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The members of the staff are not aware that they are being cited and may not want this to be put in. They, however, deserve it, and I don't want to catch anyone trying to mark out any of this article.

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We thank our Divine Creator that the fighting is over, that we have won a great victory, and that soon you will again be with us in person. A high price has been paid for peace. Let us not fail to make this a lasting victory and a permanent peace.

All who have participated in publishing "Hot Off The Hoover Rail" hope that this publication has served well those in uniform and thereby served its community and its country. We like to feel that the "Hoover Rail" has actually contributed to the winning of the war and the hastening of peace. "Hot Off The Hoover Rail," we believe, has earned its 85 points and thereby applies for an Honorable Discharge.

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FRED BEAM says:-

Over two months have passed since Peace came to our country, but even now it is hard to grasp the full realization. The important thing, of course, is that men have stopped killing each other. The guns and bombs and rockets are still silent. Ships can sail and men can sleep with no fear of mines or torpedoes or diving planes.

The days ahead will bring to us many new things such as we have never dreamed of. For those of you who love the silence and beauty of the hills and lakes and rivers there will be guns and shells, and rods and reels, and boats and plenty of gas and tires, we hope.

You boys, who have learned to handle guns and to live in the open will want to go to the fields and river banks, which brings us to the place to say - we are waiting for your return.

I understand this is the last "Hoover Rail." I want to tell you boys I have thoroughly enjoyed writing what few pieces I have from time to time.

I hope to see you soon. This goes for all you guys.

So long now

