a navigator at Hondo, Tex. He went overseas as a member of the crew of a Flying Fortress in December of 1943.

WOUNDED IN ACTION

S/Sgt. Charles Nupp, serving with the Fifteenth Air Force in Italy, has been reported as having been wounded in action. Information is meagre but would seem to indicate that he was wounded about April 1, receiving shots in the arm and suffering fractured bones. He has been awarded the Purple Heart.

S/Sgt. Nupp was formerly employed in the Ottumwa plant.

MISSING

T/Sgt. Donald Anderson, Ottumwa, has been reported as missing in action over Europe. He was a radio-gunner on a Liberator and was a veteran of many raids over Berlin. Information from the War Department indicates that he has been missing since March 8.

Donald is the son of Carl Anderson, Ottumwa Traffic Department, and the brother of Lt. John M. Anderson, in the south Pacific, and Lt. Harold Anderson, stationed in this country.

SHORT SHOTS

Loren Haflich, Topeka, who specialized in salvage with the Navy, has completed boot training.

Cpl. Richard Callies, Sioux Falls, is now in England.

Cpl. R. N. McIntosh, Ottumwa, is in the southwest Pacific area.

Harlan O. Magee, Topeka, is with the Signal Corps in New Guinea.

Sgt. Perry McGinnis, Sioux Falls, is in the south Pacific. It has been 31 months since he left Sioux Falls and he is ready to come back.

Glen Little, Ottumwa, has been running into former Ottumwans in the Italian area. In his last letter he reports meeting Melvin Hucks,

George Smith, and "Bill" Kenyon.

C. D. Wilson, Topeka, would like to see a letter for him in every mail call. He is somewhere "over there."

T/5 H. E. Beuckens, Sioux Falls, is getting his copies of Trimmings in England.

A/C LaVerne M. Sedore, Ottumwa, has completed basic training and has been transferred to Stockton, Calif., for twin engine advanced training.

Walter Scott, Topeka, is at Camp Blanding, Fla.

A/S Blaine E. Thompson, Sioux Falls, is taking pre-medical study at Villanova College, Villanova, Pa. S/Sgt. C. N. Staton, Ottumwa, has been returned from North Africa to recover from an illness which laid him low last November.

"Don" Pepper, Topeka, has been transferred from Tulsa to Waco, Tex.

Pvt. R. McRoberts, Sioux Falls, is in England.

Pvt. Bernard E. French, Ottumwa, has been transferred from Camp Callan, Calif., to Camp Howze, Tex.

Ralph Brown, Topeka, has finished his training at Coffeyville, Kans., and has gone to Florida.

Irving R. Anderson, Sioux Falls, got to see President Roosevelt when he visited Teheran, Iran.

Pfc. Robert H. Gooden, Ottumwa, is in England.

Harvey Ferguson, Topeka, formerly stationed at New Orleans, has been transferred to Camp Beale, Calif.

S2/c Albert M. Gillen, Sioux Falls, is stationed in the New Hebrides Islands.

Sgt. Merrill Workman, Ottumwa, is a radio operator in Italy.

Leonard D. Glaze, Topeka, is going to school at Camp Davis, N. C.

Pvt. Marvin E. Coehorn, Sioux Falls, is now stationed in the southwest Pacific area.

MR. HAM GOES TO TOWN

MAY, 1944

When Lt. Leonard M. Jackson, Ottumwa, landed in the Hawaiian Islands one of the surprises was to find that his brother, Lyle, was there too. He didn't even know his brother was overseas. Lyle is a former Ottumwa plant employee. "Bob" Holtmeyer, Topeka, is mail clerk for the Navy at Sheepshead Bay, N. Y.

Sgt. Franklin A. McCollar, Sioux Falls, is stationed in the south Pacific.

SM2/c Donald Hayes, Ottumwa, took part in the Marshalls attack. Tony Lopez, Topeka, is taking his boot training at Farragut, Ida. AEM3/c Halger Nelson, Sioux Falls, is now stationed at Alameda, Calif. He completed his schooling in Chicago and received his rating as an aviation electrician's mate.

Cpl. John Sedlock, Ottumwa, is somewhere in Corsica.

Lt. "Bill" Shumpes, Topeka, is with the Army Air Forces at Dalhart, Tex.

William J. Giebink, Sioux Falls, is in New Guinea.

Pvt. Francis Brady, Ottumwa, with an APO from San Francisco, has been eating quite a lot of Vienna Sausage from the Sioux Falls plant.

The report that "Bob" Shaw, former Topeka relief salesman, had gone overseas was false—he's at Daniel Field, Ga.

Pvt. "Dick" Bates, Sioux Falls, has been transferred to Topeka. His line of duty calls him to service in the Winter General Hospital there.

Pvt. William E. Hartley, Ottumwa, is in India.

"Art" Cummickel, former Topeka salesman, has completed basic training at Camp Blanding, Fla. He has been put in the kitchen cutting meat and studying to be a cook. He has been cutting a lot of Morrell meat, he says.

"Ken" Early, Sioux Falls, has been transferred to the Gilbert Islands.

Pfc. Raymond Shepherd, Ottumwa, is no longer in Australia, but he is in the south Pacific region somewhere.

Wendell Fultz, Topeka, has been sent to Lowry Field, Colo. He is in training to be a gunner.

Pfc. Rudolph E. Nelson, Sioux Falls, is stationed at Scott Field taking a course in radio and code.

Sgt. Thomas R. Naclerio, Gansevoort branch, is one Army first cook that finds it great to bake Morrell Hams. He baked a lot of Morrell Pride Hams the other day.

"Chuck" McQuiston, Topeka, is finishing his flight training at the Pampa, Tex., Air Field.



"Wally" Erickson, Sioux Falls, is stationed at Camp Wolters, Tex.

Cmdr. Chas. N. Glew, formerly manager of the Brooklyn branch, has been transferred from his post as executive officer of the U. S. Naval Advance Base Depot at Port Hueneme, Calif., to active duty in the Pacific.

OVER-SEAS MAIL

From Lt. William F. Evans, former Ottumwa general salesman in the east, now in the Hawaiian Islands:

"I am now in the region commonly known to travel agents as 'The Paradise of the Pacific'—the Hawaiian Islands. Under different conditions the Islands would probably live up to their press notices, but as you know, at the present very few places are at their normal.

"As yet I haven't met anyone from there in these parts, but I did see quite a number of jars of Morrell Pigs Feet in a store in one of the villages. Seemed like old times."

"Moe" Waters, Topeka, writes from overseas that his service squadron won the football tournament and as a reward got a three-day pass to visit Tunis. "We really had a swell time, completely forgot the Army, had running water and slept in a bed."

From Pvt. Lyle A. Headrick, Sioux Falls, stationed in North Africa:

"I am in North Africa and I like it just fine. I have been here since October 15 so have seen a number of very interesting things."

From S/Sgt. Azel Bower, Ottumwa, stationed in England:

"I am a mess sergeant in the officers' mess here at this Air Base. There are two of us and it really is a job to operate the mess properly, and to keep everyone satisfied. We have several cooks and they are pretty good.

"I went through Cooks School and

then through Mess Sergeants School at Jefferson Barracks, Mo. I made my corporal's rating at school and the rest I made after leaving school."

From Cpl. Howard O. Olson, Sioux Falls, now in Italy:

"Living conditions of the people here are very poor. They are worse off than the Arabs on the desert of Africa, and they had nothing. It is rather pathetic to see white people hungry, ragged and homeless as are the people in some of these cities. I spend my 14-hour day working in the Intelligence Section of my outfit."

From Pfc. Merle E. Hoffman, Ottumwa, now in Italy:

"I'm sorry I haven't written sooner but until recently I was traveling around in North Africa and Italy too much to have the time to write. My mail never caught up with me until a short time ago and some of it was from as far back as August. In it were some of the letters and papers you have been sending me. Although late, I was sure glad to get them."

Frank Cook, Topeka, writes from Northern Ireland that he is doing military police duty there. "We have good shows, I go to dances quite often and keep pretty busy," he writes.

From Cpl. Joyce Brokaw, Sioux Falls, stationed with the WAC in India:

"You just don't realize what India is like unless you see it for yourself. It is a very picturesque country, and the Indians still dress in turbans and sheets. It is also a very dirty place and so are the people. There are a lot of interesting sights to see here—temples, gardens and bazaars. They sell a lot of ivory trinkets and beautifully carved wooden boxes. Things are pretty expensive over here, and we have to barter with the Indians to get a decent price on anything.

"We work from nine in the morning until six at night, with an hour and a half for lunch. Our quarters are very nice with three girls to a cabin. We have an Indian servant who takes care of the cabin, looks after our clothes, and runs our errands. I haven't made my bed myself since I've been here."

John Browne, Topeka, received his Christmas package in February in New Guinea. "None of the things it contained can be bought in the jungle," he wrote. He also said, "I have had a few scares from those yellow dogs they call Japs."

From Cpl. Grant L. Hagen, Sioux Falls, in the south Pacific:

"I took part in the Empress Augusta Bay operations on Bougainville. I also know what it feels like to hear artillery shells and bombs come from the 'other way'."

From Cpl. Martin J. Uram, Pittsburgh Sales Office, a veteran of the Marshalls campaign:

"From the first day of boot training till now I admit the going wasn't easy. Actually even as a member of the best fighting force in the world (the Marines) I didn't know what made them so. Well, I finally found out as I went side by side with them into battle. These boys aren't just another Joe because their guts and spirit proved to the world why they are tops. No matter where

or what the situation they met it shot with shot to drive and massacre the yellow rats. Finally they had the situation well in hand and also the Marshalls. I was lucky enough to come out alive, out of hell itself."

From Cpl. H. S. King, Topeka, now somewhere in Italy:

"I was formerly employed at Topeka in the Storeroom before I enlisted in the armed forces November 11, 1943. I don't mind the Army so much and yet I have no love for it either. But as long as this war continues I am content to stay in the Army. I'll admit I know a lot of places I would rather be, but I can sweat it out until the finish."

From AM2/c Martin A. Nelson, Sioux Falls, now in the Aleutians:

"I am a weatherman, and in the Navy this is known as aerology. This is a fine place for a job like this too, because these Islands may be called the weather factory of the world. At least a general prognosis of it can be obtained from here. Naturally I can't tell how things are done, but all in all, it's very interesting work, and sometimes I don't mind being up here—(Oh, Yeahhh!)—Still it is not half bad, save for the lack of women. The only girl that I have spoken to was Olivia de Haviland. Alas, she had to leave—not that there is any wolf in us fellows, but she does have a swell set of legs. And who am I that I should like a rain cloud any better?"

From Lt. Albert Alsdorf, Ottumwa, now in Italy:

"I am a bombardier on a B-24 and there is a lot of excitement to my job. I like it very much; always kid my pilot and co-pilot about being a couple of taxi drivers for me. I have a fine crew and we get along well together. But we have to because there is no greater team of men in the world today or closer together than a bomber crew. Every man has to know his job and know how to do it to the best of his ability.

"I have always wanted to tour the world and see a lot of different places and now that I have seen quite a bit I am ready to come home. But there is still a lot of work to be done over here and when I get 50 missions in I hope to come back. It is spring and I am getting the old golf fever but as there are no courses and I don't have any equipment I will have to wait till I get back to the states.

"There is a boy in this group with me by the name of Charles S. Nupp who is a sergeant and I believe he used to work in the Smoke House. I know he is still with us and I have tried to look him up but never have been able to find him. By that you can tell there are a lot of men to this outfit and although I know a lot of them I can't find a boy I know. One of these days I will probably run into him accidentally. I hope so anyway."

From Pvt. "Bill" H. Campbell, Topeka, now in England:

"I am fine and like England very much. I have been here for sometime and think it is very beautiful. I would like to visit all over England if it is as pretty as it is at this location."

From Sgt. Arnold J. Spath, Sioux Falls, somewhere in Italy:

"After loading bombs for almost a year I finally got out and am now work-

ing in the company motor pool and like it fine. We have a fairly large city not too far from camp and they have a wonderful Red Cross center there. After being here in Italy and also in Palestine, I have never regretted the money I donated to the Red Cross while employed by Morrell's."

From T/Sgt. Charles E. White, former Ottumwa salesman, now in New Guinea:

"Just a line to let you know we reached our destination safely; I'm in the best of health, somewhere in New Guinea. We have got a big job to do over here but we know it can be done and will be, with the utmost efficiency and success. I imagine that you read and hear a lot about this place in the news."

From Sgt. Dean McWilliams, Ottumwa, now in Italy:

"I have spent five months in Italy and like it much better than Africa, even though the weather has been bad. The people are very nice and easy to get along with. Some of them speak English and we have learned some Italian words, so it is usually easy to talk to them." (Dean: You and the censor had some trouble. This is about all he left of your letter. Oak.)

From Cpl. Clyde F. Brown, Topeka, now in India:

"India is quite a place and I shall have plenty to tell the folks when I do get home again. It is hot during the day but the nights are ideal for sleeping. Uncle Sam is taking good care of us so there isn't anything for us to worry about. We get plenty of sleep, plenty to eat, and plenty of work; but we are not complaining for we hope our efforts will hasten the day of victory."

From S/Sgt. R. R. Boelsen, Sioux Falls, now in North Africa:

"At the present time I am chief clerk in clothing and equipment. I can't say that I like this country although the climate is fairly nice. It is rather cold at night but the days are swell. The Arabs would get anyone down because of their filth. If they have an old rag to hang over their shoulders and a donkey to beat, they are happy."

From Pvt. Frank A. Paoletti, Philadelphia branch, now in England:

"Suppose you have received hundreds of letters describing England so I shall not attempt it. I might say that I have visited the London office and had a nice chat with the gentlemen there. All in all this country is very interesting, but so is Philadelphia."

From S/Sgt. Charles S. Nupp, Jr., Ottumwa, now in Italy:

"I can tell you now that I am stationed with the Fifteenth Air Force somewhere in Italy. It is a darn good outfit. We have been on several successful bombing missions and blasted them wide open each time. It certainly makes you feel good to hear the bombardier say 'Bombs Away' and then look out and see them falling like hail on the enemy."

From Coxswain Raymond E. Uhler, Topeka, now in the Caribbean area:

"I entered the service in August of 1942. Was stationed at Key West, Fla., for a year and have been in the Caribbean area for six months."

From Pfc. Clifford DeHaan, Sioux Falls, in England:

"I am somewhere in England. Have been at several camps already. It has been very muddy, cold and rainy. We live in crates 30 by 10 feet, wash out of helmets, etc. The English like our candy, gum, cigarettes, etc. We American soldiers are rationed. This is what we get a week: two candy bars, seven packages of cigarettes, one package of gum, two books of matches and two razor blades."

From Sgt. Barton Dunning, Newark salesman, now an MP in England:

"Our work over here is much the same as at home. We still aren't the best loved branch of the service but we get along. Was able to visit London recently and had quite a time. There were no raids the nights I was there so had a good rest. Visited most of the places we have heard so much about but I'll take the good old U. S. A. any day."

From Flyn Willis, Ottumwa, in the southwest Pacific:

"This isn't a letter, just a note to let you know that Perry O'Brien and I are still together over here. Have been overseas for 15 months now. The Magazine and Trimmings are getting to us in good time. So many strange names in the Magazine that I feel like a stranger.

"Jack' Mercer and I write each other often even though we are many miles apart. 'Ben' Skinner was here with me but has been returned to the U. S. A. and placed on limited service."

From SF2/c John J. Nicol, Topeka, on active duty with the Navy somewhere:

"A few weeks ago I met two other fellows that worked in the Topeka plant and also one from the Ottumwa plant. We really had a 'bull session'. I am very proud to be one of the 3,437 that had the privilege of working for Morrell's before entering active duty."

PROMOTIONS

Murl K. Albright (Ottumwa) Private 1st Class

A. J. Atkins (Ottumwa) Staff Sergeant
Roland K. Barker (Ottumwa) Technician 5th Grade

Dean C. Benson (Sioux Falls) Private 1st Class

Roger V. Bradfield (Sioux Falls) Seaman 1st Class

Floyd L. Bresee (Sioux Falls) Sergeant
Keith E. Bridges (Ottumwa) Corporal
Loren J. Brunken (Sioux Falls) 1st Sergeant

W. W. Bryan (Topeka) Machinist's Mate 2nd Class

James E. Burns (Ottumwa) Private 1st Class

Harold Butterfield (Topeka) Sergeant
E. T. Caulk (Topeka) Corporal
E. E. Crosby (Ottumwa) Aviation Machinist's Mate 2nd Class

Merrill Eggleston (Sioux Falls) Lieutenant

Alvin G. Eliason (Sioux Falls) Corporal
W. F. Firman (Ottumwa) Private 1st Class

Robert Gomez (Topeka) Fireman 1st Class

B. E. Guthmiller (Sioux Falls) Private 1st Class

M. S. Hebron (Ottumwa) Ship's Cook 3rd Class

Curtiss J. Hirsch (Sioux Falls) Aviation Machinist's Mate 3rd Class

Robert Gomez (Topeka) Fireman 1st Class