THE WEATHER: Hot as blazes in the daytime . . . then thundershowers almost every afternoon . . . then pleasantly cool nights. Thats the weather pattern hereabouts at the present time. The trees along the streets and in the yards are at their June best—and you all know no trees anywhere are prettier than our's — and your's!

Here's Your Letter From Home

SENT TO YOU WITH THE BEST WISHES OF

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HEARD THESE GAGS? A sensible girl is one who is more sensible than she looks—because a sensible girl has more sense than to look sensible!! . . . The four seasons are pepper, salt, vinegar and mustard! . . . Some girls walk home from rides, while others ride home from walks!! Lightning doesn't strike the same place twice. It doesn't have to!!

NO. 46 LETTERS LEAVE MONTGOMERY EVERY FRIDAY JUNE 16, 1944

DEAR GANG: Six weeks hence "Letter From Home" will round out a solid year ... The first issue went out the first week of last August ... At a get-together meeting recently, attended 100% by all of the sponsors of LFH, we were looking at a world map on which had been pasted white dots representing places from which we have had mail back from you ... It sort of knocked us over ... China ... Iceland ... Alaska ... the Solomons ... South America ... Canal Zone ... Africa ... Iran ... England ... India ... Italy ... Sicily ... every one of the U. S. ... and from one spot in Russia ... Made us realize again what a part ... what a very great part ... you Montgomerians are playing in this tremendous thing called World War II ... Montgomerians are bumping into each other in far corners of the earth like, in peacetime, they might have done in Atlanta or Birmingham ... We're happy we're reaching you with this weekly resume of things back home ... We're particularly pleased when we hear that many of you get it even when you're right up in the combat areas ... Every now and then we hit a snag, however ... We started sending LFH to a Montgomery boy who is a prisoner in Japan ... But the Japs wouldn't let it go through ... So, we will keep looking forward to and praying for the day when Allied soldiers will be answering mail call right on the main streets of both Toyko and Berlin!!

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ENJOYING HOMEFOLKS' HOSPITALITY: Ensign William Cartwright ... Col. Vincent M. Elmore, Jr. ... Lt. Charles Craig ... Lt. Mary Virginia Elgin ... Maj. Vincent Lamb ... Sgt. Robert L. Branch ... A/C George B. Noble, USNR ... Lt. Alvin A. Biggio ... Maj. Sidney H. Yarbrough, Jr. ... Otis Reeves, Jr., S 2/c ... Corp. John W. Bush ... Corp. Benjamin C. Boykin ... M/Sgt. Richard O. Grable ... S/Sgt. Richard Samuel Cleer ... Thos. Cook Bingham, Pharm. Mate 3/c ... E. S. Snell, Jr. ... Sgt. W. M. H. Rogers ... Comdr. Charles Crommelin ... Lt. Richard Crommelin ... Cadet Ray Rossell, Jr. ... M/Sgt. Winston Sheehan ... Geo. R. Sanford, P-O 3/c ... Charles Hubbard ... Lt. Christopher Cobbs ... Capt. Edward Cobbs ...P-O Henry F. Hopson ... William Hackney ... Lt. William Laseter ... David E. Dunn, Jr. ... Lt. Charles Collins ... Capt. Walter H. Davis ... WAVE Marguerite Sherlock, Pharm, 3/c ... Ensign Jeff. W. Davis ... Sgt. L. E. Singletary.

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AROUND THE TOWN ... Most of the headlines this week have been on the invasion and what your home folks are doing about the Fifth War Loan Campaign. You already know about the first ... and as to bonds ... well, you know what your home folks are doing about those ... so we will try to fill this LFH with more personal items ... Montgomery has always led in colorful or original thermometers on the Square to indicate progress of current campaigns ... but this year, the Capital Advertising Company has outdone itself with a reproduction of a machine-gun shooting across a mammoth display board, flashing neon spots representing the bullets; each spot representing $35,000 in bond sales ... when the quota is reached the bullets will smash right into the hearts of Hitler and Tojo ... Workers of Capitol Heights Methodist Church set a record on D-day when they kept the church open all day and all evening and rolled 4,875 surgical dressings ... To fill out the unexpired term of Justice Virgil Bouldin, resigned, Governor Sparks appointed Robert T. Simpson, of Florence, to the Supreme Court ... and he will be succeeded on the appellate bench by Circuit Judge R. B. Carr, of Anniston ... Judge Carr's unexpired term on the Seventh Circuit bench will be filled by George F. Wooten, Talladega lawyer ... Thus Governor Sparks gets three nominations out of one vacancy ... Of the approximately 15,000 taxpayers in Montgomery, only 102 failed to pay their taxes last year ... American War Dads will hear Supreme Court Justice J. Edward Livingston Monday evening and then put their first two committees to work, one to help at the Red Cross Canteen ... the other, with official caps, to greet incoming and enroute service men at railroad and bus stations ... getting ready for a big increase in the good business of taking convalescent soldiers on pleasure rides, fishing trips and picnics, Red Cross Motor Corps is now making determined drive for hundreds more volunteer drivers ... Champ Pickens is still tops as promoter ... no sooner did he hear of the Blue and Gray Division fighting in Normandy than out went invitations for that great division to hold its annual reunions after the war in Montgomery as part of the already famous Blue-Gray classic ... George R. Sanford, P. O. 3/c. spent the past week in Montgomery visiting relatives enroute to his new assignment at San Diego, Cal., from Jacksonville, Fla., where he received his training as aerial gunner ... It's interesting to note that 26 years ago the Brown Printing Company was the official printer of the Sheridan Reveille, a morning newspaper for Montgomery's big infantry camp ... and that F. L. F. Avery, who helped set the type of the Reveille is still at Brown's and does his part each week in setting the type for your "Letter From Home" ... When you order a meal downtown now, you order fully expecting to get something else instead of what you ordered ... you are not surprised at getting an ice tea spoon for your hot coffee ... no napkins and no butter ... no ice cream and no pie, sometimes the girls even forget to wait for their tips, so anxious are they to get back to their soldier husbands ... Also you have learned to expect new waitresses every week ... Alabama Pharmaceutical Association held a 26 hour war conference in Montgomery ... the lawyers of the state will hold similar convention on July 6th ... Rainy threatening weather cut attendance at the Elks big Flag Day ceremonies at Oak Park but the rain proved a blessing to the farmers of central Alabama ... General outlook on crops is now reported as good in spite of the inauspicious spring start-off ... Peanuts are said to be excellent ... Oats are now being harvested.

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"JUNE BRIDES" (and grooms): Elizabeth Foster Boroughs and Wm. F. Ledyard ... Anne Helburn and Lt. Jno. W. Straus ... Marilyn Williams and John Durr Elmore ... Betty Lyerly and David E. Dunn, Jr. ... Louise Thetford and Edw. G. Gross ... Mamie Sue Ross and Sgt. Hugh D. Belcher ... Jewel Frances Chandler and Ralph R. Dobbin ... Joy Wynn and S/Sgt. Earl Berry ... Madeline Virginia Sowers and Ensign Cullie B. Willis, Jr. ... Dorothy Yarbrough and Sgt. L. W. Laney, Jr. ... Marguerite Mary Barrett and Capt. Edw. Owen Greeson ... Carolyn Julette Harrod and Flight Officer Wilbur E. Harkness, Jr. ... Billie Dell Smith and Lt. Frank H. Beckfield ... Memrie Jane Wilson and Luther M. Berry ... Mary Frances Weldon and Emmett B. Rodgers ... Mary Goodrich Clark and A/C Edgar Allen Majors ... Clara Mae Green and Homer G. Wright ... Edith Avoline Jackson and Wm. G. Esing ... Helen Christine Leverette and Geo. Macon Slaughter ... Rubye McLemore and Wayne P. Winters ... Katherine Presley and Jas. Monroe Limbaugh ... Ellen Inez Hodges and Lymon H. Hawkins ... Robbie Lois Johnston and Jas. E. Jones ... Dorothy Elizabeth Bennett and Joseph Moncrief ... Phyllis Wilson and Winfred S. Bozeman ... Mary Lou Hewlett and Edw. M. Lee.

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BILL NOW BEFORE CONGRESS provides $10,406,000 for Alabama's postwar roads ... With 1940 used cars selling at NEW prices, later models getting big bonuses, OPA has ordered ceiling prices on all cars manufactured since 1936 ... First cotton bloom reported here was raised by J. R. French of 507 South Panama Street on his farm three miles out on the Atlanta highway ... YMCA invites in many Montgomerians to look-see as part of its centennial observance of the founding of the association ... E. F. Harlan, and Lee Douglass have been re-elected to their former positions with the Montgomery schools on their return with honorable discharges from armed forces ... After 20 years of service as patrolman with the Montgomery police department, W. L. Pugh has resigned ... New Service flag of the Clayton Street Baptist Church contains 250 stars ... Montgomery Youth Club will conduct, during summer vacation, a city-wide collection of waste paper ... Capt. Edwin S. Wise, post personnel officer of George Field, Ill., has been selected to attend Command and General Staff School at Ft. Leavenworth, Kans. ... A Christmas card mailed by C. F. Anderson to Cary M. Hunter, both Montgomerians, on December 19, 1942, was delivered this week, almost two years enroute with no marks to indicate where it had been all that time ... The tail-enders got up and licked the leaders in Monday night's Civic Club soft ball league with the biggest upset of the year ... Rotary beat Exchange 11 to 5 ... Lions beat Kiwanis 14 to 3 ... New officers of the Lions club, Jimmie Hamn, president, E. M. Goodwin, vice-pres., Clarence I. Hinds, 2nd vice-pres., W. A. Eisman, 3rd vice-pres., J. W. Patton, secretary; Frank McFaden, treas., L. Ray Davis, lion tamer and Hoyt A. Ayers, tail twister. On the new board

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are the following directors, J. Harris Washburn, Sam Adams, J. Sam Smith, H. Ray Evans, A. B. Long, T. A. Belser, J. J. Pierce, W. B. DeLemos and G. E. Webb ... J. M. Harrison is the new president of the Montgomery Real Estate Exchange Club along with J. B. Smith, vice-president and A. Jones, secretary ... The new Real Estate board of directors include J. J. Pierce, George C. Starke, Clarence Hinds, J. H. Norton, H. L. Bowdoin and Vernon Martin ... New officers of Montgomery Post No. 2, American Legion, are W. Foster Hays, commander; Oscar Covington, first vice-commander; Earl Adams, 2nd vice-commander; John H. Wilkerson, 3rd vice-commander; the Rev. P. N. McDonald, chaplain; B. S. Fitzpatrick, historian; H. F. Weaver, sgt at arms; John A. Sankey, service officer; Millard G. Smith, finance officer and adjutant ... Executive committee includes Dr. B. F. Austin, Harry Marks, Millard Westcott, D. D. Dixon, A. S. Coleman, Robert F. Shields, S. D. Cater, Walter B. Smith, Kennon Thetford and W. Benefield ... Heading Khur-Um Lodge, No. 858 for the coming year are M. L. Head, Felix Robinson, W. D. Odom, David W. W. Fuller, Thomas H. Edwards, Walter D. Sutton; Flem J. Smith and Robert A. Jones ... Sollie D. Godwin was elected worshipful master of Keystone Lodge No. 778, A. F. and A. M. along with Clarence Lisenby, S. W.; John E. Mills, J. W.; Charles J. Fay, T.; John D. Hall, S.; Judge H. Peacock, S. D.; and Lee Roy Duncan, T.; ... Montgomery Kiwanis Club in one week got a third of a million over its quota of two million dollars of bonds to be purchased this month ... is now busy preparing for a sell-out of a premiere to be held at the Paramount (E-Bonds only) on June 28th.

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LATEST "STORK REPORTS": To S/Sgt. and Mrs. John H. Wright, a daughter ... Lt. and Mrs. Roy Russell Showalter, Jr. (Carolyn Turk), a son ... Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Nichols, a daughter ... Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Strong, a daughter ... Cpl. and Mrs. Chas. C. Hill, a son ... Sgt. and Mrs. C. T. Brown (Helen McKinney), a daughter ... Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Haynie (Gladys Ruth Davis), a daughter ... Sgt. and Mrs. H. C. Waters, a son ... Lt. Comdr. and Mrs. Jas. Thos. Fowler, Jr. (Mary Alba Warner), a son ... Mr. and Mrs. Fred Parker, a daughter ... Flight Officer USN and Mrs. R. E. Dugan, a son ... Maj. and Mrs. Ben W. Covington, Jr. (Nona Musgrove), a son ... Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Bedgood, a son ... Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hall, a son ... Sgt. and Mrs. L. A. Ramsey, a daughter.

QUOTES

DAVID E. MYERS, S. C. 3/c (F. P. O. San Francisco, Cal.) —"Am somewhere in the South Pacific with a bunch of swell fellows, several from Montgomery."

R. L. JONES, F 2/c (F. P. O. San Francisco)—"Who do you think walked in our chow hall the other day? No one but my brother Joe in person ... second time I have seen him in two years."

CPL. FURMAN FANT, (Postmaster, San Francisco)—"Our hospital is one of the best equipped hospitals in Southwest Pacific ... Our doctors are doing wonderful work ... we are in a nice part of Australia."

CPL. H. E. BUSBY, (Postmaster, San Francisco)—"Am in New Guinea now after spending some time in Australia ... am convinced I like Australia best."

PVT. GORDON I. TUCKER (Postmaster, San Francisco)—"Have been in a big invasion somewhere in Southwest Pacific ... have seen plenty of fireworks but not the kind you used to see in Montgomery on Christmas."

JOHN H. WATTS, JR., (O'Reilly General Hospital, Springfield, Mo.)—"Am here in the hospital ... hope to be out soon ... It's truly great to be back in the U. S. A."

SGT. JOHN T. SIMMONS (Postmaster, San Francisco)—"We are in New Guinea paving the way to Japan ... several from Opelika with me ... Mr. Will Paterson was a swell man to work for."

S/SGT. GERALD D. GORDON (Postmaster, San Francisco)—"Just recently returned from "down under" ... now out of action due to injury ... did manage to shoot down one enemy fighter confirmed and also one probable."

CPL. C. J. ROTEN (Postmaster, San Francisco)—"About one-fourth of my outfit here in New Guinea are from Alabama ... Each man get's something different out of LFH."

LT. EUGENE HEILPERN, JR., (Gore Field, Great Falls, Montana)—"Am now a pilot in the 7th Ferrying Group of the Air Transport Command."

JAMES LEE HUDSON, (F. P. O. New York)—"Have been over in Africa for 19 months ... hope to return home within the next few weeks."

CPL. CHARLES G. McNAIR, (Postmaster, New York)—"Have been overseas 19 months ... from New York to Bombay ... now located on the supply to Russia ... see lots of Russian soldiers ... Was in Teheran at time of big conference and saw plenty of big shots."

PFC. JACK B. SPEER, (Postmaster, New York)—"This is really sunny Italy now but with sunshine and warm weather come clouds of dust."

CPL. LEONARD KUCZMARSKI (Postmaster, New York) —"Have been overseas 20 months and during this time have been in Iceland, England, Scotland, Algeria, Tunisia, Tripolotanici, Sicily and now Italy ... none equal to Alabama ... our group has wonderful record ... 2 presidential citations."

PFC. MANSOR R. WILSON (Postmaster, New York)—"Am with the hospital train ... a hospital on rails ... very good outfit ... we get to see a lot of country."

PVT. A. W. MASSEY (Ft. McClellan, Ala.)—"Hurray for Pat Beasley ... particularly interested in his letter on Infantry ... American infantry is best in world ... best fighting unit of any service."

S/SGT. L. B. AVANT, (Sta. Hospital, Maxwell Field, Ala.) —"13 months in New Guinea and surrounding islands ... home on a furlough, ten days of which I'm spending in hospital with malaria fever ... isn't that an awful way to spend a furlough ... flew 52 combat missions against Japs ... have been recommended for DFC and cluster and air medal with cluster."

S/SGT. JULIAN P. HOOD, (Postmaster, New Orleans)—"Down in Panama with T/Sgt. Porter H. Connell, Sgt. Archie B. Cheeks, T/Sgt. Howard Knott ... still the friends we were when wearing two-tone shoes and sport suits on Dexter Avenue."

CORP. CECIL STUBBS, JR., (USMC, Eagle Mountain Lake, Texas)—"San Diego, Cal. ... Cherry Point, N. C. ... Bogue Field, N. C. ... and now Eagle Mountain Lake, Texas ... that's one thing about the Marine Corps ... you never know today where you will be tomorrow. Saw Newman Kimbrough at Cherry Point."

SGT. JOSEPH S. GODWIN (Postmaster, New York)—"This, China, is the most colorful theater in the world, the most interesting ... However, besides admiring the country, I'd like to say that our air forces are doing a swell job over here as well as the other branches of our services."

CPL. RUFUS RAY, (Postmaster, New York)—"I would like to offer an apology to all the cadets around home for having thought of them as 'glamour boys!' They look damned good flying around here."

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Several have asked why LFH does not print the complete addresses of men in service. This could be done BUT would mean in many cases that LFH could not be delivered to the front lines ... hence we leave them out. However we will be glad to get any address you may want and send it to you direct PROVIDED you are not near any of the active fronts.

Letters received this week but not QUOTED include:

Pfc. James W. Williamson, AAB, De Ridder, La. ... Pvt. H. B. Seawright, Sylacauga ... Pvt. Edwin H. Christian, Camp Lanche, New Oreans ... Pvt. Thurman A. Curington, Camp Planche, New Orleans ... Robt. W. Anderson, Pensacola, Fla. ... T/Sgt. A. F. Oliver, Chatham Field, Ga. ...

Pvt. W. R. Sharpe, APO Ft. Jackson, S. C. ... Lt. Roy J. Cochran, S. A. A. F., Smyrna, Tenn. ... Pfc. Willie B. Moon, Camp Patrick Henry Sta. Hospital, Newport News, Va. ... Cpl. Tom Meehan, Holabird Signal Depot, Baltimore, Md. ...

From China: Capt. Colquitt H. Lane.

APO, New York ... S/Sgt. D. S. Jones ... John W. Kent Y3c ... Lt. Col. J. Harold Watkins ... Cpl. Loyd H. Butler ...

Lt. William C. Catrett, Dayton, Ohio ... Pvt. W. M. Sadler, Ypsilanti, Mich. ... S/Sgt. P. Goodson, Camp Maxey, Tex. ... Cpl. Quintin L. Warren, Jr., Galveston, Tex. ... Capt. Marvin Taylor, Camp Gruber, Okla.... A/C Bryant Alford, Deming, New Mexico ... Capt. James J. Mayfield, Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho ... Pvt. Murry L. Alford, San Diego, Cal. ... George H. Crane, SK 1/c, Treasure Island, Cal. ... A/C William M. Hadaway, Santa Ana, Cal. ... Pfc. Maurice S. Quinn, Longbeach, Cal. ... Pvt. James H. Roy, Oceanside, Cal. ...

And through Postmaster, San Francisco, we heard from Lt. G. M. Wadsworth ... David Moye Pugh ... Robert Gober ... Sgt. F. J. Harrison, Jr. ... Cpl. W. D. Elder ... J. D. Lavendar, S. F. 1/c.

Pvt. J. B. Blackmon, Postmaster, Seattle, Wash. ... Joe A. Dunn, Stillwater, Okla. ... Lawrence M. Dickinson, San Bruno, Cal.

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Write if you get the time ... we enjoy quoting those we have room for ... and use all of them on the LFH program which is on the air five times each week. If you can find the time, drop us a line ... but line or no line ... you know we are proud of you, gang, and our happiest day will be that day when you are coming home. Good luck.

YOUR GANG AT HOME.

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