

## Keeping in Touch

Goal: Students will understand the importance of correspondence in keeping families together and motivating soldiers during the war.

Objectives:

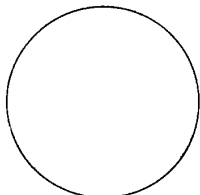
- 1) Students will be able to define the term “V-Mail”.
- 2) Students will exercise writing skills and practice letter-writing format and grammar by writing a short note to an Outagamie County World War II Veteran.

“V-Mail” helped soldiers stay in touch with their friends and family back home. V-Mail forms provided an efficient, low-cost way to maintain family ties. One side of the form included instructions and a space for the address. The other side allowed space for the body of the letter. When a soldier completed his letter it was sent to England to be censored and microfilmed. Censors crossed out information revealing the soldier’s position and weaponry or the timing of attacks. Transferring the letter to microfilm meant that it would take up less space and weigh less for transport. After reaching the U.S. the microfilmed letters were printed and sent to their destinations.

Take a moment to write a note to an Outagamie County World War II veteran. Perhaps you could thank them for their service and for protecting the freedoms you enjoy today.

Print the complete address in plain block letters in the panel below, and your return address in the space provided. Use typewriter, dark ink, or pencil. Write plainly. Very small writing is not suitable.

No. \_\_\_\_\_



(CENSOR'S STAMP)

To

Large rectangular area for the recipient's address.

From

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Sender's name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Sender's address)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

FOLD SIDES OVER AND THEN FOLD BOTTOM UP AND SEAL  
NO OTHER ENVELOPE SHOULD BE USED

**V...-MAIL**

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT PERMIT NO. 1