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George Heinrich Collection

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Biographical Note

George A. Heinrich was born August 10, 1915 to Gustave Heinrich and Rose Heinrich (Bestmann).

George enlisted in the United States Army on July 18, 1941 at age 26. He began his training at Camp Grant, Illinois, but was quickly moved to Fort Monmouth, New Jersey for Signal Corps training. After a few months, he moved to Camp Forrest, Tennessee as his Signal Corps training increased. From there he moved to Camp McQuaide, California and became part of the 58th Signal Battalion. At this point he began his foreign service in Australia.

While in Rock Hampton, George went to Teletype school to be trained to maintain and repair these cipher machines that were used to encrypt messages from the I Corps. George participated in the U.S. invasion of Hollandia on the north coast of Dutch New Guinea. His next invasion was at the Lingayen Gulf of Northern Luzon, in the Philippines in January of 1945.

After the Pacific Theater of Operations was concluded, George was shipped back to Chicago, Illinois after four years and three months in the Army. During this time George was promoted to Technician Grade Four, became good friends with Emil Schier, and enjoyed building radios for fellow soldiers.

George Heinrich passed away December 7, 2007.

Scope and Content of the Collection

The George Heinrich collection consists of items from George's service in the United States Army during World War II. Items included are: correspondence to his father Gustave and to his sister Ann, military documents & forms, photographs from the many different camps where he was stationed, a scrapbook containing images from his time in service, newspaper clippings, insignia, and George's uniform. The collection also contains one folder with correspondence from John and Carl Bestmann during their time in service in World War I. John and Carl were the brothers of Rose Heinrich (Bestmann), George's mother.

Arrangement

The collection arrived in no discernable order. Staff has arranged the collection. The collection consists of three series:

Series One: Military Documents, 1941-1954, n.d.

These documents pertain to George's service in the United States Army. They include correspondence between family members, military certificates and forms, and newspaper & magazine clippings sent from home. The correspondences are arranged by to whom they were addressed and then chronologically (Eleven large Japanese paper letters located in oversized box). All other military documents are arranged chronologically.

Series Two: Photographs, Scrapbook and souvenirs, 1941-1950, n.d.

This series consists of images of George's time in the United States Army. The majority of the photographs are of George with his military friends at the many different camps where he was stationed. The scrapbook is arranged as it was donated, in chronological order (located in oversized box). The final section of this series is the souvenirs that George obtained and sent home during his travels. In this section there are postcards from the towns he visited as well as Japanese invasion money.

Series Three: Bestmann Family: World War I Correspondence, 1917-1918, n.d.

One folder includes items sent home from John and Carl Bestmann during their time in service in World War I. John and Carl Bestmann were the brothers of Rose Heinrich (Bestmann), George's mother. Their letters track their movements from Camp Grant, Illinois to the trenches of France. Three unidentified images of a World War I soldier are also included in this series.

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Separations

Call Number	Description
800181615	George's dog tag attached to a bolt.
800181616	Panoramic print of Company D 1st Signal Training Battalion - Fort Monmouth, N.J. - September 13, 1941
800181617	Panoramic print of A. Co. 58th Signal Bn. - Camp McQuaide, California.
800181618	Panoramic print of A. Co. 58th Signal Bn. - Camp McQuaide, California. (DUP)
800181619	Blue Star Service Flag - Homemade
800181620	Service Stripe (Hash Mark)
800181621	Technician Fourth Grade insignia
800181622	Technician Fourth Grade insignia (DUP)
800181623	Technician Fourth Grade insignia (DUP)
800181624	Eisenhower Jacket
800181625	Garrison Cap
800181626	Visor Cap
800181627	Visor Cap

Key Subjects

This collection is indexed under the following headings in the Library's online catalog. Researchers interested in materials about related topics, persons, or places should search the catalog using these subject headings.

Subjects

United States – Army – Signal Corps.
World War, 1939-1945 – Australia.
World War, 1939-1945 – Campaigns – Pacific Area.
World War, 1939-1945 – Illinois – Chicago.
World War, 1939-1945 – United States.

Container List

Box	Folder	Item ID #	Title	Dates
1	1		Correspondence to Parents	1941-1942
		800181001	Arrived at Camp Grant; got a meal and a bath. Pretty busy but do not worry; let Ann know he is alright.	7/18/1941
		800181002	Letting his parents know that he is in the Army branch. Hoping to get into the signal corps instead of the infantry. Located at Camp Grant, Illinois and hoping the war in Europe is over before he has to join. Sending love to Annie and Hank.	7/21/1941
		800181003	Leaving for New Jersey. Still hoping for a radio job with the signal corps as it pays better.	7/24/1941
		800181004	Still at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. Took a test to determine work in radio, telephone, or line. Looking for a questionnaire from John Bestmann and asking if Christ went to the Army.	7/30/1941
		800181005	Visited Long Branch, NJ. Went to the boardwalk, gambled and got two small pictures taken for a dime (included).	8/3/1941

- Mentions that they aren't allowed to sign petitions against the war.
- 800181006 Received Birthday cards and mail from friends and family. Checking in on his car. Won't be working on radio as it requires algebra but will probably be climbing telephone poles and putting up wires. Including three photos from camp. 8/9/1941
- 800181007 Got shots for typhoid, tetanus or lockjaw. Spent yesterday laying telephone wires in the woods. Gets the times newspaper. Hoping to get \$300 out of his car. 8/23/1941
- 800181008 Went to the pistol range and hit most of the targets. Received crushed cookies from Ann. Hoping to go to the Ocean to fish soon. Met a movie actor from Hollywood that is disgusted by army pay. 8/27/1941
- 800181009 Visited Long Branch, Red Bank, and Asbury Park. Went fishing at Red Bank and Shadow Lake. Compares Asbury Park to Riverview in Chicago. 9/1/1941
- 800181010 Received, signed, and sent back title of his sold car, got \$275 for it. Went to New York City over the weekend and to the Statue of Liberty. Mentions packet of postcards that he sent as well; bought on boat ride to the island. (Included in postcards folder). 9/10/1941
- 800181011 Bought a camera at Long Branch. Saw an outdoor show at camp which George Raft was supposed to attend, but couldn't. Talked to some people from his old job at G.M. and wanting to work at the new Buick plant when he gets out. 9/16/1941
- 800181012 Going to the auto and motorcycle races at Red Bank tonight. Joking about how "Al" wouldn't vote for Roosevelt again if he were in the Army. 9/20/1941

800181013	Sending unneeded civilian clothes home. Has made a lot of friends at camp. Visiting New York and going to Radio City. Prices going up: Milk \$0.15 a quart.	9/23/1941
800181014	Worked the entire day on kitchen duty. Served about 200 to 250 men. Hid in the bathroom to avoid drill in the rain. Talks about other soldiers hiding for up to six weeks or running away from camp.	10/3/1941
800181015	Happy to hear his parents found the large rolled up group photo. Work on telephone wire and tested the phone. Commenting on Al taking a physical to get into the army. Likely to be sent to another camp soon.	10/9/1941
800181016	Explaining how busy he the soldiers are kept; cleaning, marching, and waiting in lines. Went to a football game at New Brunswick, N.J.; Ft. Monmouth versus Rutgers University.	10/18/1941
800181017	Still at Fort Monmouth, but thinking he'll be moved soon. Sending pictures and negatives back home. Wishing he was home because there are so many good jobs available.	10/23/1941
800181018	Just received word that he is leaving Fort Monmouth for Camp Forrest, Tennessee. Had hoped to be sent to Fort Sheridan in Illinois.	10/25/1941
800181019	Packed and ready to move to Camp Forrest, Tennessee. Going to be a couple hundred miles closer to Chicago; glad he wasn't moved to California.	10/29/1941
800181020	Arrived at Camp Forrest; no big towns nearby. Attaching his new address.	10/31/1941
800181021	Settled into new camp. Close to Tullahoma and about 75 miles from Nashville. Surrounded by hills and woods in the barracks.	11/1/1941

- 800181022 Guarded two prisoners today and carried loaded shotguns. Ordered to shoot if they attempt to get away. Worked kitchen patrol for a guy who ran away. Includes drawing of a plug that he wants his parents to send him. 11/8/1941
- 800181023 Pretty sure he will be staying in U.S. because only men who sign up for three years are sent to camp in Iceland. Hoping to be home for Christmas but probably not for Thanksgiving. 11/1941
- 800181024 Might be heading to a nearby telephone strike. Prepared with gas masks and pistols. 11/14/1941
- 800181025 Still packed and ready to leave at a moment's notice. Might be sent to a mine strike in Pennsylvania. Would only be protecting the ones who want to work and the telephone lines. 11/19/1941
- 800181026 Won't be leaving camp as the strike was called off. Describes the different duties that the soldiers have to do at camp and which ones have the worst hours. 11/23/1941
- 800181027 Took a trip to Chattanooga, TN and stayed at the Hotel Northern. Traveled through the Cumberland mountains by hitch-hiking. 12/1941
- 800181028 Went to "lookout mountain" and thinking he won't get many more trips since war has been declared on Japan. Doubting he gets furlough but hoping to come home for Christmas day. 12/9/1941
- 800181029 Has been told to send all things not needed back home, thinking they'll be moved soon. Since his outfit is important, they might be moved to the West Coast. 12/12/1941
- 800181030 Some of the soldiers are receiving furloughs, but hears that things may change soon. If they do get one they can't go far from home as the Army will need to get a 12/1941

	hold of them immediately.	
800181031	Furloughs have been canceled and leaving for California tomorrow.	12/14/1941
800181032	On his way to California; trip going slowly because the train is so long.	12/17/1941
800181033	Still on the train to California; passed through Tennessee, Arkansas, Missouri, Kansas, and now in Oklahoma.	12/18/1941
800181034	Passing through New Mexico; riding in Pullman cars since Amarillo, Texas.	12/19/1941
800181035	Arrived at Camp McQuaide after almost six days on train. Very nice camp and right next to the Pacific Ocean. Saw the orange groves in San Bernardino, mountains, and better growing crops than Illinois. Near Watsonville and close to Palm Beach.	12/23/1941
800181036	Glad to hear that his box of things from Camp Forrest arrived home. Feels like spring weather in California. Stuck on kitchen patrol on a Sunday. Had a black out last night due to nearby planes.	1/1942
800181037	Went to the beach and took pictures with Emil's camera. Commenting on the 18 below zero weather in Chicago while being almost 80 in California. Living in tents instead of barracks. Took out life insurance.	1/11/1942
800181038	Expecting to leave Camp McQuaide sometime next week. Might be moved to Stockton. Went to the beach again and saw a lot of sea lions.	1/16/1942
800181039	Packed and ready to move, but might not happen until the 25th. Heard that Hank got a job at the pipe company. Wondering if they can still buy tires back home. Emil's birthday.	1/20/1942
800181040	Still at Camp McQuaide and looking like they won't move for a while. Climbed poles	1/24/1942

- and put up cross arms for training. Went to the beach and climbed a 200ft bank.
- 800181041 Passed the most recent strict inspection and got a day off. Food at camp is good because their baker used to cook in Chicago and didn't learn through the army. Hoping they don't go on daylight saving time. 2/1/1942
- 800181042 Among about thirty who are on a list to be transferred. Might be sent to the infantry. Hoping for another outfit because this one is too strict. Will definitely look Emil up after the war is over if they get separated. 2/8/1942
- 800181043 Received his radio from home and cookies from parents and Annie. Took a trip through Watsonville, Salinas, Del Monte, Monterey, and Carmel. Saw the Spreckels sugar factory in Salinas. 2/9/1942
- 800181044 Still at Camp McQuaide but reason for being transferred is "bad feet." Got to see a newsreel of the ski slide at Fox River grove and felt homesick. General news of friends from home joining the army. 2/15/1942
- 800181045 Practiced moving by packing everything up and pitching tents in the prairie nearby. Him and Emil hiding out in the recreation hall to avoid a hike and instead write letters and go to a show. 2/21/1942
- 800181046 The move may have been canceled and he might be staying with the 58th. Took a trip to Merced, California. Nice trip traveling through the mountains. Also went to San Juan. 2/28/1942
- 800181047 Has not received his Outdoor Life Magazine since changing the address. Went to the rifle range at Fort Ord. Getting tired of going to shows and will probably play some sports or go to the beach on their upcoming days off. 3/8/1942

- 800181048 Finally received the Outdoor Life magazine. Having a parade for the one year anniversary of the 58th, going to receive colors from General Richardson; An orange flag with a white eagle on it that says "58th Signal Battalion." Strictness lightening up and getting more day passes. 3/15/1942
- 800181049 Had the parade and celebration earlier in the morning. Heard there is another draft lottery coming up. Been listening to Amos and Andy on the radio lately. Heard about the tornado in the mid-west. 3/17/1942
- 800181050 Thinking he would like to invest some money. On latrine orderly today. 3/21/1942
- 800181051 Went ice skating in San Jose last week and considering a trip to the redwood forests near Santa Cruz. Traveled to San Luis Obispo as well. No hopes of getting a furlough though. An old friend just got sent to Australia working on telephone operating. 3/28/1942

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Correspondence to Parents

1942-1943

- 800181052 Got a 24 hour pass and went to Sana Cruz with Emil. Went to the beach, boardwalk, and to see the redwoods. Mentions souvenir he sent of postcards (Included in postcards folder). Might be getting free postage soon. 4/2/1942
- 800181053 Had duty of guarding prisoners again on Easter. Had one prisoner from the South side of Chicago who went home without leave. Checking on his boat and thinking of ways to stop it from warping. 4/10/1942
- 800181054 Considering not investing money due to inflation. Thinking that he'll probably be sent to Australia before the end of summer and that the war will be a long one. Emil was demoted for not unloading his gun before cleaning it and it going off. 4/19/1942

- 800181055 Checking on things from home; boat, doorbell, friends joining the army. Starting to be trained in jungle situations. 4/26/1942
- 800181056 Won't need any more stamps as free postage has gone into effect. Getting a 24 hour pass because had the cleanest tent. Probably going to Big Basin to see more redwoods. Talk about sugar rations. 5/1/1942
- 800181057 Won two more 24 hour passes for cleanest tent. Heard that his Pa had to register for the draft. Talks about playing horseshoes and ping pong to pass the time. 5/10/1942
- 800181058 Went to San Francisco last Friday with the whole battalion. Thinking they'll be going on maneuvers in Arizona soon. Had a parade for "I am an American day" 5/17/1942
- 800181059 Practicing laying field wire. Saw the "Camel Caravan" show at camp. Going deep sea fishing at Santa Cruz tomorrow. Plans on fishing with Emil in northern Wisconsin when they get out. 5/23/1942
- 800181060 Battalion on alert again with thoughts that Japanese might retaliate for the bombing of Tokyo. Explaining how to fix the doorbell and radio back home. 5/30/1942
- 800181061 Whole west coast is on alert and most likely will be for a while. Was on observation guard and had to report all planes that fly over. 6/7/1942
- 800181062 Has had a tough week of hiking and kitchen patrol. Went to see "Gold Rush" starring Charlie Chaplin. Heading to California desert to practice maneuvers. Glad that his Pa isn't as busy now that decoration day is over. 6/14/1942
- 800181063 Just got back to camp from camping trip to Las Banos. Got a two day pass and went to Santa Cruz and San Francisco; found it 6/20/1942

	difficult sleeping on soft hotel bed after hard camp mattresses.	
800181064	Heard they are expanding the camp and building wooden barracks, might be moved to Fort Ord. Has been laying field wire at night.	6/27/1942
800181065	A quick note that was sent along with a money order. Not wanting too much money on him so having most of his pay sent home to his safe.	7/1/1942
800181066	Moved to Fort Ord, 30 miles south of Fort McQuaide. Not as nice and has to sleep on camp cots instead of beds. Hoping to not be staying too long.	7/5/1942
800181067	Sent radio and razor home while traveling. Pay raise to \$50 a month. Going on another trip to Hunter Liggett this week.	7/12/1942
800181068	General health topics: Stomach is feeling much better than it did when he was at home, had an eye infection. Tomorrow one year anniversary of being in the army.	7/17/1942
800181069	Brief letter updating on upcoming maneuvers, guard duty, and kitchen patrol.	7/19/1942
800181070	Bought a sleeping bag for \$9.60, better than the blankets they were provided. Had gasmask drill. Thinks there are about 30,000 soldiers at this camp.	7/24/1942
800181071	Thinking he will be leaving for another camp by August 2nd. Coal isn't used to heat the furnace at night. Told he wouldn't be able to take sleeping bag if they went on foreign service.	7/29/1942
800181072	Other soldiers gambling their pay away and spending it on whiskey. Explaining how the ocean fog affects their weather. Saw Arlington Heights racetrack on a newsreel.	8/3/1942

800181073	Leaving Fort Ord. in the morning for the maneuver area 600 miles south of there. Took driver test and will be a relief driver on a 1 1/2 ton truck during the trip.	8/7/1942
800181074	After 37 miles in on their trip, got a radio call to return to Fort Ord. Not sure what is happening with his company; overseas or joining another corps.	8/9/1942
800181075	Heard that his outfit is not attached to the seventh corps anymore. Sent home his sleeping bag. Still a possibility of foreign service.	8/14/1942
800181076	Leaving Fort Ord. by the first of September. Tags on crates say "port of embarkation 'San Francisco' and fairly sure they will be going to Australia. Had a camp show with George Jessel as a main act.	8/21/1942
800181077	Made an allotment to have \$25 sent home every month. Says the food is good but not how the papers make it out to be.	8/28/1942
800181078	Taking classes in First Aid, gas warfare, and compass reading. Sending \$50 more home in a money order. Promoted to Private first class grade with \$4 per month raise. Will probably go to see a show or to the library.	9/3/1942
800181079	Sent some army books home. Went to Pacific Grove with Emil on a pass; took a ride on a glass bottom boat and went to a boxing match in Salinas. Watched a training video on what to do if captured.	9/10/1942
800181080	Have been told they are leaving Fort Ord. Monday morning for the port of embarkation in San Francisco. As of that day all letters will be censored and cannot write about Military matters. Includes new address for San Francisco.	9/12/1942
800181081	Brief note saying he hasn't left Fort Ord. yet and to continue to send mail there until he	9/13/1942

gives word differently.

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| 800181082 | Another brief note saying they still haven't left and to continue to send to Fort Ord. | 9/1942 |
| 800181083 | Now at Camp Stoneman in Pittsburg, California. Getting clothes and things needed for going across. Increased allotment to \$30. | 9/16/1942 |
| 800181084 | Like the new modern kitchen Camp Stoneman has. Cooks and cleans dishes by steam. Asks about new flag pole at home on Narragansett and Patterson. | 9/21/1942 |
| 800181085 | On the voyage to Australia and hasn't been seasick at all. Emil is still in the same company. | 10/5/1942 |
| 800181086 | Has arrived safely in Australia. Using Australia money; a pound note is about the size of old U.S. dollar bill - worth \$3.27 in American money. Happy to have Emil Schier with him still. | 10/21/1942 |
| 800181087 | Still in the same place. Got a pass to go buy Christmas cards and gifts. Went bicycle riding with Emil. Many of the films they show there are old ones he saw before he was drafted. | 11/9/1942 |
| 800181088 | First use of miniature V-mail. Received his Outdoor Life Magazine. Heard from Christ in Texas but nothing from Al lately. Hears good war news and hopes he'll be home for next year's Christmas. | 11/21/1942 |
| 800181089 | Received Christmas card from parents. Cannot answer their question about bananas or pineapples because it is classified military information. War news is sounded more improved each night. | 11/29/1942 |
| 800181090 | Received fruit cake from Ann and a cheap watch from Joe Hoyka. | 12/6/1942 |

800181091	Tells parents he is studying teletype maintenance. Has those words circled, possibly by the censor.	12/16/1942
800181092	Finally got letter and gifts from parents dated December 2nd. Sent home a souvenir from Australia. Doesn't feel like Christmas as they spend their evenings swatting mosquitos.	12/20/1942
800181093	Got a two dollar money order from a friend from home for Christmas. Sorry that he can't write more due to the censorship.	12/27/1942
800181094	Asking to renew his magazine subscription for him. Will send home about \$100 by the end of the month. Received letters from Uncle Johnny Bestmann and Bill Fox. Boils clothes to clean them.	1/9/1943
800181095	Now in Co. B of the 58th in the [redacted] section. Sent \$110 money order home. War news has been good lately.	2/14/1943
800181096	Checking to see if the allotment has been change to \$30 yet. Asking if his Pa will take his Supreme instruments Co. meter to the shop to get the batteries removed.	2/21/1943
800181097	Typed v-mail letter. Is typing on a teletype machine for practice. Isn't very fast at it but getting better.	2/27/1943
800181098	Saying he has received letters dated from almost a month prior. Went to the show but can't share much other information.	3/7/1943
800181099	Heard that his picture was in the newspaper. Received a letter from Grace Ritter.	3/14/1943
800181100	Received letter dated a month prior. Going to check on allotment discrepancies.	3/21/1943
800181101	Sent a \$50 money order home. Letter being sent to Washington to fix allotment.	4/8/1943

800181102	Got pictures of the family. Thinks Rosalie and Georgie sure have grown. Hoping the war ends soon and that he can be home next spring.	4/11/1943
800181103	Not much new news. Went to the shows and happy Pa got the batteries removed from his meter.	4/18/1943
800181104	News from Ernie that Joe Hoyka is quitting his job and moving to Iowa. Everything else is the same in Australia.	4/25/1943
800181105	Thinks that Joe Hoyka moved to try to avoid being drafted and will try to get his old job back after the war. Feeling like spring and wondering how his boat is holding up.	5/2/1943
800181106	Surprised to hear Mrs. Forsell gifted him \$5. Al joking he'll be drafted after the women and children.	5/9/1943
800181107	Sent a thank you letter to Mrs. Forsell. Received, read, and forwarded his issue of Outdoor Life to Emil.	5/15/1943
800181108	Received a \$3 money order from the neighborhood. Going to cash it while on his shopping pass.	5/30/1943
800181109	Hoping his Pa isn't having to tough of time with only nineteen men working. Assumes so many are in the Army or defense.	6/6/1943
800181110	Mailed another \$50 money order home. Has a show in camp every other night. War news sounds good still.	6/13/1943
800181111	Received clothing ration coupons. Thinks he should have had his allotment put at \$50.	6/20/1943
800181112	Asks for a cheap pocket watch. Explains process of mailing packages: have to show the letter from which the material is requested.	6/27/1943
800181113	Spent the 4th of July on guard duty.	7/5/1943

	Wondering if Al has been drafted.	
800181114	Surprised to hear that a few neighbor boys got furloughs still.	7/11/1943
800181115	Expanding on the process of shipping requested items. They stamp the request letter at the post office so it can't be used again.	7/18/1943
800181116	Hoping the pocket watch is on its way; his wrist watch stopped working. Getting over a slight cold.	7/25/1943
800181117	Thinking the gas rationing must be helping to save tires. Asking how the Plymouth is doing.	7/31/1943
800181118	Promoted to Corporal; tells parents to address letter to T/5 before his name. Pay raise to \$79 a month.	8/9/1943
800181119	Received their birthday card to him. Australia winter will be over soon, but hasn't felt like it at all. Sound system went out at the show last night.	8/21/1943
800181120	Received another money order from the neighborhood for \$1 included in a birthday card. Has too much money there, but doesn't want to go through the process of changing allotment again.	8/29/1943
800181121	Forwarded his Outdoor Life magazine to Emil as he doesn't get many things to read where he is. Got their picture of Rosalie and Georgie.	9/4/1943
800181122	Saying that his folks didn't have to send his watch request letter back to him, just show it at the post office.	9/12/1943
800181123	Asking about the new house his parents bought. Heard that Joe Hoyka is now working at Douglas.	9/18/1943

800181124	Finally received the pocket watch from his parents. Has been playing quite a bit of horseshoes.	9/26/1943
800181125	Hears good war news; thinks that if Germany falls the war will come to an end very soon. Sent \$80 money order.	10/3/1943
800181126	Sending his Outdoor Life magazine to a friend in New Guinea. Has a sentence blacked out by censor.	10/10/1943
800181127	Finding it difficult to write letters to people back home because of the censorship.	10/17/1943
800181128	Went to town on a shopping pass. Lost some weight; weighed as much as 168 and as little as 155.	10/24/1943
800181129	Still cannot say where he is in Australia, but has been able to visit Sydney, Auckland, and New Zealand.	10/30/1943
800181130	Got Christmas present from Ann and Hank, letter from John Bestmann saying a friend was discharged because needed on the farm.	11/7/1943
800181131	Had Thanksgiving dinner on Thursday. Hasn't heard from Ernie in a long time.	11/27/1943
800181132	Heard from Ann that a friend was asking for his address. Received two packages of candy from Ann.	12/4/1943
800181133	Sending some pictures and negatives home; other guy in the photos is E. Gray of Virginia who transferred with him from Co. A. Got a Christmas card from Ernie and Laura; Ernie still isn't in the Army.	12/11/1943
800181134	Away from the 58th for detached service with the 52nd training. Going to be busy studying for the next two months while there.	12/20/1943

800181135 Settling into the new place. Doesn't feel like Christmas, just a normal summer day. Having a turkey dinner at camp that night. 12/25/1943

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Correspondence to Parents

1944-1945

800181136 Hasn't received any mail since being with the 52nd. Hoping it gets forwarded to him soon. Five weeks until he returns to 58th. 1/1/1944

800181137 Busy at school at the 52nd Signal. Says the war news sounds good. 1/9/1944

800181138 Still no mail at the 52nd, expecting it all to be waiting for him when he gets back in three weeks. 1/16/1944

800181139 Finished with the most difficult parts of the course and averaging over 96%. One final exam to take/ 1/23/1944

800181140 Done with the course at the 52nd, but still there for a few days. 97% on final exam, 95% overall. 1/30/1944

800181141 Back at the 58th, had about three dozen letters and a couple magazines waiting for him. Received a carton of cigarettes from G.M. Laboratories for Christmas but gave them to a friend. Also got a one year subscription to Readers Digest. 2/3/1944

800181142 Sending a money order of \$50 and one of \$70. Received a letter from Uncle John, but hasn't heard from Al or Joe Hoyka for a while. 2/12/1944

800181143 Apologizes for not writing last week, been very busy. Hasn't heard from his parents in a while either. 3/1/1944

800181144 No longer in Australia, moved to the southwest Pacific (specific location redacted). Voyage was good and saw a few sharks and flying fish. Met some natives that build grass huts for the Army. Hasn't had 3/9/1944

	any coconuts yet, worried he might have to get a waterproof watch.	
800181145	Another letter saying that he is no longer in Australia and in a redacted location in the southwest Pacific. Army now giving furlough after 18 months in the service. He should finally get one after three years in the Army.	3/1944
800181146	Can now mention that he is on an island in the southwest Pacific. Taking atabrine to prevent malaria. Still hasn't heard from them in a while.	3/17/1944
800181147	Settling in on the island. Went on a hike for coconuts and bananas.	3/26/1944
800181148	Sent another \$90 home, received Outdoor Life and letter from March 3rd. Checking on the other money orders he sent.	4/2/1944
800181149	Doing well on the island, can't say much about the weather for security reasons, but it would be considered a tropical climate.	4/1944
800181150	Surprised to hear that Hank got put in 1A. Wants pictures of the new house sent. Might be too busy to write in the next few weeks.	4/15/1944
800181151	Made a successful landing in enemy territory at New Guinea. Picked up some Japanese souvenirs. Telling them not to worry as he has good protection.	4/27/1944
800181152	Has been busy building a new radio. Likes their new location better than Australia; a lot warmer and a lake nearby.	5/14/1944
800181153	Received letters from April 2nd and 23rd. Doing well in New Guinea, goes to the lake to wash every morning. Mentions sending a postcard.	5/15/1944
800181154	Sent Japanese postcard home. Thinks their new rock garden sounds nice. Probably going to send flashlight and money home soon.	5/30/1944

800181155	Hasn't had an air raid alert for quite some time. Spends spare time building radio, no movies to watch there.	6/11/1944
800181156	Received a letter from Emil that he is also in New Guinea but not near him, wishes he could see him. Coming up on his three year anniversary of being in the Army; 5% pay increase.	7/8/1944
800181157	Carved a canoe out of a log with the help of natives. Launched it yesterday and it is now at the bottom of the lake.	7/24/1944
800181158	Went sailing in another canoe they built; made out of airplane gas tanks and part of a Japanese tent. Visited a native village where all the children were excited to see them.	7/30/1944
800181159	Still in New Guinea, but moved to another location nearby. Thinks that Al probably hardly knows there's a war going on as he is on vacation in Minnesota.	8/7/1944
800181160	Very hot in New Guinea and doesn't rain as often. Settled in to new camp and working on radio again.	8/13/1944
800181161	In a month he will have been overseas for two years. Thinks the war can't last for much longer. Emil's brother is in France and George feels lucky in that regard.	8/20/1944
800181162	Finally got his radio finished and working. Picks up stations from all over the world. War news sounds encouraging. Thought is that if the war in Europe ends, the Pacific one won't last much longer.	8/29/1944
800181163	Checking in on the box of souvenirs he sent to them. Mail has been coming in slowly. Got a newsletter from G.M. Laboratories.	9/4/1944
800181164	Wishing he had the Chicago Fall weather right now. Got Eddie's new address to send him a letter.	9/10/1944

800181165	Quite note mentioning an enclosed money order for \$100. His group is following the European news lately and it sounds encouraging.	9/12/1944
800181166	General update. Starting to get tired of letter writing because there isn't too much he can say.	9/18/1944
800181167	Had two year anniversary overseas yesterday. Hearing that some are getting rotated back but doubts his luck in that.	9/25/1944
800181168	Received a birthday card with a one dollar bill from the neighborhood. Asks for fruit cake or candy for a Christmas present.	9/30/1944
800181169	Saying to put the money orders in his bank for safe keeping. Asks for newspapers to be sent.	10/9/1944
800181170	Got a picture from Ann. Mentions that is has been raining a lot and is missing cooler climate.	10/17/1944
800181171	Hasn't received as many letters lately. Goes to the movies some nights, but mostly listens to his radio.	10/22/1944
800181172	Wants his parents to show John Bestmann the flashlight he sent home. Heard from Emil Schier that he was a part of the invasion on one of the islands. Hears Christ isn't in a good location.	10/29/1944
800181173	Sending a money order of \$60 and one for \$70. Things are still hot in New Guinea.	11/2/1944
800181174	Received the magazine, but not the newspapers yet. Explains how to use the Japanese flashlight by pumping it.	11/5/1944
800181175	Got a Christmas card from Ann. Hasn't been writing as much but getting back to the States to tell all his stories is all he's looking forward to.	11/12/1944

800181176	Received the comics his parents sent. Had guard duty last night so catching up on sleep today.	11/19/1944
800181177	Had a turkey dinner for Thanksgiving; had turkey for the first time since he'd left the States. Having group picture taken tomorrow and mentions to look for it in the Daily News or Tribune.	11/29/1944
800181178	Now stationed in the Philippines. Fairly hot but air drier. Able to buy eggs, chickens, bananas, and peanuts along with very strong wine. Explains their process for doing laundry. With the 1st Corps now.	2/3/1945
800181179	Doubts he will be able to get in the rotation to get back to the States anytime soon; new points system and he only has 80. Those married and with children get first priority even if they've been in for less time. Sending photos from New Zealand from when he first went overseas.	5/17/1945
800181180	Getting well settled in to the camp at Philippines. Tents on frames a foot off the ground on bamboo; Filipinos do most of the work for them.	5/24/1945
800181181	Got the papers regarding the sale of Uncle Frank's property and sending them on to Ann. Explaining the rumors on the point system. Since he has 88 points he may be able to stay in the States after a furlough.	6/1/1945
800181182	Have movies there now three nights a week along with a bingo night. Received another promotion to Sergeant; can now address letters at T/4; pay raised to \$100 a month.	6/18/1945
800181183	Traded for another radio that doesn't work and is going to fix it up and sell it for \$50. Some of the soldiers are getting trips home but it is a slow process.	6/26/1945

- 800181184 A few of the soldiers with less than 85 points are getting furloughs, but they will have to return after. Outdoor Life magazine makes him miss fishing back home. 7/2/1945
- 800181185 Went to a show last night after guard duty. Sent home two \$100 money orders. 7/2/1945
- 800181186 Had a visit for Emil Schier; hadn't seen him in over two years. Talks about local farmers planting rice. Sent home souvenirs to them and Ann. 7/18/1945
- 800181187 Surprised to hear that Christ is home on his fourth furlough and he hasn't even had one. Asks if they received the fans he sent. 7/29/1945
- 800181188 Writing in pencil because he lost his fountain pen. Everyone celebrated when they heard that Japan offered to make peace. Says not to send a Christmas gift as he hopes to be home before then. 8/13/1945
- 800181189 Still celebrating the ending of the war. Some of the soldiers with more points have already left for home. 8/18/1945
- 800181190 Starting the first stages of heading home. Enclosing a money order of \$90. Saw Emil again last week and since they have the same amount of points may be heading home together. Hoping to be back by Thanksgiving. 9/4/1945

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Correspondence to Ann

1941-1942

- 800181191 Addressed to Hank & Ann. Arrived at Camp Grant yesterday. Got uniforms and feels like he's really in the Army now. 7/19/1941
- 800181192 Received birthday card and letters at camp. Thinks he'll be there for a while. Not getting into radio work because it requires algebra. General camp life. Sending a picture of himself with Emil Schier. Soldiers talk about not liking Roosevelt for keeping them in 8/9/1941

there.

- 800181193 Talking about long hours of camp life, new clothes, and New Jersey weather. Eugene in the cavalry. The camp has a pigeon loft and a 25 year old pigeon called "The Kaizer" from WWI. 8/14/1941
- 800181194 Had the best meal in the dining hall yet, the Major was there to test out the food. Receiving the Times and Outdoor Life magazine. Went to Long Branch with the other guy from Chicago. Hoping to get to New York soon. Learning to splice and lay wires and military courtesy. 8/25/1941
- 800181195 Received the cookies and camera; cookies in pieces but tasted great. 8/26/1941
- 800181196 Cleaned and shortened his pants; heard the Army clothes only come in two sizes: too big or too small. Hitch-hiked to Asbury Park last weekend. Hoping to make it to New York or Washington D.C. next weekend. 9/1/1941
- 800181197 Received more cookies that weren't crushed this time. Had some stomach problems and missed out on laying three miles of wire. 9/4/1941
- 800181198 Went to NY with Emil Schier and Bill Beglin. Says Broadway makes State Street look dim. Doesn't know the movie director who is now in the Army that Ann mentioned. Guys from Texas playing guitar while everyone is laying down writing letters. 9/8/1941
- 800181199 Going to town this afternoon to buy a nice camera. Doesn't get as many headaches as he used to back home; Army doctor says to take bismuth if he does. 9/13/1941
- 800181200 Brief note mentioning enclosed pictures from New York and camp. Ask her to save 9/1941

them for him.

- 800181201 Mentions how he has more friends at camp that he did back home; happy to have a few more fishing partners when he gets back home now. Bought new camera for \$7.50; Ernie wants the negatives so he can print them. Enclosing "a folder which I think you would like to have" 9/16/1941
- 800181202 Sent home his suede jacket with the large photo of the company inside. Talks about the photo of him and Bill Beglin pouring drinks in NY. Johnnie Bestmann hasn't gotten his questionnaire yet, belongs to the Elmwood Park Board. Blood type and religion was stamped on his dog tags (includes a drawing of what they look like). 9/27/1941
- 800181203 Went to NY again with a group of about 100 others. Visited Fort Hancock, saw a dozen British warships and merchant ships. Hearing the fight between Louis and Nova tonight. Asking how farming is going for the family. 9/29/1941
- 800181204 Jealous of some soldiers who are being sent to Fort Sheridan. Another group went to NY to Madison Square Garden for a rally of war supporters including: Wilke, Eddie Cantor, Knudsen, and movie actors. Everyone at the rally clapped at the speakers besides the soldiers. Explains how he and Emil are getting good at dodging work. 10/7/1941
- 800181205 Went to a football game at New Brunswick, N.J. of Fort Monmouth versus Rutgers. Washing own clothes because sending them to be washed costs a lot and clothes get lost. Hoping all the things he's learning will help him get a better job after the Army. 10/19/1941
- 800181206 Leaving Fort Monmouth for Camp Forrest, Tennessee; 1000 mile train ride southwest. 10/25/1941

- Had he joined the army a week earlier, might have been sent to Fort Sheridan.
- 800181207 Packed and ready to leave for Camp Forrest, Tennessee. Going with five others that he knows from camp. 10/29/1941
- 800181208 Arrived at Camp Forrest; miles from any large cities. Includes new address. 10/31/1941
- 800181209 Asking if she received the folder and postcard from Nashville and one from Cincinnati. Talks about the train ride and differences in the South; separate place for the white and colored people in the railroad stations and restaurants. Commenting on John Bestmann and Al Sowka's chances of being in the Army. Talks about schedule at new camp. 11/3/1941
- 800181210 Guarded two prisoners while they worked; armed with shotguns. Emil's two prisoners escaped and he's being tried for court martial. Ann's husband Hank may get a job at Dallas Company factory. Got a letter from Bill Beglin who is now at Fort Knox, Kentucky. 11/9/1941
- 800181211 Heard that the soldiers sent to Fort Sheridan will be sent to Iceland and Greenland; they don't send draftees to foreign service. His company is packed and ready to move to a telephone strike in Pennsylvania. 11/15/1941
- 800181212 Received chocolate covered cherries from Ann. Colonel gave speech describing what they may have to do at the coal mines in PA. Albin got his questionnaire. Says that Hank should continue to drop in at Dallas Company for the job; that was how he got the job at Howard Radio. 11/19/1941
- 800181213 Strike in PA was called off. General news of friends and family joining or avoiding the army. Has own gun, a .45 colt automatic pistol. 11/23/1941

- 800181214 Went to Shelbyville with Emil to have diner and watch a movie. All the towns in the area have the outside lights out at night due to the power shortage. Went to an artificial lake near Tullahoma today. Emil was found guilty but sentence suspended. 11/29/1941
- 800181215 Has been going to the pistol range on a daily basis, getting decent scores. No word on Christmas furlough, just have to wait and take what they give. The camp has started coal detail and soldiers have to shovel coal for a few hours if they get in trouble. Albin said he was rejected from Army. 12/5/1941
- 800181216 Traveled to lookout mountain. Saw an auto accident on the way there with six killed. Doubts he'll get to come home for Christmas due to war being declared on Japan. Listened to the President's speech on the radio; heard people cheering but all the soldiers were down about it. Had a broken tooth pulled. 12/8/1941
- 800181217 Leaving Camp Forrest for California. Was about to sign a furlough paper when they got the word. Storing unneeded items at barracks but doubts they'll be there when he gets back. 12/14/1941
- 800181218 On his way to California; a week long train ride. Most of their equipment and things are on separate trucks which are on flat cars. 12/17/1941
- 800181219 Still on the train; hard to write a letter. Enjoys looking at the scenery during the day but hard to sleep at night. 12/18/1941
- 800181220 Passing through New Mexico. Riding in Pullman cars now. 12/19/1941
- 800181221 Arrived at camp. Slept outside of grounds in tents due to the thought that Japan would attack over the holidays. Sent a jewel box in the shape of a baby grand piano to Ann for Christmas. Camp is near Palm beach, 12/26/1941

Monterey, and Santa Cruz.

- 800181222 Thanking for letters, money, and the package of food from Stop and Shop. Describes their strict Colonel who was also in WWI. Had a blackout while they were at a theater due to planes off the San Francisco coast. Lousy weather for both Christmas and New Year's. Hopes that Rosalie and Georgie enjoyed Christmas. 1/5/1942
- 800181223 Glad to hear Ann received the Christmas gifts finally. Also sent home his package of things from the last camp; had to sneak into the storage room to get it. Got new gas masks, others were just training masks. 1/1942
- 800181224 Sending home another box of pictures. Hears they are getting ready to move camps again; maybe to Stockton. 1/17/1942
- 800181225 Hasn't left Camp McQuaide yet, may by the 25th. Happy to hear Hank got the job at the pipe line company. Explains gas training and all the small, diluted amounts they have to smell. One of their lieutenants got drunk and burned down his tent. Gives Emil's address. 1/20/1942
- 800181226 Still at Camp McQuaide. Had to go on a hike in the rain today. Doesn't mind guard duty during the week but likes to have Sundays off. Went to Watsonville with Emil and Chester Van for Emil's birthday. Going to see a double feature, theater only a block from their tent and cost twelve cents. 1/24/1942
- 800181227 Glad he hasn't had to do any extra duty for any bad inspections and gets Sundays off. Got a box of candy from Mrs. Schubor. Frustrated that he hasn't spent more time learning relevant things like shooting. A Corporal was killed after being accidentally shot by a soldier who didn't know how to 2/1/1942

properly load his gun. Had a tough time reading Rosalie's letter.

- 800181228 Went on a hike to Santa Cruz along the beach. Had another alert today so passes are cut to six hours. Camp is ready to move at a moment's notice. Got an invitation of a guy who is marrying a relative. 2/1942
- 800181229 Received letter, candy, and valentines from Ann; thinks he probably gets more packages than anyone else there. Went on a convoy of Army trucks through Carmel, Del Monte and Monterey. Stopped at Salinas and Castroville, the artichoke center of the world. Hoping for a similar trip to San Francisco tomorrow. Might be transferred on account of his bad feet. 2/14/1942
- 800181230 Appreciates always getting letters from Ann. Practiced moving this week; pack up trucks and camp outside grounds in a prairie. Received package of cookies from Aunt Manda and Elsie. Hasn't had any trouble with his feet or stomach in a long time. 2/21/1942
- 800181231 Went on a trip to Merced last week. Heard that Hank Demlow has to march 25 miles a day; thinks he's probably in the infantry. Went to the beach and met two soldiers who had a jar full of wild honey bees. Saw an old Spanish mission built in 1797. Was on guard duty the night the submarine shelled near Santa Barbara, but was 200 miles from his camp. 3/1/1942
- 800181232 Built a line at Fort Ord; put up poles last week and strung the wires today. Has K.P. tomorrow. 3/2/1942
- 800181233 Likes the pictures of Rosalie and Georgie; wishes he could be a kid again as to not have to go through this. Shots for yellow 3/1942

- fever on Monday. Went to rifle range; good score. Might be getting Wednesday and Saturday afternoons off to play games.
- 800181234 Explains the barrel that he was standing on in the picture he sent. Talking about investing his money; may be having Pa buy a house. Learned to pitch new kind of tents. 3/9/1942
- 800181235 Having a parade Tuesday and receiving colors from General Richards. Heard some soldiers were being sent to Australia. 3/14/1942
- 800181236 Had the parade, celebrated the one year anniversary of the 58th Signal Battalion. Sending two photos that when aligned show the entire camp. Has a baseball game at camp with all the lieutenants playing. 3/18/1942
- 800181237 Reassures Ann that Hank won't have to join the Army; plenty of men who don't have children that would have to join before him. Saw the movie "Hay Foot" and a detective movie. Hoping to go ice skating in San Jose tomorrow. 3/21/1942
- 800181238 Hitch-hiked to San Jose, Watsonville, and Santa Cruz. Just missed public ice skating time, but asked the group that rented it out if they could join for a while and did. Surprised Hank got his classification. Got another letter from Rosalie, thinks she'll be writing words soon. 3/24/1942
- 800181239 Took a trip to Santa Cruz boardwalk and rode some rides. Went bowling for the first time ever. Hitch-hiked to the redwoods. Had their dinner paid for by a couple old gentlemen at the diner. Went to the municipal pier, thinks it's kind of like Navy Pier in Chicago. Had a free show at camp sponsored by the Pacific Bell Telephone Company. 3/30/1942

- 800181240 Having parades at San Jose and Los Gatos but might get out of them due to guard duty. Worried that even if he gets a furlough it may be too expensive and take too long to get home; 3 days one way on train at \$85 and 14 hours on plane at \$200. Emil got three day pass for cleanest rifle and George wishes he could have joined him on a trip to San Francisco. 4/2/1942
- 800181241 Sent Ann a vase made from a redwood tree. Thinks he'll be staying on the coast for defense. Talks about laundry services and types of clothes they wear out there. Saw "The Courtship of Andy Hardy" starring Mickey Rooney. 4/9/1942
- 800181242 Emil accidentally fired his pistol while cleaning it; got a pay cut. 4/14/1942
- 800181243 Have been having strict inspections. Discussing friends and family from home and their chances of being drafted. Commenting on how people from home think the war will end soon but notes that they haven't done much winning yet. Thinks they'll probably be shipped to Australia; heard it takes a month by boat. Saw "Nazi Agent" and "Brooklyn Orchid" at the theater last night. 4/19/1942
- 800181244 Comments on Ann saying that there have been air raid alarms around Chicago. Explains the 'seven' on his shoulder stands for "seventh army corps." Thinks married men should be drafted equally as the single men and that it would help win the war faster. 4/26/1942
- 800181245 Had a couple passes and went to Santa Cruz, got hotel paid for by nice Italian guy at the U.S.O. Hitch-hiked to Big Basin to see more redwoods. Thinking he'll be moved soon. Have been having classes in electricity recently. 5/3/1942

- 800181246 Asks how farming is going, says the west coast is having a hard time getting help on the farms as most of the Japanese people are out by now. Got great marks on the electricity and magnetism exams. 5/10/1942
- 800181247 Saw "Camel Caravan" at camp, sponsored by Camel Cigarette company; Texas rangers and a few famous actors were there. Doesn't care for trying to get a promotion because of studying military stuff; likes classes on electricity. Explains the tests and how they place soldiers based on scores. Thinks he'll have to keep up exercising after he gets out for his stomach. Says Ann's airmail letter only took two days to get there compared to the normal four or more. 5/23/1942
- 800181248 Has the day off due to Decoration Day. West Coast is on alert again due to thought that Japan will retaliate after most recent attack on them. Went deep sea fishing in the ocean last Sunday; Emil had to vomit over the side of the boat. 5/30/1942
- 800181249 Explaining all the different guard duty shifts: post guard, truck guard, observation guard. Rodeo at King City was canceled due to the alert. Talking about how people get promotions; college degree or been in the national guard. 6/6/1942
- 800181250 Talking about the new factory being built near John's farm and the explosion at Elwood arsenal near Ann's. Planning fishing trips with Emil if they ever get back to Chicago. 6/14/1942
- 800181251 Frustrated at the daily routine of inspections and lack of productive practices and learning. Went camping at Los Banos over the weekend then fishing at Pinto Lake this week. Also visited San Francisco and looked up the artist they stayed with in New 6/20/1942

York.

- 800181252 Building new wooden barracks at camp. Might be moving to Fort Ord soon; heard maybe Mexico at some point. Says our side hasn't done much winning yet, in worse position than the last war. Hears people in Germany are tired of it and could revolt. Mentions sending Pa a telegram for the holiday [Father's day]. 6/27/1942
- 800181253 Moved to Fort Ord yesterday. Sending more things home because expecting to move again. Morale in camp down. General talk of friends from home joining the army. 7/5/1942
- 800181254 General talk about camping and moving different places; hopes to get the job of building a line in Mexico. Doesn't think they'll be sent to Europe but would hope they took care of Rommel before they did. 7/12/1942
- 800181255 Glad she finally received the shell lamp he sent home. Got another 24 hour pass for getting one of the best scores on an electrical test. Went camping again and getting tired of it. Tomorrow one year anniversary of being in Army. Thinks the German army has been going strong lately, but have been stopped; must be losing a lot of men. 7/18/1942
- 800181256 Surprised Christ got placed in the Army. Bought a sleeping bag for \$9.60, tired of sleeping on the ground. Commenting on an old friend from school that may have gone down with a ship. 7/20/1942
- 800181257 Most recent rumor has them leaving by August 2nd and going to the Mohabi desert. Got another vaccination for small pox and tetanus for lockjaw; quite a few soldiers have been getting yellow jaundice. Thinks he'll take a two month vacation for fishing 7/24/1942

and camping after the war is over.

800181258 Commenting on the businesses in the area; raising prices whenever the soldiers get raises. Includes new address for Los Angeles. Bought a leather stationary folder to protect writing material. 7/27/1942

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Correspondence to Ann

1942-1944

800181259 Surprised that the draft will soon include men with dependents. Heard from John about new 40 acre place and how old place is becoming the flying field of the Douglas plant. Explains that moving around frequently is the reason for the Los Angeles address. Comments on rough soldiers from the South and thinks they aren't over the Civil War. 8/3/1942

800181260 Leaving for maneuvers tomorrow and expecting to be in the desert for two months; gets to be a relief driving on the trip. 8/7/1942

800181261 Back at Fort Ord; returned to camp after 37 miles into the trip. Not sure if they'll be sent overseas or not; hears a lot of conflicting rumors. 8/9/1942

800181262 Thanking for birthday gifts. Explaining different troops on desert maneuvers. Comments on Russia and their second front. 8/11/1942

800181263 The company received a talk from the Major regarding the amount of rumors that were being started. Turned in old helmets and getting the new bucket type; like the German soldiers wear. Shot his first machine gun and scored well; Thomas sub-machine. 8/15/1942

- 800181264 Equipment being crated with "Port of embarkation: San Francisco" label. Hearing that they'll probably be going to Australia. Talking about some of the terrible things his group avoided during desert maneuvers. 8/22/1942
- 800181265 Talks about his allotment of \$25 that he is having sent home. Thinks Chicago has the best all-around weather. Hears the Allies have "cooled down" the Japanese forces in the Pacific and that Russia will survive the winter. 8/30/1942
- 800181266 General letter about drills, inspection, rumors, and friends and family being placed in different groups. 9/4/1942
- 800181267 Took a trip to Monterey with Emil; included a folder all about Monterey. Still thinking he'll be sent to Australia and that the war won't be as easy as the last one. 9/7/1942
- 800181268 All clothes and equipment are packed and they are ready to move camps. Had a pass and went to Pacific Grove; had a ride in a glass bottom boat and saw a boxing match. A fellow soldier saw Errol Flynn and Ann Sheridan at the Del Monte hotel where they were shooting a movie nearby. Watch a film on what to do if captured. 9/10/1942
- 800181269 Leaving Monday morning for Port of embarkation in San Francisco. Told that letters will now be censored. Went to Monterey to see the filming of "Edge of Darkness." Includes new San Francisco address. 9/12/1942
- 800181270 Finished cleaning everything and scrubbing the outside of the buildings. Including a few insignias that they had to remove so no one could identify which outfit they were a part of. Received English money, so thinks they'll be going somewhere where that is used. 9/13/1942

800181271	Arrived at Camp Stoneman, Pittsburg, California. Stay there a week or two before being shipped out. Had allotment risen to \$30. Hopes to be home at this time next year.	9/16/1942
800181272	Still at Camp Stoneman but prepared to leave. Explains being promoted to Private First Class. Says he can't write on both sides of the paper anymore due to the censors possibly needing to cut something out.	9/22/1942
800181273	Having a good voyage so far; on his way to Australia and doing well and not sea sick yet.	10/1942
800181274	Arrived and settled in at Australia (wrote which city but was cut out by censor). People in town treat them very well. Being paid in Australian money. Talking about the time change and the international date line.	10/21/1942
800181275	Explaining the different Australian term for weight. Went bicycle riding with Emil. Surprised Stanley had to join.	11/3/1942
800181276	Hasn't received the cake she mentioned. Couldn't find any good Christmas gifts to send; got cheap looking cards to send. Joking about a soldier using too much bluing.	11/22/1942
800181277	Saying it took her last letter 18 days to get there. Had turkey for Thanksgiving. Went on a bike ride with Emil who got a flat tire.	11/29/1942
800181278	Received the fruit cake and candy she sent. Saying that V-mail is much faster than air-mail. Says that Ann's guess about which city he is in was wrong.	12/6/1942
800181279	Received the lucky piece with the four leaf clover on it. Studying teletype machine maintenance.	12/15/1942

800181280	Thanking for Christmas presents. Happy that Elmar got a job at the farm. Says that things are looking brighter on the war front.	12/21/1942
800181281	Sad to report that his shaving kit Christmas present got stolen along with the rest of his toiletries. Really enjoying learning teletype maintenance.	12/30/1942
800181282	Says he is writing once a week as there isn't much he can say in the letters. Doesn't think Frank Bork's job sounds very healthy. All the pictures being shown are old ones he saw before being drafted.	1/4/1943
800181283	The weather is nice during the day and cool at night; uses a mosquito net at night. Sending more money home.	1/13/1943
800181284	Doesn't feel like there is a war going on. Surprised Art and Christ got Christmas breaks as he never got any break while in the states for 14 months. Emil is in another town for six weeks.	1/17/1943
800181285	Still studying teletype and will find out soon if he'll be transferred to B. Co. of the 58th.	1/26/1943
800181286	Has been transferred from Co. A to Co. B of the 58th and is now in the teletype section. A friend from Virginia was transferred with him.	1/31/1943
800181287	Explains what a teletype machine is and what they can do. Talking of Pa possibly buying a house. Emil returned but is back in Co. A.	2/7/1943
800181288	Doesn't need to be sent another shaving kit as he has everything he needs. Doesn't think he'll see Emil for a while but wants to meet up after the war.	2/21/1943
800181289	Surprised to hear that Emil visited Bork. Went to town to see a few pictures. Asking what a friend does in the Air Corps.	2/26/1943

800181290	Ann's last letter took 19 days to arrive. Went with his friend from Virginia to town to see a double feature.	3/7/1943
800181291	Explaining Emil's possibility of going into Hdg. Co. for personnel clerk work. Glad he's doing something that interests him instead of doing cooking to try to stay in the States.	3/14/1943
800181292	Wanting Hank's mom's address so he can write her. Hasn't seen Emil for quite a while and probably won't until they get home. Glad the farm business is going so well.	3/21/1943
800181293	Surprised to hear that Pa hasn't received any mail from him in a month as he writes once a week. Hoping for movies in camp again tomorrow.	3/27/1943
800181294	Glad to hear that Bill will fix his meter. Got a letter from Emil. Wishes he could write more but will have a lot of stories to tell when he gets home.	4/4/1943
800181295	Received the pictures she sent, looks at them all the time. Got a letter from Al Sowka regretting being the only one from the neighborhood not in the army.	4/9/1943
800181296	Still gets letters from John Bestmann but hasn't heard from Ernie for a while. Received the rest of the photos and thinks everyone looks great.	4/18/1943
800181297	News from friends and family back home that are farming. Says that ration cards sound like a bother.	4/25/1943
800181298	Might get a shopping pass soon; going to buy some handkerchiefs. Saving a lot of money while in the Army, wants to buy a new car when he gets home.	5/2/1943
800181299	Surprised to receive five dollars from Mrs. Forsell. Heard that his old foreman at G.M. Lab quit his job.	5/9/1943

800181300	Received the pictures she sent. Heard from Emil. Thinks the war is a step closer to over as the Germans have been beaten in Africa.	5/15/1943
800181301	Says that Emil's parents are bohemian. Goes to the movies every other night. Heard from parents that allotment amount was fixed.	5/23/1943
800181302	Received a three dollar money order from the neighborhood. Doesn't think that Joe Hoyka is very patriot in his attempts to avoid the draft.	5/30/1943
800181303	Is sorry to hear about the floods at Ann's farm. Heard from John Bestmann. Doesn't think that Frank will be able to come home easily. (Letter is typed).	6/5/1943
800181304	Received pictures; thinks Rosalie looks very grown up. Movies are being shown less frequently. Wishes good luck with Ann's baby chicks.	6/19/1943
800181305	Explains that the mail sometimes comes in groups. Asking if it's still flooding on the farm. Bought a new fountain pen but it isn't as good as his old one.	6/27/1943
800181306	Got the rest of the pictures and would like more if they can afford the film. Send Emil his copy of Outdoor Life Magazine.	7/7/1943
800181307	Saying things are still good and not much to write. Heard Ray Becker and Thiede have a furlough.	7/11/1943
800181308	Hoping the food rationing isn't too bad; think the city is harder than a farm. Emil says he works every day of the week.	7/18/1943
800181309	Comments on Art and the worries of married men and those with dependents about to be drafted.	7/25/1943
800181310	Surprised to hear that Rosalie started school. Thinks it will feel like starting a new	7/31/1943

life after the war.

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| 800181311 | Comments on how it boosts his moral getting letters from home. Got a promotion of Corporal. Talks about Pa buying a house. | 8/9/1943 |
| 800181312 | Still wondering about the house. Asking how long Rosalie's summer school lasts and if Georgie's stitched up finger is better. | 8/17/1943 |
| 800181313 | Glad Pa didn't get the house as the final asking price was too high. Says he hasn't seen anyone he knows for 25 months. Saving a lot of money/ | 8/21/1943 |
| 800181314 | Happy his parents are finally sending a watch; didn't think they were that scarce. Received birthday card from the neighborhood. | 8/28/1943 |
| 800181315 | New picture of Rosalie and Georgie reminds him of the photo their mom took of them. Surprised Pa is still looking at houses to buy. | 9/5/1943 |
| 800181316 | Hears encouraging war news and thinks he'll be home by this time next year. Got a letter from Ernie and Laura saying Joe Hoyka is back in Chicago. | 9/12/1943 |
| 800181317 | Comments on Pa buying a house and wonders how much of his money is in it. Still hasn't received the watch. | 9/18/1943 |
| 800181318 | Thanking for her explaining the details of the business deal. Says that if anything were to happen to him, he would want her to get his money. | 9/26/1943 |
| 800181319 | Hasn't heard any of the details of the house from Pa yet; may ask him to send a statement. | 10/3/1943 |
| 800181320 | Mentions that he has \$2,500 in the house and 325 remaining in his account. Able to save money much more easily while in | 1/10/1943 |

foreign service.

800181321	Happy to only be in Australia and not somewhere worse. Hoping to get his picture taken to send home.	10/16/1943
800181322	Commenting on Uncle Charlie getting married again and John being in the hospital.	10/24/1943
800181323	Able to mention that he was stationed in Auckland, New Zealand and Sydney. Likes both of them more than where he is now.	10/30/1943
800181324	Thanking for the Christmas present of a pen and pencil set. General news about friend and family in the service.	11/7/1943
800181325	Couldn't wait until Christmas to open his gift from them. Surprised that G.M. may send him a gift; things business must be good for them now during the war.	11/14/1943
800181326	Doesn't think he'll be returning home too soon. Got a package from Pa and Clara. Talks about Fritz Moeller's new job.	11/20/1943
800181327	Talking about his 1/4 share of the house and how he doesn't think it's a good deal; wants her to talk to Pa.	12/4/1943
800181328	Sent some pictures and negatives home. Doesn't think the war could last more than a year. Hears that rationing is getting pretty serious.	12/11/1943
800181329	Now on detached service at the 52nd for training; will be there for two months. Hopes he can tell about the trip someday.	12/20/1943
800181330	Had a turkey dinner for Christmas. Gets to see movies every night at his new place. Hears they are drafting married men with children now.	12/25/1943
800181331	Still hasn't received mail at the 52nd.	1/1/1944

	Doesn't have much to do but studying and classes.	
800181332	Doing well at the 52nd Signal school. Still no mail forwarded.	1/9/1944
800181333	Doesn't think he'll receive any mail until he returns to the 58th in three weeks.	1/16/1944
800181334	Almost finished with courses; averaging a 96%. Sent a "Yank" magazine home to her.	1/23/1944
800181335	Finally received a letter at the 52nd. Did well on final exam and places on the honor roll. Heading back to 58th next Sunday.	1/30/1944
800181336	Back at the 58th; large amount of mail waiting for him. Surprised Christ got married.	2/6/1944
800181337	Got letters addressed to the 52nd. Sent Emil magazines. Thinks film scarce everywhere.	2/13/1944
800181338	Able to mention that he is stationed on an island in the Southwest Pacific. Describes the pool, mountains, wildlife, and flowers.	3/18/1944
800181339	Isn't worried about his 1/3 share in the house. Is going to ask his Pa to put his remaining \$685 in the bank.	3/24/1944
800181340	Heard from Bill Fox who is working in a defense plant and says that the old G.M. plant is a lot bigger. Sent more money home as he only needs two shillings (32 cents) for a haircut.	4/2/1944
800181341	Talking about old friends Bob Doyle and Johnnie Fraser. Thanking for offer for subscriptions, but gets Readers Digest and Outdoor Life already.	4/8/1944
800181342	Able to mention that he has been in Rockhampton, Australia. Hoping Hank gets his deferment; would be tough for him to adjust to Army life.	4/13/1944

800181343	Hasn't written in a while because they have moved into enemy territory in New Guinea. Surprised the Japanese soldiers and was able to pick up a hand powered flashlight as a souvenir.	4/29/1944
800181344	Building own radio; found Japanese earphones to use as parts. Likes it better than Australia, have had many air raid alerts but only seen one plane.	5/14/1944
800181345	Received the Coronet magazine she sent. Spends most of his time in the repair tent.	5/30/1944
800181346	They still don't have movies where he is, but hope to soon. Hears that Chris has another furlough; surprised that it's his fourth and George hasn't had one.	6/6/1944
800181347	Sent postcards home. Hears they finally started the second front; hopes the war will finish quickly now. Feels lucky to have not been sent to England.	6/10/1944
800181348	Heard from Emil; still in New Guinea but not near George. Will have been in the Army for three years this 18th.	7/8/1944
800181349	Sorry to hear about Uncle Frank passing away. Hasn't seen Eddie yet or anyone he knew from home. The group built a canoe that quickly sank.	7/24/1944
800181350	Glad that Rosalie is alright after her accident. Visited a native village in a sail boat.	7/31/1944
800181351	Still in New Guinea but moved to a different place which is hot and dusty. War news seems good and hopes to be home for his next birthday.	8/7/1944
800181352	Stomach has been much better lately. Got a letter from Uncle John and sent him some invasion money in return. Sent his Japanese flashlight and a native ax head home along with Australian and New Zealand coins.	8/20/1944

800181353	Should have written earlier but been busy working on his radio; picks up stations from Tokyo, Australia, China, and San Francisco. Says not to worry as the Japanese soldiers have been pushed out and natives are friendly.	8/29/1944
800181354	Going to see a movie about the gangster, Roger Toughy. Had a stage show a few weeks ago with Bob Hope, Jerry Colonna, and Frances Langford.	9/3/1944
800181355	Wishes he could have some of the tomatoes their picking at the farm. Just heard the European news and it sounds good; end of war seems to be in sight.	9/10/1944
800181356	Hears that Art is going overseas; glad that USO soldiers are being sent finally.	9/18/1944
800181357	Sorry to hear the Yank magazine he sent ended up in bad shape. The only thing he would ask for Christmas would be a bill fold. Yesterday was two years overseas.	9/25/1944
800181358	Situation where he is stationed hasn't changed much. Six months since they left civilization and jungle life is boring.	9/30/1944
800181359	Figures he has \$1,255 saved at this point. Glad she's sending food instead of things as he has enough to haul around.	10/9/1944
800181360	Weather is hot and misses cooler climate. Hopes this is his last Christmas in the tropics.	10/17/1944
800181361	Forgot to mention he received birthday cards from her. Mostly watches movies or listens to his radio; hears that things are going well in the Philippines.	10/22/1944
800181362	Heard from Emil that he was a part of another invasion on one of the islands.	10/30/1944
800181363	Another group of soldiers got picked for rotation but his name wasn't called. Bought	11/5/1944

a bracelet made of cat's eye shells and sending it to her.

800181364 Received Christmas cards and magazines. Asking about Art; heard that things are at a standstill where he is. 11/12/1944

800181365 Caught up on sleep because it was finally cool due to a rain. Stomach has been worse lately. Still hears from John Bestmann occasionally. 11/17/1944

800181366 Still somewhere in the Netherlands Indies. Had turkey for Thanksgiving. 11/23/1944

800181367 Is very hot but can't take off shirts or roll up sleeves to keep from getting malaria. Thinks Emil may be in the Philippines. 11/28/1944

800181368 Enclosing seven Japanese invasion notes. Hasn't received any Christmas packages yet. 11/30/1944

800181369 Received three Christmas packages from them: fruit cake and bill fold. Also a package from Ernie. 12/10/1944

800181370 Got another package from them with Georgie's name on it. Signed and mailed a card from the bank to her. 12/17/1944

800181371 Another round of soldiers going home on rotation. 12/21/1944

800181372 [A Christmas card sent through picture V-mail] 12/1944

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Correspondence to Ann

1945

800181373 Aboard a ship heading for a new location; part of a convoy. Might not be able to write for a while. Met a guy from Irving and Harlem. 1/1945

800181374	Landed in the Philippines after a long boat ride. Can't explain what the place is like due to censors.	1/13/1945
800181375	Still can't say where he is, but mentions it is necessary to have a fox hole; climate drier and people friendly.	1/23/1945
800181376	Able to mention that he is now with the 1st Corps. Location is a more civilized place, some speak English, women carry things on their heads, still use oxen to pull carts, and water buffalo for plowing. Has bought chickens, bananas, and peanuts. Says he lost his best friend last month to rotation.	2/3/1945
800181377	Thinks that she's probably heard of the 1st Corps on the radio. Has only had two three-day passes since July 1941.	2/13/1945
800181378	Received package of tomato juice and a separate of Mrs. Stevens's candy. Thinks the beautiful topical isles in the movies are how they actually are.	2/18/1945
800181379	Repaired pocket watch. Has guard duty and will miss the show tonight; have movies three times a week. Signed up for rotation again.	2/25/1945
800181380	Built a shack; used bamboo and straw. Feels guilty for getting the money Uncle Frank left; Aunt Annie should have it all. Went to a town to work on a machine and saw a lot of wrecked Japanese tanks and trucks.	3/6/1945
800181381	Worked on a few machines in town in the morning; Relaxing with a beer and pretzel now. Building another radio. Wonders if she's read about his corps yet and figured out where he is located.	3/18/1945
800181382	Asking if Frank Borks is home on furlough or rotation. Weather has been very hot lately. Talk about his radio.	4/11/1945

800181383	Surprised to hear Chris is a father; must be tough for him in France now. Heat in the jungle gets up to 130 degrees. Bought a new watch. Talks about Uncle Frank's money and what the Bestmann's think of it all. Says it sounds like more men are being drafted.	4/21/1945
800181384	Says that air-mail is arriving faster than v-mail. Rotation quota lower than ever. Heard that Joe Hoyka is now a father.	5/1/1945
800181385	Bets there was quite a celebration back home at the word of the war in Europe being over. Knows there is still a big job for them in the East. Holding out for a rotation spot instead of furlough. Sending home more Japanese invasion money.	5/10/1945
800181386	Sad to hear about Eugene being killed. Talks about not drinking the very strong whiskey here; only beers from the U.S. New points system of going home.	5/17/1945
800181387	Sending home an issue of a magazine he gets from G.M. Laboratories every month. Sees that they are enlarging the plant and number of employees; doesn't think he'll want to go back to work there.	5/24/1945
800181388	Received the deed she mention and is signing and returning it; can forward it on to Uncle John. Also sending the letter from the lawyer.	5/26/1945
800181389	Happy to hear that John finally got a girlfriend; thinks it's probably easier since there is a shortage of men back home. Explaining the points system.	6/1/1945
800181390	Moral has gone up a lot since news of the point system. Built another radio for a guy. Talking about business with Uncle Frank and Aunt Annie.	6/11/1945

800181391	Sending home a picture and its negative. Got a promotion to Sergeant; T-4. Getting paid \$100 a month now.	6/18/1945
800181392	Further explaining the points systems. Says that Chris will have 12 extra for a child and five extra for receiving a purple heart for being wounded. Building another radio.	6/26/1945
800181393	Glad she received the deed and had it looked over by the lawyer. Says that men with 85 points or less get furloughs and over get rotation; he has 88.	7/1/1945
800181394	Surprised by a visit from Emil Schier. Been getting bananas, pineapples, and mangoes.	7/15/1945
800181395	Sold a radio for \$75 and working on another one. Sees Emil regularly now and they go to the movies. Enclosing a news sheet on the points system with a cartoon.	7/29/1945
800181396	Heard Ray Hedges is having another baby. Sorry to hear about Schibor and Pa not talking. Only has few bottles of beer every once in a while.	8/6/1945
800181397	Still been celebrating the ending of the war. Soldiers with 89 are heading home; one more than he has. Doesn't think he'll travel much once he gets back. Hoping he gets to go home on the same trip as Emil.	8/18/1945
800181398	Lost his pen so has to write in pencil. Asks to not send Christmas present this year because he hopes to be home. They all have been celebrating Japan's offer of surrender. Doesn't think they would have unless the Atomic bomb was dropped.	8/13/1945
800181399	Heard the signing of the peace terms; the war is really over. Soldiers with 85 or more points will be discharged by end of November. (Page 2 missing).	9/2/1945
800181400	Leaving the 58th tomorrow morning. Very happy to be heading home after three years	9/5/1945

overseas.

1	7	Military Documents & Certificates and Forms	1941-1954, n.d.
	800181401	Selective Service card. Directed to report to E. Perry Vaughan, M.D. for physical.	5/20/1941
	800181402	Letter from Edward J. Kelly, Mayor of Chicago.	7/25/1941
	800181403	Service Men's Trip: Group II - itinerary at New York of the soldiers from Fort Monmouth.	9/28/1941
	800181404	National Service Life Insurance certificate of \$5,000.	2/1/1942
	800181405	Acknowledgment of Special Dividend Application: National Service Life insurance	n.d.
	800181406	Soldier's Data Book: Includes names and addresses of fellow soldiers and friends.	1942
	800181407	Certificate of Initiation in the Ancient Order of the Deep - on board the U.S.S. Mount Vernon.	9/29/1942
	800181408	Mileage Ration card from a ration book.	11/12/1942
	800181409	Soldier's Individual Pay Record booklet.	6/15/1945
	800181410	"The Crow's Nest" newsletter; final issue - for voyage 9/19/1945-10/3/1945.	10/2/1945
	800181411	Ship Admiral Hugh Rodman statistics leaflet. Map of journey on back.	10/2/1945
	800181412	Army of the United States: Honorable Discharge certificate.	10/17/1945
	800181413	Army of the United States: Honorable Discharge certificate. (Miniaturized photograph).	10/17/1945
	800181414	Army of the United States: Honorable Discharge certificate. (Miniaturized	10/18/1945

photograph). (DUP)

800181415	Army Qualification Separation Record	10/17/1945
800181416	State of Illinois: Warrant of appreciation for services to United States.	n.d.
800181417	Veterans Administration notification of receipt form 526 for disability.	12/11/1945
800181418	Veterans Administration decision insurance claim.	5/6/1947
800181419	Veteran Administration letter on lapsed insurance.	6/24/1947
800181420	W-2 Form. Withholding Statement-1951.	1951
800181421	W-2 Form. Withholding Statement-1952.	1952
800181422	American Telephone and Telegraph Company - Conversion Computation Statement.	2/10/1954
800181423	Presidential Memorial Certificate. Includes form for ordering additional or replacement certificates.	n.d.
800181424	Handwritten "Telagraph Kode" reference guide. "George Heinrich: 3:06 AM 4-6" on back.	n.d.
800181425	Tag: "Disabled Servicemen's Shop" Addressed to Ann from Queen Street Auckland.	n.d.
800181426	Address of Pvt. Edward Czajkowski in San Francisco.	n.d.
800181427	Transmittal of and/or Entitlement to Awards: Rudolph Elmer Kruse - Navy	3/15/1985

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**Newspaper and Magazine Clippings,
Misc. Correspondence**

1943, 1946, n.d.

800181428	Newspaper clipping of "Governmental Benefits & Services Available for Veterans."	n.d.
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800181429	Newspaper clipping of "Portraits: Farewell at Dusk" by James J. Metcalfe	n.d.
800181430	Newspaper clipping of "Portraits: On Sunday" by James J. Metcalfe	n.d.
800181431	Newspaper clipping of "Portraits: Our Young Soldiers" by James J. Metcalfe	n.d.
800181432	Newspaper clipping of "Portraits: So Many Miles" by James J. Metcalfe	n.d.
800181433	Newspaper clipping of "Portraits: Somewhere Tonight" by James J. Metcalfe	n.d.
800181434	Newspaper clipping of "Portraits: Your Name is in my Heart" by James J. Metcalfe	n.d.
800181435	Newspaper clipping of "The 41st Didn't Take Prisoners" by Capt. George S. Andrew, Jr.	n.d.
800181436	Newspaper clipping from "The Saturday Evening Post"	7/27/1946
800181437	Newspaper clipping from "The American Weekly" of "The Soldier Whose Letter Never Comes" by The Parker Pen Company.	n.d.
800181438	Newspaper clipping from the "Daily Times, Chicago" with individual soldiers pictures, including George. (3 copies)	2/12/1943
800181439	Douglas: Airview News - Chicago. Volume 1, Number 19.	10/5/1943
800181440	Magazine clipping from "Outdoor Life Magazine" of a shooting range with the note: "This is the range I shot at."	n.d.
800181441	To: George; From: Ann; Sorry he can't come back home, it will be a fast year for him though. Wishes he could stay at Camp Grant. Bought a 1938 Plymouth for \$350. General talk about neighbors leaving for the Army. Hoping his stomach is better and that he makes lots of friends.	1941
800181442	"A Tribute to my Brother - A. Moeller" Two	n.d.

poems written by Ann about George

800181443 To: Gust Heinrich; From: H.S. Vaughn;
Enclosing rent check. Hasn't heard from
George about trying to get on with the
Illinois Bell Telephone Company yet. He
wouldn't have a problem getting a job there
if he passes his physical; hoping his
condition has completely vanished and he is
better. 1/31/1946

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Photographs

- 800181444 George Heinrich, Chester Van, and Emil Schier on a beach.
- 800181445 George Heinrich, Chester Van, and Emil Schier on a beach. (DUP)
- 800181446 George sitting on a log on the beach. "My Soldier Boy: Camp McQuaide Watsonville, California. But he expects to be transferred soon.
- 800181447 George standing "in front of the barracks at Ft. Monmouth N.J.
- 800181448 George standing in front of barracks at Ft. Monmouth N.J. (hands behind his back)
- 800181449 George standing in jeans "Friday Morning"
- 800181450 George and three other soldiers standing "in front of barracks" with clothes hanging to dry.
- 800181451 Chester Van, Emil Schier, two other soldiers, and George Heinrich standing in front of barracks.
- 800181452 George in uniform "Me on a telephone pole"
- 800181453 George holding a horseshoe
- 800181454 George about to throw a horseshoe
- 800181455 George writing a letter

- 800181456 George wearing a gasmask
- 800181457 George wearing a helmet, walking through barracks.
- 800181458 George in uniform, posing against a fence.
- 800181459 George in uniform, posing against a fence. (DUP)
- 800181460 George in uniform, posing against a fence. (DUP Large).
- 800181461 Three men and one woman standing in front of a house.
- 800181462 George and Emil with bags packed.
- 800181463 George and Emil with bags packed. (DUP)
- 800181464 George holding bag over his shoulder and another soldier.
- 800181465 George standing in a doorway.
- 800181466 George leaning against a tent with a sign that reads: "Teletype"
- 800181467 George leaning against a tent with a sign that reads: "Teletype" (DUP)
- 800181468 George standing amongst a lot of small trees.
- 800181469 George sitting on a log amongst a lot of small trees.
- 800181470 George sitting on a log amongst a lot of small trees. (DUP)
- 800181471 George sitting on a log amongst a lot of small trees. (DUP)
- 800181472 George sitting on a log amongst a lot of small trees. (DUP)
- 800181473 George sitting on a log amongst a lot of small trees. (DUP)

- 800181474 George and another soldier standing amongst a lot of small trees.
- 800181475 George and another soldier standing amongst a lot of small trees. (DUP)
- 800181476 George and another soldier standing amongst a lot of small trees. (DUP)
- 800181477 George and another soldier standing amongst a lot of small trees. (DUP)
- 800181478 George sitting in a chair "on the roof of the Tudor Hotel in New York"
- 800181479 "Bill and I (George) on 42 St. New York City"
- 800181480 Emil Schier in uniform with bags.
- 800181481 Double exposed photograph of soldiers in the forest.
- 800181482 Group of soldiers in the forest.
- 800181483 "Van, Malinowski, Heinrich - Forest of Eucalyptus, Trees where we spent Christmas, Camp McQuaide."
- 800181484 George and two other soldiers in the forest.
- 800181485 George and two other soldiers in the forest (different pose).
- 800181486 Soldier standing in front of a tent in the forest.
- 800181487 Two soldiers sitting in front of a tent in the forest.
- 800181488 Group of soldiers in the forest with barrels and crates.
- 800181489 "George Heinrich, Chester Van, Merle Pittman, Emil Schier - Camp McQuaide California"
- 800181490 "Zeke Wittschers, Chester Van, Emil Schier, George Heinrich, Chester Malinowski" at Camp McQuaide.

- 800181491 Emil standing in uniform in front of barracks.
- 800181492 George and two soldiers standing in front of palms.
- 800181493 Chester Van, Emil Schier, and another soldier standing in front of palms.
- 800181494 George, another soldier, and Emil standing by the water at the beach.
- 800181495 George and two soldiers standing by the water at the beach.
- 800181496 George and two soldiers standing on land near the beach.
- 800181497 George and two soldiers standing on a cliff near the beach.
- 800181498 Man and woman posing.
- 800181499 Two women, a man, and two children in front of a house.
- 800181500 Two women and two children in front of a house.
- 800181501 Two women and two children in front of a car.
- 800181502 Man and two children in front of a house.
- 800181503 Two children standing in front of a house.
- 800181504 Man, woman, and two children standing in front of a house.
- 800181505 Two children playing on a tricycle.
- 800181506 Man, two women, and two children standing in front of a house.
- 800181507 Man, woman, and two children with a tricycle.
- 800181508 Young girl standing in front of an Honor Roll plaque.

- 800181509 Man, woman, and two children with a tricycle in front of house.
- 800181510 Man, two women, and two children with a tricycle in front of house.
- 800181511 Child in front of a house.
- 800181512 Two children standing in the rain.
- 800181513 Man and woman posing in front of brick house.
- 800181514 Man and woman standing in front of a brick house.
- 800181515 Woman pointing to a bulletin board outside, sign reads: "Attention, No meeting this month, next meeting April 13."
- 800181516 Young boy on a tricycle.
- 800181517 You boy and girl on a tricycle.
- 800181518 Girl standing by a tree looking at house windows.
- 800181519 Two men and a woman standing by house.
- 800181520 George standing on steps of barracks.
- 800181521 Small photograph of soldier in front of barracks (Oct. 43 - Passed by U.S. Army Examiner stamp on back).
- 800181522 George with group of nine other soldiers.
- 800181523 George in uniform, standing in front of barracks.
- 800181524 George in casual jacket.
- 800181525 Face shot of George.
- 800181526 George in robe outside.
- 800181527 George in uniform, standing in front of building with sign that reads: "Barracks 3 Co. D. 20 Platoon."

- 800181528 Man in front of car: "Just about to leave Chicago morning of Dec. 12, 1950 - temp 12 degrees and cold."
- 800181529 Car pulling trailer: "We just came up out of the Pecos River Canyon in Tex. - Dec. 15, 1950."
- 800181530 "A view of the canyon from the west bank. It's about 100 ft. deep here and 600 ft. across."
- 800181531 View from car dashboard: "Cows on the road in Houston Tex., a common sight in the State of Tex. That Humble oil co sign in is the Standard oil co here in Tex. - Dec 1950."
- 800181532 "This is the wide open spaces of Arizona, you can't see it in the picture but between the car and the Mountains is Tucson, Ariz. Just 20 mi away."
- 800181533 Montgomery Ward, Chicago, IL photo envelope
- 800181534 Einar J. Edfors - Prescription Druggists: Kodaks, Films and Supplies envelope

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Negatives

- 800181535 George on a telephone pole.
- 800181536 Army trucks at camp.
- 800181537 Barracks.
- 800181538 Houses in a group of trees by a river.
- 800181539 Man in a boat, holding a fish.
- 800181540 On the water with hill in the background.
- 800181541 Man, woman, and two children.
- 800181542 Body of water and trees.
- 800181543 Emil posing in front of barracks.

- 800181544 Water
- 800181545 Soldiers in front of barracks with clothes hang drying.

2	3	Postcards and Souvenirs	1941-1944, n.d.
800181546	Folder of New York "by night and day" postcards. Note on the inside: "I bought this on the boat going to the statue of Liberty."	1941	
800181547	Pamphlet from the Statue of Liberty.	n.d.	
800181548	Folder of Nashville, Tennessee postcards.	10/31/1941	
800181549	Folder of Chattanooga, Tennessee and Chickamauga Dam postcards.	12/7/1941	
800181550	Folder of Big Basin and Santa Cruz Big Trees, California postcards.	5/30/1942	
800181551	Folder of San Francisco, California "The Cultural West" postcards.	6/15/1942	
800181552	Postcard of U.S. Air Corps. To: Annie & Hank; Now in Jersey City waiting for a train to Fort Monmouth.	7/29/1941	
800181553	Postcard of Oceanport, N.J. "What are the wild waves saying?" To: Ann; Studying for his first guard duty tonight.	8/18/1941	
800181554	Postcard of Oceanport, N.J. "Stormy Surf." To: Ann; Glad she got the pillowcases. Learning how to tie packs and set up tents.	8/19/1941	
800181555	Postcard of Lincoln Statue, Lytle Park, Cincinnati, Ohio. To: Ann; On his way to Camp Forrest; has four hours to see Cincinnati.	10/30/1941	
800181556	Postcard of Hotel Patten: Chattanooga's leading hotel. To: Ann; Took a trip through the Cumberland mountains	12/7/1941	
800181557	Postcard of Ochs Memorial Museum Building on the Point of Lookout Mountain	n.d.	

Chattanooga, Tennessee. [Blank]

800181558	Postcard of The Steep Grade of the Incline - Lookout Mountain. Chattanooga, Tennessee. [Blank]	n.d.
800181559	Postcard of Garrity's Alabama Battery, Lookout Mountain, Chattanooga, Tennessee. [Blank]	n.d.
800181560	Postcard of Vista from Incline, Lookout Mountain, Chattanooga, Tennessee. [Blank]	n.d.
800181561	Postcard of Bird's-Eye View from Casino showing Boardwalk and Beach. Asbury Park, N.J. [Blank]	n.d.
800181562	Postcard of planes, Christmas Greetings. To: George Heinrich	11/24/1943
800181563	Japanese postcard of children in front of pink blossom trees. [Blank]	n.d.
800181564	Japanese postcard of women picking fruit. [Blank]	n.d.
800181565	Japanese postcard of people with vegetation. [Blank]	n.d.
800181566	Japanese postcard of animals with mountains in the background. [Blank]	n.d.
800181567	Japanese postcard of a geisha. [Blank]	n.d.
800181568	Postcard of Mount Olive Greenhouses of Chicago. [Blank]	n.d.
800181569	Booklet from Old Monterey on the Monterey Peninsula, California.	n.d.
800181570	Christmas card of house with a bridge and swans in creek. From: George	n.d.
800181571	Christmas card of lamp and books. From: George with Camp McQuaide address written inside.	n.d.
800181572	Christmas card of lamp and book. From:	n.d.

George; To: Gust Heinrich.

800181573	Thank you card. To: Gust Heinrich; From: Wm. R. Moeller.	4/25/1944
800181574	Telegram: Easter Greeting by Western Union. To: H.E. Moeller; From: George	n.d.
800181575	Telegram: Easter Greeting by Western Union. To: Gust Heinrich; From: George	n.d.
800181576	Telegram: Holiday Greeting by Western Union. To: H.E. Moeller; From: George	n.d.
800181577	Telegram: Father's Day Greeting by Western Union. To: Gust Heinrich; From: George	n.d.
800181578	Monetary note: Philippines - One Peso	n.d.
800181579	Monetary note: De Japansche Regeering - Tien Cent	n.d.
800181580	Monetary note: The Japanese Government - Five Centavos	n.d.
800181581	Monetary note: The Japanese Government - Ten Centavos	n.d.
800181582	Monetary note: The Japanese Government - Fifty Centavos	n.d.
800181583	Monetary note: The Japanese Government - 1/2 Shilling	n.d.
800181584	Monetary note: The Japanese Government - One Shilling	n.d.
800181585	Monetary note: The Japanese Government - 1,000 Pesos	n.d.
800181586	Monetary note: The Japanese Government - One Pound	n.d.

800181587	From: Carl Bestmann; To: Gust Heinrich; Postcard of Camp Grant barracks; Explains the type of place they stay; they have a lot of friends at camp.	9/29/1917
800181588	From: Carl Bestmann; To: Sister; Letter; Talks about John's visit home; some of their battery has left for France, expects to be following by Dec. 1st, would rather be working on the farm now.	10/15/1917
800181589	From: Carl Bestmann; Letter; Asks how things are in Dunning; wonders if a friend has been drafted yet; they had guard duty in the rain yesterday.	1917
800181590	From: John Bestmann; Letter; Going to be leaving soon and hopes to make it home first. Hoping to see Bill Kracker tomorrow; asking if others from Dunning have been drafted yet.	1917
800181591	From: Carl Bestmann; To: Gust Heinrich; Postcard of Camp Grant; Leaving for Houston, Texas on Friday and won't get to come home first; will update location later.	11/9/1917
800181592	From: Carl Bestmann; Letter; (First half missing) Went through inspections; many soldiers gamble; doesn't feel like Christmas. Sent from Houston, Texas	12/1917
800181593	From: John Bestmann; To: Rose Heinrich/Folks; They all arrived safe across the sea.	1918
800181594	From: Carl Bestmann; To: Folks; Postcard of Vianden; Still in Bastendorf, Luxembourg; doesn't know when they'll return home.	4/20/1918
800181595	From: Carl Bestmann; To: Folks; Letter with "Les Foyers Du Soldat - Union Franco-Americaine" heading; Expects to see the trenches again soon and it to be worse than the other times; thinks all the younger boys from Dunning have been drafted by now;	9/9/1918

went through Paris a while ago; will tell them more stories if they ever get back.

800181596	From: John Bestmann; To: Sister/Folks; Letter with "Le Foyer Du Soldat - Union Franco-Americaine" heading; Letting them know they are both well; been in the trenches and haven't been able to send as many letters as they would like. Says that Dora and Annie don't need to bother with Christmas presents for them	10/24/1918
800181597	From: John Bestmann; Arrived back in America; left France 2/11/19 and arrived in New York yesterday; now at the Greenhut building. Sent from Debarkation Hospital, NY.	2/28/1919
800181598	Photograph: World War 1914-1918 Soldier.	n.d.
800181599	Photograph/Postcard: World War 1914-1918 Soldier.	n.d.
800181600	Photograph/Postcard: World War 1914-1918 Soldier. (DUP)	n.d.

3	800181601	Scrapbook	1941-1945
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Cover: Floral design

Page 1: "Ft. Monmouth - Red Bank, New Jersey - 1941." Five photographs: 1) George in front of Army Trucks ; 2) George in front of barracks; 3) Parade Grounds; 4) George in front of barracks; 5) (No Photo) Labeled: Emil Schier, George Heinrich, on K.P. Duty; 6) Fishing Pier off Long Beach, N.J.

Page 2: "Ft Monmouth - 1941." Five photographs: 1) Emil hanging clothes; 2) Emil lying on fence at Red Bank, New Jersey; 3) George on pier; 4) Parade

grounds - Fort Monmouth; 5) "Loafers at Ft. Monmouth.

Page 3: "Ft Monmouth - 1941." Five photographs: 1) Emil Schier - 2741 S. Trumbull & Bill Beglin - 1056 Berwyn, Chicago, IL; 2) (No photo) Labeled: In front of barracks; 3) Emil posing; 4) George in bunks at Ft. Monmouth; 5) George in uniform in front of barracks; 6) Co. St. in Ft Monmouth.

Page 4: "New York - 1941." Two photographs: 1) George in chair on rooftop; 2) Statue of Liberty.

Page 5: "Camp Forrest, Tenn. - 1941." Six photographs: 1) In a field behind camp; 2) Chester Van and Byron Owen smoking; 3) "A new one - Writing letters while laying down"; 4) "Some of the boys at work"; 5) Soldier with gun standing by fallen tree; 6) (No photo) Labeled: Co. A - 58th Signal Bn.; 7) Army tanks and trailers.

Page 6: Five photographs: 1) Emil standing on cannon; 2) 75 M.M. Guns - 122nd Field Artillery Camp Forrest, Tenn.; 3) View from top floor of Barracks; 4) Soldier standing with gun by fallen tree (DUP); 5) Artificial Lake: Tullahoma, Tenn.

Page 7: Six photographs: 1) Street shot of Tullahoma, Tenn.; 2) Soldier standing in street of Tullahoma; 3) George in street at Tullahoma; 4) Artificial Lake; 5) Artificial Lake; 6) Chester Van and Emil Schier standing by barracks.

Page 8: Four photographs: 1) George sitting on fallen tree; 2) George standing by fallen tree; 3) Creek with a bridge; 4) George leaning against a tree trunk.

Page 9: Two photographs: 1) Chester Van; 2) Chester Van and Emil Schier standing by barracks (DUP).

Page 10: "Pictures Taken on way from Tenn. To California - 1941." Seven photographs: 1) Leaving Camp Forrest; 2) (No Photo) Labeled: On the troop train; 3) Loading Trucks on train at Camp Forrest; 4) Before Leaving Camp Forrest; 5) New Mexico; 6) Arkansas; 7) Shot from the train of the train and field; 8) Barns and a field.

Page 11: Eight photographs: 1) Colorado River; 2) Arkansas; 3) Field; 4) Arkansas; 5) Field; 6) Arizona; 7) Mountains and field; 8) Steers in Kansas.

Page 12: "Scenes from California." Nine photographs: 1) Orange Groves in San Bernardino; 2) San Luis Obispo, California; 3) Houses; 4) San Bernardino; 5) Hills near San Juan; 6) (No photo) Labeled: San Lorenzo River - Santa Cruz, California; 7) Mountains in California; 8) Hill with trees. BACK: 9) Pier; 10) San Juan Bautista Mission, built in 1797.

Page 13: "San Francisco - 1942." Seven photographs: 1) (No photo) Labeled: Golden Gate Bridge; 2) Fisherman's Wharf - Water Front; 3) Looking toward downtown; 4) Alcatraz Prison; 5) Italian Section; 6) San Francisco buildings; 7) Golden Gate Bridge from afar; 8) San Francisco buildings (DUP).

Page 14: "San Francisco." Three photographs: 1) Chinatown; 2) Chinatown playground; 3) Cable cars.

Page 15: "Big Basin California. Redwood Trees." Eight photographs: 1) George sitting on a fence in front of redwood - "This tree is 5000 years old"; 2) "Deer so tame they eat from your hand"; 3) Emil sitting on a fence in front of redwood; 4) George leaning against

a redwood; 5) Emil, George, and another soldier in front of a creek; 6) A tree fell over - another growing out of it; 7) A deer; 8) Timber and creek.

Page 16: "Big Basin - Redwood Trees." Six photographs: 1) Two soldiers on a path between redwoods; 2) Redwoods; 3) Bridge passing through redwoods; 4) George looking up at redwoods; 5) Emil looking up at sign that reads: "Neck Breaker"; 6) San Lorenzo River.

Page 17: "1942." Three photographs: 1) Soldier standing by river; 2) (No photo) Labeled: Deep sea fishing in Pacific Ocean off Santa Cruz; 3) Bridge over river; 4) Group of fishers on a boat.

Page 18: "Camp McQuaide. 1942." One photograph: 1) Two photos combined to make panoramic of Camp McQuaide; 2) (No photo) Labeled: Company Street; 3) (No photo) Labeled: Lineup at the Mess Hall; 4) (No photo) Labeled: Mess Hall; 5) (No photo) Labeled: Taken at guard mount; 6) (No photo) Labeled: Pacific Ocean alongside of camp; 7) (No photo) Labeled: Arriving at Camp from Camp Forrest, Tenn.

Page 19: "Camp McQuaide." Two photographs: 1) (No photo) Labeled: Eucalyptus Forrest: Where Christmas of 1941 was spent; 2) (No photo) Labeled: Zeke Wittchers, C Van, E Schier, G Heinrich, C Malinowski; 3) (No photo) Labeled: Camping in the field; 4) Eucalyptus Forrest near camp; 5) (No photo) Labeled: G. Heinrich, Chester Van, Merle Pittman, E. Schier; 6) Eucalyptus Forrest near camp.

Page 20: "Camp McQuaide. 1942." Six photographs: 1) George with gas mask on; 2) Emil playing horseshoes; 3) George walking through barracks; 4) George writing

a letter; 5) Emil writing a letter; 6) George and another soldier sitting on lumber at barracks.

Page 21: "Camp McQuaide." Two photographs: 1) "Where George sleeps"; 2) George sitting on bed.

Page 22: "Camp McQuaide.:" Six photographs: 1) George with rifle over shoulder; 2) George with rifle resting on ground; 3) Emil by barracks; 4) George by barracks; 5) Emil in field; 6) Emil in uniform by barracks.

Page 23: Three photographs: 1) View of camp from far away; 2) Lumber at barracks; 3) A cliff by the beach.

Page 24: Five photographs: 1) Monterey Beach; 2) (No photo) Labeled: Australia; 3) Monterey, California; 4) Natives at New Guinea; 5) "Place where they turned back when going on maneuvers; 6) Philippine Family.

Page 25: "1945 - Philippine Islands." Three photographs: 1) Group of soldiers "leaving New Guinea"; 2) Camp; 3) Field.

Back Cover

800181602 Framed photograph: George in uniform, standing by fence.

800181603 Framed photograph: George in uniform, leaning against fence.

3 1 Japanese Paper Air-Mail Letters 1944

800181604 To: Folks; From: George; Writing on Japanese air-mail paper for the first time. Sending Japanese postcards home. Saw quite a few Japanese prisoners the other day that seemed happy to surrender after 5/7/1944

starving for a while.

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| 800181605 | To: Folks; From: George; Sending home a money order for \$90. Only spends money on haircuts. Hasn't had an air raid alert for a long time. | 6/6/1944 |
| 800181606 | To: Folks; From: George; Received a letter from Al saying he was vacation in Minnesota and doesn't think the army will take him. Going to the movies tonight. | 7/4/1944 |
| 800181607 | To: Folks; From: George; Mail has been slow, but received a lot of letters yesterday. Received letter from Ernie and Laura saying that Joe Hoyka is going to California, possibly for a defense job. | 7/12/1944 |
| 800181608 | To: Folks; From: George; Received the pictures of the family. Got a one pound note of Japanese money and sending it home with the letter. Not the kind they use, but considers it may have been made for when they invaded Australia. | 6/16/1944 |
| 800181609 | To: Folks; From: George; Enclosing a few Japanese invasion notes; One shilling, half shilling, five cents. Received a letter from Bill Fox and John Bestmann. | 6/26/1944 |
| 800181610 | To: Ann; From: George; Writing on Japanese paper. Enclosing a few Japanese postcards (see postcards folder). Got a letter from the lawyer about his share. | 5/6/1944 |
| 800181611 | To: Ann; From: George; It's been difficult to find air-mail envelopes so sending this Japanese paper letter through regular mail. Enclosing a one pound note of Japanese invasion money; was intended for use if they had invaded Australia. | 6/18/1944 |
| 800181612 | To: Ann; From: George; Asking how farm work is going. Considers himself lucky | 6/26/1944 |

compared to Eddie who is stationed in England. Sending more invasion money.

800181613	To: Ann; From: George; No fireworks for Independence Day. Sleeping in tents again instead of jungle hammocks. Al doesn't think the Army will take him.	7/4/1944
800181614	To: Ann; From: George; Skipped the show tonight because he saw it back in Rockhampton. Wants Eddie's address in New Guinea.	7/16/1944