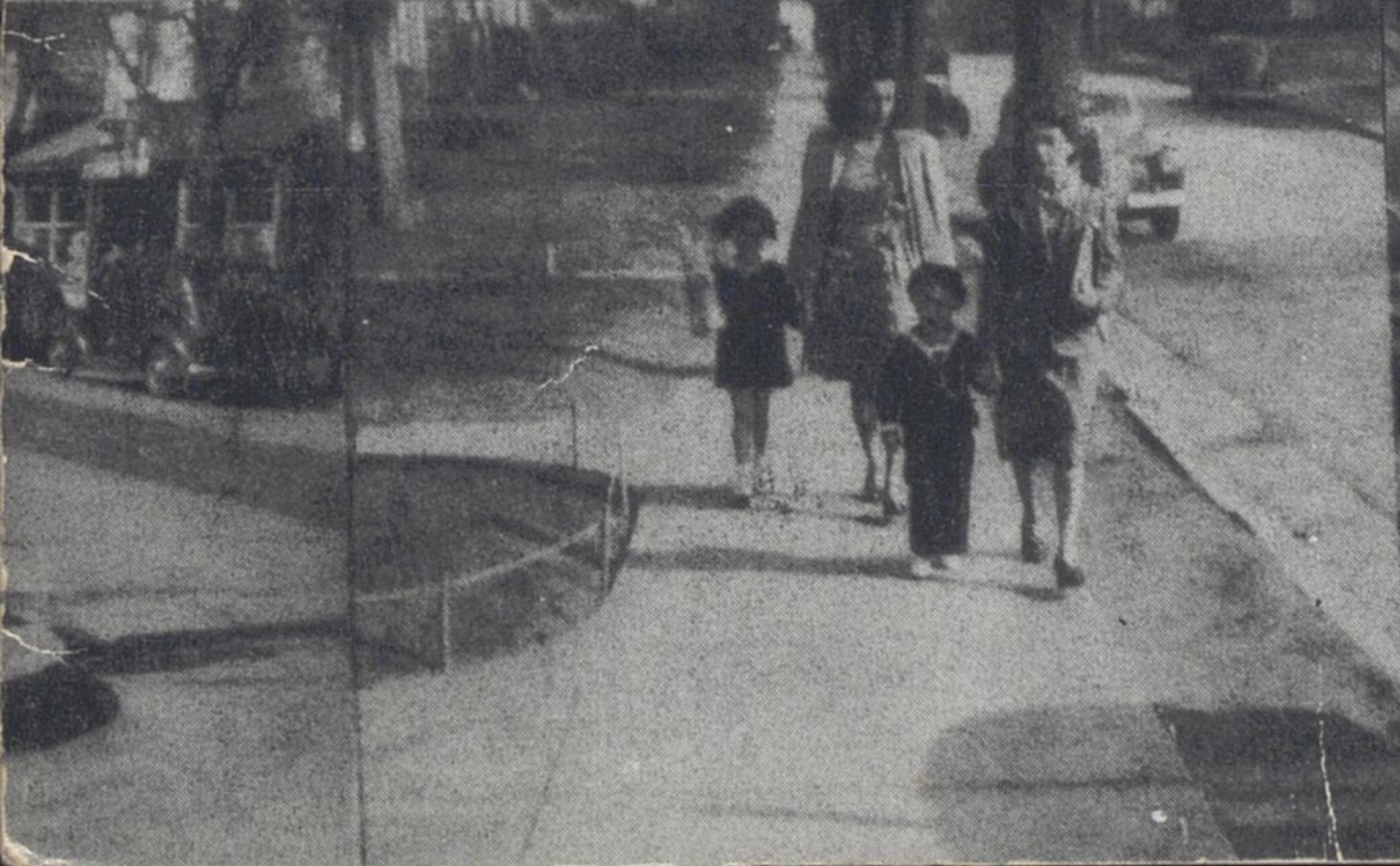
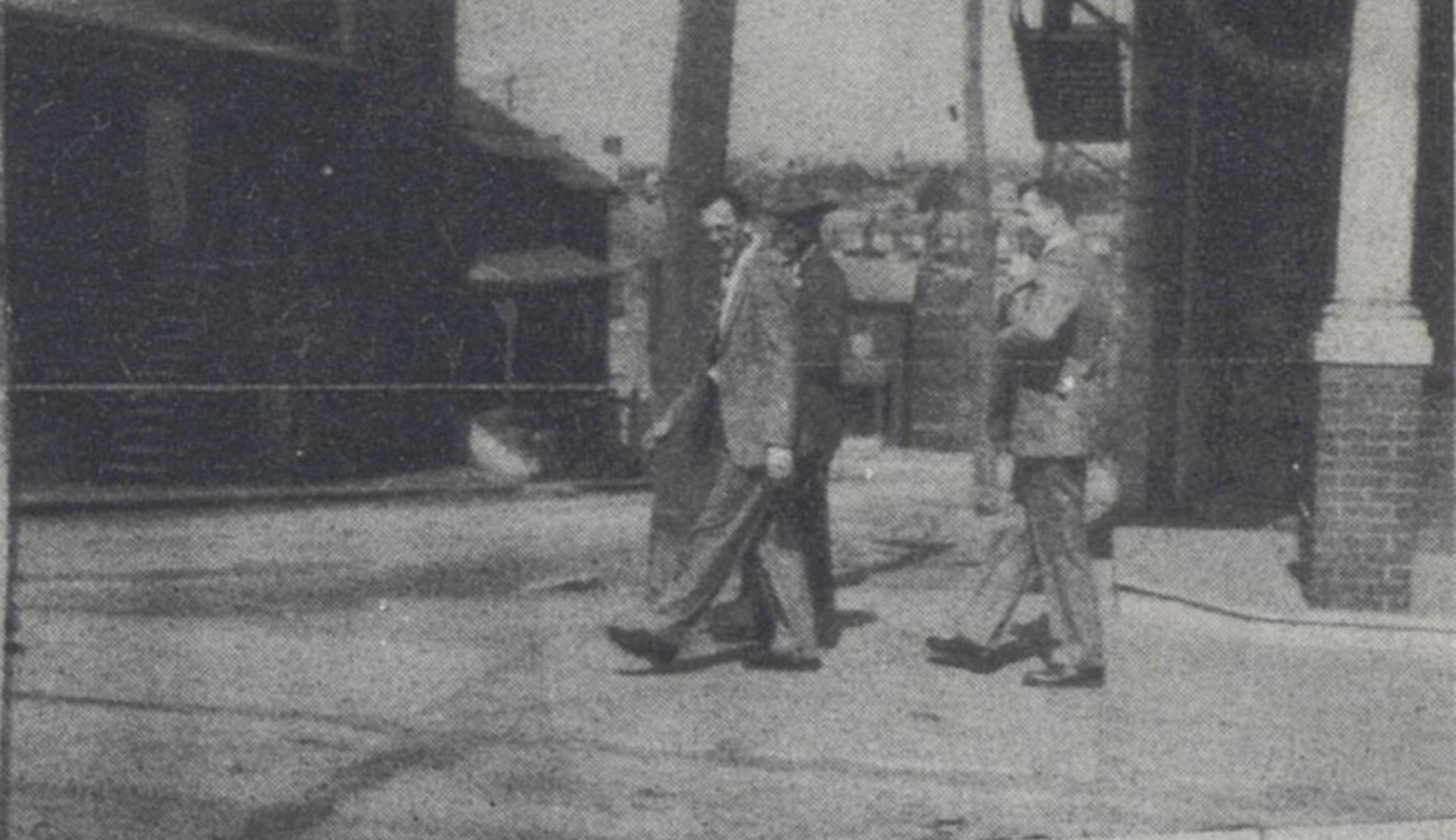
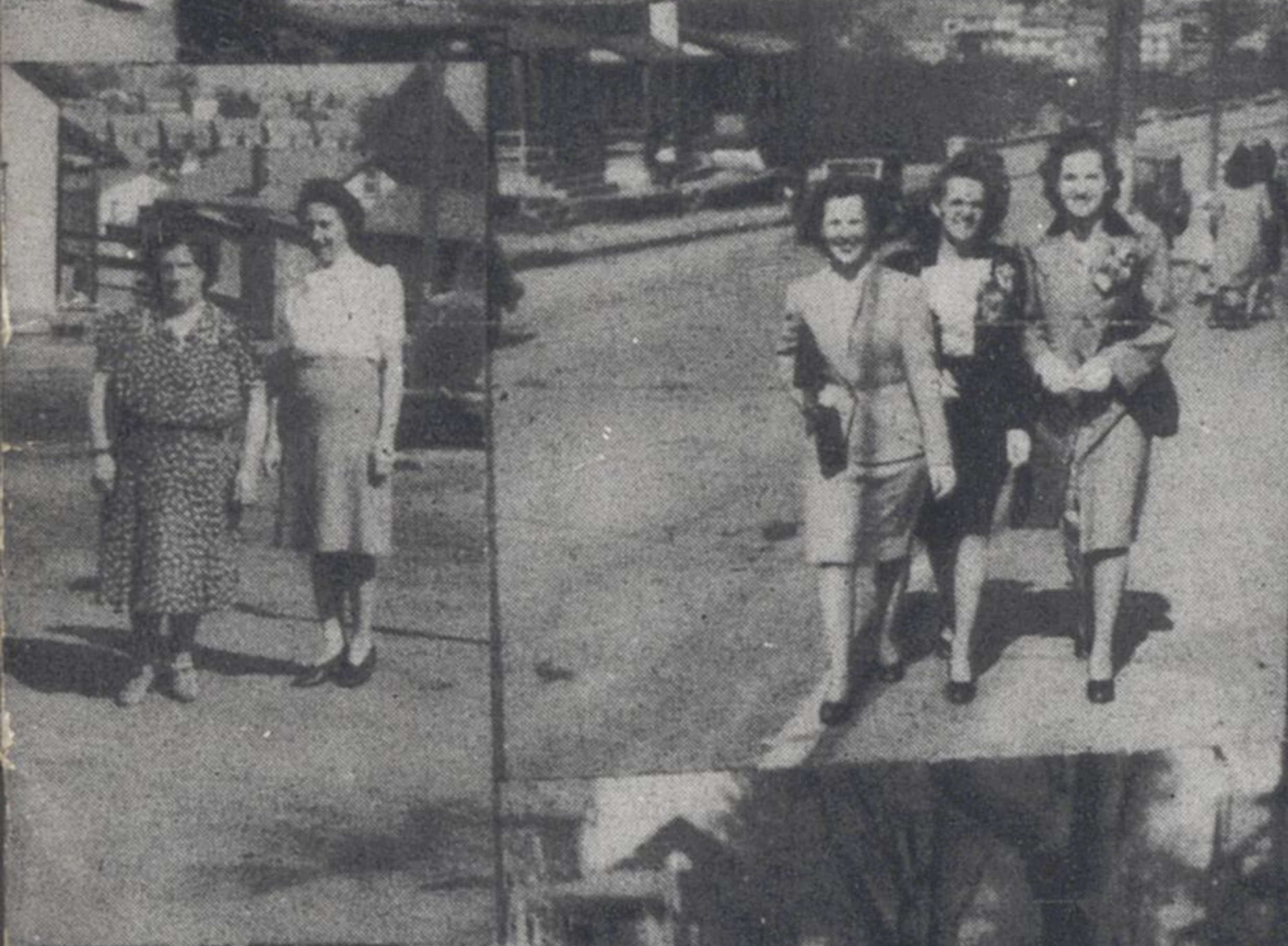


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75th JOINT ASSAULT SIGNAL CO.
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10 February 1945

SUBJECT: Commendation

To: T/5 Carson H. Long, 33369308

1. The Commanding General, (censor) Infantry Division, has instructed me to inform you that your performance of assigned duty in combat was outstanding while engaged with the enemy on the Luzon operation.

2. It is with the greatest of pleasure that I pass this commendation on to you. Such performance of duty reflects great credit upon you, upon the 75th JASCO of which you are a member and upon the military service.

3. It is my desire that this be made a part of your military record.

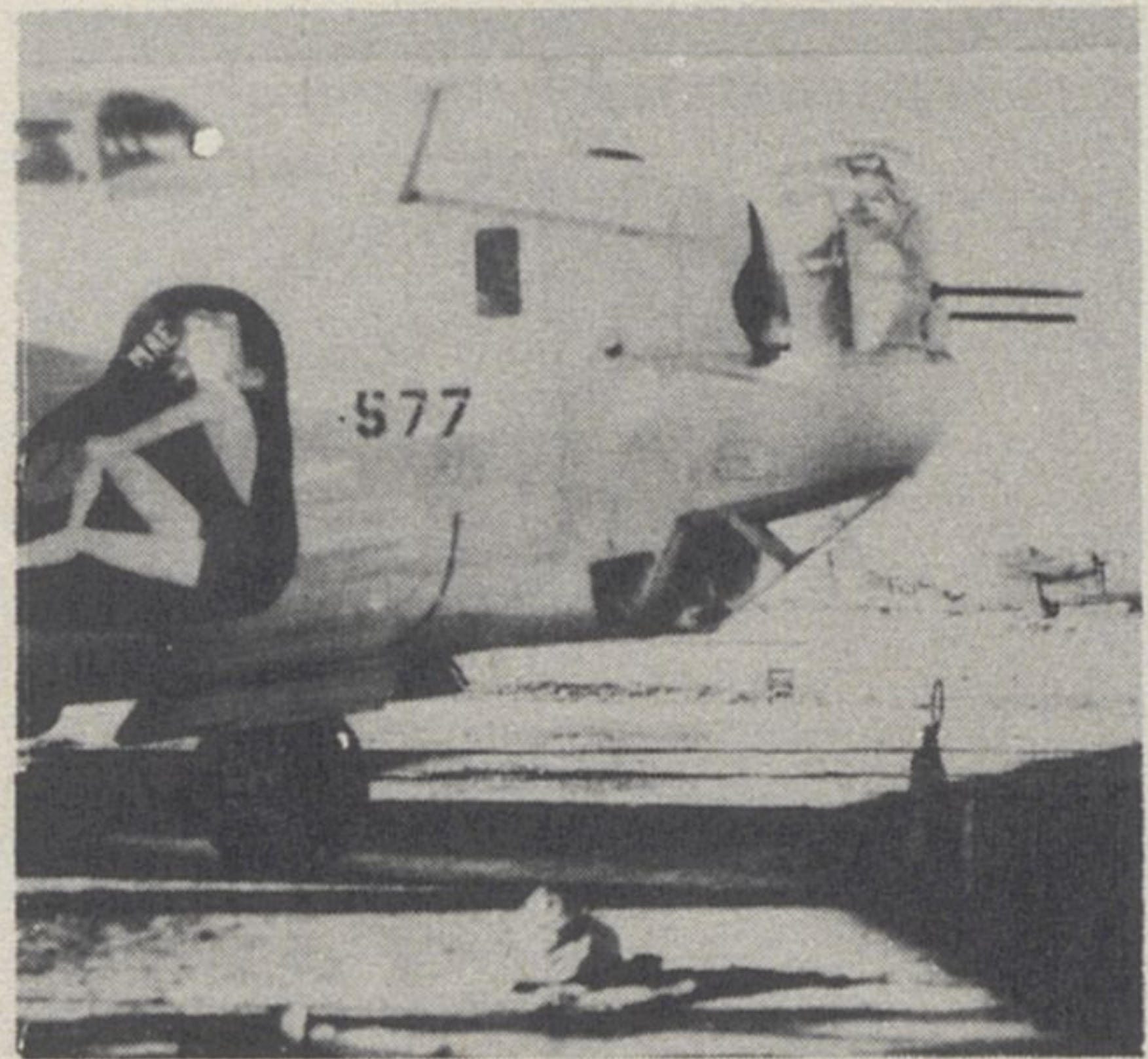
C. R. WHITING
Major, Signal Corps
Commanding

Good News! Prisoner of War . . .

A telegram to his sister Mrs. Chester Hoffman, 59½ N. Third Street from the War Department has announced that Pfc. Paul Miller, reported missing in action since December 22, 1944 is now a prisoner of war in Germany.

No further details are available.

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Sgt. Sterling Miller, an Engineer on planes carrying on the aerial offensive against Germany rides a lucky ship when he takes to the air against the huns.

One of the ships in his squadron has been named the HILDA MAE in honor of his wife, the former Hilda M. Stevens.

This is the first time to our knowledge that a plane has been named in honor of a Coplay girl.

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Citation for Bronze Star Medal

Raymond E. Zerfass, 13052949, Corporal (then Private First Class), Company H, 16th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Ousseltia Valley, Tunisia, 31 January 1943. When an attack by a numerically superior enemy force compelled his company to withdraw, Corporal Zerfass set up a machine gun in an exposed position and, by sustained and effective fire, covered the movement of his comrades. Corporal Zerfass' heroic devotion to duty reflects great credit upon the service. Residence at enlistment: Coplay, Pennsylvania.

Hq 1st US Inf Div,
GO No. 81
11 September 1944.

Cpl. Zerfass, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond F. Zerfass, 55 N. Second Street, has also been awarded the Silver Star on July 29, 1943.



V Echoes From The Front ...-



U. S. S. Delaware.

Hello Friends,

How's tricks? I'm finally getting around to writing a few lines to you wonderful people. I received your January issue of the "Echoes," and wish to express my thanks for it. The book was exceptionally interesting this month. I opened the book and when I saw the page dedicated to my parents, it made me feel very proud of them.

There really isn't much of any news to write about. Some new barracks were just completed and are located directly opposite our Bureau. Quite a number of the girls were given their orders to move tomorrow, and my name will probably be on the next list.

A few weeks ago, a WAVE came into our office. We got to talking and soon I learned that she came from Bethlehem, and was a very good friend of my cousin. That certainly was a coincidence, and it sure felt superb meeting someone so close to home, although I have met quite a few people from the area.

I'll say adios and the best of luck on your splendid work.

Keep the books rollin'.

Yours,
Rose E. Mondschein, S I/c.

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Fellow Coplayites:

I have been most fortunate, in receiving every copy of the Coplay Echoes, and I have just received the Xmas issue which I consider the best of them all. You are to be congratulated. It is almost a complete album of the loved ones we left behind. And I am sure every serviceman and woman will agree. The spirit of family ties and clans is strong within you. The spirit to serve, as evidenced by this work, is the spirit of true Patriotism.

The pictures of houses, homes, churches and the folks show us what we are fighting for. And that makes us glad that we have so much to fight for. No better place, nor better people, are to be found anywhere. I am proud of Coplay and Coplayites. My Home Town, My People, God Bless you.

William McKinley Kern, W.T. I/c.

Hello George,

I received the latest copy of the Coplay Echoes, and thanks a million. I think it is swell, and in fact so do the rest of the boys here in my outfit. Just as quick as I can finish reading it, there is a line waiting for it. They told me I should tell you what a swell bunch of people there are in Coplay to think of sending something like it to the boys in the service.

I wanted to write long ago and tell you how good it was, and that I have been receiving every copy since it originated. But I just couldn't get around to doing it.

I am still in the States and just aching to get across, but it sure looks like I'll be stuck here in Texas for quite some time yet. Part of my old outfit went over seas a couple of months ago, and all of us Non Coms were left behind as a cadre to train the new men as they come in.

I'll have to make this letter kind of short, but I shall write you again soon. So take it easy and keep up the good work. Give my regards to everyone and I hope to be seeing you soon.

Your old friend,
S/Sgt. Russel E. Johnston.

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Dear Editor and Staff:

Since the last two issues of my home town magazine arrived at my old address, I am inclined to believe that you did not receive the Xmas card I sent you bearing my new address. May this, therefore, serve to inform you of my new location, as well as wishing the entire gang of Coplay Echoes everything fine for the New Year. Perhaps I am a bit late in bidding a good wish to those deserving of it, but it is never too late to say that the people of Coplay, by their action in printing such a wonderful book, show the true meaning of Americanism. Rest assured that though our letters to you carry a mere thanks for what you are doing for us, deep down inside we retain the spirit of true fellowship; the attitude of every American soldier longing to return to his "home town." With pleasant regards to all, and my many thanks, I remain,

Sincerely,
Fred Galler.



1st Lieutenant John Marth now somewhere in Germany demonstrates the most popular form of transportation "over there" at present. At a point directly up the street a few miles, the Germans were holding desperately and the day after this photograph was taken heavy damage was done to this area in a bomb raid by the Germans.

"Johnny" has sent home a number of souvenirs which include a captured Nazi flag, Hitler's "Mein Kampf" in the German and an assortment of German military equipment.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Marth, South Fourth Street.

Dear Staff:

It's been quite a while now since my last issue of "The Echoes." Am anxiously sweating out each and every mail delivery.

How's everything back there in the magnificent state of Pennsylvania? I'd give all I own to see for myself.

I am well into my fourth year on this side, (the wrong side) of the Atlantic Ocean. I've almost completely forgotten what it feels like to live in comparative comfort. I wonder if people in America full realize how very fortunate they are? Another year over here and I'll go down in a straight-jacket. Viva la America.

An American,
Wm. Keglovits.

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Kraut for Supper . . .

We've been waiting a long time for a picture of Adolph "Ben" Yost, popular Stiles soldier who was as well known in Coplay as if he had lived here.

Luck was with us when we unexpectedly received the above picture of Sgt. Yost and something he bagged. At present he is somewhere in the European theater with the 90th Infantry Division. Ben is the guy with the gun.

Jan. 21, 1944.

Dear Staff:

I am sorry I did not write you sooner. I want to thank you for sending me the "Coplay Echoes" book. It sure is the 'biggest little photographed town' in the world, and the book sure brings back some good old memories. I hope it won't be long before we all can go back to the "biggest little town" in the world.

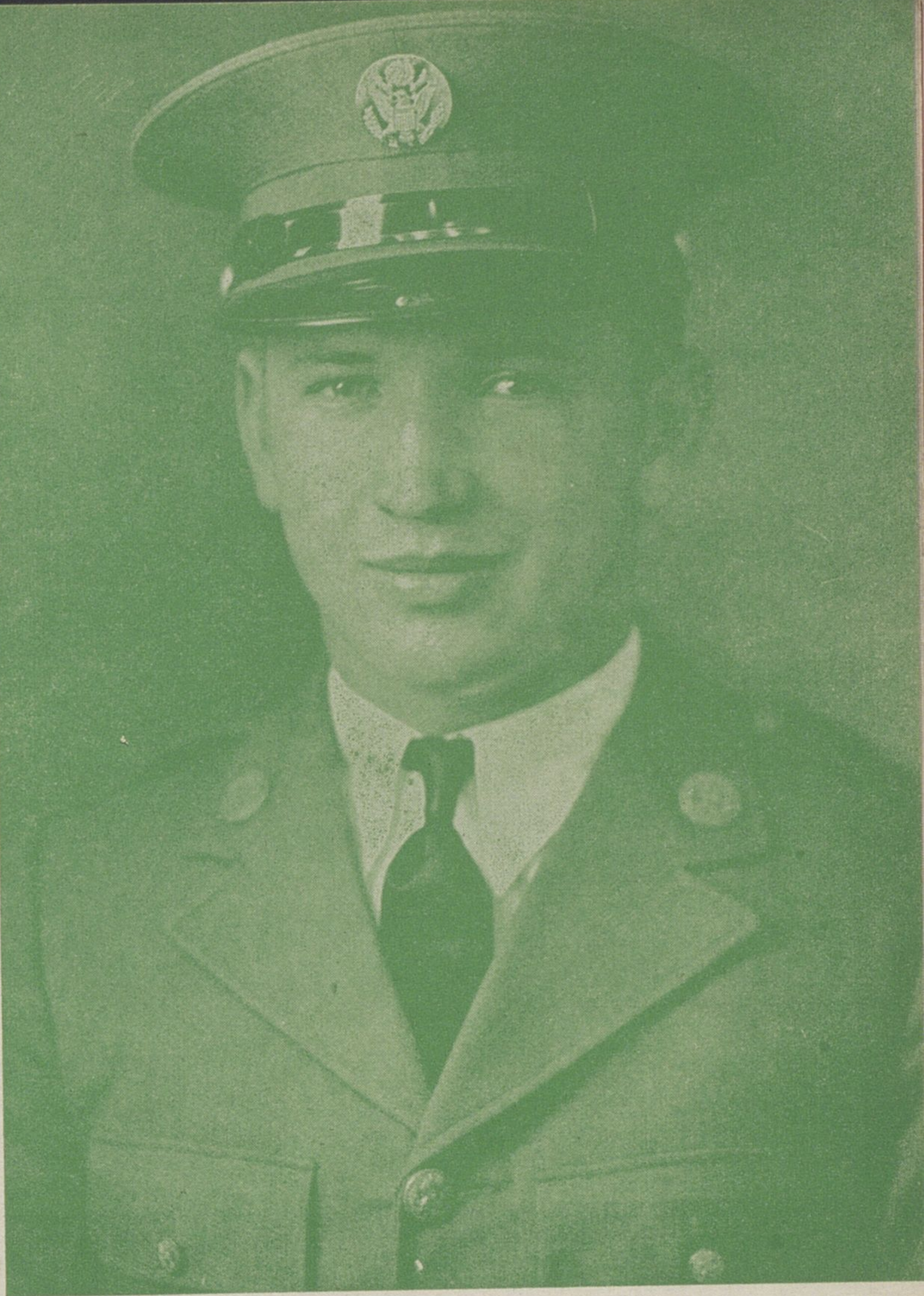
I am still in a General Hospital, but they are replacing us with combat men that have seen action, so I don't know where I will land before this war is over. One of my buddies has been shipped out — Frank Stelzman. I guess you know him, he is from Coplay. I saw him, since he is not too far from me. We still get together once in a while.

Adolf Burkhart, from Stiles, Mike Stoppy from Cementon, we all came in at the same time, and still are together, excepting Frank.

We have snow over here. Like it much better than that rain we had all the time. I saw in the paper where the States back home have plenty of snow. The snow sure is a thrill for the kids at home. Gives them a chance to get that old rusty sleigh out again.

Well sorry I have to be on duty in five minutes, so again, thanks a lot for that wonderful book "Coplay Echoes."

A Coplayite,
Hooks Horvath.



Cpl. John Keller

Inducted March 3, 1942

Killed in Action

Luzon

Date: February 9, 1945.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. George Keller
Chestnut Street





The Limit....

Coplay's big game hunter bags a half ton moose once more. Frank Kukitz was once again rewarded this year with a prize specimen of the North woods which he displayed during the cold period after his return in the plot in front of the Log Cabin.

Greetings Staff and Co-workers:

About time I restored communication lines to you all, eh? Like "Manna from Heaven," the Echoes continues to find me. England, Holland, Belgium and France all have heard Coplay's Echo. Well done, mates, and thanks a million.

Had lots of excitement recently, both in the line of duty and pleasure. The past Yule-tide season is a fox-hole memory of the history-making stand at Bastogne. With the campaign in Belgium, I've completed the circuit; by land, sea and air. What next — ??

Spent a few days in gay Paree this week, what a city! By far, 'twas the most wonderful spot I've visited on this side of the pond. Why? (Shh, don't think out loud.)

Have only met one Coplayite in all my wanderings. That was Stranzl who is in the same division as I am. Wish I had more time on my hands. I could probably locate a few pals from the ol' home-town.

Well, it's time to cease my chattering. Looking forward to your next boost in morale and wishing you continued success.

Sincerely,

Lt. Frank Toth Jr.

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Coplay Cement Co. and Its Employees Awarded Army - Navy "E"

Lauding labor and management of the Coplay Cement Mfg. Co. for the excellent contribution they have made in the production of war materials, Lt. Col. Albert D. Kelso of the Philadelphia Ordnance District paid tribute to the local firm while presenting the Army-Navy "E."

The ceremonies were held in the local high school auditorium January 30th. George M. Koch of Deinelt & Eisenhardt, Inc. of Philadelphia acted as master of ceremonies, Colonel Kelso made the official award which was accepted by David J. Uhle, vice-president and general manager of the local concern. Lt. R. G. Nordstrom, U. S. N. R. attached to the office of inspector of naval material at Bethlehem, presented the "E" pins to the employees which were accepted by a committee of five employees consisting of George Bennett, Joseph Betz, Louis Klucharich, Samuel Bartlett, and John Yellen. Pvt. Lee Agardine, a patient at the Valley Forge Hospital, assisted Lt. Nordstrom in making the awards.

Sports Flashes . . .

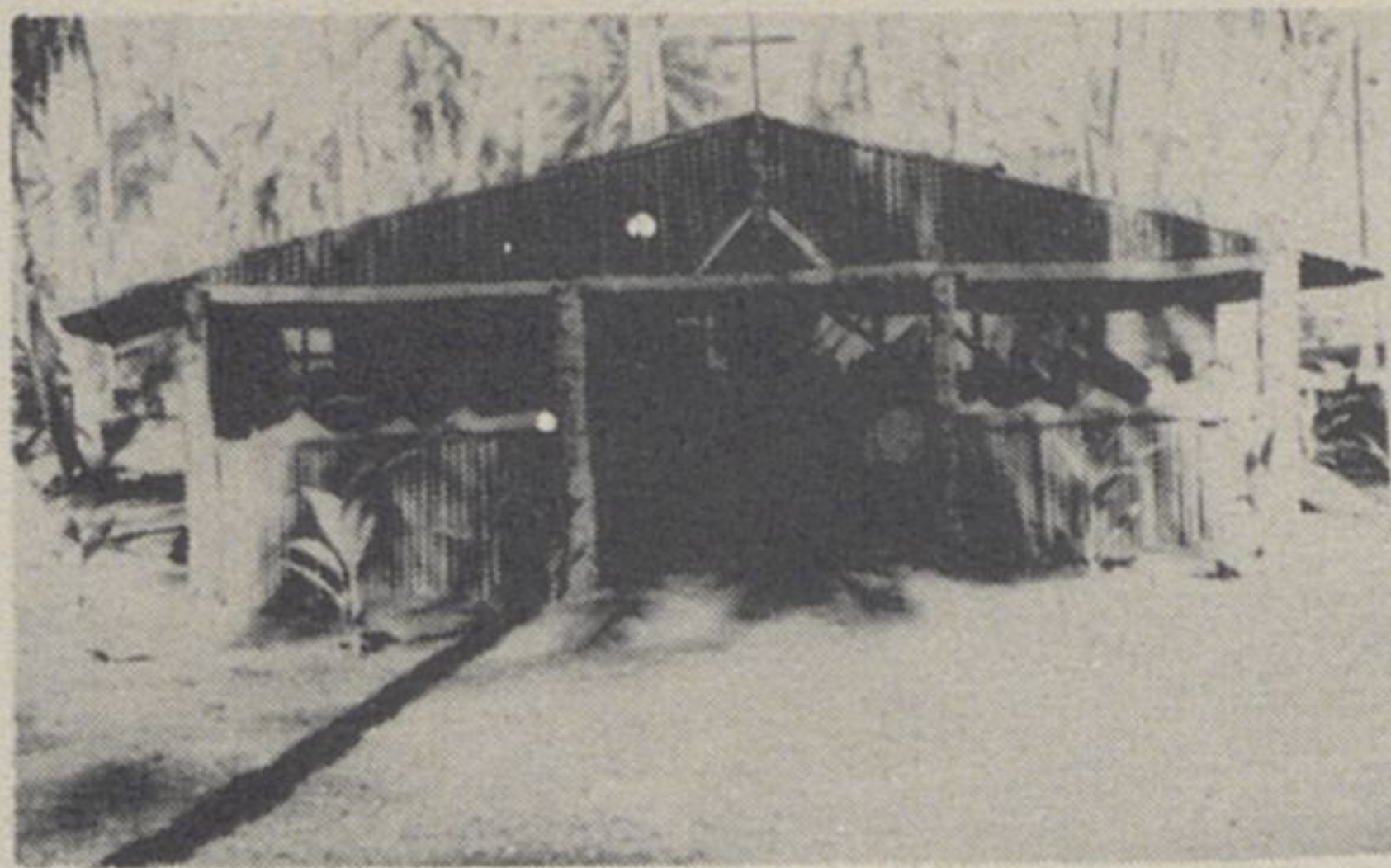
The past month saw the curtain drop on one of the most exciting basketball seasons in years. Muhlenberg was invited to the National Invitation Tournament at Madison Square Garden and was eliminated by St. Johns of Brooklyn in the first round. The Mules put up a tough battle before being downed in the last few minutes of play by a 42-40 score. After a fast start and obtaining a 10-0 lead, the Mules lost Baldwin and Doran on personal fouls in the last quarter and enabled St. John's to overcome their lead.

Allentown High and Central Catholic brought two state titles to the Lehigh Valley. Allentown beat Donora, western champs 40-38 for their second state title, their first since 1935 when they beat Rankin for their first state championship. Like Allentown, Central Catholic won its second title by beating Pittsburgh Central Catholic 41-38. The Vikings previously won the state laurels in 1936.



***"Not Easily Won
Nor Lightly Bestowed"***





The above pictures are of a chapel built the South Pacific by Pfc. Burt Salter and the men of his outfit. Such materials as were at hand were utilized in making this crude but beautiful place of worship. The views are of interior and exterior.

Pfc. Salter is the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. Alvin Salter, South Fourth Street.

Dear Staff:

I received my December issue of Coplay Echoes and am now anxiously waiting for the January edition. I must let you know that I appreciate my little home-town magazine more than ever. In fact, I won't call it a little magazine for to me it's the greatest ever printed. Its news from Coplay, its pictures, and letters from all the boys and girls bring the town of Coplay right here to me in England. And I might add that I'm mighty proud that my home-town is the most photographed little place in the world.

All the fellows as well as I, get a great deal of enjoyment from reading the Echoes and are constantly after me to let them see it as soon as it arrives. You, the staff, and the townspeople are doing a swell job and I wish you all the luck in the world.

I hope you're all feeling fine as I'm okay and like England a lot. It's quite an experience to get out and see some of the world.

Time for lights out now so I'll have to say so-long. Best wishes and the best of luck to the swellest townspeople in the world.

One of many who feel the same,

Eddie Trankley.

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Sgt. John "Shorty" Tapler can sure round up Coplay boys — here he is again with Staff Sgt. Julius Mayer and Cpl. Johnnie Scherr somewhere in Italy.

Dear George and Staff:

Here at last is a letter that was due many months ago.

I appreciate and enjoy every issue of the Echoes and look forward to the next one. I do not need to tell you what a great book it is and what it means to us.

In the past couple of months, I have been transferred twice, but the Echoes still comes through.

We are proud of our home town and what the people back there are doing. Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,

Elda Schreiber.

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Dear Staff:

I received my November and January issues of the Echoes and I sure must say they were welcome. But we had a bigger treat in store. We pulled in at Long Beach, Calif, two days ago. Back in the good old U. S. A. In the four months we've been on the Pacific we traveled over 20,000 miles. We were at Eniwetok in the Marshall Islands, Ulithi in the Caroline Islands, Leyte and Samar in the Philippine Islands and Manus Island in the Admiralty Islands. Now we're back but not long enough for me to get a leave. I sure wish I could get home.

Long Beach is about 25 miles from Hollywood and L. A. so I expect to visit those places this week. I hope I have a good time but I'd sooner get home. I guess that'll have to wait for a while. Thanks for that page given to the Family in the January issue. Thank ycu.

George Mondschein.



Pfc. Frank J. Nemeth

Inducted March 3, 1942.

Wounded February 5, 1945

Died of Wounds

Luzon

Date: February 9, 1945.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. James Nemeth
Eighth and Chestnut Streets



GRAMMY DID IT

Warren Miller can well be proud of the work his grandmother has done on the home front.

When it was apparent that our magazine might need some financial help after the gigantic Christmas issue had gone to press, several organizations came to our aid and helped considerably.

This state of affairs however bothered Mrs. Minnie Wieder no end and she determined to do her share to keep the magazine alive. With a novel idea up her sleeve, she started out asking people to sew a patch upon a quilt, the patch to contain whatever amount the donor wished to give.

Thru fair weather or foul she took her sunny disposition and her determination into a multitude of homes and when representatives of "Echoes" staff assembled at her home to remove the patches they were dumfounded to find the sum of \$266.30.

We are all sure that if the boys were here they'd give her a cheer that could be heard in every part of Coplay. A salute to the grandmother who showed everybody in Coplay that you *can do anything* if you have the will and the determination.

Mrs. Wieder insisted that we use any space available to thank the kind people who supported this novel idea but we know they feel well satisfied that they have given to a worthy cause and need no thanks.

We feel confident that the people of our community are grateful for the wonderful job "Min" did.

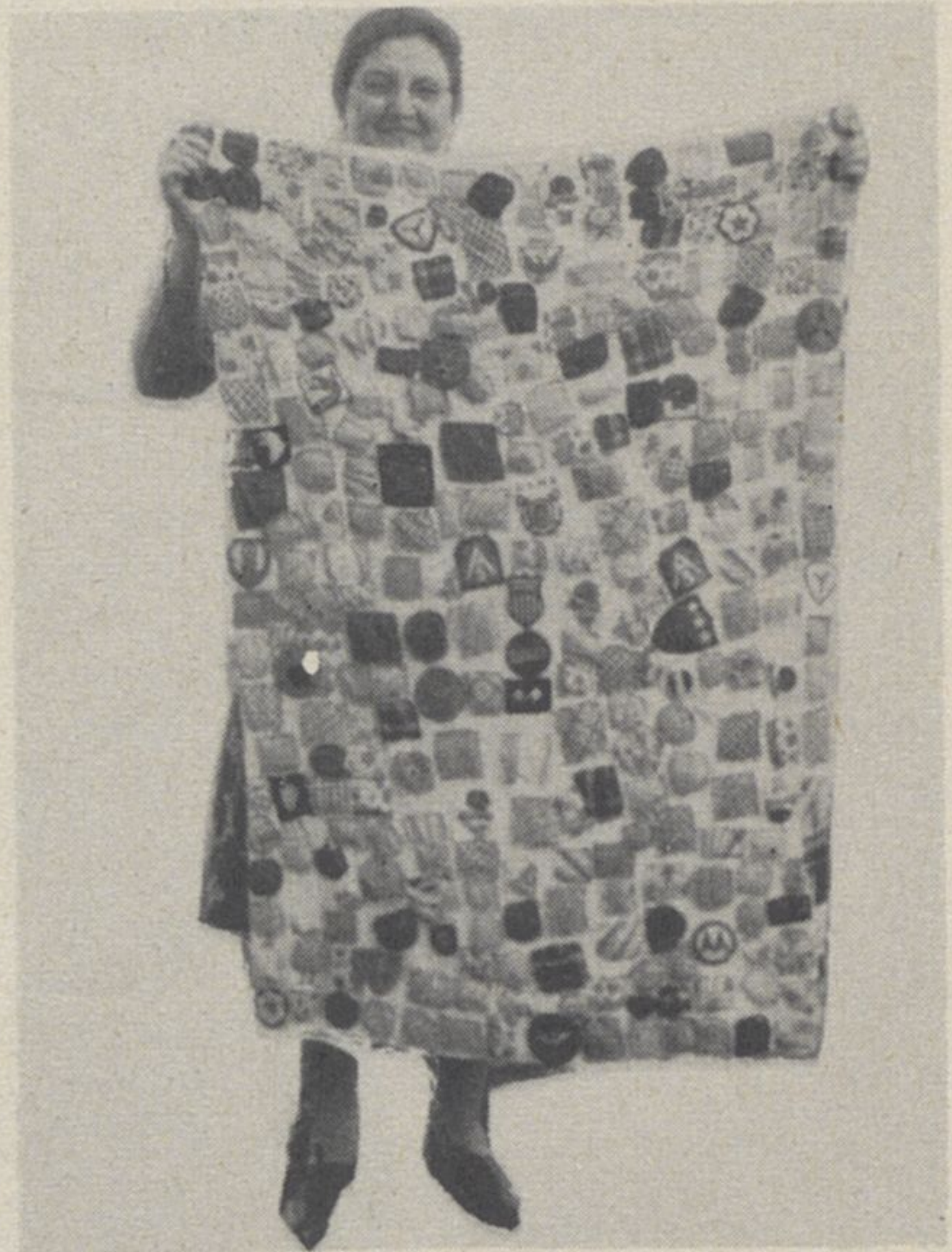
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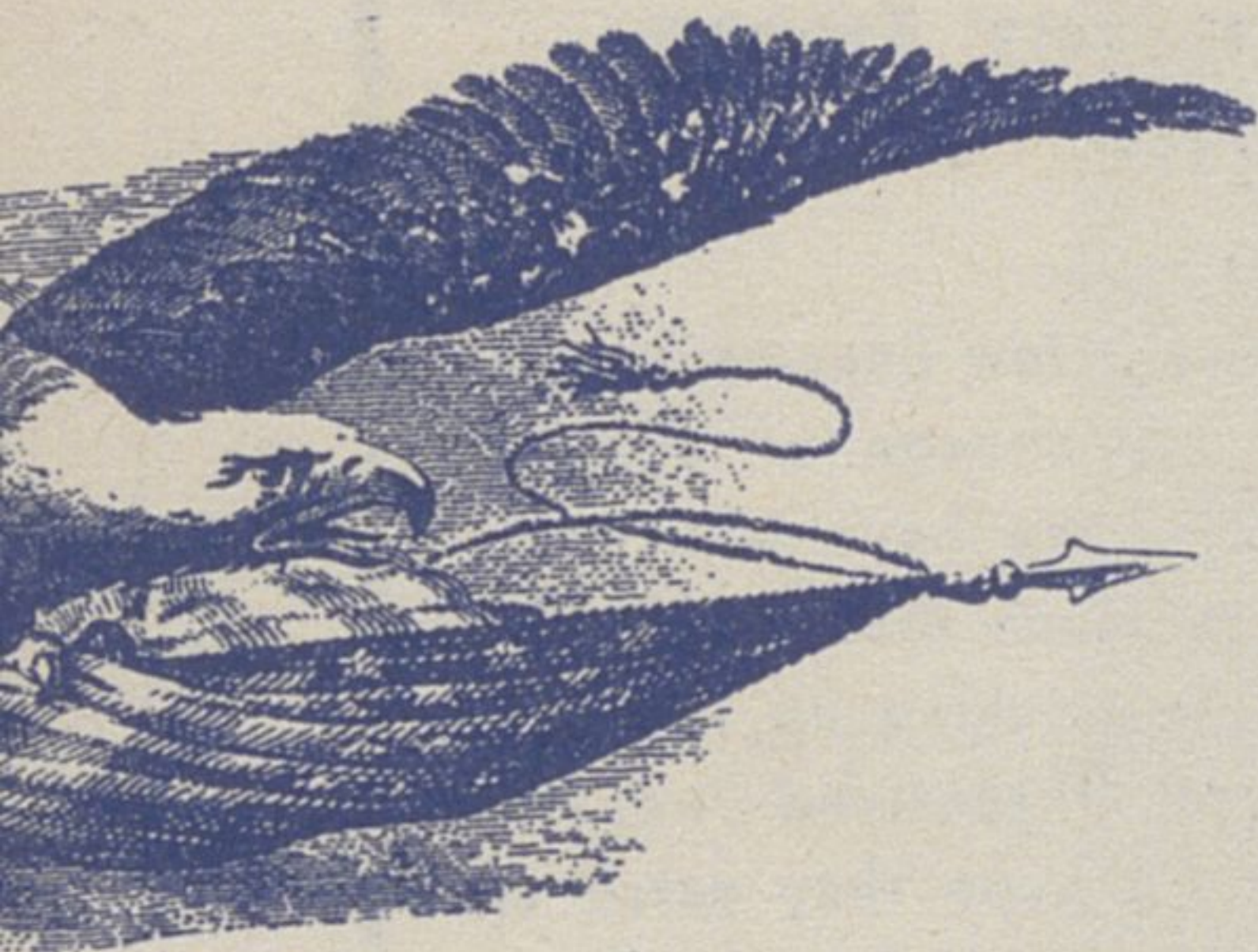
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 Krug, Julius
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 Lewis, Roland
 Liebezeit, Rupert
 Lilly, Allen L.
 Lindenmuth, Sam
 Long, Carson
 Lorenz, Frank
 Lorenz, John
 Luizer, John
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Magazu, Andre
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 Marek, Vincent
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 Marinkovits, Ed
 Marks, Alfred
 Marth, Frank
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 Meyers, Frank
 Michael, Harry
 Miklos, Francis
 Miklos, John
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 Miller, Frank
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Camp Casualties
Hirschman, Anton
Wonderly, Louis

Missing in Action
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Prisoner of War
Miller, Paul

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Miller, Lewis
‡Miller, Percy
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Miller, Warren
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Mills, Frank
Miskowsky, George
Mohr, Harold
Mohr, Martin T.
Mohr, Ralph
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Mullner, Frank
Mullner, Joseph

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Pammer, Frank
Parvel, John
Parvel, William
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Paul, John
Paul, Joseph J.
Peters, Stanley
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Piscitelli, Andrew
Poandl, Frank
Poandl, Helen
Podorski, Joseph
Podorski, Eva
Pohranechne, Alex
Prisnock, Louis
Prockl, William

Raber, Samuel
Radon, Edward
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Rogers, Richard
Rogers, Sterling
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‡Rothdeutsch, Frank
Rubasky, John
Sacks, William
Sakaschitz, Alex
Salter, Alton
Salter, Burt
Santee, George
Schaffer, Randolph
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Scherr, Alfred
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Schlager, Ludwig
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Schleder, Stephen J.
Schnecker, Joseph
Schrampf, John
Schreiber, Daniel
Schreiber, Elda
Seier, Leo
Selady, Helen
‡Semler, John
Semler, Joseph
Shoemaker, Allan C.
Shoemaker, Brooke
Sickar, Edward
Sidor, Frank
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Slanovits, Edward
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Slanovits, Louis
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Sommers, Joseph F.
Sommers, William
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Steiner, Frank
Steiner, Gustav
Steiner, Joseph
Stelzman, Frank M.
Stelzman, Steve
Stetch, Michael
‡Stewart, Roy
Stock, Paul
Stranzl, Louis
Stranzel, Louis
Strauch, Frank Jr.
Stumpf, Alfred
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Stumpf, Louis
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Stumpf, Rudolph
Stumpp, David
Szivos, Frank
Tabernigg, Arnold
Tabernigg, Edgar
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Taniser, Charles J.
Taniser, Louis
Tapler, Aloysius
Tapler, John
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Thompson, Rose
Toth, Frank Jr.
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Wehr, Robert
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Yoo, Rose
Zeiner, Milton
Zerfass, Raymond
Zsigovits, Joseph
Zsigovits, Theresa
Zwickle, Edward



Sgt. Raymond Reppert

Married March 31, 1945

To: Dale Meitzler

At: Egypt Reformed Church

Donations . . .

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 Mrs. Mary Eby
 Donald and Robert Oakley
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Last Letter from "Johnnie"

Dear Friends:

I am writing a few lines to let you know about my change of address. It is Apo 321. We have been moving around so much that the Echoes is a little slow catching up with me. The last copy I received was the August issue. I hope they catch up with me pretty soon. Because I sure do miss them.

I am on one of the Philippine Islands now, so in the future I ought to receive the Echoes pretty fast.

My father wrote and told me that he moved to Allentown. I hope that won't stop me from getting the magazine in the future.

Yours truly,

Pvt. John Schwartz.

Daniel Kerbacher, Sr.
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 Rose George
 William Stumpp
 William Reinhard Sr.
 Muriel Green
 Laura Fogel
 Sallie Miller

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Pvt. John Schwartz

Inducted March, 1941

Killed in Action

Corregidor, Philippine Islands

Date: February 19, 1945.

Son of Mr. George Schwartz
formerly of
207 South Second Street



STRICTLY G. I.

A column devoted exclusively to men and women in the Armed Forces.

ERNEST KUNKLE home on a one day leave from Camp Meade — SGT. FRANK FIEDLER home from Nichols Hospital, Louisville, Ky. — twice wounded, the last time **seriously** in France, Nov. 11, 1944 and after several operations here was allowed to visit his sister Mrs. Caroline Woodward — EDWARD WOLFEL home for Easter — PHILIP REINHARD home on a 48 hour pass — SAMUEL RABER spent a week-end in Coplay recently — CPL. LEE W. REINHARD home for 10 days — 2nd LT. JOHN MARTH became a 1st Lt. February 9, 1945. He is somewhere in Germany — CLIFFORD SILFIES, now in the Navy spent a 9 day leave at home — Boys in Navy Blue made quite a showing on 7th and 8th Streets. BILL BERG home on furlough after completing his boot training at Sampson. FRANK PAUKOVITS and WALTER NOVAK also had week end leaves. BILL PROCKL home again after spending 22 months in the South Pacific.

1st LT. FRANK TOTH is now home on leave after spending 19 months in the European Theater of war, Frank wears a Bronze Star and The Presidential Citation ribbon. He is in the airborne field artillery and took part in the Bastogne siege.

CHARLES IVANKOVITS is home from the South Pacific after 35 months away from the States. He was with the Signal Corps and part of his job was being infiltrated into Jap held islands and from there radioed information to the invasion troops.

SGT. JOSEPH "PAT" PODORSKI is spending 30 days furlough from Camp Butner, N. C. convalescing. After 6 months of fighting overseas Joe had the dreaded "trench foot" catch up with him and he was sent home for treatment.

February 17, 1945 will be a day long remembered by SGT. JOHN MATIS and his brother CPL. JOSEPH MATIS of South 4th Street, who met in Germany on that date. Not having seen each other in 3 years it

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First . . . and Last

Dear Editor:

This is my first letter to the Echoes but I hope you don't think that I never realized what a swell book you people were putting out. I'm always very happy to receive my copy. It's been almost 10 years since I left Coplay but I never lost interest in its swell people. I'm particularly interested in sports and I always welcome the scores of the latest sporting events in your neighborhood. I hope your basketball team makes out as well in basketball as it did in football.

I have never met a Coplay boy in the service and I sure would like to meet a couple one of these days.

Again let me congratulate you and all those swell people responsible for the Echoes for doing such a mighty fine job.

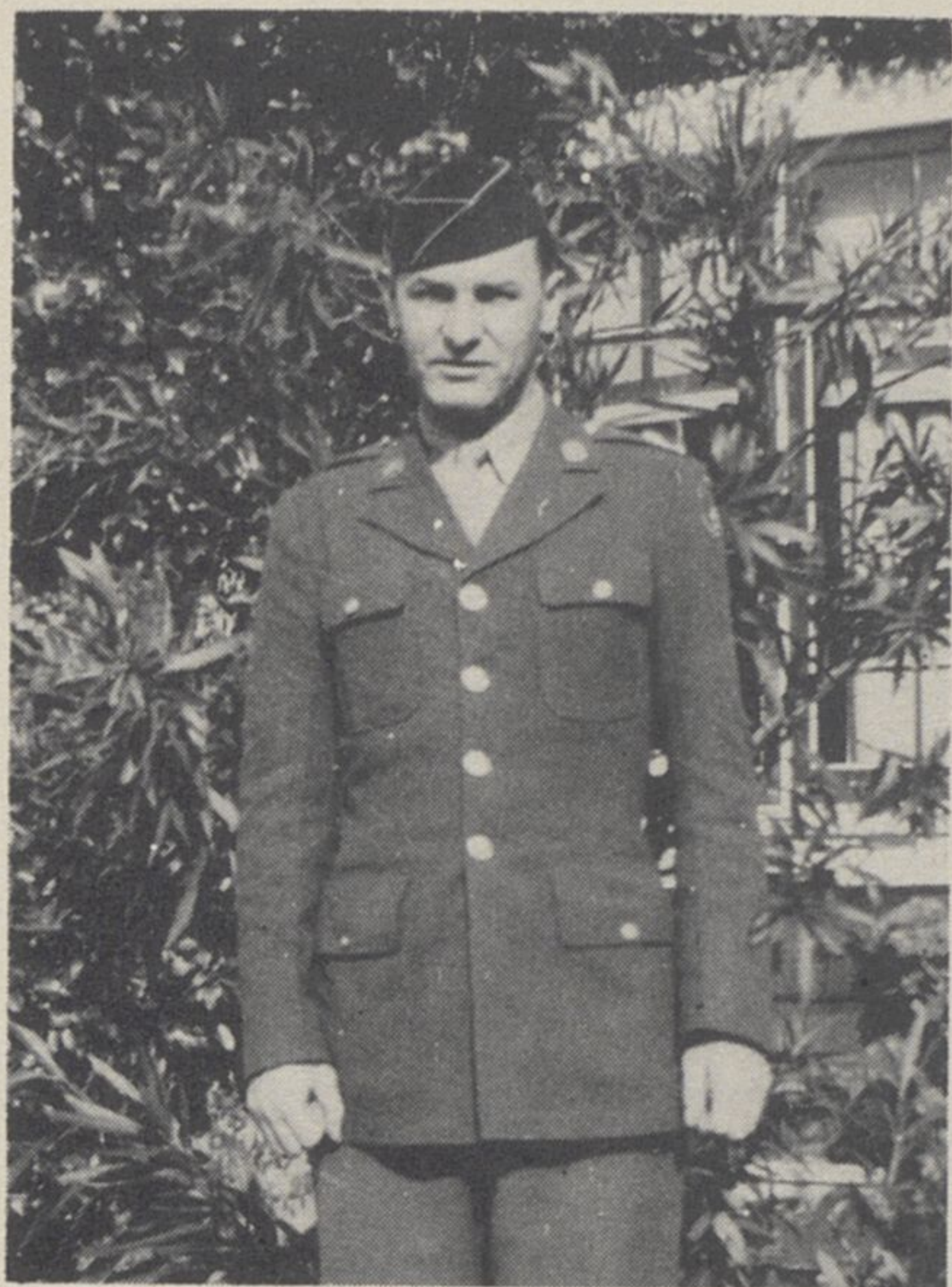
Sgt. Edwin P. Moser

must have been a great thrill. John having travelled 70 miles to meet his brother. Three days after they first meet the boys celebrated Joe's 23rd birthday.

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Julius Lowy
Sterling Miller Jr.
Kate Acker
Mrs. Walter Morgan
Mrs. Cora Rice
Eliza Hoffman
Ruth Beidleman
James Reinhard
Ella Schneck
Balla Kock
Mary Meyle
Mr. and Mrs. John Pammer
Julius Stranzl
Allan, Richard and Irene Hoffman
Hannah Derr
Mrs. Clarence Gaugler
Helen Hantz
Mrs. Amos Peters
Mrs. Royal Miller

Many names on the slips under the patches were indistinct and as a result several cannot be published.



Cpl. Harry J. Rinker Jr. was killed in an air crash on February 23, 1945 at John Rogers Airport, Honolulu.

The following is a copy of the letter received by his wife now residing in San Diego.

Mrs. Laura M. Rinker
1211 West Montecito Way
San Diego, Calif.

My Dear Mrs. Rinker,

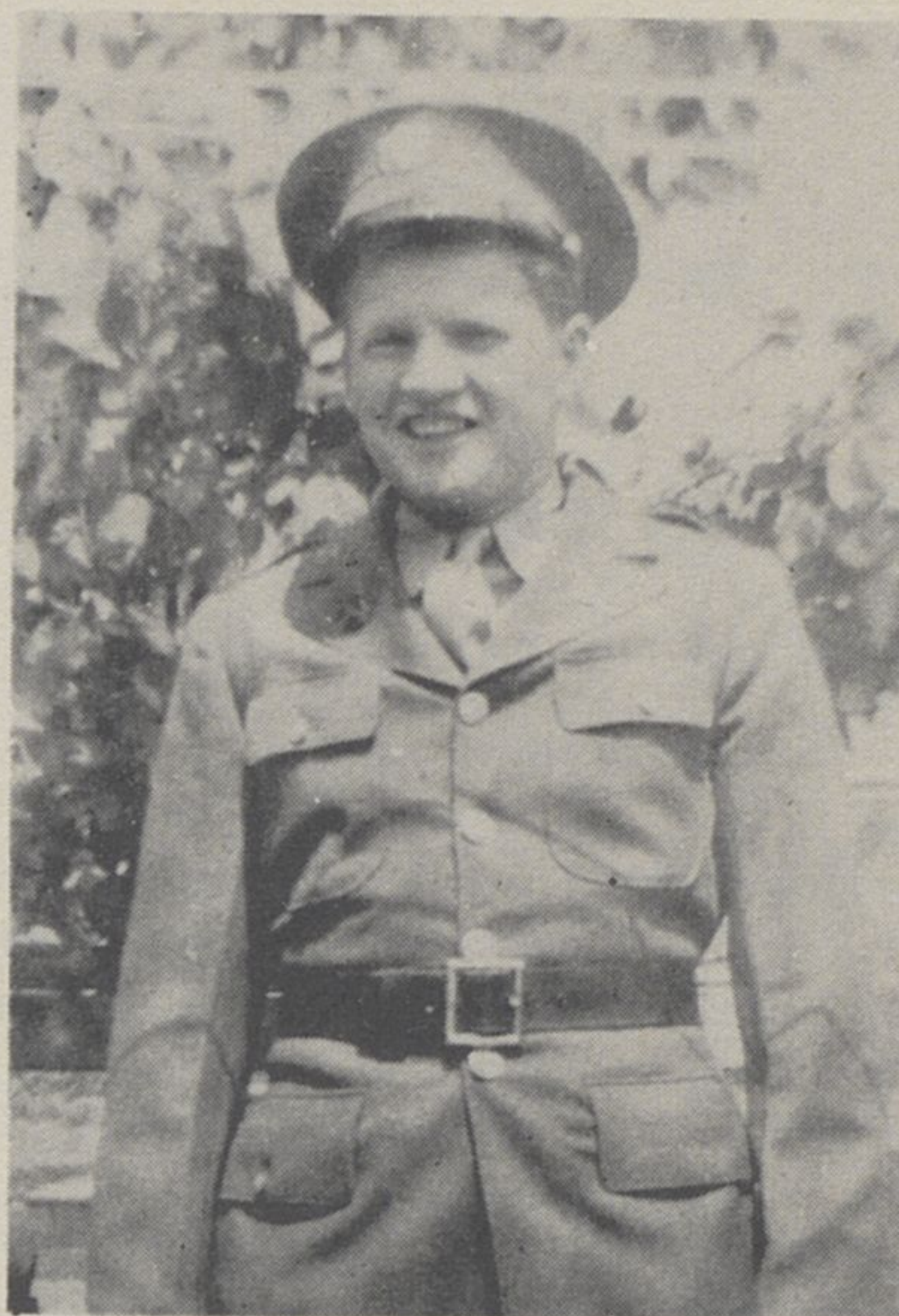
I regret to inform you of the sudden death of your husband, Cpl. Harry J. W. Rinker, Jr., 6841374, on the 23rd of February, 1945, at approximately 0900, at John Rogers Airport, Honolulu, Hawaii.

His death was caused by the crash of his plane.

He was buried at the Post Cemetery, Schofield Barracks, Oahu, T.H., on the 27th of February, 1945. The cemetery is a beautiful one, and is very well cared for. The flag was at half mast during the burial ceremony.

Ten sprays of flowers were given by your husband's organization and friends. Major Jones, Harry's commanding officer, and approximately 175 officers and enlisted men attended the service. The pall-bearers were Harry's buddies of the squadron. The entire service was carried out with dignity and reverence.

Only a few days ago I flew with



Killed in Action . . .

Sergeant Edwin P. Moser, son of Charles and the late Katie Moser of Northampton, was killed in Germany on March 5, the War Department notified his family. Previously he had been reported missing.

The 25-year-old soldier was attached to an armored reconnaissance battalion and had been overseas since last January. Inducted into service in October, 1941, Sergeant Moser received his basic training at Fort Eustis, Va. He is the brother of Mrs. Clifford Snyder, 18 S. Second St.

your husband on a short trip. He was in the very best of spirits.

Such a soul as Harry Rinker can never die. Today, I'm confident he has made a three point landing on God's magnificent and well lighted airport. His ship is in.

May the Love of God fill the vacant place in your heart, is my prayer for you.

Sincerely,
JAMES M. BECKER,
Major, Chaplain.

Cpl. Rinker is the son of Harry Rinker, mail messenger and served two previous enlistments in the U. S. Army.



This is what Steve Walzcuk has to look at when he gets up in the morning somewhere in the South Pacific. Personally we don't like chocolate.

AN EIGHTH AIR FORCE BOMBER STATION, England. Sergeant Louis C. Eby, 24, Coplay, Penna., recently entered the aerial offensive against Germany's war machine when he participated on an Eighth Air Force B-17 Flying Fortress attack on Soest's marshalling yards.

Sgt. Eby is a radio operator with the 285th Bombardment Group. His group is commanded by Colonel George Y. Jumper and is part of the famous Third Air Division, the division which has been cited by the President for its now historic England-Africa shuttle bombing of the Messerschmitt airplane factories at Regensburg, Germany, in August, 1943.

Son of Mrs. Mary Eby, 172 Cherry Street, Coplay, he is married to the former Miss Alberta Kincher, Route #3 Slatington. He graduated from Coplay High School and entered the AAF in September, 1943. Sgt. Eby received his aerial gunnery wings at Yma, Arizona, in September, 1944. His brother Frank is a private in the South Pacific.

Editor's Note . . .

A previous bulletin announced his promotion to Sergeant.

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To the Staff:

This is by way of expressing my appreciation for the Echoes you have been sending me so regularly. I haven't seen anything from any town large or small that has the material or looks

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of the Echoes and I'm always proud to pass it along. I know how much it means to the boys, particularly those overseas, so, keep up the grand work.

Very sincerely,

M. M. George, Lieut. U.S.N.

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Happy New Year, Folks:

Well, folks, plenty happened this Christmas; we missed your swell cooking Mom, and the smiles on the children's faces as they opened their Christmas presents. But we tried to make up for it by kicking Tojo in the pants — twice. You'll read about it in the hometown newspapers, but let me give you a super-duper, eye-witness account of why we didn't have time to sing any Christmas carols.

Well, the Japs have an island a few hundred miles from Tokyo that needed some attention by our Navy and our idea of a Christmas present was a bombardment of that island that the Japs would remember — for several Yuletides.

We really worked 'em over. We cruised up there Christmas Eve (while you were laying the presents around the Christmas tree). We had some cruisers and destroyers. The Army worked with us on the show, and their B-24 bombers pasted the Japs plenty before we moved in. Some P-38's also went in and strafed the joint (the idea was to keep their planes on the ground so they couldn't attack us.) They did a pretty good job of it too!

Our targets were coastal guns, buildings, fuel dumps, ships, planes — anything with the Jap red circle on it. We circled the island and pumped our big shells into their gun positions, and as a side dish, we lobbed over plenty of five-inch stuff too. We plugged at them for over an hour.

Two of our destroyers chased a Jap destroyer 85 miles when she tried to escape. They caught her and sent both the Japs and ship to the bottom.

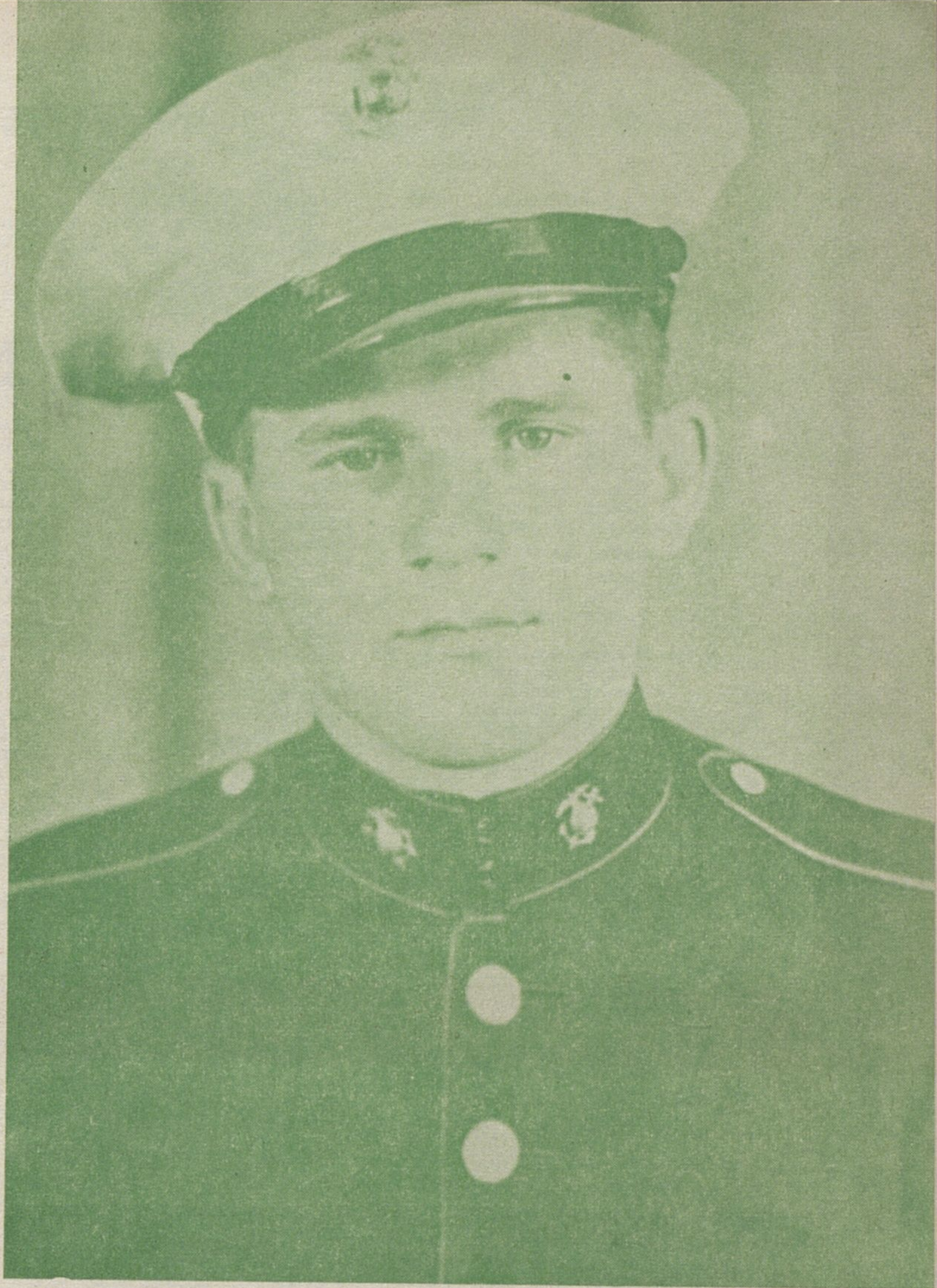
We gave the Japs on that island our second present right after Christmas — with trimmings. During that bombardment, we fired a Jap escort gunboat and another large landing ship near the boat basin. The gunboat blew up and the ammunition in the other ship was still exploding when we went over the horizon.

We raked their air fields with five-inch and poured in plenty of big stuff. We worked over boats and buildings and gun emplacements. In Navy language, folks, it was 4.0 — perfect. We hit one Jap plane dead center on the runway and when the smoke cleared there wasn't any plane.

We were all pretty tired when we pulled away from the island the second time, but I think everybody felt that he had some of the Christmas spirit — although we were a long way from home.

Yours,

"Bip" Klucharich.



Pvt. William F. Stumpf

Inducted January 20, 1944.

Killed in Action

Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands.

Date: March 18, 1945.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Stumpf
146 Cherry Street





"COPLAY'S TOO"

Rodisch, Alfred
 Bodisch, Walter
 Bodish, John
 Bodich, Walter
 Bogush, Walter J.
 Dotter, Elwood
 Eisele, Ralph A.
 Farney, Lionel
 Farney, Robert
 Fenstermacher, James

‡Gaston, Louis
 Geiger, George
 George, Myron
 George, Willard H.
 Gollatz, Rudolph
 Hess, Robert
 Hessinger, Richard C.
 Johnston, Charles
 Karoly, Stephen
 Keglovits, William
 Keiser, Ruth
 Kern, William H.
 ‡Knerr, Walter
 Krupa, Stephen
 Kukitz, John

‡Lauser, William
 Long, Raymond Jr.
 Meixner, Leopold
 Marx, John
 Meixner, Albert
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 Miller, Henry
 Miller, Franklin E. Jr.
 Moore, Raymond
 Moser, Albert G.
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 Moritz, Charles F.
 Nemeth, Charles
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 Oakley, Alan C.

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 Piscitelli, Tony
 Ponchalek, Joseph
 Proctor, George

Rieck, Blaine G.
 Rinker, Donald N.

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Schmall, Anthony
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 Seier, John
 Shiffer, Harold
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 Snyder, Stewart
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 Sofka, John
 Spaits, George
 Steinhofner, Carl
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 Van Derweghe, Aurele
 Yagerhofer, John
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 Yandrasits, Joseph
 Yandersits, Peter

Killed in Action
 Moser, Edwin P.

Killed in Plane Crash
 Rinker, Harry Jr.

Dear Staff:

I just finished reading your latest issue of the Echoes. It wasn't unexpected because I was sort of looking forward to receiving it. I think outside a letter from home the Echoes is about the most welcome thing there is. I read it over and over until the next issue comes along. There is only one thing I didn't like about this month's issue. It was the two pictures of the local men missing and killed in action. I was sorry to hear that, and here's hoping and praying all the rest of us get home safely.

When I looked over the pages I sat and wondered. I was wondering what the V-issue of the Echoes would look like. I'm sort of anxious to see it and with you people on the staff, I know it will be a good one.

In your issue you told us to tell you where we are. Well, you know the censor, well, try to pass him sometime. I can tell you, we are in the land of windmills and wooden shoes.

I must close for now, so regards to all, and good luck in your coming issues.

Sincerely,

Sgt. Bill Klucharich.

Dear Members of the Echoes Staff:

I've been neglecting to write lately as time was pretty short and I didn't have too much time, but I finally found the time to write. Everything is still going okay with me and am still in good health.

I want to "Thank you all" for keeping the "Echoes" coming to me. As each issue arrives it gets more interesting all the time.

I just now received my December issue and although it was a little late in coming I was glad it did and I liked this issue very much. The photographs of the people of our town, it was really wonderful of you to put them in "Echoes." The pictures brought back memories and my heart went back to Coplay again. I was thrilled to see the pictures of my family in the book.

You are most right in saying, "Coplay is the most Photographed Little Place in the World" and I am glad I live in such a swell town.

I'll be closing now and hoping you will continue your fine work.

A Fellow Coplayite,

Pfc. Rudy Ernst.



With this issue already over-crowded with GI news our rambles in search of items for this column must be held very short. As we go about town we see *Jimmie and Virginia Watkins* looking over their newly purchased lot on Fourth Street — anticipating a new greenhouse — *Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Miller* and son *Ensign Franklin* visiting *Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Schaffer* — *Mr. and Mrs. Nate Anthony* keeping house for son-in-law *Charlie Kutzler* until *Miriam* returns from the Allentown Hospital where she is recovering rapidly — “*Shoey*,” genial postal clerk got an over-night stay at Wilkes-Barre and an “accepted” stamp on his papers — Down at Trinity Reformed Church we see *Councilman Jack Gleason*, *ex-Burgess Amos Peters*, *ex-Councilman “Ham” Balliet* and *ex-Fire Chief Charles Haller* hard at work removing the bell from the burned-out structure of the Belfry—*Bill Stumpp* on “Poodles” porch — *Henry Talk* on his usual trip across the bridge — *Malba Lilly Oakley* out for a stroll with her two husky sons — we hear of *Doc Bill Fox* taking a six weeks study course in New York (and a rest, incidentally) — *Helen Kroboth* doing a rushing business in her new beauty shop — *Erna Woodward* celebrating her third birthday by receiving a cablegram from her daddy, *Phm. 2/c Charles Woodward* now in the South Pacific — *Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tapler* giving their yard a spring cleanup — *Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Murtaugh* getting set in their home at 14 S. Second Street — *Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miller* celebrating their 32nd wedding anniversary —

Gusty Hobel saying that with the manpower situation as it is he is thinking seriously of taking a job as pin-boy at the Saengerbund — *Florence Farny* commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Army Nurse Corps bids her Coplay friends goodbye — *Mrs. George Gaston* with *George Jr.* making the daily hopeful trip to the Post Office for mail from daddy — *Art Levan* making hay (on the lawn at home) — *Frank Lederer* tidying up the yard and across the street *John Patrick* turning over a brand new garden — *Buck McCloskey* vainly chasing his little daughter — *Mrs. Mary Eby* getting her planting started — *Mary Sinkovits* putting her good right arm to work in a game of ball — *Joe Keppel* unloading on his front porch as “*Buster*” *Newhard* works in the garden at his home — *Ed Gorr* out to give the fire truck an airing — *Charley Mills* hanging to the garbage truck for dear life as *Chief Laubach* hustles around to finish up — *Maggie Frantz*, valise in hand awaits the bus at Second and Hall . . . That’s all. So-long until next month then.



Pfc. Lewis Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Miller, N. Fourth Street has been in practically all of the countries involved in the conflict on the Western Front.

Above he is shown with the Corporal and Sergeant of his outfit together with the daughter of the family he was quartered with in Belgium.

Pvt. Miller reports extremely good treatment by the Belgians who made every effort to keep them comfortable and well-fed.

Dear Staff:

Again I was a bit negligent in writing to you but I've done quite a bit of moving around in the States and am now on my way over. I've received the recent copies a bit late due to the frequent changes of address but my present address will remain the same for some time.

I'm at present serving aboard an L. S. T. and am a member of the amphibious forces. The duty isn't as rugged as they claim it to be. We have movies twice a week and hold church services regularly each Sunday morning. Down this part of the pond it really gets hot and I'm sure getting a tan in a hurry. I was swimming the other day. Swimming in January and back home it's plenty cold as I've been told.

I met Pete Parvel from the good old hometown in Panama. His ship was tied up aft of ours. Coplay, what else, was the subject of our conversation and plenty of talk, too. I was shoving off the day after I met him so time together was plenty short. We passed through the Panama Canal and are in the wide open spaces at the present time.

I heartily agree with you that Coplay is the most photographed town in the world and also the best. I guess I'll have to close for tonight and am anxiously awaiting the next issue.

One of the Boys,
Alfred "Hank" Erking.

First from Iwo Jima

Dear Staff:

Sorry I haven't written to you any sooner but from all the news in the papers and on the radio you know why the delay. I am on this island Iwo Jima and doing my bit as usual. This makes my third campaign and for a while I thought I wouldn't make it if you know what I mean. What the newspapers stated wasn't exaggerated but mild to what it actually was like on this island.

Received the January issue of the "Echoes" yesterday and believe me that was a great morale builder. My morale went up 20 points. But when I saw the picture of myself when I was a young lad that sort of took me down about five points. I won't be able to show my face in town after that. I just hope my girl doesn't see it, I'll never be able to live it down and I know she'll cut it out of the issue and show it around to her friends. But seriously I got a great kick out of it as did the fellows I showed it to. Also they like to read the Echoes every issue I received as much as I do. Sometimes they even fight over who was supposed to get the Echoes next.

Just looking at the page with the pictures of the Mondschein family, can't believe that Raymond and George are in the Navy, for when I left they still wore knickers. Either everyone is growing up or I'm getting old. And Rose is really a nice looking gal and to think I went through school with her. I must be slipping. Give Bill my regards, miss that guy, had lots of fun together.

Hope you can read this letter for I'm sitting in my fox hole and pad on my knee. Sort of cramped at that. Best wishes to all the folks and keep up the good work, we will do our share over here.

Respectfully yours,

Rudy F. Stumpf.

P.S. George Keller is with me, in fact is heckling me now.

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Dear Friends:

Greetings to one and all of you once again, this time from France. Yes I have finally left England after almost 33 months of British hospitality.

I am once again in a different organization as my present address implies. Please change my mailing address.

I was quite fortunate in coming over here with two sedans. That gave me a very good opportunity of seeing some of France including Paris. Really can't say very much about it as yet.

Must close now and hit the sack. Am a bit tired after a hard day. Once again, thanks for everything and keep pitchin'. "Au Revoir."

Gratefully,

Keg's Keglovits.



Pfc. John S. Churetta

Inducted — March 23, 1943

Killed in Action

Germany

Date — March 20, 1945.

Husband of former
Theresa Deutsch
Second Street



From Foxholes And Barracks

CPL. RAY WIESSNER is always eager to get his copy of "Echoes" and wants the staff to know that they are doing a grand job. At the time he wrote, Ray and his brother Fritz were both in England.

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PFC. JULIUS FIDLER has been in the army three years and for the past sixteen months has been a paratrooper. He had been fighting the Germans but is now somewhere in France. Julius enjoys "Coplay Echoes," and looks forward anxiously to each new issue.

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FRANK J. BODISH has completed sixteen months in European waters and is now in the Pacific. His "Echoes" have been late in reaching him but he appreciates them even more when they do arrive.

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S / SGT. JOSEPH SCHNECKER wants to thank the members of the staff of "Coplay Echoes" for their untiring efforts and thinks they publish a wonderful book. He is able to keep up with the latest news in Coplay. Joe sends his congratulations to all the members of the staff.

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CPL. ROBERT DREISBACH has seen action in Guam and is now in the Philippines. He just received another copy of Echoes and enjoys looking at the pictures as they bring Coplay a little closer. Robert thinks Coplay still looks the same and hopes he can be back soon to enjoy it.

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JAMES DUTE writes to thank the staff for another issue of "Coplay Echoes." He was sorry to hear about the fire at the church as had helped his father with his janitor duties for 19 years.

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From somewhere in Germany, JOHN DERKITS is anxiously looking for his "Coplay Echoes," he has not had any for quite some time. John hopes and prays he'll get back to Coplay soon and sends his Best Wishes to the staff.

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CPL. HERMAN W. FRISCH is

Dear Staff:

Well I finally got around to writing and letting you know that I am still fine, up and around again after spending some time in the hospital. I tried to write for some time but kept moving around too much but now that I am finally assigned to a new outfit I'll try my best to write. I sure want to thank you people back home for this swell book you're putting out for the boys since Coplay Echoes came out I received every book up until January this year. Boy I sure did some moving around for the last four months and the "Echoes" right after me. Please note the change of address and trust "Echoes" will reach me at this place as it did in the other places I've been. Well, I must be on my way now. Best wishes and good luck to Echoes.

One of the boys,
Pvt. Jos. Walakovits.

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Dear Friends:

Received another issue of the "Coplay Echoes" a couple of days ago. As always it was a most entertaining and wonderful book. Wish to express my most sincere thanks to you for keeping me on your mailing list.

Have done quite some traveling lately. Spent Christmas Day out on the Pacific Ocean. 'Twasn't much like it would have been in "Good Old Coplay." Ushered the New Year in at Pearl Harbor, Hawaiian Islands. Seemed just like any other day in the year out here.

Hawaii is a beautiful place. Very nice scenery around here. Went to Honolulu on my liberties. Also visited Waikiki Beach. It's a nice place. Didn't go swimming though.

Gosh is it only hot out here. Could make an egg omelette out on the deck. All this heat makes a guy lazy. Wish I was back in some cooler place. Am getting a d— good tan.

Don't know what else to say except thanks once again for the Echoes. So long for a while.
Johnny Jandrasits.

now going to Tank School at Fort Knox, Texas. He had been at Camp Polk, Louisiana for six months. He wishes to express his appreciation "for the best little publication that has ever gone to press."

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When EDDIE LENTZ received his last "Coplay Echoes" he was enjoying the summer months in Natal, while we were having a lot of snow here. He is only able to tell us that he is cooking in a hospital, the rest of his story is censored. Eddie thanks everyone who helps to make "Echoes" possible and hopes we'll continue to keep up the fine work.

