

Writes to Infant Niece

About Meaning of War

Dec. 30, 1943

Sgt. Paul E. Kistner, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Kistner, formerly of Bogota, and a grandson of J. A. Boldrey, well known citizen of the Bogota community, has written a touching letter to his three-month old niece, Dalla Dee Kistner, of Lincoln, Ill.

Dalla Dee's father, Dale Kistner, is also serving with the armed forces as a seaman second class at a naval hospital in Oakland, Calif.

Sgt. Kistner has participated in the North African and Sicilian campaigns and has recently returned to England where he first landed 16 months ago. The letter reads:

"Dear Dalla:

"I received word that you arrived in the family Sept. 12, 1943. I am sorry that I couldn't welcome you in person, but as my business has been very good abroad, I was detained. Therefore we will have to make a letter do.

"Dalla, you are very fortunate to be born in the country that you are in. You are an American, and that is something that we are all proud of. An American, 'Little One,' is a peace loving person until an emergency like the present one arises. They are a different people. I know that.

"I, for one, hope that you never know a world as it is now. Your father and others are doing their best to straighten things out so that by the time you are old enough to realize what a wonderful country you are in, everything . . . (This portion of the letter was censored).

"I hope to get a picture of you in the near future as I am anxious to see you. Until I see you in person Dear Dalla, may God watch over you and protect you.

"With Love,

Uncle Paul."