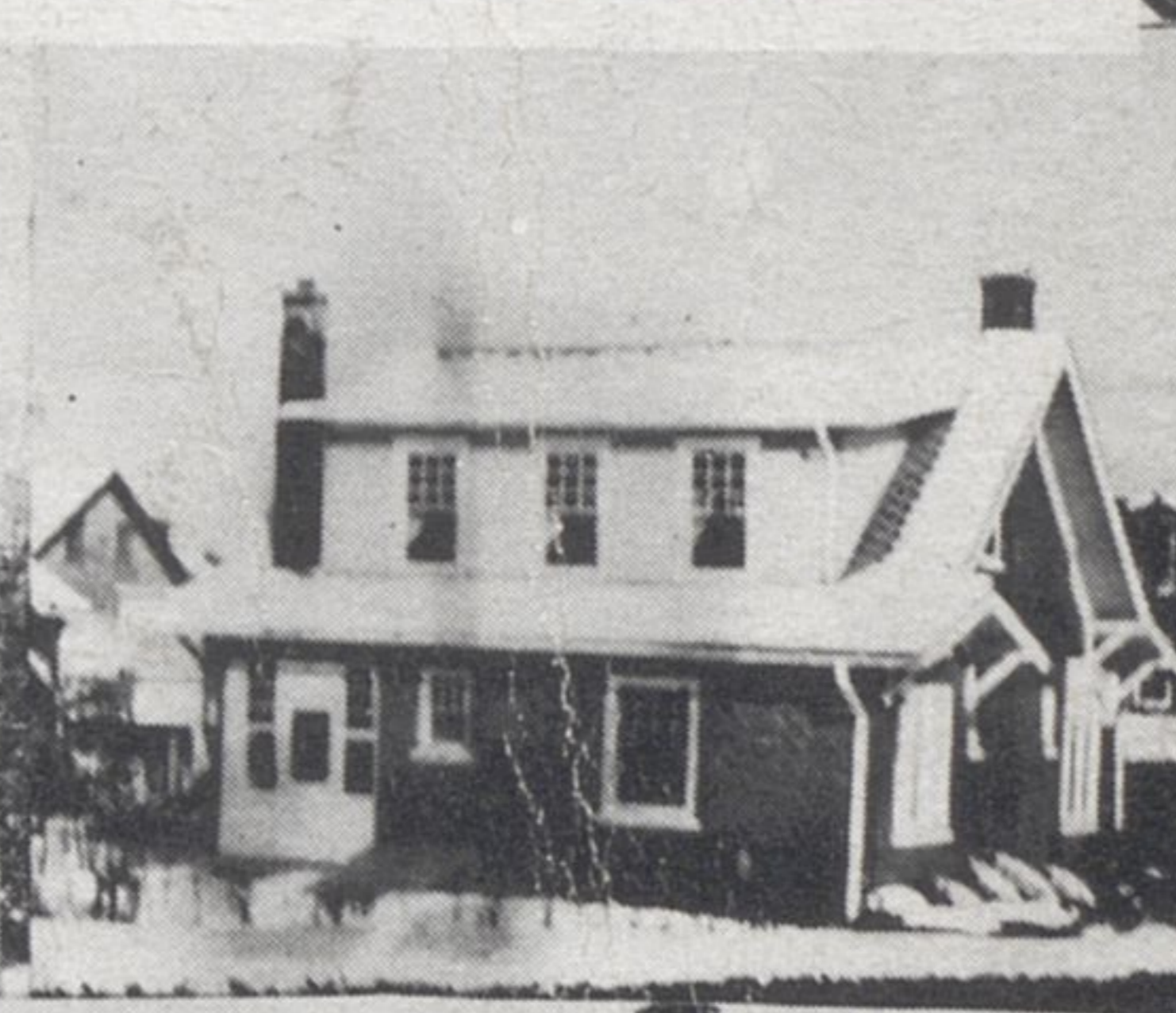


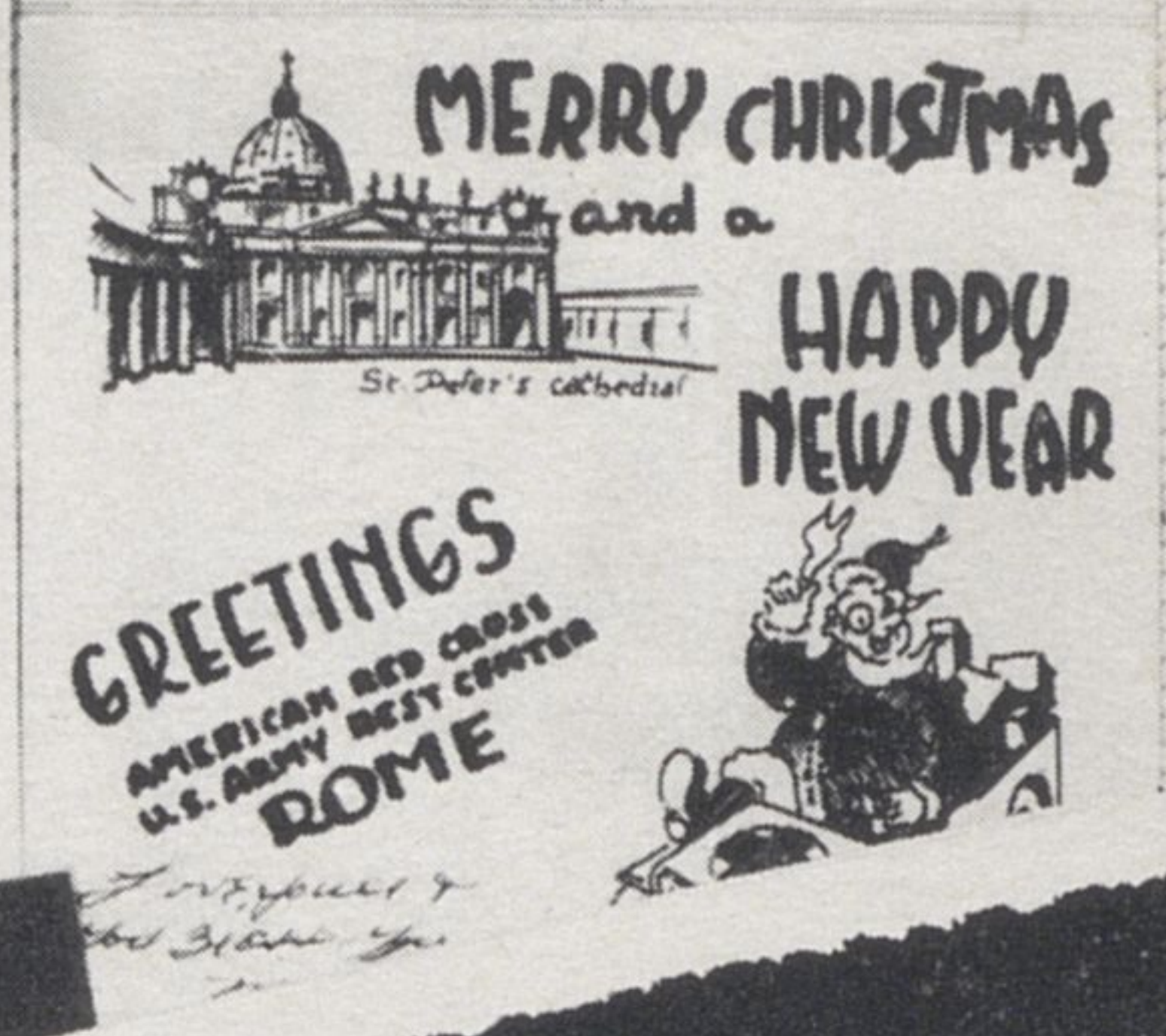


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ECHOES





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When this season
draws near
To wish you
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And a very glad
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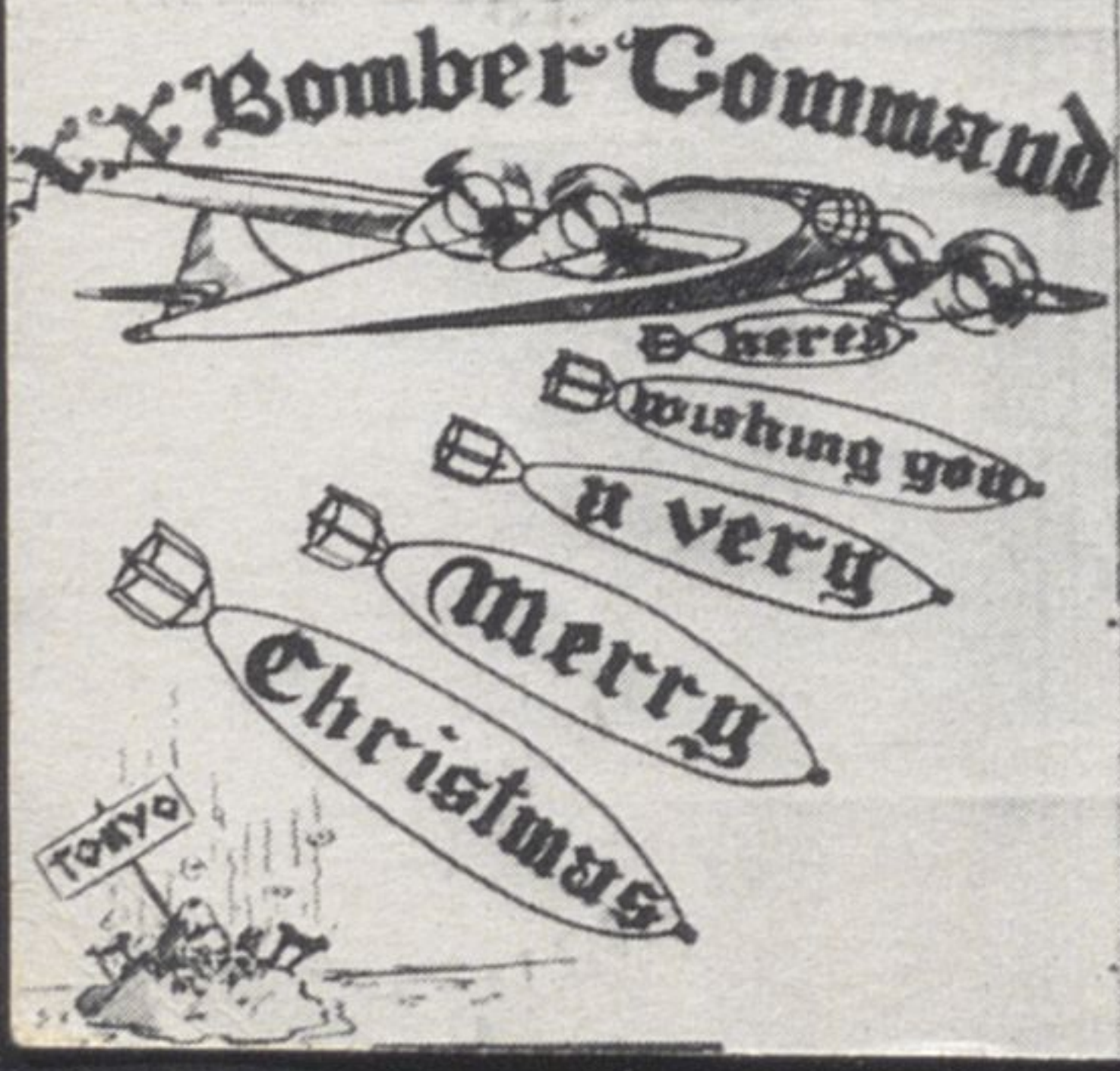
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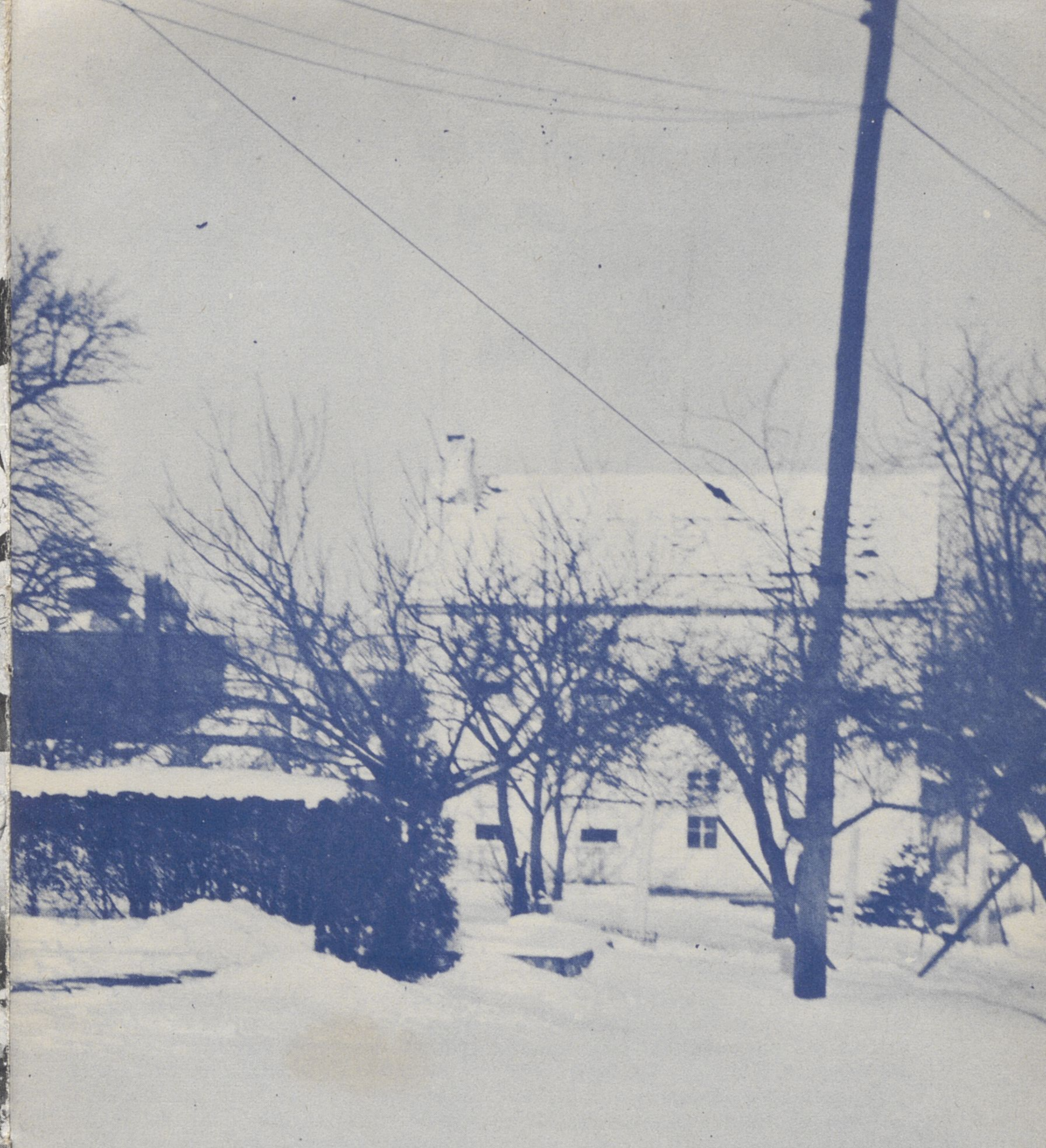
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6th SPECIAL SEABEES
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The Community of Coplay

***Volume 2
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Dan Comes Through Again ...



It's not often that you'll see the picture of one of our boys follow another by just a few months but when a guy makes news like Capt. Dan Schreiber we'll come through every time. A guy who can come up from the ranks, become a captain by battlefied promotion and not content with what we civilians might term the "comparative safety" of that rank, goes on to distinguish himself—well he can play with our team any old time.

The following citation included in an order of the day is self-explanatory.

79th Inf. Div.
Gen. Orders 83
Silver Star

"Captain Daniel Schreiber, 01283-3852, Infantry, 13th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy on 8 July 1944 in France. When enemy artillery fire struck a store of mortar ammunition in a field near his company area set-

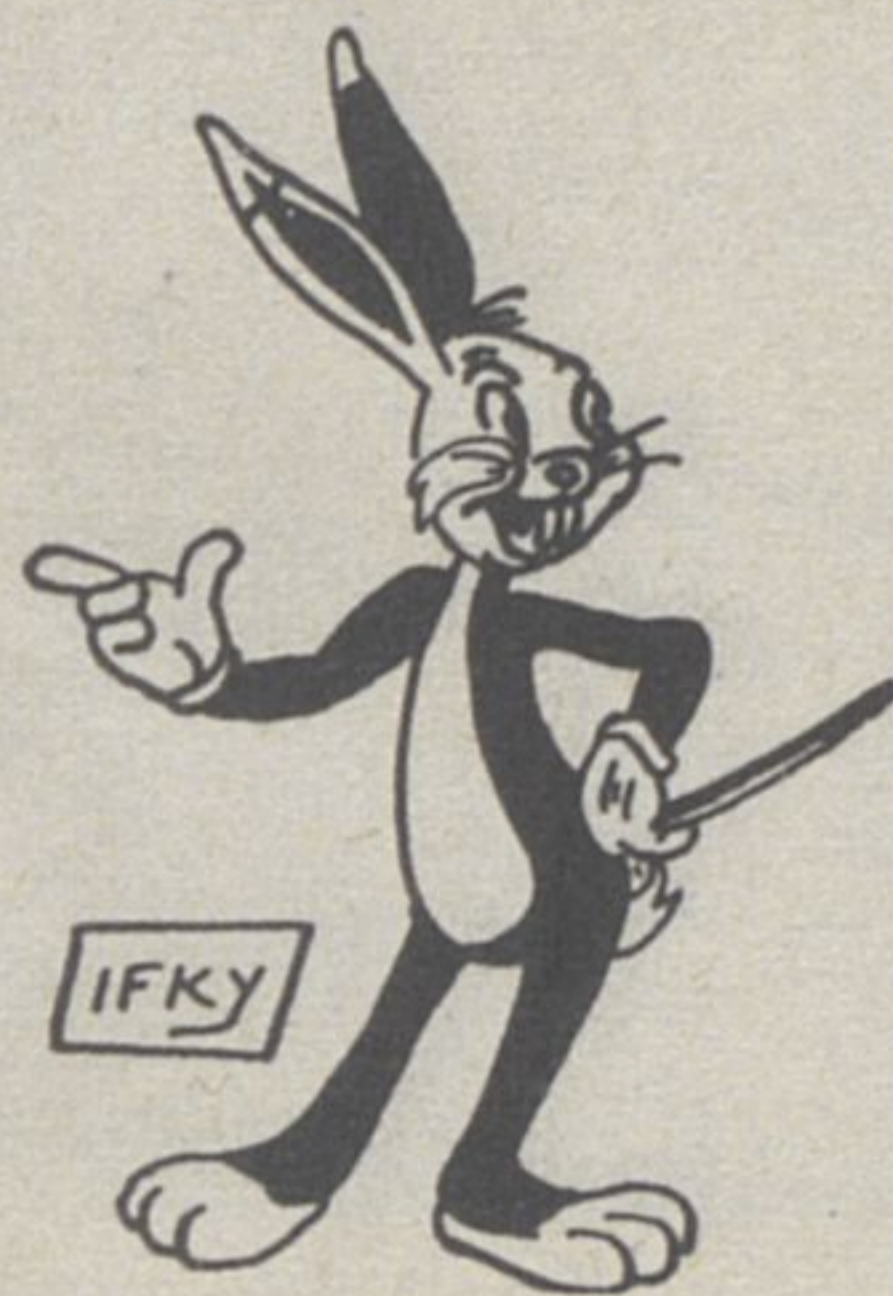


ting it afire Captain Schreiber, without regard for his own safety extinguished the flames and scattered the ammunition to minimize the danger of explosion. The area was under intense enemy artillery fire at the time but, undaunted, he continued at his hazardous undertaking until he had eliminated the danger to the personnel in the vicinity. Such gallantry and devotion to duty reflects highest credit on Captain Schreiber and the armed forces of the United States."

By Command of
Maj. Gen. Wyche.
signed by Col. Kramer Thomas.



WHAT'S COOKING?



We start out the new year with a raft of material for this column submitted by Fred Stumpf and the rest thrown in by various members of the faithful who work on the staff. Christmas is over—the last we hope without the old gang here and New Year too has come and gone. The weather of both days seemed to reflect the dreariness of the days but in spite of it all those of us at home had much to be thankful for. Pictures of what went on here on these holidays must wait for a later issue because it's impossible to get them through in time but our cover is "red hot" with pictures of our latest snow that held on for us for the yuletide season. Now for our rambles — — —

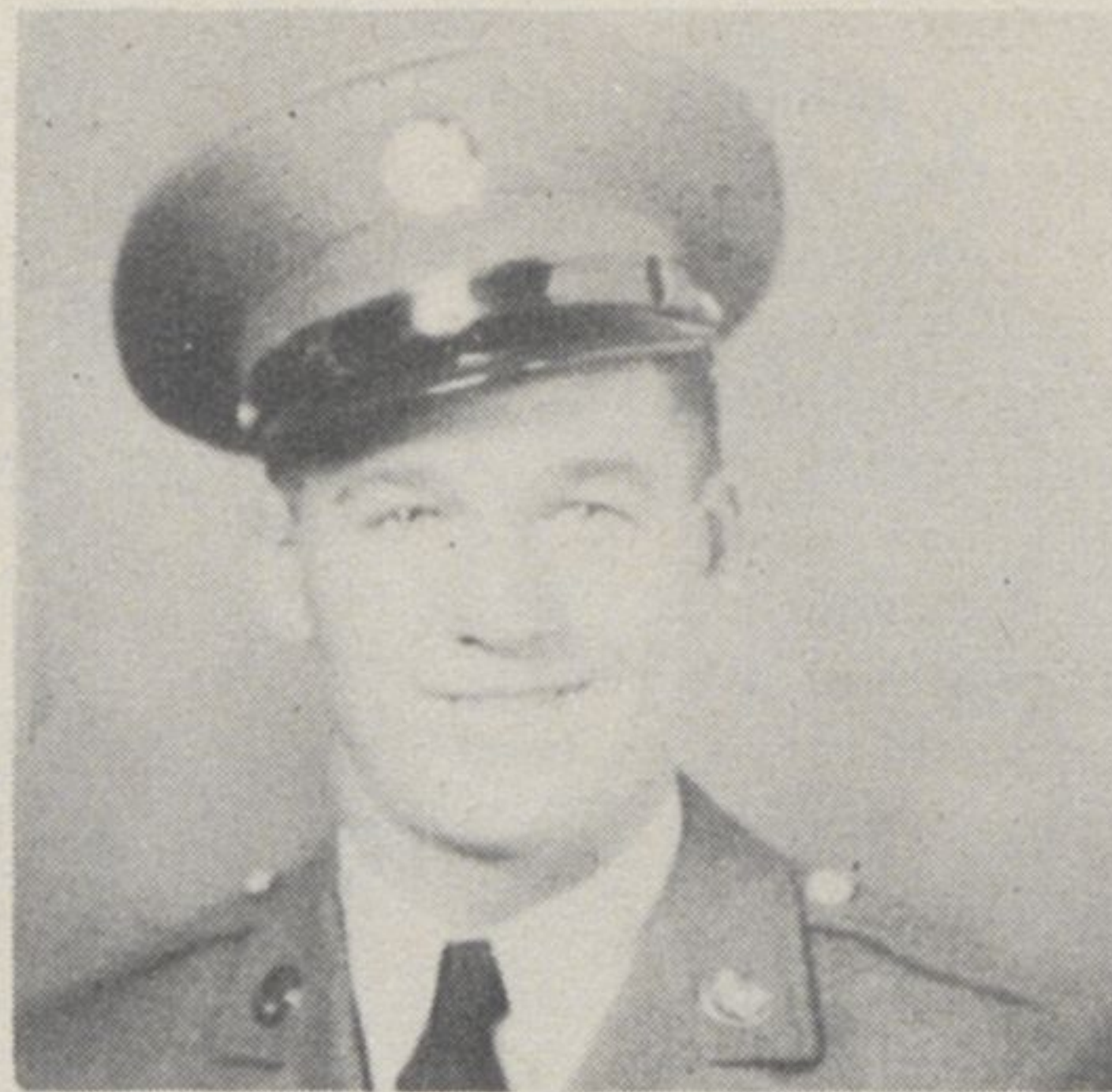
Coming up from the bus stop are *Rose* and *Pauline Walakovits*. *Rose*, the future beautician, is comforting *Pauline*. (Could it be because *Pauline's* boyfriend went to don a uniform for Uncle Sam???) *Mrs. Teresa Weissner* is seen coming out of the house to give herself and her baby a bit of good Coplay air. *Mrs. Teresa Yandrisevits* exchanging a few household hints with *Mrs. Stella Miksits*. *Mrs. Sally Walbert* is hurrying off to the store just before dinner. *Bill Parvel* coming home from the Post Office with a letter from his son who is now overseas. *Andrew Wallusch* all duked up for his nightly trip to *Steve's*.

As we proceed we are suddenly startled by a shriek whistle from *Doris Korsak* who is going in to see her sister-in-law *Mrs. Paul Korsak*. Now we are stopped by *Teresa* and *Mary Unger* who came all the way home from Norristown Hospital to go bowling and find the bowling alleys empty. (Didn't you know the men were drafted?) Going down Third Street we are halted by a Marine. Yes, it's *George Toth*, a Navy man, who is now with the Marine amphibious. *Mrs. Ignatz Windish* is entertaining her son *John* at a Sunday dinner. *Mrs. Frank Keglovits* is enjoying a letter from her son, *Frank*, stationed somewhere in England. We give *Sam Santee* a little assistance in getting his car started.

Mrs. Karl Kroboth watching her

husband depart for work. He is now listed as another employee for Consolidated Vultee. *Miss Grace Kramer*, whom the boys and girls know from the good old Coplay High, taking a trip to market with her limousine. The steps of the liquor store are being well trod by faithful purchasers in the Christmas rush. *Dr. Vincent Hohl* has just "pulled" another fast one. As we round the corner we see that *Schaffer's* Christmas tree supply is almost exhausted. *Fanny* and *Betty Spengler* are off to the bowling alleys—once again to try their luck. *Dan Yellen* seeing that everything is going smoothly in this great town of

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Our Fault . . .

Our sincerest apologies are extended to Robert Moser and Franklin E. Miller, Jr. for the omission of their names on the servicemen's picture page in the Christmas issue.

The error was made in the rush and bustle of getting the edition out.



Slips That Pass . . .

In the December issue Mr. Joseph Hutter was erroneously given a residence in Catasauqua. It takes more than an error to move a guy like Joe out of Coplay and we're glad to report that he's still living at 1-3 S. Second Street, Coplay. Sorry Joe, we'll let you there now.



M.O.M.M. 2/c Richard D. Abernethy was listed in December as Richard Abernathy, S 2/c. There's nothing like spelling a name wrong and then coming back with the wrong ranks says we. We hope Dick will forgive us and we promise to do better next time.

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A Statement . . .

"Coplay Echoes is, and has been, a spontaneous community project. The financial support comes from voluntary contributions on the part of the citizens of Coplay. None of the workers receive compensation of any kind. The chief purpose of the booklet is to provide a medium of entertainment and enjoyment for the people in the service. Close to five hundred are mailed every month to both our own boys and girls as well as to former citizens now in the Armed Services. If you enjoy it, that's all that we ask. You needn't write a letter of thanks— Use as much space in your letter as possible to tell us where you are and what you are doing so we can pass the good word along. Many of your friends from home are interested in where you are and how things are going with you. So write — write — write — write.



V Echoes From The Front ...-



Dear Staff:

I'm awfully sorry for not writing sooner, but have been receiving your issues of the Coplay Echoes regularly. It surely takes me back to good old Coplay. Especially the beautiful girls from our home town are serving in the Armed forces. (Woo Woo.) But—I really miss that bright light that used to shine every Saturday night in Coplay, and all the boys were out for a good time. I'm hoping hard to see that bright curtain rise again, and it be another V-Day for the Dough-boys.

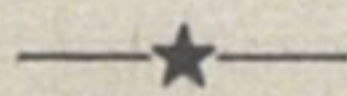
All the boys in my outfit are doing a great job and enjoying it at the same time. The chow is very good here, no wonder I'm gaining plenty of weight.

I'm also enclosing a snapshot of myself and a good old buddy of mine from Illinois. He surely built up my morale coming over that wide open Pacific. He enjoys reading the issues of the Echoes every month. Closing now till you hear from me again.

One of the Coplayites,

John Paul.

You will find your picture in a future issue.



Dear Sirs:

Received the November 1943 and March 1944 Coplay Echoes issues and was really glad to receive them. Please keep sending them cause I am waiting for each issue very anxiously. I am somewhere in England, but cannot tell the name of the town. Am trying to get in touch with my brother Bill, but haven't had any luck so far. I really miss Good Old Coplay and my family. Am trying my best to get this war over with in a hurry. People around this part of England have seen plenty of bombing for the last few years. Things seem to be more quiet now since the Germans are taking a beating. At the present time I am not feeling good. Got a bad cold and feel terrible. It rains here six days out of seven. Keep up your good work with the Coplay Echoes and I'll be waiting for my next issue.

One of the boys,

Ray Wiessner.

Staff Members:

With Xmas around the corner I'll be looking forward for your edition of Coplay Echoes even more. It'll be my first Xmas away from home but I must be thankful for the branch of service I'm in for helping me keep up by spirits. You see we're going to have a big Xmas party here on the station and also one in our barracks. We'll be having a Santa Claus, tree, decorations and even gifts. Yep! it takes a gang of kids like this to really have a jolly time.

Yesterday we had the "First Lady" on our station. That was my first opportunity I had to shake the hands of the President's wife. She's really a fine person and has a great personality. That's one of the moments I shan't forget after this war. I still enjoy my life in the Navy, and I spend most of my time skating. There's so much to do around here.

Saturday night I'm leaving from here to come home. I guess I'll be fortunate for a liberty at that time for traveling facilities will be tough with the holidays coming on.

I received a card from Coach Wolfson today. He's been to see the Army-Navy game and also said he's been up to Coplay and it sure felt good to see the old gang again.

Well, I must be on my way now. Best wishes and good luck on "Echoes."

Coplayite,

Helen Selady.



Hello Staff:

George, it seems like ages since I saw you last time. You can readily see we are here in England. Arrived on November 10th. The picture tells the rest of the story — present and future.

As yet I have received no copies over here of the "Echoes" but it is pretty early and no double will follow me up.

Tell Christy and the rest of our friends I was asking about them, and regards and best wishes to all.

Capt. Charles Moritz.

P.S.—If you find time—drop me a line.

Dear Staff:

Well finally I got around to writing and letting the "Coplay Echoes" know how much I enjoy their booklet.

I always had company before I came here from my part of the state and from my own draft board but now I am completely alone. I haven't met anyone from Eastern Penna. at all. That's where the "Echoes" enters in. Your booklet has done more to fill in that space where I lost fellow "boots" than anything. While I have been here I have been looking constantly for some one I know but to no avail. However, I found out that a Thomas from Front Street went through the school here. But as far as I can find out he left some time ago.

We go to school here six days a week and six hours a day. They have a wonderful camp or rather base here and the only thing that's wrong with it as far as I can see, is that it wasn't built in Penna.

Do you have any other fellows in this district around Oklahoma City? There are plenty of air bases here, there should be at least one.

Brother Karl might be home for Christmas but this year they count one out anyhow. I won't make it. Maybe we won't get together 'till after this mess is over. Well George I must close down now and wish you and your capable staff a **Very Merry Xmas** and the best in the **New Year**.

Got to go now we are falling out for P. T. Got to get my swim suit. We have swimming for P. T. this week. See you soon (I hope). 'Till then, "Machs Gute."

Philip C. Reinhard.

P.S.—Drink one for me Xmas. I gag on the stuff they call beer out here and whiskey is nil.



Dear Editor and Staff:

Wishing to send my greetings for the holidays. Hoping you'll all have a wonderful time. I can't say where or how I'll spend mine, but you can be sure my thoughts will be in good old Coplay. Let's hope that next year we can all be back and paint the town red, or else move it a few feet. Ha!

This card will show you what outfit I'm on "detached service" with, so you can see that I'm fairly close to where things get hot, once in a while. With nothing more to write, it's God bless you and keep up the good work.

As ever,

Rudy Gollatz.



Dear George:

News from the old home town is certainly scarce. Here I am stationed somewhere in the Pacific anxiously waiting for some back editions of the Echoes which never seem to come. My last edition received was that of August. This, incidently, I received prior to my reparture from

the States. Perhaps the main reason may be due to my frequent changing of addresses. Ever since I have left the States my addresses have been changed so often that I have failed to keep count of them. However, this present address should remain the same for quite some time.

In my first two years in the service I had duty in the Atlantic waters serving with the Armed Guard Unit. During this course of time I had seen such countries as Canada, Newfoundland, England, a glance of Ireland and Brazil. Now the setting has changed completely. Since then I have been transferred over into the Pacific area and am presently attached to the Administrative Command of the Seventh Amphibious forces. These island are most often highly misjudged by the vast majority of the people. They seem to picture these islands as a scenic paradise on earth where hula girls dance gracefully to some smooth tropical music. In reality it is quite contrary to that Hollywood version. If you were here you would see some bare-footed, toothless, half-clothed and ill-bred natives, without music to dance to.

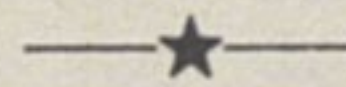
A few weeks ago I was rather surprised to run into an old friend of mine. It was during church services that George Gilly of Northampton and I met. You may remember George from that wonder team of Northampton High back in 1938.

The Echoes is certainly making a great hit with the boys. One of my better friends was amazed at the fine publication. He hasn't seen anything like it and immediately asked for a copy as a souvenir. Since I had only one I couldn't satisfy him. Could it be possible to have one edition sent to him? He certainly would appreciate it immensely. After reading it he would send it to his hometown in Dell Rapids, South Dakota. His name is Curtis H. Anderson Rm 2/c and his address is the identical as that of mine.

I hope that the Echoes will arrive here soon that I may continue all the pleasures that I have received from past editions.

A Coplayite,

Lou I. Stumpf, Rm 3/c.



Dear Friends:

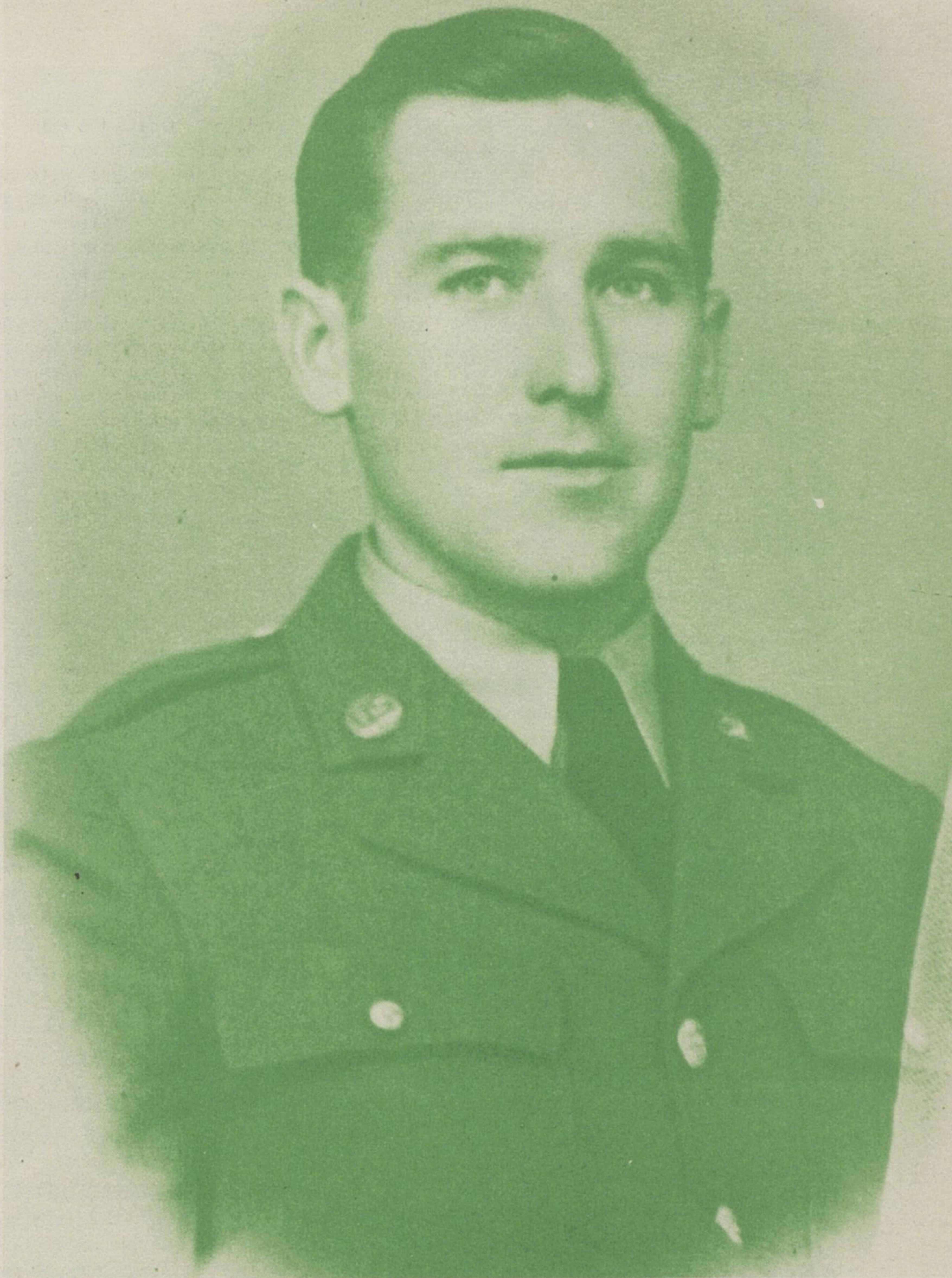
A few short lines to assure you I am still alive and have once again changed stations. Please note the change of address. Trust "Echoes" will reach me at this station as it did at the one I left.

News of common interest there really is none. I'm still on the "Merry Isle" but have high hopes for a change of scenery soon. At present I am all wrapped up in translating German. It's very, very interesting and is giving me a new "slant" on "La Boche."

Thank you for your every kindness, and here's hoping "Echoes" keeps rolling off the presses.

Sincerely,

M/Sgt. F. Keglovits.



Sgt. William J. Wiessner

Inducted June 7, 1941

Missing in Action

Germany

Date, November 30, 1944

Son of

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wiessner

Fifth and Schreiber Avenue

Coplay, Pa.

Husband of the former Theresa Tameler

One child—Theresa Ann



SPORTS FLASHES...

The basketball season is off in low gear, most of the scholastic teams have been warming up for their league competition playing independent games. In this locality, only Muhlenberg has gone into high gear, having seven straight victories. Their last victims were the Terriers of St. Francis College in a game played in Madison Square Garden. The fine showing of the Mules made it an almost certainty that they would be back in the Garden for at least one more appearance and possibly more.

After taking Penn State in an extra period tussle at State College, the Mules have been showing steady improvement and are once more gaining national recognition. Although they lack the height of last season, they make it up with accurate and very fast passing.

The local high school aggregation coached by Sammy Balliet lost their opener to Whitehall at Hokendauqua, 45-15. They showed considerable improvement in their second tussle before bowing to Northampton, 43-32.

November 28th

S. Whitehall 53, Coopersburg 32
 Indiant'n Gap 55, F. & M. 35

November 29th

Muhlenberg 45, Drew 16
 Indiant'n Gap 31, Kutztown 26

December 1st

Atlantic City
 Con. Hospital 50, Lehigh 33
 Hellertown 40, Quakertown 21

December 2nd

Muhlenberg 53, Princeton 27
 Albright 51, Phila. C. G. 38

December 5th

Central Cath. 41, S. Whitehall 30
 Coopersburg 24, Emmaus 22
 Beth. Cath. 16, Hellertown 21
 E. Stroudsburg 31, Alumni 24
 Quakertown 34, Fountain Hill 21

December 6th

Muhlenberg 37, Penn State 36
 Extra Period

December 8th

WHITEHALL WINS OVER LOCALS

The locals traveled to Hokendauqua to open their season and were handed a 45-15 defeat by Willie Piffs Zephers.

Whitehall			Coplay		
	G.	F. P.		G.	F. P.
Simmons, f.	4	0 8	McCloskey, f.	1	0 2
Gebhart, f.	4	0 8	Erking, f.	2	1 5
Kimock, c.	4	0 8	Deichm'r, c.	1	1 3
Fritzing, g.	2	1 5	Kratzer, g.	0	1 1
Steckel, g.	3	1 7	Pitts, g.	1	0 2
Sherman, f.	3	1 7	Selady, f.	1	0 2
Warke, f.	0	0 0	Schleder, c.	0	0 0
Luch'nsky, c.	0	0 0	Gartner, g.	0	0 0
Harakal, f.	0	0 0			
Wescoe, g.	1	0 2			
Toole, g.	0	0 0			
Totals	21	3 45	Totals	6	3 15

Referee—Steimetz.

Allentown	47,	Emmaus	17
Central Cath.	34,	Frackville	30
Palmerton	53,	S. Whitehall	45
Hellertown	20,	Coopersburg	19
Fountain Hill	38,	Quakertown	28

December 9th

Muhlenberg	57,	Lehigh	25
Valley Forge	44,	Penn	32
Temple	54,	Holy Cross	38
N. Y. C. C.	60,	Lafayette	34
Albright	65,	Phila. Marines	35

December 10th

Central Cath. 41, Phila. W. Cath. 40

December 11th

Stroudsburg 41, Bangor 14

December 12th

Albright	48,	Kutztown	28
Allentown	58,	S. Whitehall	34
Bethlehem	46,	Fountain Hill	32
Easton	27,	Wilson Boro	18
Hazleton	46,	Luzerne	24
Slatington	40,	Nazareth	29

December 13th

Muhlenberg	46,	Princeton	40
Bucknell	43,	Villanova	42
Penn	64,	Swarthmore	35

December 14th

Tamaqua 50, Blythe Twp. 17

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Seated (left to right) Lieutenant Commander William Ruhe, Joseph Ebner, Toastmaster, Percy B. Ruhe, Editor of the Allentown Morning Call, Speaker, Mrs. Percy Ruhe (a native of Coplay); standing, George J. Miller, Editor, Mary Anthony, Assistant Editor, Anna Musser, Assistant Editor, Ray C. Long Sr., Business Manager, and President of the Coplay Booster Club.

"Echoes" Celebrates . . .

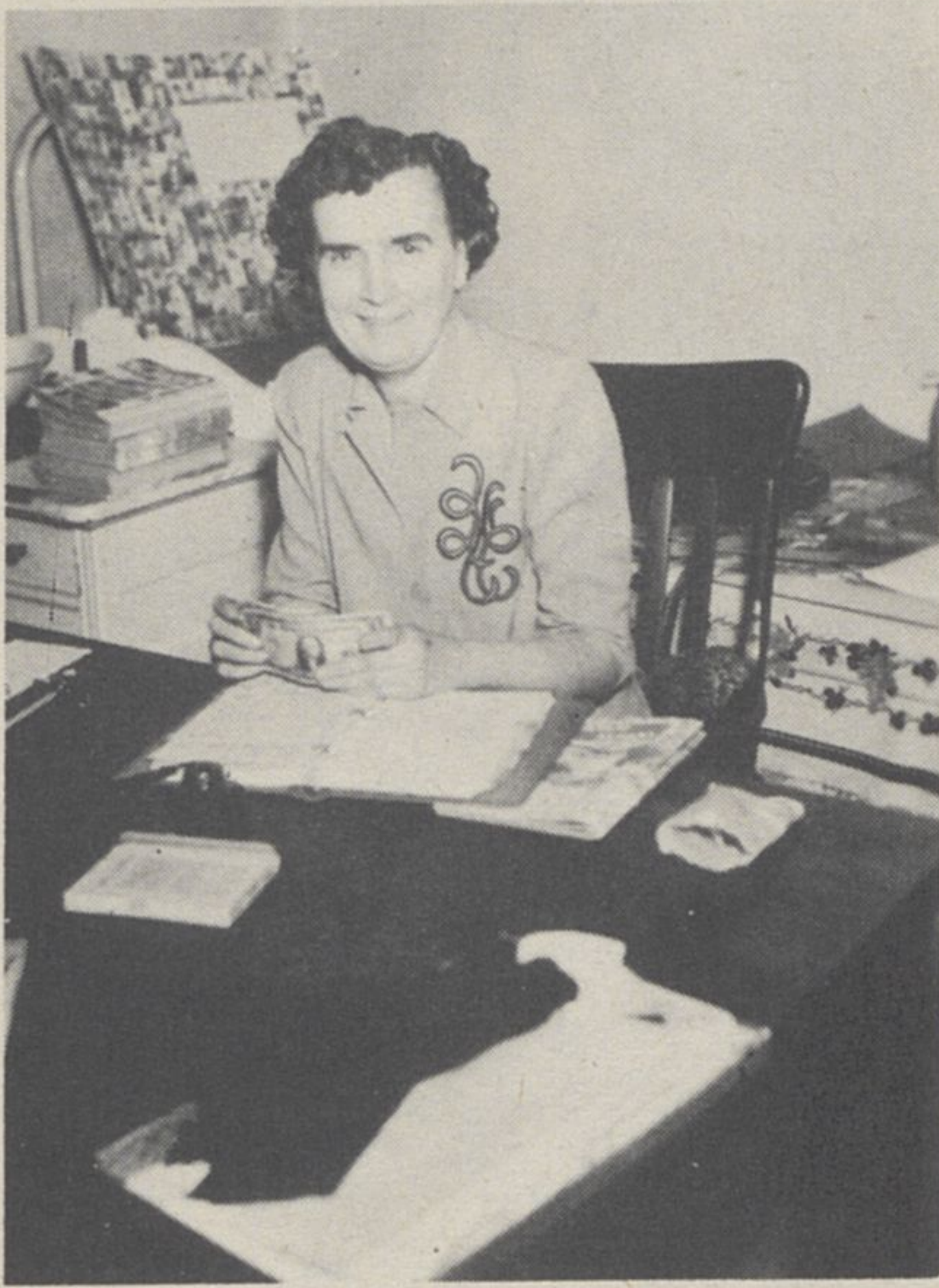
Close to a hundred "Echoes" workers celebrated a belated first birthday and observed "Pearl Harbor" Day Dec. 7, 1944 in the Coplay Saengerbund auditorium. A delicious spread with sirloin steak as the piece-de-resistance served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Saengerbund convinced many that the affair should be an annual one.

"Joe" Ebner, of the Coplay Saengerbund presided as Master of Ceremonies and the group of workers were addressed by Percy Ruhe, editor of the Allentown Morning Call and Lieutenant Commander William Ruhe of the U. S. Submarine Service. The elder Ruhe spoke of world affairs and traced the evolution of the war from the late thirties through the original Pearl Harbor Day to the present, while Lieutenant Commander Ruhe regaled the workers with salty tales of life in a submarine. Both of the main speakers held those present in rapt attention. Ray C. Long, Sr., business manager of Echoes in his remarks praised the workers for their faithful efforts during the fifteen months existence of the Echoes and called on all for a renewed effort in keeping Echoes alive and progressive. Editor George Miller also spoke.

After the speaking program the gathering listened to the "Valley Forge Caravan" radio program from KYW, as Coplay was honored during the hour long program for its community war work.

Had it not been that attendance was limited to "Echoes" workers the crowd no doubt would have swelled to such proportions that no single hall could have held the banqueters.

CHRISTMAS PICTURES NEXT ISSUE



Miss Grace Kramer, teacher of many now in the service and correspondent of scores of them does her stint for "Echoes" on the business side of the force. For several months she has been a faithful custodian of the cashiers desk as sector workers roll in the contributions. Known by practically every person in town her smiling countenance very often relieves the rather strained and bustling atmosphere of a room that's usually in a rush. We hope she'll remain with our outfit until we fold up, and we don't mind saying that we need more faithful workers like her.



EXPLANATION . . .

The programs of many plays list the performers in the "order of their appearance." Let us hasten to explain that the pictures of various staff members are being shown "in the order of their availability"—not in the order of their importance to the magazine. Many of our faithful members, some of whom have been with us from the start have not yet appeared but this should in no way reflect upon their faithfulness to this movement. Every effort will be made to eventually show every one of the staff—patience is all

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Sports Flashes . . .

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December 15th

NORTHAMPTON TRIUMPHS OVER LOCALS

The Konkrete Kids visited Coplay Hi and handed the locals their second setback of the season. Paced by Tuskey who tallied 17 points, Northampton led throughout the game. The locals led by "Eppie" McCloskey with 12 points, put on a rally in the last quarter, scoring 12 points while holding their rivals to 3.

The locals showed considerable improvement since last week when they lost to Whitehall.

Lineups:

Coplay			Northampton				
G.	F.	P.	G.	F.	P.		
McCloskey, f.	6	0	12	Janny, f.	5	0	10
Kratzer, f.	1	1	3	L'genbach, f	3	1	7
D'meister, c.	2	3	7	S'nglur, c.	0	0	0
Gartner, g.	1	0	2	Yurosits, g.	1	4	6
Erkinger, g.	1	2	4	Tuskey, g.	8	1	17
Slater, c.	0	0	0	Shedonic, f.	0	0	0
Pitts, g.	1	0	2	Schissler, c.	0	0	0
Selady, g.	0	2	2	Snyder, c.	0	0	0
				Heffner, c.	1	0	2
				Borzer, c.	0	0	0
Totals			12 8 32	Totals			18 6 42

Referee—Sidnor.

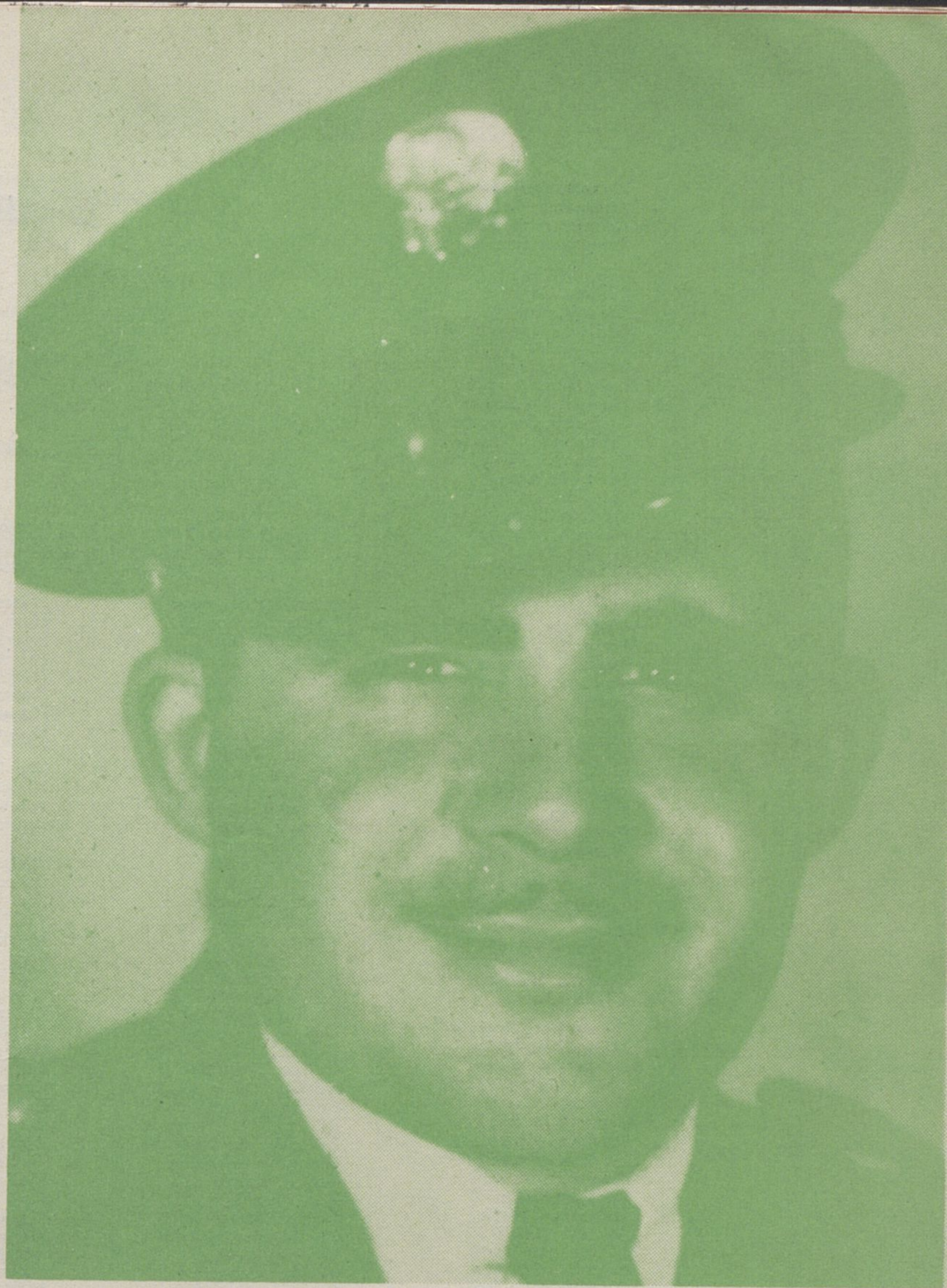
December 15th

Allentown	37,	Lebanon	28
Central Cath.	29,	John Bartram	28
Bethlehem	30,	Hazie Twsp.	27
Easton	27,	E.Stroudsburg	15
Hazleton	41,	Schwoyersville	33
Whitehall	38,	Nazareth	23
Wilson Boro	48,	Bangor	27
Emmaus	29,	Hellertown	23
Stroudsburg	31,	Hackettstown	19
S. Whitehall	36,	Coopersburg	34
Palmerton	36,	Lehigh ASTP	34
Slatington	36,	Fountain Hill	16

December 16th

Muhlenberg	56,	St. Francis	18
Lafayette	67,	Lehigh	36
Dartmouth	60,	Penn	35
Cornell	50,	Columbia	35
Albright	40,	F. & M.	31
Stevens	37,	Drew	24
Swarthmore	40,	Villanova	39

that we ask. This explanation is made in the spirit of fairness and for the information of the boys and girls in the service. As for the staff—the main difficulty is to get them to agree to sit to have a photo taken.



Cpl. Kenneth F. Scheirer

U. S. Army

Enlisted February 24, 1936

Killed in Action (Eastern France)

November 9, 1944

Son of Frank C. Scheirer

13 S. Second Street

Husband of former Iris B. Holland (Texas)

Two children—Dixie, Richard



Abbott, William
Abernathy, Richard D.
Adams, Francis P.
Arthur, Helen

Bair, Wilfred
Balliet, Carl
Bartlett, George
Bartlett, Jerome Q.
Battenfield, Louis
Belick, Joseph
Beltz, Raymond
Bennett, Norbet E.
Beslanovits, Adolph J.
Beslanovits, John
Beslanovits, Joseph

Betts, Roland
Betz, Edward
Betz, William
Bierman, Albert
Billera, Frank
Billera, Joseph
Billera, Louis
‡Blose, William
Bloszinsky, William
Bodisch, Julius
Bodisch, Richard
†Bodisch, Edward
Bodish, Lou
Bogary, Fred
Borgosian, Margaret
Bortz, Vernon
Brandt, Robert
Brem, Rudolph
Buchman, Robert
‡Burnatowski, Bernard
Burnatowski, John
Burnatowski, Stanley
Busits, John
Busits, Louis

Celip, John
Churetta, John Jr.
Csenstis, Frank
Cullin, David

Damweber, Francis
Damweber, Julius
Decker, Anthony
Deichmeister, Frank
Derkits, John L.
‡Deutsch, Adolph
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Dreisbach, Robert
Duldt, John Jr.
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Dute, James

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Eby, Louis C.
Eisenhauer, Henry
Erkinger, Alfred
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Ernst, Edwin
Ernst, Rudolph J.

Faller, Frank P.
Falk, Howard G.
Farino, Anthony
Fidler, Julius
Fielder, Frank

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Frantz, Forrest H.
Frantz, Sylvester B.
Frisch, Herman W.
‡Frisch, Joseph
Fruwirth, Edward

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Gernerd Ross
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†Gladish, Michael
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Goller, Alfred
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Graf, Adolph
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Greenhagen, David L.
Groller, John J.
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Gutleber, Anthony

Hacker, Frank
Haines, Henry
†Haines, William
‡Haller, Charles
Hallman, Harry S.
Hanzl, Herman J.
Hanzl, Rudolph J.
Hantz, Richard
Heller, James D.
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Hessinger, Edward
Hessinger, Walter
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Hobel, Joseph
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Holetz, Charles

†Killed in Action



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Honsel, John
Horn, John L.
Horvath, Edward E.
Horvath, Gabriel
Horvath, John
Huetter, Carl
‡Hunara, George
Hunara, Steve

Ifkovits, John
Ifkovits, Martin C.
Ivankovits, August
Ivankovits, Charles

Jandrasits, John
Johnston, Russel B.

Kail, Julius
Kaintz, Steve
Karo, Gisella Ann
Karoly, Charles
Keglovits, Frank P.
Keller, Anthony
Keller, George
Keller, John
Keller, Joseph
Keppel, Frank
Keppel, Peter
Kerbacher, Daniel S.
Kerbacher, Stephen B.

Kidling, Gerald
Kidling, Lawson
Kleckner, Ernest
Klepeiss, Frank
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Klingler, Leonard
Klucharich, Steve
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Korsak, Karl
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Kovacs, Rudolph
Kovacs, Zoltan
‡Kratzer, Edwin
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Kratzer, Raymond
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Krause, Franklin
Kroboth, Joseph L.
Kropf, Anthony

Kropf, J.
Krug, J.
Kunkle,
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Lendl, J.
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Long, C.
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Luizer, J.
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‡Lutes, G.

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Michael,
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*Camp Casualty



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Julius
Ernest
Harry
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Timothy
Forrest
Alfred F.
Frederick
Frank
John
Joseph
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Donald
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Roland
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Carson
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Stephen
Rudolph J.
John
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Julius
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Robert
Alfred
Carl
Idna May
Win Jr.
Frank
Harry
Francis
John
Joseph
Frank
Joseph

Miller, Lewis
Miller, Paul
‡Miller, Percy
Miller, Sterling
Miller, Sterling N.
Miller, Warren
Mills, Emma
Mills, Frank
Miskowski, George
Mohr, Harold
Mohr, Martin T.
Mohr, Ralph
Mondschein, George
Mondschein, Joseph
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Mondschein, William
Morgan, Russel
Mortimer, Thomas G.
Mullner, Frank
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Nemeth, Carl
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Nicholas, Joseph
Novak, Edward
Pammer, Frank
Parvel, John
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Patrick, William
Paukovits, Frank
Paul, John
Peters, Stanley
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Piescienski, John
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Piha, Frank
Piha, John
Piscitelli, Andrew
Poandl, Frank
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Podorski, Joseph
Podorski, Eva
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Raber, Samuel
Radon, John
Radon, Michael
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Reinhard, Karl
Reinhard, Lee
Reinhard, Philip
Reppert, Allen
Reppert, Luther
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Ringer, Paul
Rivetti, Pat
Rogers, Alvin J.
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Rose, Karl
‡Rothdeutsch, Frank
Rubasky, John
Sacks, William
Sakaschitz, Alex
Salter, Alton
Salter, Burt
Santee, George
Schaffer, Randolph
‡Scheirer, Frank
Scheirer, Kenneth
Scherr, Charles
Scherr, John
Scherr, Joseph
Schleder, Stephen J.
Schnecker, Joseph
Schrampf, John
Schreiber, Daniel
Schreiber, Elda
Schwartz, John
‡Schwartz, Stephen
Seier, Leo
Selady, Helen
‡Semler, John
Shoemaker, Brooke
Sickar, Edward
Sidor, Frank
‡Sidor, Joseph
Silfies, Edgar
Silfies, Frederick
Sinkovits, Frank
Slanovits, Edward
Slanovits, Joseph
Slanovits, Louis
Snyder, Clarence
Sodl, Anthony
Sodl, Herman S.
Sodl, Joseph
Solderitch, John

Sommers, Alfred
Sommers, Alois
Sommers, Joseph F.
Spangler, Kenneth
Spanits, Frank
Stasko, Michael
Steckel, Preston C.
Stefany, Wallace C.
Steiner, Frank
Steiner, Gustav
Steiner, Joseph
Stelzman, Frank M.
Stelzman, Steve
Stetch, Michael
‡Stewart, Roy
Stock, Paul
Stranzl, Louis
Strauch, Frank Jr.
Stumpf, Alfred
Stumpf, Frank
Stumpf, John
Stumpf, Louis
Stumpf, Mathias
Stumpf, Rudolph
Stumpf, William F.
Stumpp, David
Szivos, Frank
Tabernigg, Arnold
Tabernigg, Edgar
Taniser, Adolph A.
Taniser, Charles J.
Taniser, Louis
Tapler, Aloysius
Tapler, John
‡Tapler, Joseph
Thomas, John J.
Thompson, Rose
Toth, Frank Jr.
Toth, George
Toth, James
Trankley, Allan
Trankley, Raymond
Triveley, George
Walakovits, Frank
Walakovits, John
Walakovits, John Jr.
Walakovits, Joseph
Walczuk, Joseph
Walczuk, Stephen
Walczuk, Zavier
Wehr, Robert
Weres, James
Werley, Malcolm
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Wiessner, William
Williams, David
‡Windish, John
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Woodward, Charles
Yandersits, Joseph
Yandersits, William
Yandrisevits, Louis
Yoo, Helen Patricia
Yoo, John
‡Yoo, Joseph
Yoo, Rose
Zeiner, Milton
Zerfass, Raymond
Zsigovits, Joseph
Zsigovits, Theresa
Zwickle, Edward

‡Honorably Discharged



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DECEMBER 7





FIVE FOR UNCLE SAM . . .

Four sons and a daughter are the contribution of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mondschein, 127 S. Fifth Street and what a swell gang they are. All of them have been well and favorably known here at home and Rose served on the "Echoes" staff from its beginning until she enlisted in the Waves.

The group includes a set of twins and follow here in the order of their induction:

- Joseph: (age 27) Ph M 1/c in U. S. Navy inducted on Aug. 3, 1942 and is now at Norfolk, Va. He was home on a 35 day leave after serving 10 months overseas.
- Bill: (age 22) Pfc. in U. S. Army Air Force inducted on May 17, 1943 and is at a hospital in Camp Polk, Louisiana. He is improving.
- Rose: (age 21) S 1/c in U. S. Navy inducted on March 9, 1944 and stationed at Arlington, Va.
- Raymond: (age 18) S 2/c in U. S. Navy inducted on June 15, 1944, serving somewhere in the Southwest Pacific. Twin brother of George.
- George: (age 18) S 2/c in U. S. Navy inducted on June 15, 1944 serving somewhere in the Southwest Pacific. Twin brother of Raymond.

The rest of the family are Mary and Helen in N. J. and Frank, Tess, Alfred, Stanisla, Emma and Peter at home.



EDDIE GOT ONE . . .

Dear Friends of the Coplay Echoes:

In having this opportunity to get in contact with you again, I'd like to say "May you all enjoy a very Merry Xmas." I believe in knowing that we service folks will enjoy a Merry Xmas as best could be expected due to the dear friends of ours who showed their dearness by sending us Christmas parcels your friends of ours. Mothers, sisters, brothers, wives and girlfriends or boyfriends, should have a Merry Xmas and Happy Holidays. Especially because we all want you to be merry. Yes, your true happiness makes us feel so much better, so make this Xmas a happy one for us by being very happy yourselves.

May God grant all your wishes and answer your prayers by letting you have your loved ones back with you next Xmas. Our prayers are for your good health and unlimited happiness forever and that we in the service may also get to see our dearly loved ones soon.

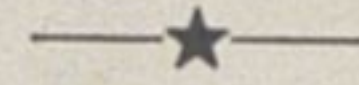
Enclosed is a photo taken shortly after I arrived in France. I am seen "with the only Nazi I could lay my hands on." Wow, I'll bet after my friends see me with such company, they will no longer be my friends.

Also enclosed you shall find a money order for five dollars (\$5.00) which is not enough by far in appreciation for what you all are doing for me.

I must return to duty soon so I shall leave

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you now with wishes for God's care over you all.
Respectfully always,
Eddie Novak.



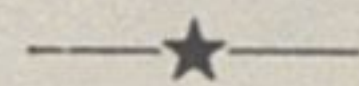
Dear Staff:

Thought I'd write you my first letter from England, and inform you that I am fine. As yet, I did not get my new Coplay Echoes, and hope you have not forgotten to change my address on the mail list. I am anxious to get the book and believe me you really miss the book if you don't get it for a month or so. I know the book is on its way, but I have been on the move and it will take time to catch up to me. Not having the book is like not having a cigarette, you get so attached to it, that you really miss the famous book.

Well I'm sure it will arrive. So in my own words, on a piece of paper, may I wish you all a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.

A Coplayite,

Cpl. Tim Lansky.

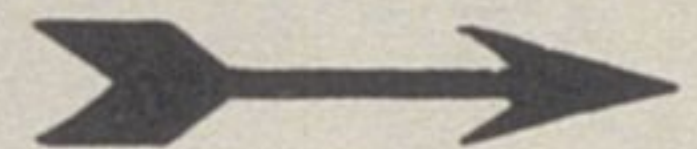


Dear Friends:

Just a few lines to let you know I am receiving the "Echoes" and I sure am thankful for them, I think it's the greatest book on earth, and I am not kidding, when I say earth. I am sorry I can't write a letter, but I am out of paper and I am not fooling. Well here's wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Tell Cliff Hannis to drink one on me.

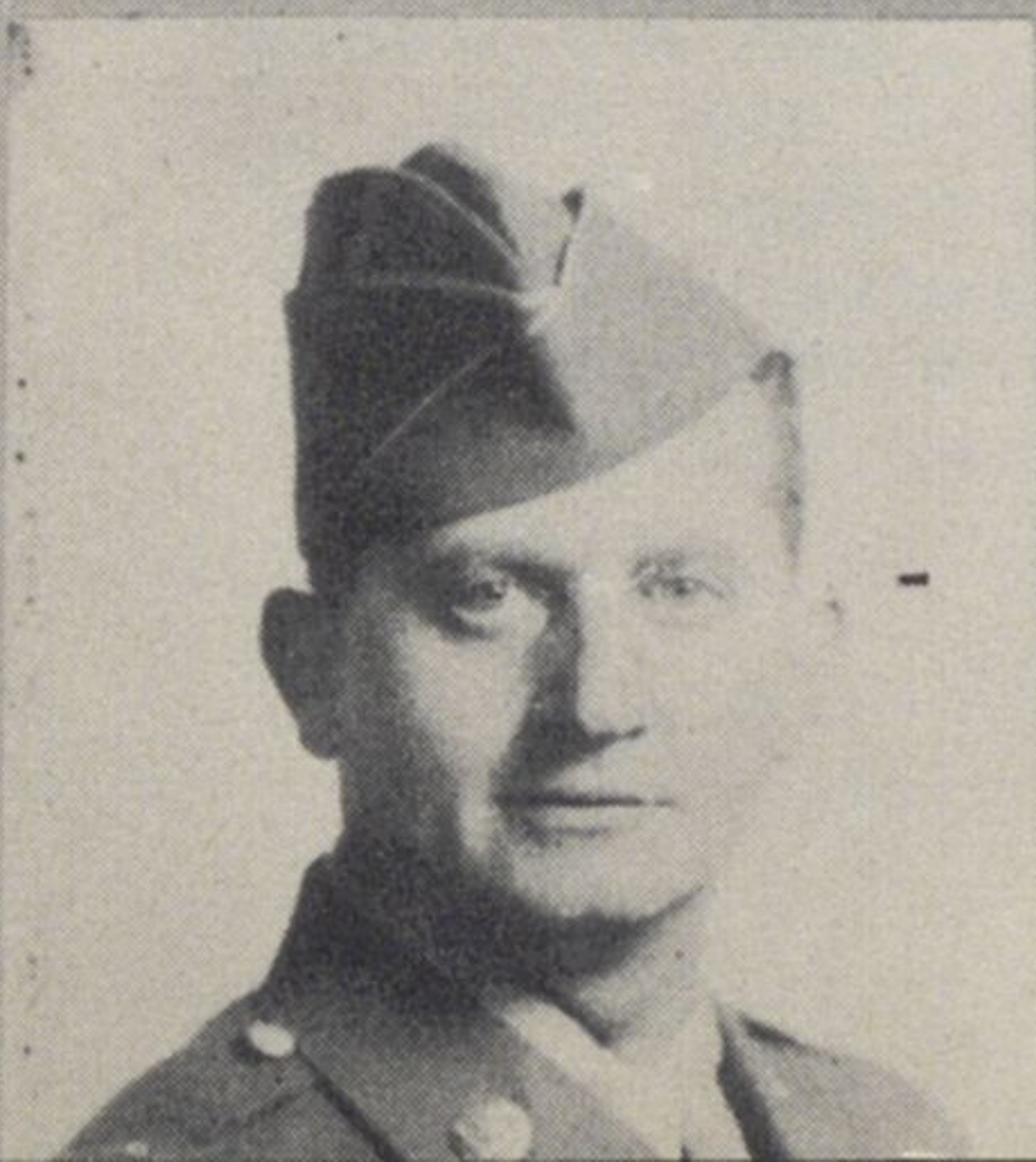
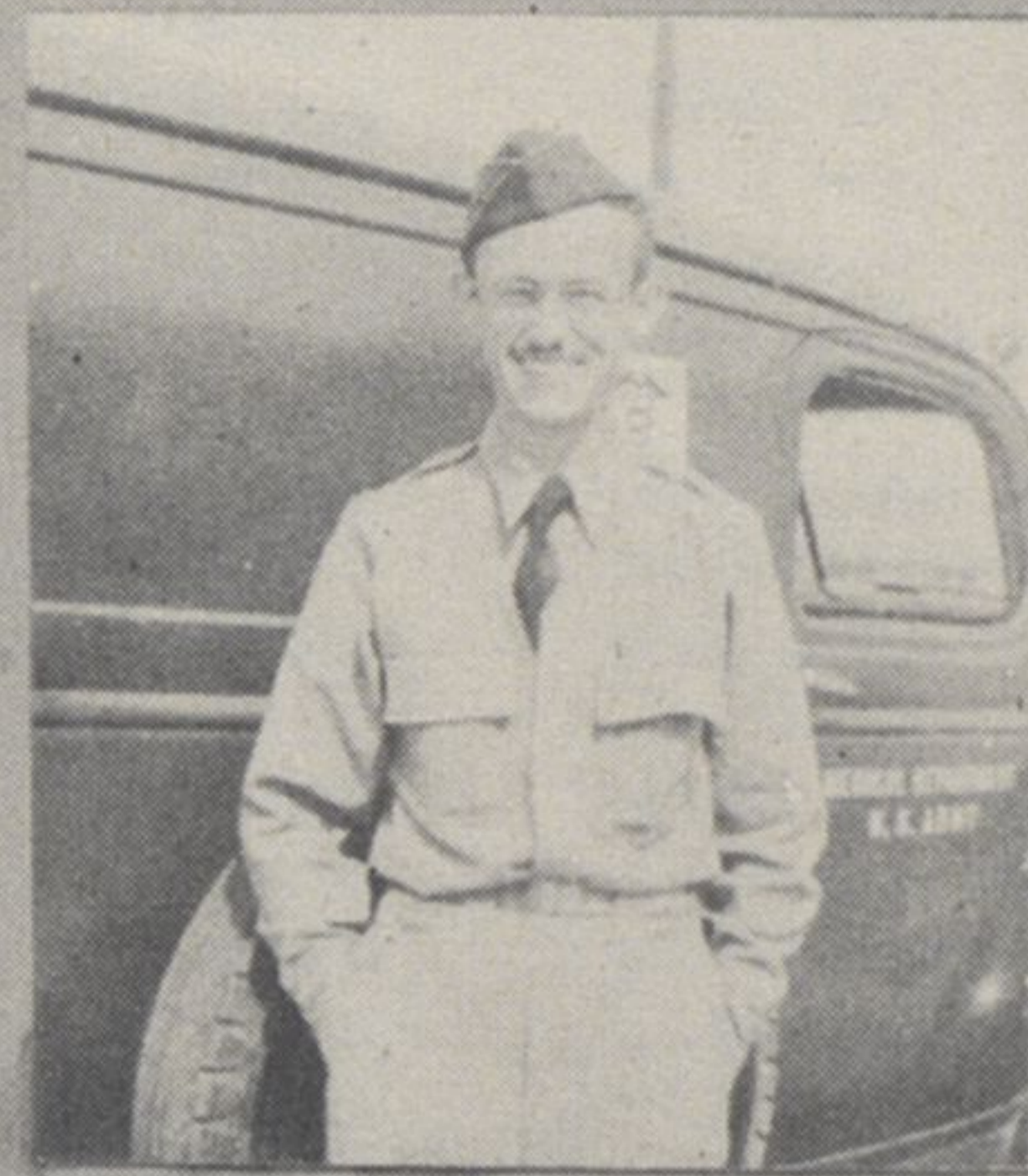
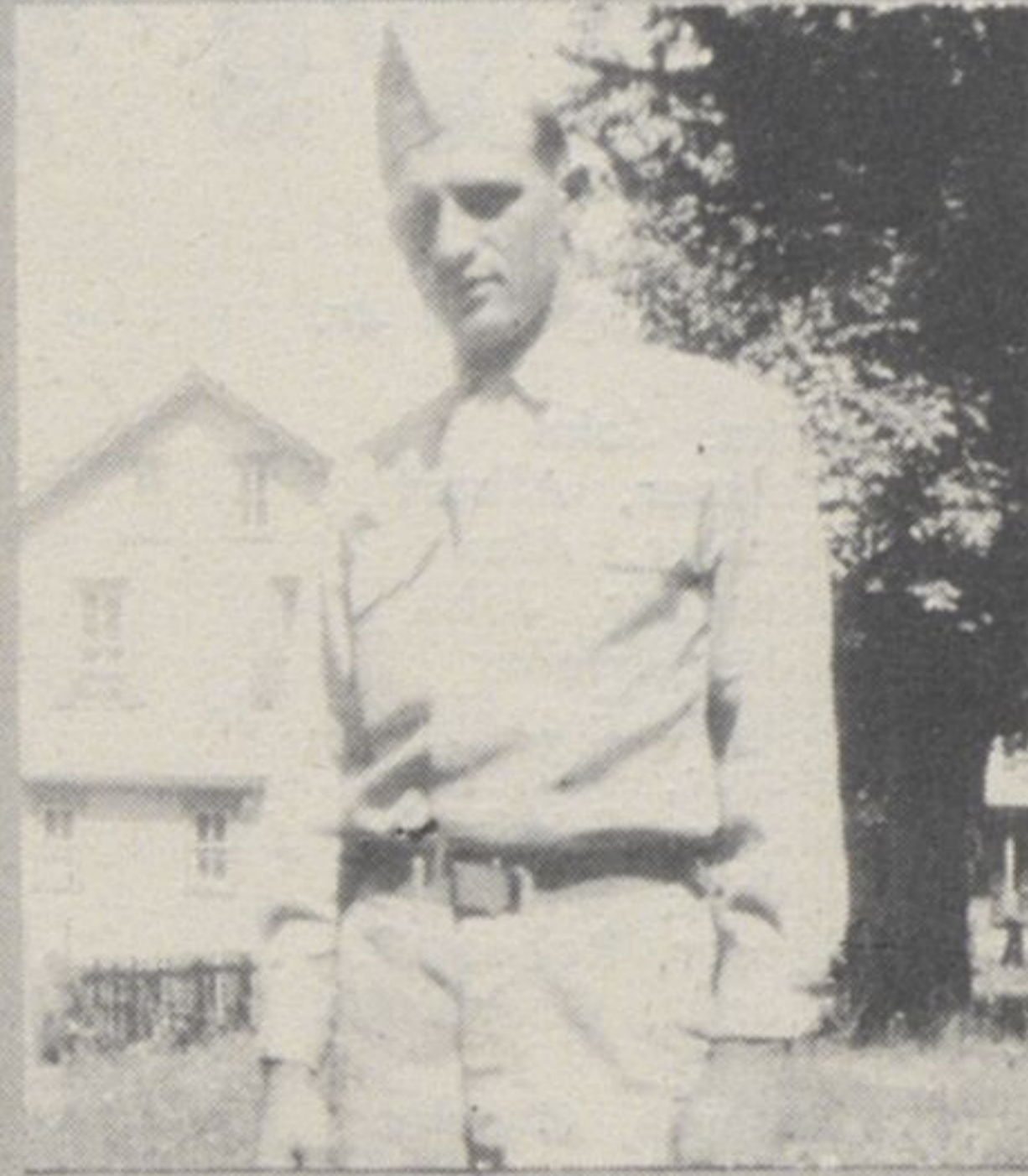
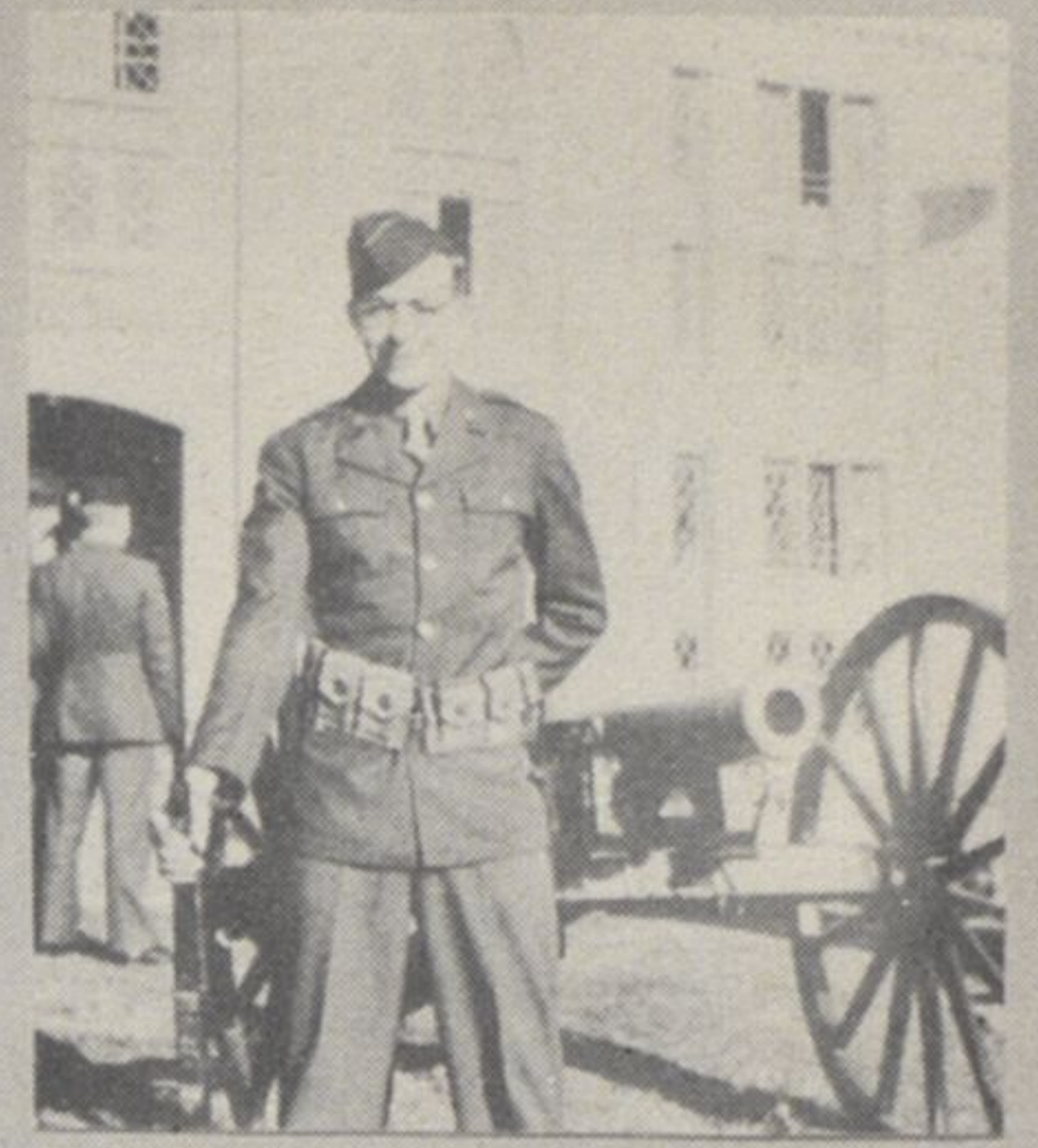
Your friend,

Cpl. Frankie Klepeiss.



(Left to right, top to bottom)

- GEORGE GALGON S 2/c** (Navy)
Husband of former Helen Groller
Fourth Street
- PFC. EDWIN TRANKLEY** (Army)
Son of Mrs. Robert Trankley
Norfolk, Virginia
- PVT. JOSEPH SOMMERS** (Army)
Son of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Sommers
Cherry Street
- PVT. GEORGE TRIVELY** (Army)
Son of Mrs. Emilie Trively
Fourth Street
- JOSEPH KROBOTH S 2/c** (Navy)
Son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kroboth
Third Street
- PVT. JOHN BUSITS** (Army)
Son of Mrs. Agnes Busits
Front Street
- CAPT. JAMES SCHMIDT** (Army)
Husband of former Alice Peters
Fourth Street
- PVT. EDWARD SICKAR** (Army)
Son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Sickar
Maple Street
- MICHAEL GOLOMB** (U.S.C.G.)
Son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Golomb
Third Street





"COPLAY'S TOO"

Bodish, Alfred
Bodish, Frank
Bodish, John
Bodish, Walter
Bogush, Walter J.

Dotter, Elwood

Eisele, Ralph A.
Farney, Lionel
Farney, Robert
Fenstermaker, James

‡Gaston, Louis
Geiger, George
George, Myron
George, Willard H.
Gollatz, Rudolph

Hess, Robert

Johnston, Charles
Karoly, Stephen
Keglovits, William
Keiser, Ruth
Kern, William H.
Knerr, Walter
Kukitz, John

‡Lauser, William
Long, Raymond Jr.

Marx, John
Meixner, Albert
Michler, Alex
Milander, John
Miller, Henry
Miller, Franklin E. Jr.
Moser, Albert G.
Moser, Edwin P.
Moser, Oliver
Moser, Robert S.
Moritz, Charles F.

Nemeth, Charles

Piscitelli, Tony
Ponchalek, Joseph
Proctor, George

Rieck, Blaine G.
Rinker, Donald N.
Rinker, Harry Jr.

‡Honorably Discharged

Schmall, Anthony
Schmidt, James
Seier, John
Shiffer, Harold
Snyder, Robert
Snyder, Stewart
Sofka, Charles
Sofka, John
Spaits, George
Steinhofer, Carl
Stranzl, Steve

Theirer, Edward
Thomas, Frank
Trankley, Edwin
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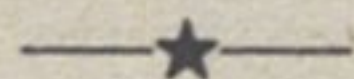
Have received the November edition of Coplay Echoes a few days ago. As always I want to express my thanks and appreciation for mailing me this wonderful book. It means a lot to me and I never get tired of looking through it.

Have moved around quite a bit lately. Right now we are docked in California. It's nice out here but I miss the snow that we usually have at home at this time of the year.

I was down in Ti Juana, Mexico last Sunday afternoon. Went to the bull fights. They're not so hot. I thought it would be exciting, but the bulls they had wouldn't even do any fighting.

Guess that's all the news from here so I'll be closing now. Thanking you for including me in your mailing list, I am

Your friend,
Johnny Jandrasits.



Dear Friends:

Greetings once again from merry old England. Received the October issue of Echoes this eve-

ning and really appreciated it as usual. Would you please note the change of address again. The October issue traveled all over these Islands before I received it, seven stations to be exact. Please mail future issues, pending another new address, to the address above.

Not much of a "report" can I make to you. "Air Disarmament Command" should imply enough as to my present job. My work is really on the "hush-hush" list so I can't say much about that. I've gotten around quite a bit. I've been to Scotland, Wales, Ireland, England, Italy, France and Holland. Besides that, I expect to see a good deal more of the continent . . . I hope, I hope. Scotch in England, wine in Italy, champagne in Paris, cider in Holland, more wine in Viena, and beer in Berlin. But that makes the "bar room politicians" thirsty. Frankly, I'd trade it all for a bottle of Neuweiler's "Pilsner."

And so — Cheerio. Thanks a million and Ta Ta. Be seeing you . . . Sometime!

Keg's,

F. Keglovits.

Dear Staff and Members:

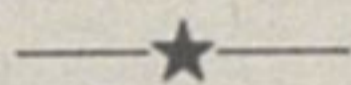
Again I deem it my turn to express my sincere thanks for sending me the December issue of the "Coplay Echoes." I must confess that I enjoyed it more than mere words can express. If I've read it once I read it a hundred times, and expect to return to it frequently. With every issue I look forward to receiving the next.

Even though I am back in the "states" my address is just the same. I consider myself very lucky since I was overseas for five months and then re-entered the United States once again. The fellows on board the U. S. S. Philadelphia really went in for noise making when we sighted U. S. territory.

Perhaps I better explain myself—even though I am in the U. S. Marine Corps, I am stationed on board a ship of the U. S. Navy. On every Light and Heavy Cruiser, Carrier and Battlewagon there is a detachment of Marines consisting of from 40 to 90 Marines. Their duties are similar to that of the sailors. During battle we man 20 MM. anti-aircraft machine guns and also one 6 inch turret, for every light cruiser, that is. We also stand watches and, as an extra duty, we have rifles and bayonets to keep free from dust, which usually takes most of our time. It's an easy life.

But then again, everything is not a bed of roses. We take a lot of razzing from our shipmates. They get pleasure by calling us Sea-going Bell Hops — Beach Hoppers, etc., but for every name they give us they gain two. It always seems that Marines can take care of themselves. I guess I had better sign off now and "hit the rack." Until next time Good Nite, Good Luck and God Bless you all.

Still a Coplayite,
Pfc. Frank Sidor.



Dear Staff:

Received your last issue of the Coplay Echoes and sure did enjoy reading it. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

William Yandersits.



Hello Busy People:

Sorry I didn't write sooner but I didn't have much time. How's Coplay coming along? Fine, I hope. Navy life isn't so bad. I have nothing to kick about and boy they'll make a man out of me here. The food is okay even if we only eat three times a day. We had some cold weather but I don't believe it's as cold here as at home. The fellows are all looking forward to their furloughs. We're allowed to the canteen here once in a while and have some fun there. It's the only way to get your mind off of home which they try to do pretty much. We swabbed and waxed decks already and now our barracks are clean and shiny. Well we have to clean up now for inspection so I'll say, "So Long."

A Coplayite,
Ludwig Schlager, A.S.



Theresa Schneck and Marie Shleder, members of the Coplay Echoes staff since May, are doing their part on the book by keeping the Honor Roll up to the minute and we feel they're doing "all right" by themselves. Both are employed at the Vultee — Marie's an office worker and Theresa's a riveter. Usually after they have put in some time on their job you can find them entertaining the rest of the staff members with their stories about the Vultee and a few other things. Drop in sometime and hear them.



Dear Staff:

As you can see by my return address I've made a change. As yet I haven't missed any copies of the "Echoes" and I'd sure hate to now.

I don't know whether he's written you about it or not but Malcolm Werley is here too. I met him the day before yesterday. He's doing o.k. and is well. Neither he nor I have received any mail since arriving here.

Keep up the good work you're doing. If we can get hold of a camera we'll try to send you a picture.

I don't know if I've ever mentioned it before but all my friends who've seen the "Echoes" praise it highly.

Respectfully yours,
Joseph A. Walczuk.

What's Cooking . . .

(Continued from page fourteen)

his daughter Rose is being married to Walter Bodish. Here's wishing them lots of luck — Mr. and Mrs. Steve Sabora are making their usual Christmas rounds — Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Stumpf are having a nice but lonesome Christmas — Mrs. Teresa Lederer tells us she still rushes to work every morning. She's usually JUST in time though — Up on 7th St. we drop in on Anthony's where some "Echoes Workers" are having a meeting. They tell us about a dance they're sponsoring on the 24th of January and invite us to attend. The plans sound swell and we're making it a point to be there — The Schrampfs have moved to Catty but are still faithful "Echoe" buyers — Eddie Hobel's garage is nearing completion — We're glad to see Eva Padorski looking swell on her visit home for Christmas — Anna Nickolas is seen in the Post Office quite often during the Christmas rush — Mary Klucharits and Mary Fruwirth brighten up the town in their Cadet Nurses' uniforms — By the way we're glad to see Eddie Fruhwirth home for Christmas too.

Coplay's "J. V.'s" are doing O.K. They've won 2 out of 3 games thus far — Congratulations, boys! "Lajo" Novak, who recently joined the Merchant Marine was home for Christmas and all the girls agree he looked handsome.

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As we rush off to the printer with this material we "hang" on the ice at Third and Chestnut. War Worker *Mary Dubrosky* offers a push with the explanation, "I have to help push *Mike's Chevvy* every morning."

ntil next month then we'll be signing off with a hope that if we can't see you before the next issue goes to press we can at least look forward to a letter from you. Solong then —

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LISTEN FELLA !!

Has your address changed lately? If it has, be sure to notify us at once so that we can change our records in time for the next issue. This will insure your getting every issue on time. If your address has not changed for a while and you still do not get your "ECHOES," we would suggest that you talk to your mail clerk or one of your officers. We have heard of men who do not come from Coplay who enjoy the issues very much and sometimes "snitch" them for a quick look and possibly forget to give them to the rightful owner. This is a nice compliment to our magazine but it makes it tough for the G. I. who's sweating out the arrival of his copy. These are things over which we have no control. You'd better check on it if you're not getting yours. In the meantime we will do everything we possibly can at this end to get them to you—and fast.

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Christmas Pictures Next Issue

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"We Knew Them When"

Lest you fail to recognize them in their better-looking days, the boys pictured on the opposite page are:

1. Raymond Reppert
2. Joseph Domitrovits
3. Joseph Steiner
4. Rudolph Stumpf
5. Alfred Stumpf
6. William Stumpf
7. Anton and Alfred Gartner
8. Henry Miller
9. Brooke Shoemaker
10. John Domitrovits
11. Lewis Miller
12. Frank Lorenz

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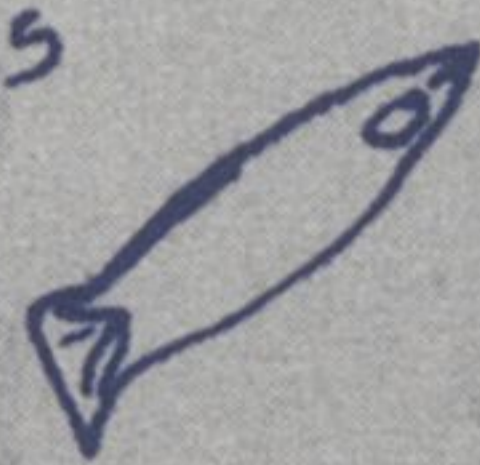


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Miss Dorothy Miller
Mrs. Robert Fisher
Mrs. William Heller
Mrs. Alfred Weissner
Joseph Steirer
Mrs. Clifford Snyder
Edgar Morgan
Joseph Stumpf
Mrs. John Semler
Mrs. J. Lansenderfer
Mrs. Amos Peters
Mrs. C. Salters
Mr. and Mrs. K. Kunkle
Mrs. S. Lewis
Mrs. Jennie Rogers
Mr. and Mrs. R. Morgan
Leo Mohrey
Mrs. Alta Blose
Mr. and Mrs. John Beiber
Mr. and Mrs. Max Brockl
John Geosits
John Klepeiss
John Sinkovits
William Johnston
Jacob Ringer
John Bauer
Geo. Kreglow
Samuel Santee
Joe Domitrovits
Pat. Hessinger
Mabel Shiendleheimer
John Dugan
Helen Gerner
Elda Gerner
Rose Mills
Joe Piecienski
William Newhard
Charles Kroboth
Paul Korsak
John Windish
Frank Mikits

Mrs. Homer Bach
Herman Greenhagen
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Esther Balliet
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Tessie Stranzel
Helen Hantz
Helen Beham
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THE AMERICAN LEGION— *What It Stands for*

What has The American Legion stood for in the past, and what does it stand for today?

Naturally, being an organization composed of war veterans, we are primarily interested in seeing to it that all veterans (and that includes those who never belonged to the Legion) get a square deal when they return with war wounds or disabilities.

That square deal means proper hospital treatment, training that will permit them to earn a living in the event their disability will prevent their following the trade or profession they worked at before enlistment.

It means compensation (in the event they are handicapped) that will permit them to live a decent life, a privilege they might not be able to enjoy in their handicapped position without government aid.

First Priority for Those Who Served

It means preference in civil service for government employment. The Legion believes that the man who has gambled his life to preserve and protect the country, should have first priority on any government job he is qualified to fill.

Its latest definition will be found in the GI Bill of Rights, unanimously passed by both houses of the Congress and signed by the President. This Bill of Rights applies to veterans of World War II. It

was originally written by a board of American Legion experts, with the background of an experience of 25 years of dealing with veterans, with the branches of government having to do with veterans, and with the legislative bodies of government.

It was the position of The American Legion that something should be done *now* to prepare the way for the homecoming of the men and women of the armed forces when the war ends. We remembered only too clearly the suffering that followed the close of World War I because preparation to receive veterans back into civilian life had been delayed too long.

Getting the GI Bill Under Way

When the GI Bill was written, the Legion stood by, and organized a campaign to secure its passage through Congress. It wasn't as easy as the unanimous vote in both houses of Congress might indicate to the casual observer. Some Congressmen wanted to introduce their own bills,

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not in agreement with the GI Bill. Others would have made it a piecemeal affair, with authority doled out to a number of government agencies and bureaus—which would have been fine for patronage but would have been cruel and vicious to the veteran who would have had to run from pillar to post to get consideration. The Legion remembered that lesson from post-War I days, too. The old run-around, the over-lapping agencies, the buck-passing, the red tape, the dragging out for months in the consideration of a just claim while the veteran sold apples, or had to be supported by friends or relatives, or go on welfare rolls in order to live while his claim was going through the mills that ground, oh, so slowly.

What GI Bill Provides

The GI Bill of Rights provides a chance for the man who left school for the service to resume and complete his schooling, with financial assistance from the government; guarantee of a loan up to \$2,000 for the purchase of a home, farm or a business; preference in job placement through the United States Employment Service; unemployment compensation at the rate of \$20 a week for up to 52 weeks if the veteran can't get a job, this to be in effect for two years after discharge; hospitalization; review of his case if he feels that he did not get the right sort of a discharge; protection from any requirement that he make a statement or to sign a waiver concerning his physical condition prior to discharge.

There are other features in the bill, but this gives you an idea.

Well—outside of these strictly "for-veteran" matters, what does the Legion stand for?

The Child and the Youth

That every child of a veteran in particular, and every child in America

generally, get a chance for its white alley. A chance to be brought up right, in right surroundings, to build a strong body and a clear, thinking mind. A chance for an education. A chance to become what this nation needs every generation—an able, loyal American citizen.

That youth be given a chance—so we sponsor a great junior baseball program among a half million youngsters annually; we hold Boys' States at the end of the school year for instruction in government; we sponsor scholarship awards, oratorical contests; give scholarships, and support the Boy Scouts of America.

These Are Our Principles

Strict neutrality in industrial disputes; no meddling with partisan politics; a strict non-sectarian attitude on religion.

We try to live up to the admonitions found in the preamble to the constitution of The American Legion, recited by all members in every Legion post meeting all over America—the admonitions to:

Uphold and defend the U. S. Constitution—

Maintain law and order—

To foster Americanism; to remember our obligation to community, state and nation; to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses.

To promote peace; to safeguard and transmit the principles of justice, freedom and democracy; to preserve the memories of our service, and to be devoted to mutual helpfulness.

That is what the Legion stands for; yesterday—today—tomorrow.

The Forty and Eight, an organization affiliated with The American Legion, has purchased and delivered to the armed forces for shipment and free distribution to the armed forces overseas, more than two and a quarter million decks of playing cards. Hundreds of letters of appreciation have been received by the Forty and Eight headquarters in Indianapolis, from GIs and gobs on foreign service.



FURLOUGHS DUE MEN OVERSEAS FOR TWO YEARS, SAYS AMERICAN LEGION

Atherton Report to Secretary of War Upon Return from Pacific Area; Also Committee Action

The American Legion believes that an adequate furlough system for men in uniform should be followed, this to apply to the armed forces overseas, particularly, as well as for those in service in the continental limits of the United States.

It really should not be necessary for that statement to be made. Certainly, if there is anyone who knows the value of furlough and leave time to the morale of the uniformed forces, those who have themselves been in service should—and they do.

This statement of position is again made because we have heard that there is some skuttlebutt and latrine rumors going around—particularly in the Pacific area—that when Warren H. Atherton, then national commander of The American Legion, was on an inspection trip to armed forces in the Pacific, he made some remarks in a press interview that have been interpreted (perhaps maliciously) to the effect that he wasn't for furloughs.

Let's Get the Record

You know how a rumor is: it never grows less in the telling. So there is only one place to go to get the truth, and that is back at the start of the story. The original record ought to be consulted, if it is available. Well, it isn't available to anyone in a jungle, or on a flight deck, or in a tank or riding a bulldozer—but it is available to folks here at home, and we have gone to it.

Here is the record:

Press clippings from two Honolulu papers, reporting the talk of Mr. Atherton that has been garbled for the purpose of creating the rumor, states as follows:

That the then Commander Atherton declared that no matter how much our fighting men in the Pacific naturally want to get this war over and come home, their morale is so high that despite the keenness of their desire to return home on furlough they will see the job through, either with or without furlough.

Report to War Department

Then we go to the report made by Mr. Atherton to the Secretary of War upon his return, from which we quote:

"a—Rotation of furlough to the States far out-distances all other subjects of discussion, interest, and griping.

"Conditions are aggravated because under present percentages it would take eight years to completely service units. There is, therefore, a feeling that you must be either 'lucky' or have 'pull' to be selected.

"There does not appear to be a sufficiently definite schedule for handling rotation of leave-men; those selected from combat divisions are frequently sent to bases where they are impressed into stevedore or other gangs while waiting weeks for transportation. This situation would be greatly helped if one or two big, fast liners could run on regular leave schedules, and as to which the entire theatre of operations could be informed."

Action of Organization

Last May, at the meeting of the National Executive Committee of The American Legion, which is the controlling body between national conventions, the position of the Legion on furloughs was embodied in a resolution which was adopted. The resolution is as follows:

"Whereas: It is quite evident that the war against the enemies of the United States is far from ended, and

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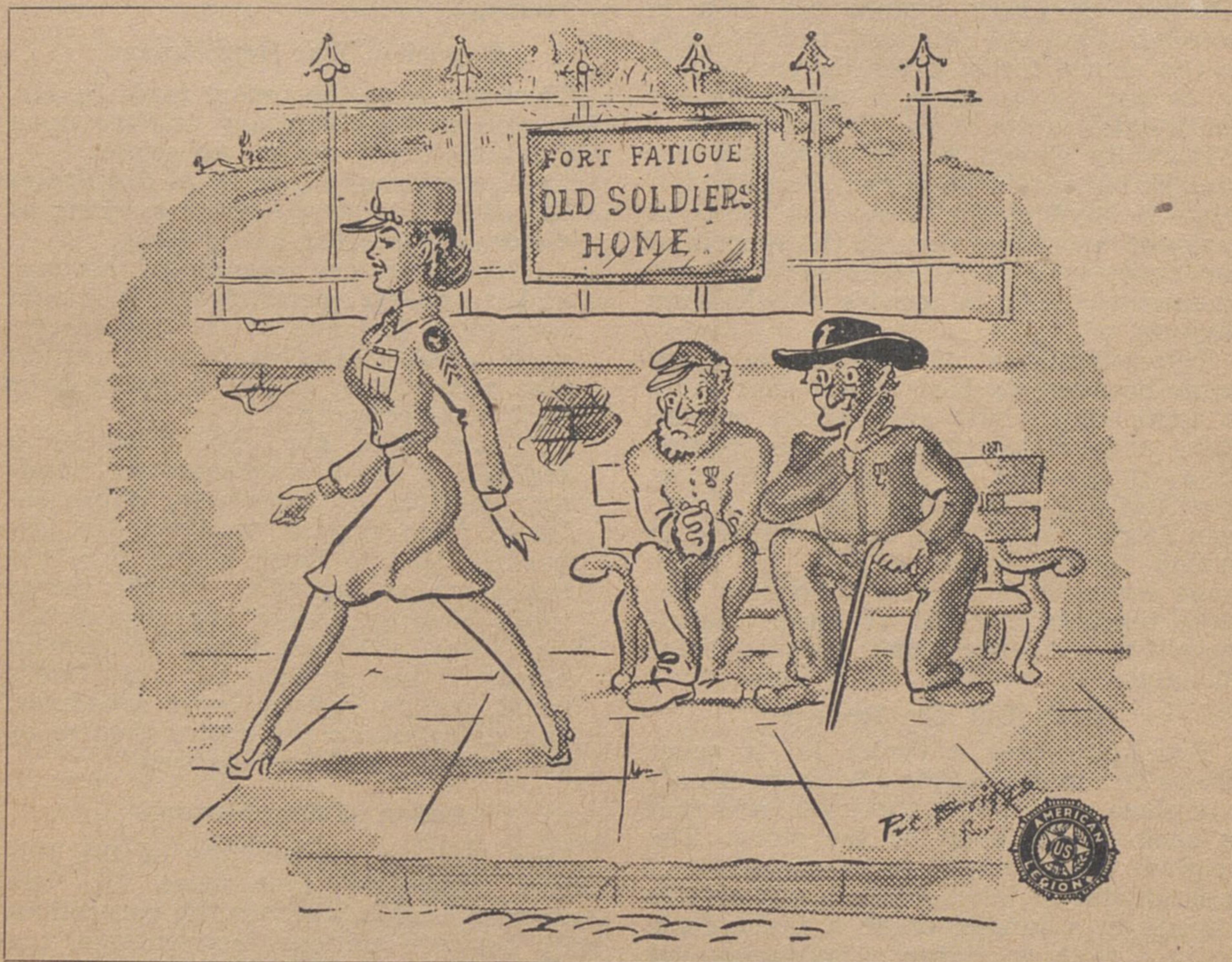
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"Whereas: There are at present many men who have served in the armed forces overseas for two years and more, without leave or return to their native land; and

"Whereas: Many of these men have been in combat time after time, many

contracting diseases that have reduced their efficiency, but who are still kept in foreign lands; therefore, be it

"Resolved: That The American Legion do request the War and Navy Departments to consider provision by regulation, wherever it is possible, that men who have been in foreign service for two years, and they can, without detriment to the war effort, be given furloughs or leaves to return to the United States for a period of not less than sixty days."



"Have to admit, Abner, the Army has made one improvement."

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