

Whiskers come in many colors,  
Often on one chin,  
If you find the blond ones numerous,  
Your beard may look quite thin.  
From the "Willie Bee" of the U. S. S. Wilkes Barre

# Your Letter From Home

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Oh little whiskers on a Chin,  
What foolish places you are in,  
You cover one man's rosy cheek  
And leave another's smooth and sleek.  
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☛ **DEAR JOE:** This afternoon, struck with the spirit of spring housecleaning, I was going through the old files of this little sheet. You know I'd have sworn, bet money on it that these missives had always started "Dear Joe." But I'd have been wrong. Number 1 of Volume 1, printed October 29th, 1943, began "Happy Hallowe'en Everyone." It talked about the hunting season and a fellow over at Manson advertising shot gun shells at \$5.00 a box. Of course, today everybody would know that was a gag. Another paragraph noted the fact that Bill Cadwell, former mayor, was pulling up stakes and going to Houston, Texas. Now Bill is back and running for mayor again. . . . There is an underground movement, a grass roots movement, a ground swell or something, to write in Bob Rankin's name for mayor in next Monday's city election. Bob denies his availability but G-2 reports that the campaign is well organized and well supported. Bob is just out of the hospital. . . . Getting back to those early letters, the second one began "Good Morning Soldier." There wasn't a line on the back of the first two letters as bare as Mother Hubbard's cupboard. Down in the right hand corner of each one, we'd written a kind of personal note which began "Dear Joe." Everyone says G. I. Joe today but that was before Clare Boothe Luce and many cartoons and movies, and songs and Joe came to us from the expression, "a good Joe." On Dec. 17th, letter Number 8, "Dear Joe" moved to the upper left hand corner and there's where we've been meeting ever since. In those first days the letterhead had the names of only six sponsors. One of them was the station KVFD. Of the other five, three still are there. I'd like to do a very special bow for them this lovely afternoon in March. I shall never forget them. I'm sure you won't either, The Gates Dry Goods Company, the Tobin Packing Company and the Fort Dodge Creamery. After them came many others who generously contributed their share toward making this weekly visit with the old home town possible. There's hardly a letter reaches my desk that does not say, "Please thank all the sponsors and tell them how much YLFH means to us out here." And so for all of you, as I look back to that first issue of October 29th, 1943, I say to all our sponsors, "Our sincerest and most heart-felt thanks, gentlemen, to you who have contributed so generously, aided so greatly in making YLFH possible."

☛ **ALONG MAIN STREET.** Jack Shelly, WHO newsman, back from the front is speaking here April 16th under the auspices of the Women's Club. . . . Wm. H. Kehm is dead. He died Wednesday morning after a short illness. . . . Two infant girls were burned to death Tuesday. They were Barbara, 8 months old, and Carol Ann, 2 years old, the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Claire Williamson. Their mother left them in their home in the Coleman school district and went over to a neighbor's. The kerosene stove exploded. When the fire was discovered, the house was an inferno and they could not be saved. . . . The bosses are going to have an evening out next week. The Business Girls are entertaining them at Wraywood Monday evening. Dorothy Flinn, of KVFD, and Eileen Leavitt, F. D. Messenger, are in charge. . . . Comes the drought! The whiskey quota for Iowa goes down to 1/5 of a gallon a month per person beginning April 1st. . . . The weather has been wonderful. Last week we had the warmest weather in 73 years, and I think that's as far back as the records go in Iowa. . . . Looks like the boys in Des Moines, the legislators, were getting ready to slap another cent a gallon on the gas tax—for town and county roads. . . . In the county spelling contest, Charlene Mavis Larson, of Badger, was the overall winner. She's the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gust Larson. Carrie Rosen, 13, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Rosen, was second, and Joe Dopita, 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Dopita. . . . The High School-Jr. College operetta, "Her Regiment" goes on this evening. . . . We got new license plates this year—one per car—rear end only—and a sticker for the windshield. . . . March 31st is the deadline for property taxes. Verne Hale is keeping the office open Saturday afternoons until April 1st. . . . Webster County has been given a flax acreage goal of 5,400 acres. Floyd Huling, County Agent, says flax seed production is essential if we are to meet the present demand for drying oil used in army and navy paint. . . . About 2,000 bulged the walls of the Armory to attend the Farmers' Party Monday. Sandwiches, coffee, entertainment and a good time were had by all. . . . Everybody's burning leaves, raking lawns and spading garden plots. Tulips are pushing up, lilacs are budding and the soft maples are about ready to leaf. . . . The city now owns Expo Pool. Transfer was made by Louis Armstrong Tuesday. . . . Clem Crowe, Notre Dame line coach, signs to coach U. of Iowa football next fall. . . . Chas. Forslund, of Dayton, is dead by his own hand. He went to the woodshed and shot himself. . . . Style note—men's hair will be worn longer. Local barbers raised their prices last week, haircuts—75 cents, shaves 50 cents, and children's hair-cuts—65 cents. . . . New law boosts salary of Fort Dodge Mayor to \$3,000, commissioners to \$2,500. District Court Judges go to \$6,000 a year.

☛ **ENJOYING MOM'S COOKING.** Capt. Eldon G. Mills from England. He's completed his missions. . . . Home for good with an honorable discharge is Ernest Welch from Iran. . . . Sgt. George Adcock from Lubbock, Texas. . . . Lt. Herb Lefler from Washington, D. C. . . . T/Sgt. Lee Peterson, of Gowrie, from Sioux City air base. . . . Richard Carlon, PhM 1/c, of Gowrie, from the South Pacific

. . . T/Sgt. Tom Swartz, of Gowrie, from North Camp Hood, Texas. . . . Cpl. Allen Swartz is also home enroute to Florida. . . . Pvt. Clifford Lawson, of Gowrie, from Camp Shelby, Miss. . . . Pvt. Francis Otto, of Gowrie, and Pvt. Eric Nelson, from Camp Gordon, Ga. . . . Pvt. Donald Johnson, of Gowrie, from Camp Wolters, Tex. . . . Russell Zenor, RdM 3/c, from Hartford, N. C. . . . Curtis Anderson, of Gowrie, is home from the Marine hospital in Chicago. . . . Pfc. Joe Di Noto, after 13 months in the Pacific. . . . Sgt. Clare B. Smith, from Tallahassee, Fla. . . . Darrell Wayne Bailey, AMM 1/c, from the Pacific. . . . Hugh Flaherty, Rd. 2/c from the Pacific. . . . Pvt. Robert Rice, from Ft. Knox. . . . Cpl. William R. Jones, from the Pacific. . . . S/Sgt. Dean "Pat" Saigh, from the Aleutians. . . . Nielan F. Wille, G. M. 2/c, and his wife from Washington, D. C., enroute to Great Lakes. . . . Peter Lang, Cox., from the Pacific. On leaving here, he goes to Jacksonville. . . . T/4 Herman Kail, from Ft. Dix, New Jersey.

☛ **TWO HEARTS THAT GO PITY-PAT.** Norma M. Filby, of London, England, and Sgt. Gerald Willoughby, of Rockwell City, in London, April 7th. . . . Ethel Otto and Kenneth Ryerson, of Emmetsburg, in San Francisco, March 1st. Ken is in the Navy. . . . Elizabeth Ann McKinnion, of Longview, Texas, and Capt. Lewis D. Baughman, in Williamsburg, Va., Feb. 24th. . . . Beulah Lehman and Cpl. Kenneth Clamo, of Chicago, March 3rd in Seattle, Washington. . . . Florence Holst and Petty Officer Leo Loots, March 22nd, in the Deercreek Trinity Lutheran Church. . . . Florine Johnson and Kenneth G. Bowers, March 4th, in Long Beach, Cal. . . . Loretta Carroll and Leo J. Delamore, PhM 1/c, of Clare, April 2nd, in Fort Dodge. . . . L. Joan Genco and Petty Officer Dale Wise, of Manson, in Fort Dodge, Sunday, March 11th. . . . Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Sandquist, of Dayton. They were married 50 years ago on March 15th. This year on Sunday, March 18th, they held open house for all their friends and relatives.

☛ **HOME TOWN BOYS MAKE GOOD.** He is now Major C. Bernard Hamilton and stationed in the New Georgia islands. . . . To 1/Lt., in the Marines, Robert J. Hogan. He is operations officer with an aircraft group. . . . The Bronze Star to Pfc. Don Sullivan. . . . The Bronze and Silver stars to Sgt. Marshall E. Bickford. . . . Bronze stars to Sgt. Joe Nemecheck in Germany. To Major, L. K. Bruneland, P-47 fighter ace in England. . . . Bronze star to Sgt. V. L. Smith on Guam. . . . The Silver star to Pfc. C. A. LaCaille on Leyte. To Lt., Miss Frances Knutson in the ANC. . . . The Silver star to Pvt. Earl Messerly for saving the life of a Dutch child at the risk of his own. . . . Wings and a commission to Joe E. W. Segar at Waco, Texas, last week. . . . The Silver star to Sgt. Harold Knudson with the 3rd Division in Italy.

☛ **OVER HERE.** Geo. B. Sweeney, S 2/c, is in engineering school at Great Lakes. . . . C. P. O. Ray A. Brown is at Camp Endicott, Rhode Island. . . . Mrs. R. C. Sharp, S 1/c, says a couple of "hellos" from Chicago to her sister, Cleo Beck, H. A. 1/c, in Gulfport, Miss., and to her brother, S/Sgt. Paul Beck, in Southern Italy, and to Margaret Laurent in San Diego. Mrs. Sharp is at 87th and Anthony Avenue, and is pinin' to see other Dodgers in Chicago. . . . S/Sgt. John D. Suer is in the hospital at Salina, Kansas. . . . M. H. Charley Chase, Ph. M 3/c, is at the U. S. N. Hospital in San Francisco. . . . Lt. (j. g.) H. E. Freyer is at the Naval Training Station at Newport, R. I. . . . Lee Hagen, S 1/c, AOM, is in training at Jacksonville, Fla., hoping some day to be part of a combat team on a PB 4-Y. . . . Faye Jurisin, S 2/c, is in the hospital in Washington, D. C., with "cat fever and also a bad case of tonsillitis. They really treat us super here. Two girls to a room with private bath and radio." . . . Pvt. Earl Martin is in Camp Croft, S. C. Thanks, Earl, for "The Spartan". . . . A sympathy chit from Pvt. Geo. L. Brehm, Kinston, North Carolina. Thanks, Geo. . . . Scott Pfaff is now in O. C. S., Fort Benning, Ga. . . . Pete Nilles, TM 3/c, is at Arlington, Wash.

☛ **PACIFIC.** Sgt. Eric C. Dangelowsky, formerly of Tobins, is on Iwo Jima with the 5th Marine Division. As of March 6th "everything is well in hand." . . . Sgt. Major Arthur Gallentine, U. S. M. C., is in the Pacific with Service Squadron 44. . . . Servia Thomas Vandi, AMM 2/c, is somewhere in the Pacific. The censor cut out the rest. "There's something about a censor." . . . Don E. Bruntlett, S 1/c, of Gowrie, is in the Admiralty Islands. . . . Don J. Stedman, S 1/c, is in Oahu. "Honolulu is a bust, very much on the carnival side, and the native villages are native villages. Don't trade Webster County for Oahu; you'd get a terrible trimming." . . . Lloyd W. Garrod, EM 3/c, is on a very hot island in the Pacific. It was 125 there the other day. . . . Pvt. Warren Slawson is in the Palau Islands. . . . Lt. (j. g.) Frank Barry is in the Pacific and—Attention Dodgers—if you see the AKA-24, come aboard.

☛ **GOOD FELLOWS GET TOGETHER.** WAC Lillian Vit and Sgt. Enfrid Johnson at Indiantown Gap Hospital. Enfrid came there from Hammond Gen. Hospital at Modesta, California. "This is my fifth trip across the states since I came back in May." . . . Lorraine Becker and Helen Carlson, C. N., are at Jefferson Barracks, Mo. . . . S/Sgt. Robert Knudson and Sgt. Strom at Ft. Meyers, Fla. Back from overseas, Bob is being trained for central fire control on a B-29. . . . S/Sgt. Bernard Ferden, Bob Larson, Jimmy Spencer, Leo Tierman, all of Rolfe, and are all in the 6th Division in the Philippines.

⊙ **LA BELLE FRANCE.** Pfc. Robert Sherratt is in France with the fighting 103rd Division. For a while his C. O. was Dodger Capt. Acher now Major Acher. With a new address Bob will see what we can do to getting YLFH through to you . . . Stan Ulrich is back out of Germany, and a candidate in O. C. S. in France. "In town we have a Red Cross Canteen and it surely is swell. These madam-oiselles do a very good job of jitter-bugging" . . . T/4 C. W. Graffunder, of Webster City, spent four months in Nice, "a really swell place." Now he's moved farther north in France . . . Cpl. Rex Moore is somewhere in France . . . Pfc. Richard Stell, somewhere in France, says "hello" to everyone at home. He's longing for the day when he can go back to work at good old Tobin Packing Company. Thanks, Dick, for the French money . . . Pfc. R. J. "Bob" Paulin is somewhere in France . . . Pfc. R. B. Schwieger and Earl Knutson, somewhere in France.

⊙ **MERRY ENGLAND.** Harold R. Yeoman, PhM 2/c, is somewhere in England . . . Sgt. Stan Sestak, over in England, is dispatcher of gear-jammers in the base motor pool . . . Sgt. Robert and Pfc. Gilbert Zabrosky, of Humboldt, twin brothers, have been together in the army ever since they enlisted in 1940. They are now in England.

⊙ **HIGH C'S.** Leon A. Liljegren, S 1/c, of Gowrie, is on the U. S. S. Alaska. Thanks, Leon, for the "North Star." . . . Mel Allan, SC 1/c, is somewhere out that way on the U. S. S. Wilkes Barre. Thanks, Mel, for the "Willie Bee" . . . Ronald Wearmouth, Cox., is somewhere out that way on the U. S. S. Hyman.

⊙ **SUNNY ITALY.** Pfc. Devine DeSmidt is with the 827th Bomb Squadron in Italy.

⊙ **DAS REICH.** Sgt. John E. Scully is somewhere in Germany.

⊙ **MOTHER INDIA.** Somewhere along the Ledo road in Burma, T/5 Stan Widlund is looking for boys from Manson and Fort Dodge. The APO is 218.

⊙ **SERVICE PAPERS AND INSIGNIA.** From somewhere in India, a picture of Hawrah Station from Lt. Col. Fred O. Kelso, with the India Burma Air Transport . . . A brochure of Treasure Island from Neal V. Irvine, G. M. 2/c. Thanks, Neal . . . "The Hump Express" from Pfc. Floyd Zeka, somewhere in the C. B. I. Thanks, Floyd . . . "The Crow's Nest" from F. S. Gustafson, S 1/c, San Clemente Island, California. Thanks, F. S. . . The "Aieran" from Phil Dorweiler, S 2/c, Hawaii. Thanks, Phil . . . Vol. 1, No. 1 of N-A-D, Air Transport Command, from Lt. Eugene Soppeland. Thanks, Lt. N. A. D. stands for North Atlantic Division. The paper will have a name soon—one description of the vast extent of shoreline this command embraces, from Bermuda to the Arctic . . . The Eastern Defense Command Patch from Cpl. Ray Finck. Thanks, Ray . . . A map of the Pacific and the good old U. S. A. from Pvt. Melvin V. Wehrheim. "O marks the spot where I am (The Marianas) and X marks the spot where I'd like to be." X could be Iowa, could be Fort Dodge. Could be . . . A swell picture from John C. Wiley, SK 3/c, who is in the Commissary store at Farragut. Thanks, John . . . A snapshot of the mountains in Italy, also a photo of a home made Italian binder being driven by Sgt. Jim Stapleton, of Co. G., from Pfc. Ray Peed. The binder is being drawn by what looks to me like a water buffalo. Thanks, Ray. We think that's a good idea and we are working on it . . . R. C. Freed, S 2/c, sends us the Commissioning issue of the U. S. S. Gilbert Islands, Navy's new aircraft carrier.

⊙ **WAR'S GRIM TOLL.** Sgt. Lloyd McCoy was killed in action in Germany, March 1st . . . Sgt. Eugene Nolan has been wounded for the second time. Both times in Germany . . . William E. Laird, of Otho, Ph. M. 3/c, has been wounded in action. . . Lt. Wallace Wise is missing in action over Italy since Feb. 28th . . . Wounded again is Pfc. John Ort, somewhere in Germany . . . Pfc. Donald Hansch, of Duncombe, was wounded on Iwo Jima . . . T/5 D. W. Harper, of Lehigh, is listed as missing in action in France . . . Pfc. John Linn, of Lehigh, was killed in action in France, Feb. 16th . . . Lt. G. O. Rohden is missing in action over Tokyo since Feb. 19th . . . Pvt. Walter Sampson was wounded in action in Germany, March 2nd . . . Privts. Lee LeValley and Frank Jensen, both of Dayton, were wounded in action recently . . . 1/Lt. Lyndon Kilgore was wounded in action in Germany Feb. 28th.

⊙ **PANAMA.** Lt. L. G. Sampson has been in Panama since March of 1943. "As far from the war as you at home." His brother, Pvt. Walter Sampson, is with the infantry in Belgium.

⊙ **FROZEN NORTH.** Pfc. Earl H. Ball is in the Aleutians.

**PHILIPPINES.** S/Sgt. Milton Cottrell is a sea going soldier. "I'm in the Philippines. My job is on a boat. I've only been on land once since we came out here." Thanks, Milt, for the Jap money . . . Cpl. V. L. Anderson is out of New Guinea and up to the Philippines. "Where the people pride themselves on keeping clean. It's the first time my clothes have been ironed since I left home better than two years ago." . . . T/4 Russell Brewer is in the Philippines, "and it sure is heaven compared to New Guinea."

⊙ **FROM THE FIVE CORNERS OF THE WORLD.** Pvt. Walter F. Brown, APO 562, New York. "I just received my October 27th issue of Y. L. F. H. and was very surprised to find a letter from my little cousin, Matthew Lingreen, who wrote the letter in Jr. High School. Quite a co-incidence, eh, Ed! I give my YLFH to a M/Sgt. Fitzgerald in my outfit, who is a former Fort Dodger, and he says he surely enjoys them. This is my second trip to France and I hope it's the last. I don't want to see any more of the world, I just want to come home. The mail is quite "snafu" over here, and a M. P. outfit, which I'm in now, doesn't have much of a priority." (Thanks, Walt, for the Ranger patch, first I've seen.)

Cpl. L. R. Folvag, New Caledonia. "I have been receiving the YLFH and have enjoyed it immensely. Now, however, I am mad. You mentioned in the Feb. 23rd issue that you hadn't heard from a G. I. who would care to live in Texas. You'll have to retract that statement, 'cause here's one that does and will. I was stationed at Camp Welters for almost a year, and while there I was married to a Fort Worth girl, and we will make our home in Fort Worth after the war. Now, aren't you sorry? I have lived at Badger for years and also Eagle Grove. I haven't gone back on Iowa, but can't a man have two loves? I've been stationed on this rock for almost 21 months now. It will be a lovely day when I leave it." (Just goes to show what 22 months in New Caledonia will do to one.)

Pfc. Joe Ritts, APO 98, San Francisco. "My compliance with your request for data concerning the individual G. I. will be delayed for months to come. As yet, I have not been found worthy to wear decorations which would make me a life member in the ranks of the battle-worn and wounded veterans. None wish to become members of those ranks, for deep within we are not heroes, but pieces of humanity struggling to survive, in order that we may return to our own little worlds, which we, fighting for democracy's sake, are in the process of saving from the hands of the crazed and most sensuous and materialistically minded. War's Grim Toll always meets my eyes with hesitancy, for I know some wonderful mother is amidst a veil of sorrow, washed by tears, in that her loved son has died for this cause. Each week the column is decorated with new names, but little attention is paid in tribulation to those from which life has been drawn. At night just before I lapse into restless slumber, I see the millions of Tonys, Bobs, and Bills who won't be with us when the victory is won. To these flies nightly a humble gesture of boyish devotion, they have died so that I may live."

Pfc. Vacilli P. Vannoni, APO 34, New York. "I got back from Rome several weeks ago. I was very fortunate in getting to spend my rest period there at the U. S. Army Rest Center. I had a wonderful time, swimming, dancing and enjoying the sights of the eternal city for six days. It surely was a relief from the old grind on the front lines."

T/4 Willard Carison, Oahu Island, Hawaii. "We are now in the middle of nowhere with pineapples on all sides. Pineapples everywhere and I might add, we eat our share. In fact they are beginning to look like cactus."

John F. Estlund, EM 3/c, Newport, R. I. "You've no doubt heard of Pier 92 in New York City as being very similar to a concentration camp—well this place has it beat! With all the regulations and stuff they've got here it will be a pleasure to go to sea again—maybe that's the idea! I read in one of your letters I received recently that Lt. Frye is here too. But I'm quite sure he doesn't have anything to do with all this misery the enlisted men have to put up with here. (Iowans don't do things like that!) By the way, while on the other side I met a fellow in one of the P. T. squadrons, who used to live in Fort Dodge and now has his home in New York. He said he and Chester Smith (of the Fort Dodge Messenger) used to play together when they were kids. His name is Mike Murray. Maybe some other Fort Dodger remembers him."

W. C. Nowlin, CM 2/c, San Diego, Calif. "Since getting in the navy I have spent twenty-two months in San Diego at the Training Center teaching recruits chemical warfare. But that got awfully tiresome so I requested sea duty. I'm now thirteen miles from San Diego—out in the middle of the sage brush. Which way is the Pacific? I met one boy here from Palmer, Iowa. I don't know his name, as all he had on his shirt was 'Iowa Kid.' Too bad you can't have pictures in the letter. I know a lot of the names, but I can't remember what they look like."

Major W. G. Arnold, Reading, Pa. "Lt. Vyva Kerr came to Philadelphia enroute to her new station, Cherry Point, N. C., and is spending 3 days with us here in Reading. Lt. Kerr is doing the high spots of Reading and Vicinity, both military and otherwise. Many interesting historical sights from "George Washington Slept Here," to why Reading is the pretzel and hosiery center of the world."

Cpl. Harold Carl, APO 650, New York. "Oh yes, another question on G'leans. I want to rent a farm on a 50-50 basis after the war. Can I get a loan to buy farm equipment? The answer is "Yes."")

Pfc. R. A. Harp, APO 83, New York. "I suppose you know that the outfit I'm with has put up a pretty good record in their drive, from the R—— to the R——. Today we had some doughnuts and coffee from the American Red Cross. I looked at the register book and saw a signature of a guy by the name of Eugene Nolan, of Fort Dodge, dated October 2nd, 1944. I don't know him, but I was glad to see his name. The other day I met a newspaper reporter, Gordon Gammack, of Des Moines, Iowa. I was interviewed by him and he asked me about you and Charlie Rubenstein."

Capt. W. C. Thatcher, APO 464, New York. "I would like to send you a copy of our unit paper 'The Scalpel,' but the censor says no at the present time. I cannot see why because the drivel published in it would surely not be of value to the enemy, but it is very amusing to us. A recent issue carried a 'Profile' a la New Yorker and the title was 'A Woman's Doctor in this Man's Army.' Yes, you guessed it, the danged thing was about me. We are located in a very beautiful city, one famed for its art and culture, fine old buildings and its one remaining bridge. It has famous towers but they are all straight, don't lean a bit. We haven't been very busy this winter and have had lots of time to visit art galleries, famous places and go to the operas. This is quite a different life than we lived a year ago on the Anzio beachhead. Today is a red letter day for me because today I did my 1000th operation. In two years and fourteen days overseas that's quite a bit of surgery. About what I would expect to do in ten years at home. In this group of 1000 patients there were two boys from Fort Dodge and thirty-one from Northwest Iowa."

There were lots of wonderful letters this week from everywhere. Most of them we've acknowledged on way or another. There were others from Pvt. Cecil C. Markley, Hunters Point, San Francisco, Calif.; S/Sgt. Chas. A. Garlock, APO 8, New York; W. M. Skophammer, HA 1/c, FPO, San Francisco, Calif.; R. D. Teichert, Monmouth, Illinois; Chaplain H. G. Belsheim, APO 411, New York; and Lt. Edwin C. Degner, APO 528, New York.

Wonder how it will feel when Peace comes. Wonder how it will seem that day when I can sign the last letter, write the last line. Wonder how you'll feel and where you'll be and what you'll do. Here at home we're making plans. We're going to try to stay in bounds. But when that glad day comes, it's going to be pretty hard to stay sane and sober. This horror of war has been with us so long, we're apt to act pretty silly when we are once free again. But the great day is coming. We won't have to wait long. Good luck, pal.

Your home town correspondent,

Ed Breen.