

# Writing Home to Illinois During World War II

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More than 16 million United States soldiers, sailors, aircrew, and marines served around the globe, and more than four hundred thousand died during World War II.<sup>1</sup> Their old envelopes give vivid testimony to their military service. All of the envelopes shown here are from postal history vendors who have given permission for use of their photographs to *Philatelic Genealogy* <<http://philgen.org>>, the philatelic genealogy website and database.<sup>2</sup> Army Post Office (APO) locations may be the nearest military post office and not the sender's exact location. All locations are in Illinois except where noted.

**“Mrs. Martha Dohle Vanzo” of Edwardsville** received an envelope from “Louis P. Vanzo Jr.” postmarked 6 December 1944 (Figure 1). Louis Vanzo, Jr. and his wife Martha are in Edwardsville in the 1940 federal census living at 407 Cherry, the street address written on the envelope.<sup>3</sup> Louis P. Vanzo was born 9 February 1913, the son of Louis S. and Eva (Frey) Vanzo, and he is with his parents in Edwardsville in the 1930 federal census.<sup>4</sup>

Martha Dohle was born 5 August 1912, the daughter of Henry W. and Lena (?) Dohle, and she is with her parents in Edwardsville in the 1930 federal census.<sup>5</sup> Henry and Lena Dohle are listed just before Louis and Martha Vanzo in the 1940 federal census.<sup>6</sup> Louis P. Vanzo enlisted in the United States Army on 18 March 1942.<sup>7</sup> His unit “145 Arm[ore]d Sig[nal] Co[mpany],” rank “T/4” (technician fourth grade, or tech sergeant), and serial number “17045745” are written in the return address. Armored

signal companies operated and repaired radio communications.<sup>8</sup> APO 255 corresponds to Waimes, Belgium.<sup>9</sup> The envelope has a military postmark, and a censor's stamp and signature that were applied after an officer verified the envelope and letter did not include a unit's location, morale, planned movement, or other information that could be useful to the enemy.<sup>10</sup> Martha (Dohle) Vanzo died in April 1986, and Louis P. Vanzo died on 30 June 1995.<sup>11</sup> A plaque at his grave notes his military service.<sup>12</sup>

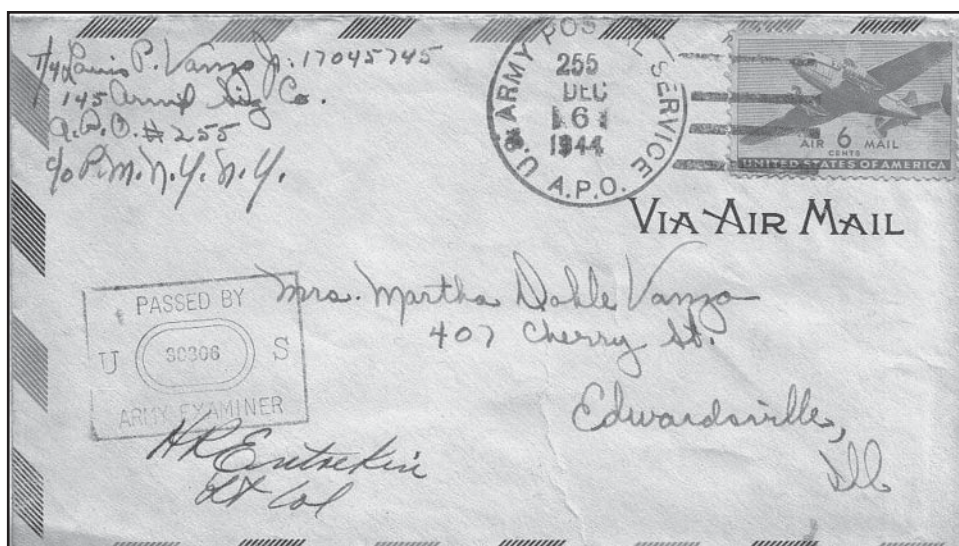


Figure 1. 1944 envelope from the 145th Armored Signal Company in/near Waimes, Belgium, to Edwardsville, Illinois. Photograph courtesy of Jim Forte Postal History.

**“Mr. + Mrs. Steve Kulovsek” of Fox River Grove** received an envelope from “Pfc [Private first class] Ludwig Kulovsek” postmarked 3 May 1945, with a letter that begins “April 30, China, Dear Mother and Dad” (Figures 2A and B). A “Ludwik Kalousek” and his parents Steve and Mary are in Fox River Grove in the 1940 federal census, and Ludwig, Steve, and Mary Kulovsek are in Fox River Grove in the 1930 federal census.<sup>13</sup> Ludwig A. Kulovsek was born 3 August 1923 in Fox River Grove, the

son of Steve and Mary (Richter) Kulovsek.<sup>14</sup> Steve Kulovsek was apparently born 20 August 1891 in Austria-Hungary and became a United States citizen on 9 June 1921.<sup>15</sup> Mary Richter was apparently born 28 October 1900 in Czechoslovakia.<sup>16</sup> The couple married in Cook County on 18 April 1921.<sup>17</sup> Ludwig

enlisted in the United States Army on 5 February 1943, and he served in the China-Burma-India theater.<sup>18</sup> “A.P.O. 627,” written in the return address, and “627,” in the military postmark, correspond to Kunming, China.<sup>19</sup> His military unit “274 Military Police Company” and serial number “3661432” are written in the return address. Ludwig writes “Am in a small building and my job is to check the trucks coming into our area...It has been quite cool lately that we have a little fire going to keep warm.” The envelope has a censor’s stamp and military postmark. After the war, Ludwig joined the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.<sup>20</sup> He died 19 July 2004.<sup>21</sup> Steve Kulovsek died in January 1963, and Mary Kulovsek on 20 February 1995.<sup>22</sup>



Figures 2A and B. 1945 envelope and letter from the 274 Military Police Company in/near Kunming, China, to Fox River Grove, Illinois. Photographs courtesy of natwife, an eBay® vendor.

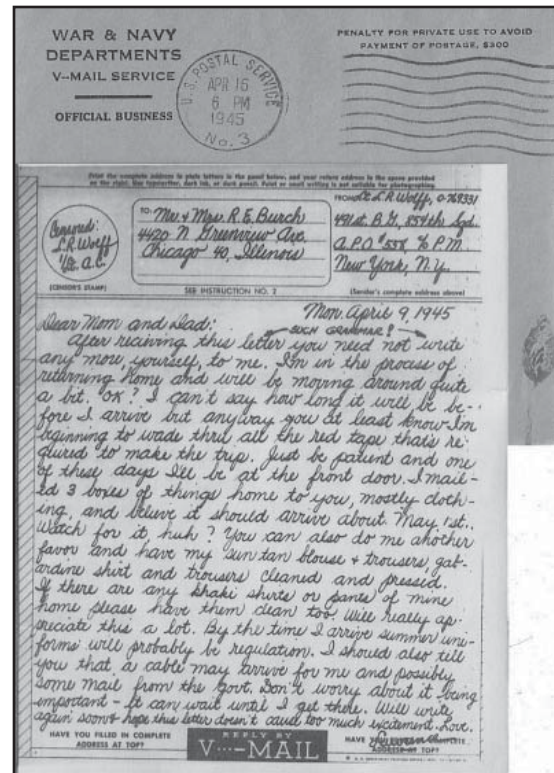
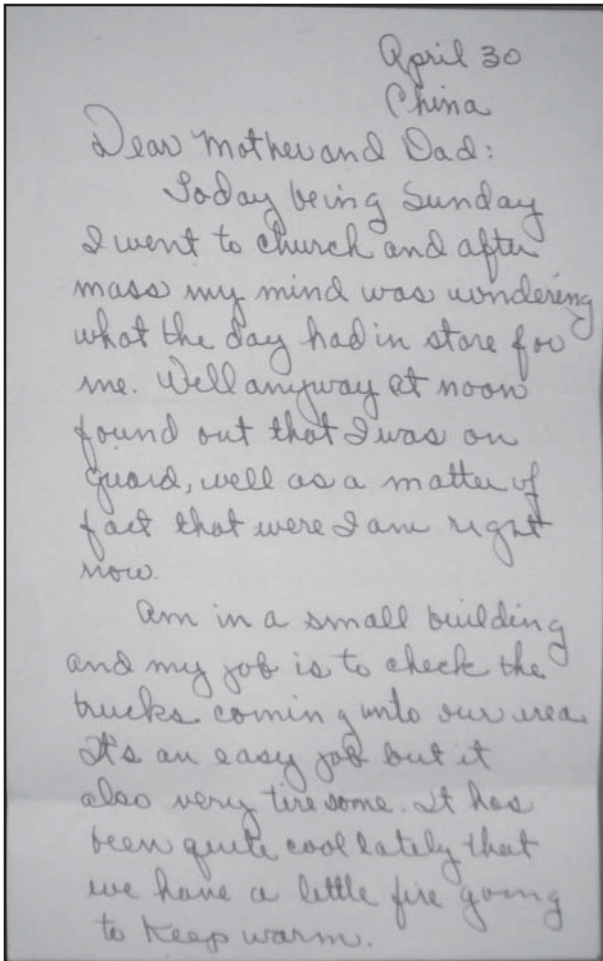


Figure 3. 1945 V-Mail letter from the 491st Bombardment Group in/near Bungay, England, to Chicago, Illinois. Photograph courtesy of Jim Forte Postal History.

“Mr. + Mrs. R. E. Burch” of Chicago received a “V-Mail” letter from “Lt [Lieutenant] L. R. Wolff” dated 9 April 1945 that begins “Dear Mom and Dad” and is signed “Lawrence” (Figure 3). Robert E. and Bernice E. Burch, husband and wife, and Lawrence R. Wolff, stepson, are in Chicago in the 1940 federal census at 4420 North Greenview, the address written on the letter.<sup>23</sup> Lawrence Randolph Wolff was born 23 January 1921 in Oak Park, the

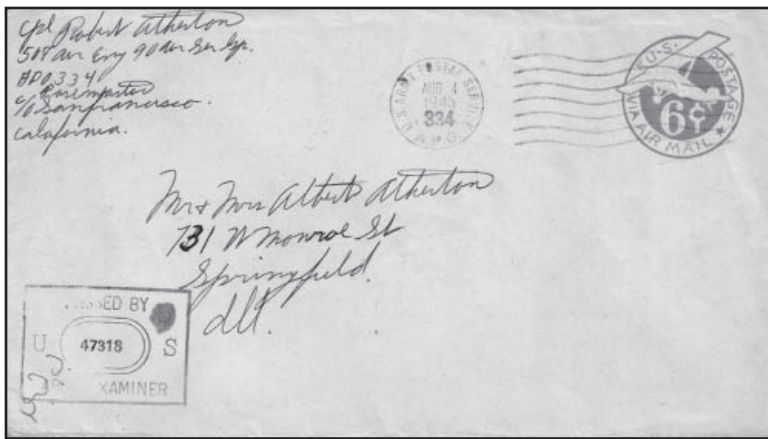


Figure 4. 1945 envelope from the 508 Air Engineering Squadron on Guam to Springfield, Illinois. Photograph courtesy of Jim Forte Postal History.

son of Lawrence R. and Bernice (Liebsch) Wolff, who married 7 June 1919 in Chicago.<sup>24</sup> Bernice “Wolf,” daughter, and her husband “Laurence,” are living with Paul and Minnie Liebsch in Chicago in the 1920 federal census.<sup>25</sup> Bernice Emerald Liebsch was born 19 February 1899, the daughter of Paul and Minnie (Dralle) Liebsch.<sup>26</sup> Lawrence R. Wolff, the father, was born circa 1885 in Colville, Washington, the son of Francis C. D. and Celeste (McCloud) Wolff, and he died 26 August 1927 in Melrose Park.<sup>27</sup> Bernice (Liebsch) Wolff married Robert E. Burch in Chicago on 9 July 1936.<sup>28</sup> Lawrence R. Wolff, the son, enlisted in the United States Army in September 1942 and served in the Army Air Force in Europe.<sup>29</sup> “491st B. G. [Bombardment Group] 854th Sqd [Squadron]” and the sender’s serial number “O-769331” are written on the letter. APO 558 corresponds to Bungay, England.<sup>30</sup> The 491st Bombardment Group flew B-24 Liberator bombers out of North Pickenham, England, about thirty miles northwest of Bungay.<sup>31</sup> The sender was an officer and he censored his own letter.<sup>32</sup> Lawrence Wolff served as a bombardier and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.<sup>33</sup> V-Mail was free for service members whose letters were microfilmed to reduce mail volume to free-up cargo space.<sup>34</sup> Lawrence R. Wolff died 25 September 2001.<sup>35</sup> Bernice (Liebsch) Burch died 8 May 1980, and Robert E. Burch on 25 January 1984.<sup>36</sup>

“Mr. + Mrs. Albert Atherton” of Springfield received an envelope from “Cpl [Corporal] Robert Atherton” postmarked 4 August 1945 (Figure 4). Albert and Stella Atherton, husband and wife, and their son Robert are in Springfield in the 1940

federal census at 731 West Monroe, the address written on the envelope.<sup>37</sup> Robert B. Atherton was born 11 January 1924, the son of Albert and Stella (Brown) Atherton.<sup>38</sup> Albert Atherton was born 26 October 1892 in Springfield, the apparent son of Albert and Ollie (?) Atherton, and he married Stella Brown circa 1916.<sup>39</sup> Stella Brown was born 1 June 1893 in Illinois but her parents have not yet been identified.<sup>40</sup> Robert B. Atherton enlisted in the United States Army on 10 February 1943 and he served in the Army Air Force in the Pacific.<sup>41</sup> “508 Air Eng[ineering Squadron] 90 Air Ser[vice] G[roup]” is written in the return address. APO 334 corresponds to the Pacific island of Guam.<sup>42</sup> The envelope has a military

postmark and a censor’s stamp. Air service engineers built an air depot and two B-29 Superfortress bomber bases on Guam.<sup>43</sup> Robert Atherton died 31 October 2002.<sup>44</sup> Albert Atherton died in February 1970, and Stella Atherton in August 1978.<sup>45</sup>

“Mr. Mrs. J. Janacek” of Berwyn received an envelope from “Pfc Irv Janacek” postmarked 19 April 1945 (Figure 5). James J. and Bessie L. Janacek, husband and wife, and their son “Ervin” R. are in Berwyn in the 1940 federal census at 1815 Clarence

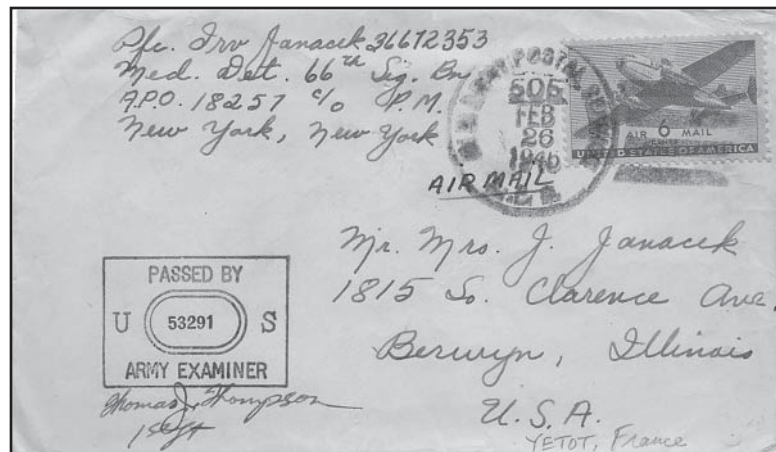


Figure 5. 1945 envelope from the 66th Signal Battalion in/near Yvetot, France, to Berwyn, Illinois. Photograph courtesy of Jim Forte Postal History.

Avenue, which nearly matches “1815 So. Clarence Ave.” written on the envelope.<sup>46</sup> Irving Janacek was born 27 November 1924 in Cook County, the son of James J. and Bessie Laura (Cesal) Janacek, who married 27 September 1919 in Chicago.<sup>47</sup> James Janacek was born 28 September 1893 or 1894 in Krucemburk, Czechoslovakia, and Bessie

Laura Cesal was born 11 July 1898 in Chicago, the daughter of Frank and Petronella (Schlaeger?) Cesal.<sup>48</sup> Irvin Janacek enlisted in the United States Army on 3 July 1943 and served in Europe and the Pacific.<sup>49</sup> “Med[ical] Det[achment] 66th Sig[nal] Bn [Battalion]” and his serial number “36672353” are written on the envelope. APO 505 corresponds to Yvetot, France.<sup>50</sup> The envelope has a military postmark and a censor’s stamp and signature. Irv Janacek wrote in September 1945 from APO 315, which corresponds to the Philippines (viewable on *Philatelic Genealogy* <<http://philgen.org>>, search on Janacek). Signal battalions, in general, provided radio, wire, and teleprinter communications.<sup>51</sup> Irvin Janacek died 19 November 2009.<sup>52</sup> James Janacek died in October 1976, and Bessie (Cesal) Janacek on 9 August 1995.<sup>53</sup>

“Mrs. Peter G. Palermo” of Kankakee received an envelope from “Peter G. Palermo R M 3/c [radioman third class]” postmarked 12 September 1945 (Figure 6). Peter and Marjorie Palermo, husband and wife, are listed in a 1941 Kankakee directory at 405 North Wildwood Avenue, the address typed on the envelope.<sup>54</sup> Peter G. Palermo was born 8 October 1920 in Louisiana, the son of Rocco and Frances Cecile (Leone) Palermo.<sup>55</sup> “Rock,” “Cecil,” and Peter Palermo are in Kankakee in the 1930 federal census living with Peter’s maternal grandparents “Augostina” and Barbara Leone.<sup>56</sup> Peter G. Palermo married Marjorie Theresa Beland in Kankakee on 28 September 1940.<sup>57</sup> Margery Beland was apparently born in 1921 in Kankakee and she is in Kankakee in the 1940 federal census with her parents Leo and Marie, living at 405 North Wildwood Avenue.<sup>58</sup> Peter G. Palermo enlisted in the United States Navy on 27 September 1943.<sup>59</sup> “Staff Com[mander] Car[rier] Div[ision] Three” is written in the return address. Peter Palermo was a third class petty officer in 1945 aboard USS. *Bennington*, an aircraft carrier.<sup>60</sup> Aircraft from the *Bennington* participated in the Japanese surrender ceremony in Tokyo Bay on 2 September 1945.<sup>61</sup> The envelope has

a United States Navy postmark. A hand stamp shows a Japanese naval flag and “USS. *Bennington* Sep 12 1945 Tokyo Bay.” Margery T. Palermo died in 1991, and Peter G. Palermo on 5 September 1995.<sup>62</sup>

Soldiers, sailors, and aircrew wrote these envelopes during their overseas service. They are original records of primary information about the senders and their families.<sup>63</sup> Military unit names, dates, and locations shown on these envelopes can lead to military history sources that provide greater detail, context, and photographs of the sender’s service. While some World War II envelopes are in family collections, many envelopes are held by postal historians. Old envelopes in postal history collections are a largely untapped source of genealogical information. The purpose of *Philatelic Genealogy* <<http://philgen.org>> is to classify envelope and postcard photographs by who wrote and received each one to make them accessible to genealogists. Millions of old envelopes and postcards await discovery by genealogists.<sup>64</sup>

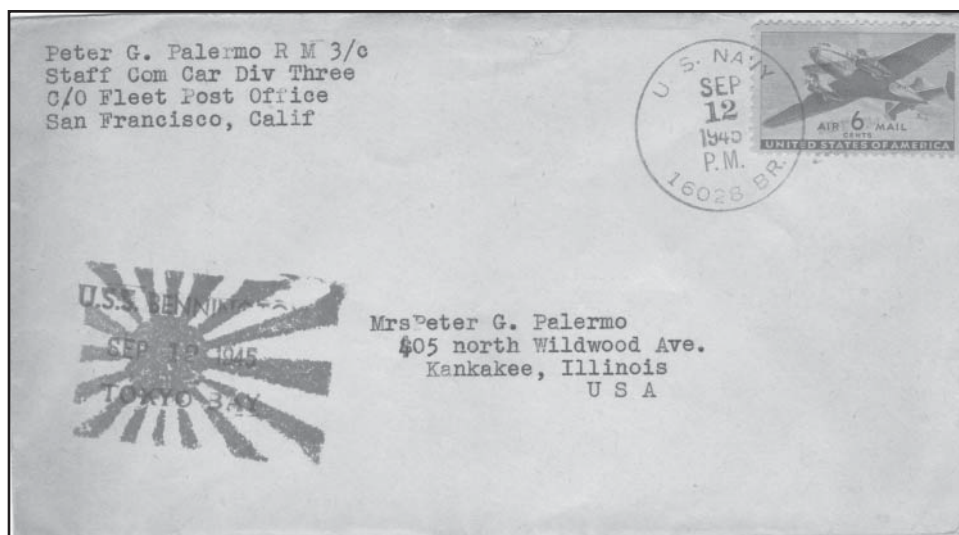


Figure 6. 1945 envelope from U.S.S. *Bennington* in Tokyo Bay, Japan, to Kankakee, Illinois. Photograph courtesy of DK Enterprise.

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### Notes

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