

A dean of women at a large co-educational college recently began an important announcement to the student body as follows:
 "The president of the college and I have decided to stop necking on the campus."
 Met by a gale of laughter, the good woman continued, somewhat flustered:
 "Further, all the kissing that has been going on under my nose must be stopped."
 —"The Gator," Norfolk, Virginia.

Your Letter From Home

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Sherlock Holmes: "Ah, Watson, I see you have on your winter underwear."
 Watson: "Marvelous, Holmes, marvelous. How in the world did you deduce that?"
 Holmes: "You forgot your pants."
 —"The Shock Trooper," Ft. Dodge.

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☛ **DEAR JOE:** We've had three of the prettiest days you've ever seen. Warm and full of sunshine and covered over with a tall blue sky. The old snows of winter have melted into tiny rivulets. The air is fresh and full of the promise of Spring. Vernon heard a meadow lark yesterday, and maybe tomorrow we'll see that first robin. Bobbie soxers on their way to school laugh and shout and push each other around. Our old dog Beau is snuffing the ground running in circles in the park across the street. Up in the crotch of that old soft maple the mangiest looking squirrel you ever saw is flicking his tail and telling the world his troubles. He is as unhappy as the fellow I saw this morning trying to buy a package of cigarettes. Some days there aren't any in town anywhere. The smoke shop in this building has them Mondays and Fridays for about a half hour each day. People line up at noon and wait 'til the smokes go on sale. The ones at the tail end of the line sometimes come away empty handed. Only one way to beat it—quit smoking . . . Smokes or no smokes, these are beautiful days and we are lucky to be living here. And it's wonderful to have so many fellows home. It'll be more wonderful still when everyone is home. On days like the last three it's hard to understand the bloody madness of war. Hard to realize that you out there are risking your life every minute that we may enjoy the beauty that God has given us so abundantly in Iowa. I suppose that almost everywhere in the world beauty may be found until men start fighting over who owns what. A mad business and one well named "Idiots' Delight."

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☛ **DOWN THE MAIN DRAG.** The city council this week put its okay on a proposed bus route between Fort Dodge and Estherville. Loren Larson has asked for permission to put one in . . . Selectees are still leaving Fort Dodge and Webster County. Almost one hundred went this week to Jefferson Barracks . . . William Jarrett, Gowrie farm hand, who killed Everett Warden, of Gowrie, the night of January 11, 1944, will be hanged at Fort Madison, February 23rd . . . John Mitchell is the newly elected president of the Chamber of Commerce . . . J. M. Kelso is proxy of the Sportsman's Club for 1945 . . . Fulton Lewis, Jr., noted news commentator now in France, will speak in Fort Dodge on February 25th as a guest of KVFD . . . The Iowa State College symphony orchestra is playing here February 26th for the milk fund . . . Miss Lucy Koff and Irene Ahlborn have collaborated on a 55 page history of Fort Dodge for grade schoolers . . . The girls of the Wa-Tao-Yel Club who address YLFH celebrated the club's eighth birthday at Thursday evening—dinner and dancing at the Royal 4000 . . . Mischievous moppets knocked in the stained glass window of the Christian Science Church . . . Dayton held a tenth anniversary dinner for Dr. H. E. Nelson, fifty years a doctor in Dayton, and Miss Katherine Warner, fifty years postmistress, last Monday evening . . . C. B. Pilcher, streets and parks commissioner, will run for re-election . . . Taxes are up in the old home town this year. On a modest home the tax increase amounts to \$10.00 or \$11.00 . . . The Men's Civic Glee Club sang in Callender last Monday evening . . . Ewald Trost has been named as a member of the State Conservation Commission by Gov. Bob Blue.

☛ **ENJOYING MOM'S COOKING.** Cpl. Arling Ostrem, from Walker Field, Victoria, Kansas . . . Pfc. Mel Messerly, from Winter Hospital, Topeka, Kansas. Mel was wounded in Germany—Vosges Mountains—October 30th . . . Sgt. Ernest Flickinger, from Childress, Texas . . . Sgt. Lee Edwards, from the air base at Lincoln, Nebraska . . . Sgt. Lester Challberg, from Jackson, Mississippi . . . Lt. Bruce Lefler, from navigation school at Hondo, Texas . . . Pvt. Ernest Ulish, enroute to Ft. Meade, Maryland . . . Lyle Glaman, petty officer 1/c, from San Diego . . . Pfc. Carl Kling, from Punta Gorda, Florida . . . Harley Spencer, S 1/c, from the Pacific . . . Cpl. Lewis Cook, from Belgium where he caught a piece of shrapnel. From here he goes to Camp Carson, Colo. . . Lt. Robert Wasem landed a day or two ago in San Francisco after months in the Pacific. Will be home early next week . . . S/Sgt. Fred Vannoni, from the S. W. Pacific . . . Pfc. Bob Pfaff, from Keesler Field, Miss. . . Pfc. Elwood Ferry enroute to Ft. Meade, Maryland . . . Pvt. James Meruka enroute to Fort Ord, California . . . Pvt. Richard Sheker enroute to Fort Ord, California . . . Cpl. Geo. W. Lundgren, from Boca Raton, Florida . . . Cpl. Don McLaughlin, from Greensboro, No. Carolina . . . F/O Robert Walker, from Hondo, Texas.

☛ **SCOREBOARD.** In the district sectional at Callender, the gals of Callender dove in the Daisy Mae's of Dayton, 39 to 31 . . . In the consolation, it was Burnside over Lehigh, 39 to 31 . . . Gowrie, last year's near state champs, lost in an early round in the sectional tournament at Paton . . . The Polar Bears of North High did a repeat performance last Saturday evening on their own court and the Dodgers were tumbled, 31 to 20 . . . Tonight we meet the Mohawks of Mason City in our own gym. This is the final home appearance for the Dodgers . . . Dodger matmen didn't do so bad at Waterloo in the Big Seven. Came in second with twenty-

eight points to West Waterloo's 31. An excellent finish for one of the Dodgers' poorest seasons.

☛ **LUCKY FELLOWS.** Mrs. Minnie Anderson and Oscar Johnson, of Gowrie, February 20th, in Fort Dodge . . . Helen Kochovosky and Merle Moore, of Rockwell City, in Fort Dodge, February 8th . . . Anna Marie Allen and John Beck, petty officer 1/c, of Denver, Colorado, in Hawaii, January 17th . . . Evelyn Peterson and Fred R. Omann of Knierim, February 8th, in Fort Dodge . . . Marjorie Haring and Lawrence Stupka, CM 3/c, of Clarion, in Fort Dodge, February 1st . . . Betty Louise Bjork, of Lehigh, and Edward J. Hennessy, formerly a paratrooper in the 503rd Parachute Inf., January 20th, in Chicago.

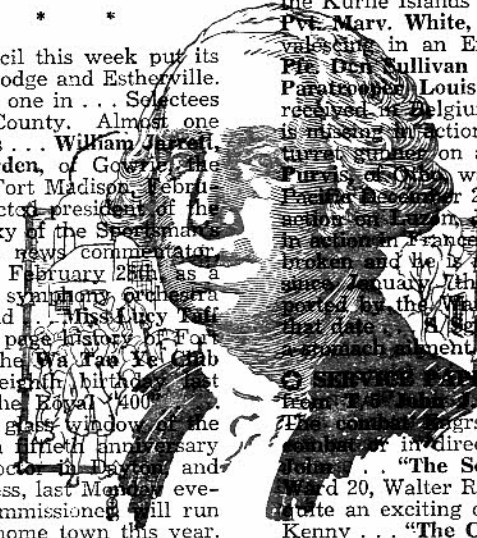
☛ **NO LONGER PRISONERS OF WAR.** S/Sgt. John Ondrejka, T/5 Benny Salvadore and S/Sgt. Dennis Berry, all inmates of Stalag 3b in Germany, are free and on their way home. Last week's "Letter" had the news of the liberation of S/Sgt. Keith Smokstead and S/Sgt. Dale Reichert. They were all in the same camp and liberated, it is thought, by the Russian drive. Stalag 3b was 40 miles west of Berlin.

☛ **-WAR'S GRIM TOLL.** Pfc. Donald Klinger, of Callender, was wounded in action in Belgium, January 19th. He is in a hospital in France . . . S/Sgt. Melvin Yetmar is missing in action in Germany as of January 20th . . . Pvt. Clinton Ruby was reported missing in action in Luxembourg as of January 24th . . . S/Sgt. Dean "Pat" Saigh, missing in action since September 25th, over the Kurile Islands in the North Pacific, is back with his outfit . . . Pvt. Marv. White, wounded in Germany November 19th, is convalescing in an English hospital . . . Wounded December 30th, Pfc. Don Sullivan is back with his outfit in the Tihrd Army . . . Paratrooper Louis Eastwood is recovering from slight wounds received in action over Germany since January 22nd. Russ is a turret gunner on a B-17 based in England . . . S/Sgt. Meredith Purvis was killed in action off Biak Island in the South Pacific December 2nd . . . Pfc. Ted Maier was slightly wounded in action January 10th . . . Pfc. Tom Pray was wounded in action in France in the latter part of January. His right leg was broken and he is now in a French hospital . . . Missing in action since January 17th in Belgium, Sgt. John H. Wolfe is now reported by the War Department to have been killed in action on the day of the capture of A. Sgt. Gerald Sullivan, in a hospital in England with a broken leg.

☛ **STARS AND INSIGNIAS.** "The Stars and Stripes" from Pfc. Fred Steib, Jr., with 19th Combat Engrs. in Italy. Thanks, Mags. 19th Regt. have put in 550 days of actual combat in direct support in North Africa and Italy. Thanks, "The Service Stripe" from Pfc. Kenneth D. Olson, in the Walter Reed Hospital, Washington, D. C. "Last week was quite an exciting one with all the movie stars out here." Thanks, Kenny . . . "The Command Post" from Cpl. Robert Zeka, in India . . . "The Norfolk Sea Bag" and "The Gator" from Eugene "Mickey" McGuire, F 2/c, Norfolk, Virginia. "Lt. Tom Moore, of the Waterloo Courier, is in almost every day. He says to say "hello" to Charlie Rubenstein. I am assigned to officers' mess here. It reminds me of the good old days at Howard Gillman's Club Fort Dodge. I'll be glad to get back to Tobin's when this is over." Thanks, Mickey . . . "The Fort McArthur Alert" from S/Sgt. Ted Rule . . . The midget overseas "New Yorker" and "The Redlander" from Pvt. F. Malcolm, APO 331, San Francisco. Thanks, soldier . . . A lot of Japanese mulla—looks like the stuff we used to play Monopoly with—from Pfc. Earl J. Rowley, in the Philippines. "The people here were really happy to see the Americans come back and there was lots of hand shaking going on at the beach. But believe me, it was too hot here for a few days to think about any hand shaking. Mine were shaking all right, but not with the people." Thanks, Earl . . . "The Shield" from C. D. Bailey, BM 2/c, at the U. S. Coast Guard Station, St. Augustine, Florida . . . "The Camp Crier" from Pvt. Sterling "Andy" Stensrud, Camp Atterbury, Indiana. Thanks, Andy.

☛ **MOTHER INDIA.** APO 629, Sgt. Jack Hauser is stationed in Assam, India. Jack would like to know "are there any other Dodgers close by?" . . . Lt. E. R. Rosen has completed his tour with the 10th Air Force in India. "I expect to be back in Iowa about the first week in March."

☛ **OVER HERE.** Wm. H. Collins, Sp G 3/c, is in Miami, Florida . . . Pvt. Charles Walker is in the hospital at the De Ridder Louisiana Air Base. We'll play those numbers, Charles . . . T/3 Harry Brown is at Jackson, Mississippi . . . Durwood Quade, S 1/c, is at the Great Lakes . . . Pfc. Elmon Rosendahl is at Valley Forge General Hospital, Phoenixville, Pa. . . Bernard B. Brennan, S 2/c, is in amphibious training at Camp Bradford, Norfolk, Virginia . . . Clarence E. Fritts, S 1/c, is stationed at the Old Federal Building, St. Louis, Missouri . . . Melvin O. Phipps, writing from the Naval Air Station at Whidbey Island, Washington, asks about those early



copies of YLFH. Mel, they are very scarce. We are planning to do something about reproducing them. Maybe we'll make a book of them. If we can figure out some way to do it and get it done, we'll tell you about it soon. We'll play that number for the folks.

♣ **GOOD FELLOWS GET TOGETHER.** Capt. Earl and Irving Kuenhast, the twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kuenhast, of Badger. Both are in school at Chanute Field—Earl in engineering, Irving in communications. In the army three years, this is the first time they have been together. Overseas veterans, Irving is back from India; and Earl from New Guinea. Earl married Leila Newbrough, of Alden, Minnesota, in Chicago on January 27th . . . Conrad Taylor, Mo MM 1/c, and his brother, Floyd Taylor, AM 3/c, both of Somers, in Pearl Harbor, January 28th. It was the first time they had seen each other in 34 months. Conrad is on the U. S. S. Tyrell and Floyd is in the metal shop at the base in Pearl Harbor . . . Sgt. Bernard J. O'Brien and Lt. Ken Moreland, in England . . . Pfc. Don Sullivan met Pvt. Tom Moore, medical technician, at an evacuation hospital in Luxembourg.

♣ **PACIFIC.** Albert C. Jacobson, Mo MM 3/c, somewhere in the South Pacific would like a song played for his boy and girl at home. Yes sir, Sailor, will do . . . Somewhere in the Marianas Islands where it's been raining steadily, Sgt. Mahlon Carlson is thinking of home and his father's birthday and his wife's. We'll play those numbers, Sgt. . . . Pvt. Glen E. Flickinger is in the Dutch East Indies . . . Evoldt A. Zuetlaw, PTR 2/c, in the Solomon Islands, thank all the girls who address the "Letter From Home." (They're all here tonight, Evoldt, about fifty of them, working very hard and very happily). About those extra copies of back numbers of YLFH, we have a plan in mind to do something about that. If we do, it will be announced in YLFH sometime this Spring . . . Pvt. Dar Brand says they have a few kangaroo in New Guinea. "Not as large as those in Aussie Land. I have seen some about three feet high but they sure can move." Thanks for the picture, Dar . . . T/4 Ernest A. V. Ryden is with a heavy ordnance maintenance company in the Hawaiian Islands.

♣ **LA BELLE FRANCE.** Pfc. Bernard Loth is now in France after having spent considerable time in Belgium. "Even with the buzz bombs, I prefer Belgium to France."

♣ **WANT TO GO TO THE IOWA PICNIC** in Los Angeles? It will be held Saturday, February 24th, in Lincoln Park. Iowa service men and women will be special guests. Pvt. Geo. L. Brehm, now at Camp Kearney, is going to be there and hopes to see a lot of Dodgers. Thanks, Geo.

♣ **HIGH C'S.** William A. "Bill" Nelson, S 1/c, now on LST 651, out of San Francisco, writes to his Mom, "I see by YLFH they are trying to move a college to Fort Dodge. I hope they get it myself. If we get this college and a good sized airport and enlarge Tobin's, etc., we could really put Fort Dodge on the map." Yes sir, Bill, them's our sentiments, too, and we are doin' our best. Thanks, for the picture . . . Russell R. Benson, SK 2/c, is on the U. S. S. North Carolina.

♣ **OVER SEAS.** S/Sgt. Willard Rossow, of Duncombe, is now getting his mail APO 350, New York . . . Pvt. Herb L. Saboe and William Griggs are somewhere APO 44, New York. Herb's brother, Al, is with the 7th Army in France and Herb hopes to see him soon.

♣ **ENJOYING MOM'S COOKING.** Willard and Mrs. Soppeland, Mo MM 1/c, from Coronado, California. Willard's been repairing engines. His next duty, he says, will be aboard ship . . . Pvt. Bill Rubel from Fort Ord, California. Bill's folks live at Alameda now but Bill was back in the home town seeing his friends.

♣ **HAVE YOU HEARD THE STORY** about the girl in Washington who had gone to work for the Army-War Department? After she'd been on the payroll several months it was discovered that she could not read or write. All she had been taught by someone who helped her get the job was to write the figure 6,000. And that's the way she occupied her time day after day and day after day, just writing 6,000; 6,000; 6,000; 6,000 and so on and on and on. It all came out the other day in a Congressional investigation. The New Yorker wonders what became of her. Friends, it's no military secret. She became a Navy Censor. Yep! She got a hold of Bob Ault's letter from the Philippines and carefully razored out the innocent little letters, "YLFH."

♣ **BELGIUM.** Cpl. Clarence Hyde is now in Belgium.

♣ **PHILIPPINES.** Lt. M. O. Barbee is in the Philippines. We are putting Lt. Landmesser on the list. I'll tell Bob Kirkberg you got his letter.

♣ **LUXEMBOURG.** T/5 Felix Ruthart is somewhere in Luxembourg and pinein' for the "Letter From Home." It's on the way now, Cpl.

♣ **FROM THE FIVE CORNERS OF THE WORLD.** Don B. Sinkey, S 1/c, Central Pacific. "Just a note to express my deepest appreciation for your swell Letter From Home. A lot of my friends like to read it, too, even though the names are strange because its message is so typical of any home town anywhere in America. I was fortunate enough to see my brother, Lt. (j. g.) Sinkey, in (censored) not long ago. It would be swell if you would add his name to your mailing list. I'm sure he'll be glad to receive the YLFH. It's hard to imagine Iowa in the grip of a cold winter. It's so hot here I'd be glad to send some excess heat home at once." (O. K. Don, R. W. is an old subscriber now.)

S/Sgt. Tony Purcell, Sheppard Field, Texas. "I returned from Italy December 22nd. On rotation after four years in the Infantry with Co. G., I find myself in the Air Corps. Would like to say hello to all the old Co. G boys wherever they may be, and if any are close to drop in and see me at Sqdn. R., Sheppard Field, Texas."

Pfc. George Davidson, somewhere in Luxembourg. "I finally broke into the "Good Fellows Get Together" column today after 22 months of blissful solitude. It seems one T/5 Don Sperry is located near here and upon hearing that the fightin' 75th is in the thick of it, decided to look me up. Tonight he burst into our billet and hurled an unprintable greeting in my direction. Then we

carried on a king-sized bull session 'till the stuff got too thick. Then he made his exit and all was quiet on the Western Front once more."

E. P. Rodenborn, C Sp A, Treasure Island, California. "I have been transferred to U. S. Naval Hospital Staff, Treasure Island, California. We are living in San Lorenzo Village, San Lorenzo, California. A village of 1300 new bungalows. So far, I have met Ducky Drake, who used to have Ducky's Lunch; Mr. Ray, who had Ray's Candy, and Lavern Sinclair, Ph M 2/c, is also stationed at the hospital here. Expect to look up Charles Anderson, from Harcourt, soon. Be glad to meet any of the boys from home at any time.

Sgt. Bob Lawson, somewhere in France. "Things are pretty quiet here on our front just now. Lots of snow and ice but you'll be reading about us sometime in the near future. This winter so far has been similar to an Iowa winter so I kinda feel at home as far as the weather is concerned. These Vosges Mountains have really been tough and you can believe me, Ed, the Krauts took advantage of every natural barrier, but we've nearly got him pushed out. I've strung communication lines through those mountains with a jeep where I didn't think it possible for a mountain goat to pass. Sure hope we can finish this job in a hurry, because Iowa is so awfully nice in the Spring."

Capt. C. R. Atwell, somewhere in Germany. "In answer to your appeal in the last YLFH I have received—about a month old—I am listing my latest address. I am now wearing the Timberwolf patch of the 104th and I'm proud of it. This is a fine division with an excellent combat record in France, Holland and Germany. Right now things are quiet in this sector but I expect we shall be shoving on before long. I spent the holidays in Marche, Belgium, with the 84th Division. Marche was listed as captured for over two weeks so you can see we weren't exactly idle. At one time I was only 20 miles from Chet Smith but I couldn't get up to see him. We plan on meeting one of these days with Pink Beers somewhere along the way. I understand that the Huns are keeping him busy also. As soon as I can get ahold of an extra patch I'll send it for your collection."

T/5 John L. Martin, somewhere in England. "I have been in what the Britishers call "jolly old England" since Christmas. I had been here only a week when I met Miss Evelyn Bade, a Red Cross worker from Algona. We had a wonderful chat about the Hawkeye State—seemed like old home week." (She's on the list now, Johnnie.)

1/Lt. Richard O. Sternitzke, somewhere in the Philippines. "Pat Flaherty, NBC newscaster, was down to see us several days ago for material for one of his shows. He was interested in a gang of Filipino kids our outfit is feeding. There are about 30 of them ranging in age from 4 to 8, who were made orphans by Jap occupation. It's quite a sight to see them pushing and shoving to get in their chow line, all the while yelling, laughing, and squealing at the prospect of food."

Cpl. Gould W. Armstrong, somewhere in Alsace. "The 4th of January marked my third year in the Army and I have my first person to meet from good old Fort Dodge. I'm sure there are some around, maybe in my own division, the 79th, and if so I would like to meet some of them. The weather reminds me a lot of home, plenty of snow, and to watch these kids sled riding and skating makes a fellow want to join them. I imagine the young folks are having a big time at the rink above the big dam. I used to skate there a lot. My sister lives just across the street and it was handy. Sure wish I could enjoy it again. I am trying to learn the German language but so far it has turned out like the French lingo. I don't think I was supposed to speak anything but English. It suits me fine. By speaking the language it helps a Joe to get along better. Sometimes we sleep in houses. I shared my Christmas boxes with some very nice French people. I guess people over here think the people back home are all rich and have all the luxuries. They have, compared to these people that have been ruled by the Nazis for four years. They sure have big smiles for the Yanks."

Cpl. Robert T. Martin, somewhere in the Marianas. "Here I am way down in the Marianas and no place to go. All we have to do is work and plenty of it. So far it has been pretty rough but as time goes by things will be getting to look better. The article my brother wrote sometime ago to you sure goes for this place, too. He was in England and said there was very little corn. So far I haven't seen a single stalk."

Cpl. Robert Zeka, somewhere in India. Well I finally met one of my brothers overseas! Floyd made a surprise visit here last Saturday afternoon. He came in without any advance notice so I was very surprised to see him. He flew over and then hitchhiked out to here. It's a wonder he didn't get lost along the way. Floyd had a three-day pass but he had to go back Monday to make connections. We really had an enjoyable time together. Went to town and went on a sight-seeing tour with some shopping on the side. Never thought I'd be seeing a brother and showing him about a town in India."

The letters keep coming from everywhere. Letters that it's a very great privilege to receive. We read them all and save them all. We use them nearly all. Toward the end of the week there always are a few that we haven't quite fitted in. Among those this week were letters from Cpl. A. K. Potenza, FPO, San Francisco; T/5 Harrison F. Zenor, APO 89, New York; Cpl. Gilbert J. Strait, APO 89, New York; Pvt. Michael D. Fulton, APO 89, New York; T/5 Rex D. Moore, APO 89, New York, and Cpl. Robert G. Porter, APO 72, San Francisco. Thanks so much to all of you . . . The lights once went out all over the world. Now they are coming on again. Everywhere but in Nazi Germany. And there they are guttering low. The shadows close around the little ugly goblins who once fancied themselves as the lords of the earth and the sea and the upper air . . . It can't last much longer. We'll be seeing you, and I hope, soon.

Your home town correspondent,
Ed Breen.