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Dear Deanna,

You cannot imagine what a pleasure it was to see mail from a "Bonacker" when your letter arrived a while ago. Memories of the "kids across the street" came flooding through before I had even opened the envelope.

Dad loved the neighborhood kids although he had to try hard with some! I can say for certain that you & your brothers were at the very top of his list of favorites. Mom's too - and her school teacher personality and upbringing could make her appraisal difficult for some to obtain - her children included!

I am glad to hear that

The Ashmough war monument is being restored and updated. That is only proper. I went on a wonderful "trip" through my photos and albums and through boxes of Mom's & Dad's photos that had been put aside for Larry & I to go over when we next get together. The page from Dad's album represents pages 1 and 3 of his memorials. The 1948 photo was in my collection and was #2.

I believe the flagpole on the store itself went up when the old pole was removed. You may have any of these you want. I cannot come up with any negatives. I'm sorry to say.

I do not get any news from Springs any more so I don't know who has died, moved away or back, etc. Mom used to phone Aunt Molly Sargent to catch up on the family. I used to feel really badly that Mom had to move away from all she knew,



but it was her decision to come here, and we were all the richer for it. Our children loved having "Granny" nearby as they grew up, and I got to know and appreciate her in a way not possible with annual visits, and removed from the relationship we had when I was a child.

They say you can't go home again, but we will get to Springs next year, I hope. He just took a quick look around that sad day Morn was buried. It was bitterly cold and storm warnings for upstate kept us from staying over.

My best regards to you and your family. You are all remembered with much warmth. Sincerely, Dolly