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The proprietor of a certain New York restaurant didn't have much money for advertising purposes, so he bought the biggest fish bowl he could get, filled it with water, and put it in the window with a sign reading, "Filled with invisible goldfish from Patagonia." It took 10 policemen to keep the crowd moving.

—Belvoir Castle,
Fort Belvoir, Va.

A ravishing redhead went to a bachelor's apartment one night and he gave her one of his half-dozen mink coats. She was relating this story to a girl friend the next day, who asked, "What did you have to do?"

The redhead never missed a beat replying, "Just snorren the sleeves, that's all."

—Belvoir Castle,
Fort Belvoir, Va.

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DEAR JOE: At night now it already looks like Halloween. The city fathers are repairing curbing all over town and the spots are marked at night with flares. I counted thirty as we drove home last night . . . By day we know it's fall—Indian summer. The maples on 3rd Avenue are aflame with gold, brown, old green and sunset red. The leaves go whirling through the air, scratching across the sidewalks, piling into porch corners, waiting to be raked. You step out doors, breathe deep of the mild air and say "Indian Summer". Perhaps the most beautiful days of the year, rare and fleeting . . . Thanksgiving not even here but Christmas is already in the air. Today we were out looking at the wiring we use for street decorations, getting it ready to go up about the 23rd of November . . . Kids out on 22nd Street are organizing a club with rooms in the old Belmer Grocery. It'll have a snack bar, a billiard table, ping pong, checkers, davenport, a lounge. Teen agers are doing all the work themselves . . . The pheasant season is longer this year in Webster County, from Oct. 28th to Nov. 30th . . . Louis Armstrong has turned sailor now, has a 40 foot sailing vessel on Lake Michigan, sleeps six, is equipped for a voyage around the world. If you have a yen for more travel, hurry home. Louie's looking for a crew.

AROUND THE TOWN. The 1945 Community Chest and National War Fund campaign got off to a fine start Tuesday . . . It was cold here Tuesday morning with the mercury dipping to 21 degrees, the lowest yet this season. The prediction, however, was warmer . . . This is Fire Prevention Week, just in case you were wondering about it . . . Gangs of kids on the north side have been causing damage by throwing tomatoes . . . Robert Horn is president of the Men's Civic Glee Club . . . Pheasant season will be October 28th through November 30th in northern Iowa. There will be 66 open counties. The shooting hours will be 9:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m. Daily bag is four cocks and no hens this year . . . Fort Dodge Post No. 4, AMVETS, have wired a dozen roses to be scattered at sea October 21st in the Navy memorial service in honor of men lost at sea this war . . . Lt. Frank Sims, home on terminal leave, now is working at KVFD . . . Wallace and Paul Dick, of Des Moines, have purchased the Johnson drugstore at 600 Central Avenue . . . E. T. Parker, of Freeport, Ill., has succeeded N. P. Mills as Illinois Central trainmaster here . . . Ed Messerly, a resident of Webster County since 1873, celebrated his 83rd birthday October 3rd . . . That young escapist, Frank Grell, Jr., 17, who was AWOL from the boys' training school at Eldora for the past 13 days, has been turned back to the school by his father. He denied stealing a car at Iowa Falls and driving it over here. Perhaps Fred Cooper will be able to straighten him out . . . Soybean combining has started in Webster County and some fields are running 20 to 30 bushels an acre . . . There are rumors all meat rationing will be called off around November 1st . . . Mr. George Marchi, formerly Lt. Col., is now sales manager at the Swaney Motor Company.

SCOREBOARD. Dodgers 13, Wahawks 7. Yep, we had a bad night. We beat 'em but were we lucky. It looked as if West Waterloo could and would score again almost any time during the second half. We were bigger and faster and better ball players but we seemed to want to give them the game. Time after time we fumbled deep in our own territory. Once we elected to run on the 4th down with seven yards to go on their 40 yard line. The game ended with the Wahawks having the ball on our seven yard line. The Wahawks made their touch down first taking the ball on for 49 on a bad punt. They didn't seem to have any trouble putting it over. Dick Hauser and Jack Bosford alternating at Quarterback for West, were doing all right with that screwy "Y" formation. A few minutes later, Heinie Wasem broke into the clear on the fifty yard line and went the rest of the way for a touch down. It was a beautiful run aided by one devastating block by Fieseler on the safety man. We didn't get the extra point. George Constantine set up the next touchdown from a variation of the old statue of liberty play. He went from midfield to the twenty. From there we bucked it over with Merrill Leffler lugging it the last seven yards. Constantine kicked the extra point. Dodger line play throughout the game was excellent. We were weak against their forwards and laterals . . . Tonight East Waterloo at Dodger Stadium. This one will be rough. East Waterloo's Trojans beat East High of Des Moines last week by a lop-sided score. They have their hearts set on being Big Seven Champions. We had our bad game last week. We ought to be ready for them tonight.

SERVICE PAPERS AND INSIGNIA. A booklet of the USAAF Exposition in Paris from Lt. Harold Dessinger. Thanks, Lt. . . . The Ninth Division News from Pvt. Eric M. Nelson, Ingolstadt, Germany. Thanks, Eric . . . The T and O Patch of the 90th Division from Sgt. Max H. Lewis, Amberg, Germany. Thanks, Max . . . The first edition of the J. B. Noos from Eugene Soppeland of Gowrie just home for good. Thanks, Gene . . . The CBI Roundup from 7/5 Robert Zeka, Delhi, India. Thanks, Bob . . . Pictures of the Cincpac Area from Phil Dorweiler, Y 3/c, Guam. Phil is on his way to Pearl Harbor. Thanks, Phil.

HOME FOR GOOD. Orville H. Jenson is out of the Navy after serving four years. Most of the time he was at the sub base at Pearl Harbor . . . Dick Ahrens, CCS, formerly on the USS Mingo, is out of the Navy and home for good . . . Horace Melton is out of the army and is back in the practice of law. Another barrister, Bob Knudson, who has been in Fort Dodge most of the time as Navy recruiting officer, hopes to return to the practice soon . . .

Dr. F. W. Hobart has been discharged from the Army and is back practicing medicine at Lake City, Iowa . . . T/Sgt. Marvin H. Van Horsen is out of the army and home for good. He had been stationed at Camp Clark, Mo., a correction camp for non-commissioned, non-cooperating German officers, most of whom were SS guards and members of the Gestapo . . . Jerome Wieberg is back home for good, honorably discharged . . . Edward DeWitt is back home again, out of the service, honorably discharged . . . Pfc. Leonard M. Jensen has been discharged from the service . . . Lt. Jim Dickerson back from Cherry Point after two years in the Pacific. Jim is just about out . . . Lt. Don Tierney, home for good honorably discharged, ready to go back into business with Moe. The boys are opening a tap room next to the restaurant. It is to be very swank . . . Lloyd Elg, CM 2/c, is out of the navy and now living at 1030 1/2 North 7th Street . . . Robert Cleveland, CBM, is out of the Navy after six years and some months . . . Albert E. Meyer, CPO, is back home from the South Pacific, honorably discharged . . . A. Emanuel Anderson is now at home with his wife and folks at Boxholm and is planning on farming next year . . . Robert Larson, back from overseas, is home with his folks at Badger . . . Leroy Thorson, of Somers, is home from the army honorably discharged. Thanks, Leroy, for the patch . . . Joseph P. McMahon of Clare . . . T/Sgt. Walter D. Leamon . . . S/Sgt. William D. Johnson . . . Cpl. Carl L. Conrad . . . Curtis A. Hanson, MoM 2/c . . . S/Sgt. Willis T. Johnston . . . Cpl. Merle Foote . . . S/Sgt. Jack B. Weaver . . . Sgt. James Mailander . . . F/O Robert P. Kenyon . . . La Verne Mozena SK 1/c . . . Sgt. Richard B. Webster . . . Pfc. Richard F. Wonders . . . Paul E. Trusty, MM 2/c . . . S/Sgt. Carl M. Johnson . . . Harlan Williamson, CPhM . . . D. R. Johanson, CM 3/c . . . Lt. Thomas E. Tierney . . . Vincent E. Harrold, CM 1/c . . . Cpl. Paul Decker . . . Major Wayne K. Cooper.

OVER HERE. Pfc. Fred Good is at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo. . . . Ensign Q. L. Vandl is at New London, Conn., taking in the football games, waiting for that certain piece of paper . . . L. R. Sinclair, PhM 2/c, is at Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, California. "The only grass we have around here is up on the hills burning like hell—the extra curricular activity is to go up and beat it out. Big time, Eh." . . . Lt. Harris Dickey, formerly dean of the Junior College, will soon be out of the service. He is going to Iowa State College to complete his work for a doctor's degree . . . Pvt. Harold Hogan is at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo. . . W. J. Bill Heneberry says "hello" to Peter Russell from the Amphibious Training Base at Coronado, Calif. . . . W. S. McGill, BM 1/c, is out of the hospital at Norfolk and hopes soon to be assigned to a post in Baltimore. "It will be up near Washington—that's where my heart is at the present time." Jim Gormally is at Norfolk also . . . Pfc. Bob Sherratt is at Camp John T. Knight, Oakland, Calif. "California is some place, only there are too many sailors here" . . . Pvt. Dick Cervene is at Ft. Francis Warren, Wyoming . . . Major and Mrs. M. B. Ingebritsen are at Pacific Grove, Calif. The Major is stationed at Camp San Luis Obispo . . . Lt. Vyva Kerr has been transferred to Washington and is stationed there at the Headquarters of the Marine Corps . . . Kenneth Haugen, S 1/c, is at Shoemaker, California . . . Sgt. John T. Hood, of Clare, is at the Schick Hospital in Clinton. He suffered a broken hip in Luzon.

PACIFIC. Pfc. Gaylord Slagenweit is with the 13th Repair Squadron, 13th ADG, on Biak Island . . . Lt. Col. C. A. Youngdale is standing by with his, the Fourth Marine Division, somewhere out thet-a-way, sweating it out, waiting to be shipped home . . . Pvt. James H. Whittemore is on his way to the Pacific . . . John Prokop, Cox., with the Seabees, is on Guam. Bill Robbins, who was with him, was transferred about two weeks ago . . . Warrant Officer Lawrence H. Koerner is on Iwo Jima . . . V. A. Eddie Vannoni, BM 2/c, is sitting on Guam with plenty of points just waiting for a ride home . . . Clarence L. Suer, Jr., MoMM 2/c, is on Wake Island. And now I have another gripe against the little men with the scissors. Clarence tells me that during the late unpleasantness, many of his letters written to YLFH were returned with the curt note, "Unnecessary correspondence." . . . Pfc. John D. Cook, now in Okinawa, was on board ship fifty-four days, making the trip from France . . . Down in Leyte where Pvt. Earl E. Martin now is, the natives all carry enough money to retire on made from trading with the GI's, and the Japs up in the hills are still fighting. "Someone ought to tell them that the war is over." . . . Stanley Anderson, GM 2/c, is in Manila Bay aboard the SS Ralph T. O'Neil . . . Sgt. Ray Scherff is on Okinawa and looking for Dodgers. His address, Co. H, 2nd Bn. 147 Inf., APO 337 San Francisco . . . Sgt. Harry E. McBride is somewhere out thet-a-way . . . Pfc. Clarence Wegman, writing from away out thet-a-way "where it is quiet and peaceful", says, "I sure hope the sheriff and police get Fort Dodge quieted down before I get home. I don't want to be robbed on Main Street or hit over the head." . . . That salty old sailor, Orville Walters, S 2/c, is on the President Monroe about 30 miles from Nagasaki where the last atomic bomb hit. "But what a way to make a living."

HIGH C's. Herb S. Reisner, AM 1/c, is on the USS Lunga Point somewhere out thet-a-way. Thanks for the story, Herb.

COMING HOME. T/Sgt. Lee Poynter is on his way home from New Delhi, India, headed for Estherville. He was in New Delhi nearly two years . . . J. V. Guttenfelder, MoMM 2/c, is at sea on his way home from out in the Pacific, headed for San Francisco first and then for somewhere near Dayton . . . Sgt. Laurence Bock is on his way home from Luzon. His next address will be RFD No. 2, Fort Dodge . . . Jim Thompson writes, "As of October 1st,

I am a civilian first class and very shortly my new address will be Fort Dodge, Iowa." . . . 1st Lt. Ed Degner is on his way home from Italy . . . Pfc. Tom X. Kelly is on his way home from Belgium . . . Louis LeRoy Davis, CMM, is back in the states and on his way to Chicago for a discharge. He has been stationed in the South Pacific and later in Alaska . . . Sgt. Joe O'Hern will soon be getting his mail at Barnum, Iowa, addressed Mr. Joe O'Hern . . . 1st Lt. Nancy Sittig is on her way back to the USA . . . Sgt. John F. Moburg is on his way home from Tinian Island . . . T. P. Lind, CM 2/c, is on his way back to the states from somewhere out there . . . S/Sgt. Verne Amo is on his way home from Ft. Lewis, Ore. . . . Sgt. Melvin H. Burke, one of the first men to leave Fort Dodge under selective service, will be out of the army soon. "Just a few days more than a month to go to make five years since the first of us boys left Fort Dodge" . . . T/Sgt. Donn Cottrell will be out of the army soon. He is on his way home . . . Gerald Wangler, of Lehigh, is on his way home after spending three years in China and in India . . . Lt. Comdr. Harold Larson landed this week in San Francisco after three years in the Pacific.

★ **DOWN THE CENTER AISLE.** Pauline Ingram of Atlanta, Georgia, and Sgt. Lawrence E. Johnson, September 24th at Atlanta. They are now at Clarksville, Tenn., P. O. Box 381 . . . Capt. Florence O'Boyle and Edward A. Engler, of Clinton, at Clinton, September 15th . . . Barbara Basler to Ensign Don Dillman here, October 6th . . . Margaret Kirby to Sterling R. Williams, here September 24th . . . Mildred Mathey to Wilbur Schroeder here, October 21st . . . Phyllis Hice to Sgt. George F. Sheaff, Jr., at Dubuque, October 3rd . . . Donna Herbison to Hemon E. Newsum, Jr., at Hutchinson, Kan., September 19th.

★ **SMALL WORLD.** Pfc. R. D. McNeilly, Phil Dorweiler and Will Carlson on Guam. Thanks, R. D., for the patch of the 5th Amphibious Corps . . . On September 30th, Bob Rathermel and Ernie Dutcher were sleeping in a tent on the beach at Saipan awaiting assignment to a ship . . . Sgt. Richard Purkapile, Abe Corey and Bob Martin on Guam down in the Marianas. It had been nine years since Abe and Dick had seen each other. Bob hopes to be starting home soon . . . Gerald H. Gronwall, SM 1/c, (prospective civilian with 38 months in the Navy behind him) and Ralph A. Waldschmidt are on the USS Oglethorpe now in the Marshall Islands.

★ **ENJOYING MOM'S COOKIN'.** Capt. August Rieke is back from England on terminal leave, hopes soon to be out . . . Cpl. Merle Davidson is home weighing about 200 pounds and looking as if he'd make some college football team a wonderful center . . . Wave Joan Mills . . . Lt. Calvin E. Jones . . . Pfc. Robert D. Johnson . . . Cpl. Robert Pfaff . . . Lt. Richard Jordison . . . Merrill Bixby, AMM 3/c . . . Lt. Robert A. Baughman . . . Arthur R. Cote, S 1/c . . . Lt. Richard C. Taylor . . . M/Sgt. Wayne J. Poole . . . William W. Cornell, S 1/c . . . Cpl. Raymond Rieke from the ETO.

★ We play all requests. It helps if you send along the address and telephone number of the person for whom you want the number played.

★ **CHINA.** T/3 Harry Walter Brown is in China. His brother, Pfc. George Brown, is sailing for home . . . Over in China where Don Hansen, S 1/c, now is, "The people try and jump you for money. One beer usually costs \$140,000.00 or seventy cents in our money." Don is on a mine sweeper.

★ **WAR'S GRIM TOLL.** Pvt. Don Haring died from illness in a hospital in Germany September 12th.

Personal to Eldon Danielson somewhere in Illinois—Carlton Strough would like to know why you don't write. He says, "It's swell to be a civilian again. Hope to see you soon". Carlton received his discharge September 29th. He is going to take it easy for a few weeks at the home of his mother at 1128 Crawford Street, Boone.

★ **GOING UP.** James Fitzgerald—ARM 2/c to 1/c . . . LaVerne F. Mozena—SK 2/c to 1/c . . . Robert J. Halbach—Pvt. to Pfc . . . Max H. Lewis—Sgt. to S/Sgt. . . . John Prokop—S 2/c to Cox . . . Carolyn C. Schill—2nd Lt. to 1/Lt. . . . W. S. McGill—BM 2/c to 1/c . . . Robert W. Hall—Pfc. to Sgt. . . . Fred Vandi—Cpl. to T/5 . . . Donald Hansen—S 2/c to 1/c . . . Merle Swanson—Pfc. to Cpl. . . . Kenneth Swendson—Cpl. to Sgt. . . . Robert W. Dessinger—EM 1/c to CEM . . . Conrad Hovey—Pvt. to T/5 . . . Harold (Andy) Schill—Cpl. to Sgt.

★ **FROM THE FIVE CORNERS OF THE WORLD.** Cpl. W. C. Strom, APO 655, New York. "I am on detached service at Hamburg, and really have the best setup I have had since I have been in the Army. We operate a radio and send on ahead to the Rheims, Metz, etc., the number of convoys and men, etc. We sleep in German homes, between white sheets on nice feather ticks, and have German women do our cooking, and to tell the truth, they fix these army rations just like the food our wives and mothers used to back home. We are in French territory and there are very few G. I.'s here. Right across the street from our radio set is "G. I. Joe's", which is open 24 hours a day, so we can lunch anytime we want to. They have German P. W.'s working here and they serve sandwiches, coffee, fruit juices, donuts, etc., to all G. I.'s going through. Yesterday they fed over ten thousand men. Boy, the convoys more than rolled through. I hope before too long I can be on one of them as they are all headed for France and then the States. As yet I don't know when I will get home as I only have 52 points. I heard on the radio tonight that there is a bill up now to get all married men with families with two or more years in the service out. If they pass that bill, the Congress and Senators will have my vote as long as I live. Ha! I would give anything to get out of this so-called Army."

T/5 Glenn R. Rezabek, APO 75, San Francisco. "I'm here in the Philippines close to Manila now and definitely not enjoying it. In one of the old YLFH's, somebody said he was on or had seen a regular "Dorothy Lamour" south sea island. If he has, he's been around. I passed a lot of territory coming up here and now I'm in a place that's supposed to be nice. Gad! If anyone ever mentions such Pacific isles to me again, I won't be responsible for what happens. That stuff is strictly for the movies. As for heat, I doubt if the devil's own bake ovens are any hotter. A fat person sizzles in his own grease here. These people are clean about their person but otherwise everything is rotten with filth. May God bless America and our ways. All work is done by hand and very crudely at that. Other than that, these people only understand 'sell or give me something'. Anything else, they don't understand."

S/Sgt. Kenn R. Barry, Fort Snelling, Minn. "I've now completed 3 years of service and am drawing my extra five percent. I am one of those fortunate few that is doing the same kind of work in the Army that I was doing in civilian life—mainly radio writing and production. I handle all the Army radio program originating in Minneapolis and St. Paul, which averages 5 to 6 shows each week. I like the work very much, and am most anxious to get out and return to announcing and production here in the Twin Cities. I recently returned from a five months tour of the nine mid-western states (those that comprise the 7th Service Command) with an all soldier show that I wrote and staged. We averaged 2 stage shows and 2 broadcasts a day. It was a lot of work and a lot of traveling, but the experience gained was invaluable. I pulled all the strings I possibly could to play in Fort Dodge, but our schedule was so tight that we couldn't squeeze it in. It would have been so much fun playing there, and perhaps doing a broadcast or two over KVFD. My brother Frank (Lt. j. g.) was at Manila the last I heard, and by this time, he is either on his way, or in China. Fort Dodgers seem to be scarce around Fort Snelling. I keep my eyes open looking for old home towners, but with little success. Helen Gibson works in the telegraph office on the post, and we talk over old times when ever I go to pick up or send out wires. She enjoys reading my YLFH. Greetings to Frank Griffith, Gaylord Bales, the Cummings twins, and Eldon Mills, and any of the old gang wherever they may be. If you have their addresses, I would appreciate receiving them." Thanks, Kenn, for the Fort Snelling Bulletin.

Cpl. Darwin Brand, Del Monte, Mindanao. "I just received the July 14 edition of the service news and in it were the pictures of our swell city. The air view revealed many favorite places which were a part of my life. In fact, I could see my house which is located by Pleasant Valley school. There were many places I could name. Miss Iowa is a very pretty girl, and I'm quite proud that she is from our town, even though I don't know her. Our coaches are the same as usual—I mean in looks. Fred Cooper will always look the same. I admit that I'm mighty proud to show my buddies the place where I lived and that I am going back to. Then there's the picture of that flathead catfish. I've fished in Milene Bay, New Guinea, Finschhafen, Hollandia and a little at Moriti and they don't compare with our river fishing. The picture of the main drag is a wonderful view. All in all, the whole edition was swell. Every Fort Dodger who received that copy will agree it is just what they needed for a morale building letter."

Sgt. R. R. Messersmith, Einswarden, Germany. "I am very happy to inform you that in a few days or weeks, I will be "Mr." The greatest thrill of my life came last night when our C. O. told me to be ready to leave for the U. S. A. in three or four days. Although I have not lived in Fort Dodge for the past ten years, the YLFH was second only to my wife's and mother's letters, and I know every man in the service that received it will tell you the same. It has meant extra work for all of you, but you certainly knew what we wanted."

Sgt. Clinton E. Evans, Camp Carson, Colorado. "I have been on duty here in the counselling section of this convalescent hospital for six months. While here, I have helped to discharge several Fort Dodge boys, among them James Saigh about two weeks ago. As I said, Tom Pray, who was in combat in Europe, is here now convalescing and will be discharged within a week. I hope to counsel him also. Our job is to inform discharges of all rights and privileges as veterans including information on the G. I. Bill, insurance, pensions, job opportunities, employment rights, etc. My three brothers also in service are stationed as follows: Sgt. Wallace Evans, in Germany with the 9th Division; T/5 James Evans in Hawaii with the 346th Ord. Bn.; and A/5 DuWayne Evans with the Navy in New York. James tells me Lt. Frances Knutson, an army nurse of Fort Dodge, is in a hospital at Honolulu. Thanks for the "Letters From Home" you will be sending me—it is a noble project indeed. Best wishes to all the boys and gals who are getting out."

Ens. E. G. Hanson, USNR, FPO, San Francisco. "We arrived here in the "Bay" on September 20th and things have settled down considerably. It was a truly magnificent sight to see the huge American flag flying over the lighthouse which overlooks the entrance to Tokyo Bay. It is surprising to find the people of a crumpled and defeated nation so friendly. The people seem a bit awe-stricken with the number of personnel going ashore but there have been no hostilities, as might be expected of such an ungrateful populuz. The Japanese are very eager to barter their goods. Candy, cigarettes and gum can buy almost anything. They do not readily accept our invasion money. Another interesting thing I noted was that the people look well-fed and not like a famished nation, as propaganda would have us believe. They are suffering from a critical clothing shortage, however. They would sell the robe off their back for a pack of cigarettes." Thanks, E. G., for the invasion money.

Pvt. Donn Van Winkle, Kyongsong, Korea. "When we pulled into Korea, we were greeted with cheers and more cheers. Everybody seemed to be glad we were here and we haven't had much trouble with anyone. It's a very interesting place to see. We are set up in Kyongsong which is the capital city, and which has a population of about 900,000. It has a good trolley line, but cars are few. All of the trucks are Japanese."

Lt. Robert G. Smith, Northern Japan. "As you know, the 11th A. B. was among the first to land on the Jap homeland. We of the 188th landed at Atsugi airfield about 30 miles from Tokyo. Of course, the Japs were bowing and all smiles. This outfit hasn't forgotten Leyte and Luzon. We left a lot of good men and officers there. The climate is about like that of Iowa. I am located in Naval Barracks about 200 miles north of Tokyo near Sendai. The people are really in bad shape for food. I am enclosing a ration book of some kind, and some cartoons cut out of the paper before we arrived here." Thanks, Bob, for the cartoon and ration book.

The mail still flows in. Good mail. Wonderful letters from everywhere . . . And now the biggest thrill of all, stout fellows coming in, some still in uniform, some wearing new civilian clothes and the shiny gold button. But they are out, home for good, the war now only a memory . . . And what a memory . . . Happy about being home, happy about everything except the fellows that aren't coming back . . . The good days lie ahead. Good luck, fellow. And good traveling.

Your home town correspondent
Ed Breen.