

Dear Friends:  
I received your lovely box just a few days ago—it had been sent here from Hunter College. So many of us received boxes that we just pass them all around and sample each other.  
Our Christmas holiday has been very pleasant here—parties and caroling, and a wonderful dinner is anticipated.  
I expect to be here about three months, studying for storekeeper, at Indiana University. It is very interesting and I think shall be a wonderful opportunity.  
Thank you again for the box.  
Sincerely,  
Margaret Scullard, S 2/6 USNR  
Bloomington, Indiana



**Service Notes**

Corporal Reuben W. Tilley writes from his overseas station that he received a good conduct ribbon and medal, which were presented to him on Christmas Day—a mighty nice Christmas gift, in our opinion, both to Corporal Tilley, and to his family.  
Staff Sergeant Kenneth Wilkinson and Mrs. Wilkinson from Texas are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wilkinson.

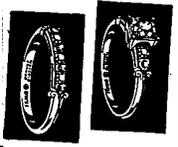
Thomas Scriber of the Army Air Force Signal Corps, stationed somewhere in England, has been promoted to Corporal.  
Charles Friedley, grandson of Mrs. Emma Damon, has recently visited here on a ten day furlough. He returned to San Diego Wednesday, to resume his duty in the Ordnance Division of the Marine Corps.

Somewhere in Sicily  
Dear Mothers:  
I just received your Christmas package and it sure was a nice gift. I'm sure glad you sent me some cigarettes because we only get four packages a week and that isn't very many cigarettes when you smoke about a package and a half a day. The razor blades sure will come in handy because that's one thing we have to do, shave every day. We don't get much candy here, only about a bar a week and sometimes we don't get that. My buddies and I sure think it's a treat to have candy.  
I have been all over North Africa from Casablanca to Tunis, and I'll still take good old Farmington, Michigan. So if any of the people at home are disgusted with the home town, I'll gladly trade places with them.  
Thanking you ever so much for the package.  
Yours truly,  
Bill MacDonald.  
Pfc Harry Holmes spent a few days furlough with his wife and mother.  
Pfc Frank Brady is now stationed somewhere in India.

Lt. Barbara Ryall visited her parents this week, having a four day delay in route to her station at Fairfield, Suisun, California, after attending a two day conference for the Air Transport Command at Cincinnati, Ohio.  
Thomas E. Barber, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Barber, is a newly-arrived soldier at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri. This historic military post, on the Mississippi River, a few miles south of St. Louis, is a basic training center for the Army Air Forces Training Command.

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January 23, 1944  
Dear Editor:  
I have sat myself down numerous times with my pen in hand to write a line of thanks for your most kind and generous gift—the home town paper, but never decide how to thank you so I shall earnestly do so this time, and use the most used phrase "Thanks a million." It truly does a fellow that is thousands of miles away from home, a world of good to read about the local activities and what his fellow buddies are doing in this man's army.

People probably wonder what Alaska is really like so I shall say that the books you read about it are most correct. About all you see is mountains, snow and more snow. The only animal life in these parts are caribou, bears and birds that look like over-grown crows. Not a tree have been seen since leaving the good old U.S.A. We have some terrible blizzards up here that you would not believe true if you read about them, and have to experience just one of them to know how treacherous they are. But on some of the "rare" nights when the wind quiets down for a few minutes and the moon is shining brightly it is a beautiful sight to stand outside and look around you at all the snow covered ground and mountains—a sight well worth a fortune of money to see.

Well, I am afraid I shall have to close now as all my buddies have long since retired for the evening, so I shall say good night and thank you again for your swell paper.

Cpl. Russell M. Buck  
Richard Platz, who is stationed in Jamaica has been promoted to Corporal.

January 23, 1944  
Dear Editor:  
I wish to thank you for the paper you have been sending and notify you of a change in my address.

I was in Farragut for a month after I came back from my furlough. While I was there I saw Kenny, Durham and Ernie Finch. They both left before I did though.

I'm in a quartermaster school and will be for 16 weeks, but it isn't bad here at Great Lakes. Thanks again for the paper for I enjoy hearing from my friends in the service.

Sincerely yours,  
Harold Childress, S 2/6  
There was a pleasant reunion in Madison, Wisconsin, a few weeks ago. As he was coming out of church, Jack Sherman, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Sherman of Mayfield Avenue, met Danny Ryan from Eight Mile Road, "back home" going into church. Both had been stationed in Madison for some time but had not previously met. There was time for a real visit before Jack was shipped away.

Pvt. Richard Silver, who has been home on furlough, returned to Camp Gordon Johnston, Florida, Wednesday night.

February 10, 1944  
Dodge City, Kansas

Dear Sir:  
I have here a sort of a poem if you care to print it.

True Love and Duty of a Soldier  
I once had a heart that was honest and true,  
But now it has gone from me to you.  
It was when I left for my U.S. Gun,  
Well it sure has put me in trouble some.  
And now there is nothing much for me to say,  
Only lots of good luck and I'll be on my way.  
But whenever the nights are lonely for you,  
Just stop and think of me over the waters so blue.  
And maybe you will realize how much I love you,  
And when you hear that this war is won,  
Then you will know why I went for my U.S. Gun.  
To fight those Germans, and the dirty Japs, too,  
And fight like Hell for the old Red, White and Blue.  
And whether I come back or whether I stay,  
I think I've done my duty to you,  
And as a citizen of the U.S.A.  
Private Albert C. Guidner.

England  
February 7, 1944

Dear Friends:  
I am finally getting around to thank you for your paper which I have been getting quite regular. I received the first one yesterday, that is, since I've been overseas, which is four months now. I want to thank you very, very much. It was a pleasure to read it once again, especially the advertisement of the good old "Buffet." I also want to thank my many friends for their very nice Christmas cards. We are doing very important work here and I am happy to be here and doing my share. I can tell you one thing for sure, I'm certainly looking forward to the day when I can be home again, period. Our weather here has not been cold as yet, but we do get plenty of drizzling rains. I hope this letter finds you in Farmington in good health, and that we'll all be together again soon.  
S/Sgt. Carl R. Hogganson.

Yuma, Arizona  
Dear Blue Star Mothers:  
I received your package the other day and it sure did come in handy. I want to thank you for sending it to me.  
When I got it I was away from the rest of the company with 12 other fellows. So, my friends and I had something to eat for a couple of days. I guess all the boys you are sending boxes to will be just as glad to receive it as I was to get mine.  
I guess that's all I can say. I will say thanks again.  
Yours truly,  
Pvt. James Mitchell.

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