

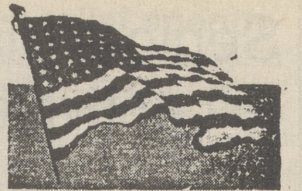
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Prisoner

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didn't, his division was told simply, "If you don't see gas masks, shoot 'em!"

(Fiske was wounded twice but doesn't like to talk about it.)

The enemy's preparations at first seemed to be paying off. Entire Allied units, both large and small, were completely surrounded. Without resupply they soon ran out of food and water; bandages for those wounded also ran out. Rifles were handed to cooks, clerks and truck drivers...all were thrown into desperate holding actions.

Yet the greatest mass surrender, second only to Bataan, inevitably took place. Eight to nine thousand men had no choice in what became hopeless situations. Al Brown's truck driver was speeding down a road when he saw he was heading directly into an anti-tank gun's fire lane. He swerved into a ditch, jumped out and yelled "Every man for himself!" They were immediately surrounded by German infantrymen.

Brown recalls that "about 40 of us were shoved into an old house. We were packed in like sardines, we couldn't move." The next day they started marching deeper into Germany, covering up to 25 miles a day. "There was no food, no water, only so-called tea, which was lukewarm and weak. Sometimes, only sometimes, there was a single potato. We all became weak, but if you dropped out of formation during the march, that was it. You were shot."

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Al Brown
German prisoner of war

It became January, with 10 inches of snow on the ground, and in spite of blistered and raw feet, they continued, sleeping in barns or out in the open. Eventually they reached the first of several prison camps, each one worse than the last.

Brown's weight went down rapidly from 150 lbs. to 95 lbs. No one smoked because there were few cigarettes. Those that did reach them were traded to civilians for bread...30 cigarettes equalled one loaf of bread. Brown says, "Their soup had grass in it but little else. Once, having jaundice, I was sent to the infirmary where I thought I was in heaven...they fed us oatmeal. Boy was that ever good!"

Brown dates his liberation like

We Remember

KILLED IN ACTION

- RICHARD WELLINGTON CEASE, January 29, 1942
- KEATS ROAD, March 3, 1942
- WALTER CECIL WILSON, May 9, 1942
- CLIFFORD S. NULTON, November 26, 1943
- ELWOOD BLIZZARD, March 1, 1944
- ROBERT RESSIGUE, April 20, 1944
- SAMUEL GALLETI, May 23, 1944
- JAMES DeANGELO, June 22, 1944
- WILLIAM STRITZINGER, July 9, 1944
- FREDERICK LOVELAND, September 12, 1944
- HARRY BEAN, September 13, 1944
- EDWARD METZGAR, October 12, 1944
- CHARLES KINSMAN, November 5, 1944
- DONALD L. MISSON, December 11, 1944
- WILLIAM J. GAREY, December 12, 1944
- JOSEPH YANEK, December 22, 1944

DIED IN SERVICE

- GEORGE UTRICH, May 16, 1942
- HOWARD A. COSGROVE, July 3, 1942
- THOMAS CLARK LLOYD, July 4, 1943
- EVAN J. BRACE, February 15, 1944
- GEORGE S. RACE, October 26, 1944
- RAYMOND H. LOVELAND, January 8, 1945

MISSING IN ACTION

- HAROLD THOMAS KEPNER, December 19, 1942
- JOHN P. GLEASON, March 30, 1943
- JOHN E. FRITZ, May 7, 1943
- ALFRED E. MAURY, February 5, 1944
- ROBERT A. GIRVAN, May 14, 1944
- OTTO W. HARTDORF, June 1, 1944
- HERBERT C. CULP, July 12, 1944
- ELWOOD R. RENSCHAW, August 20, 1944
- JAMES B. DAVIES, August 25, 1944
- EDWIN A. BURKHARDT, December 17, 1944
- PAUL S. KOCHER, December 17, 1944
- ALFRED J. BROWN, December 17, 1944
- PAUL G. FISKE, December 22, 1944
- JOHN E. REESE, December 26, 1944

PRISONERS OF WAR

- CLARENCE H. MORGAN, May 22, 1942
- DONALD FREEMAN, May 22, 1942
- FRED WESTERMAN, April 20, 1943
- EDWARD SMITH, April 14, 1944
- PETER SKOPIC, May 29, 1944
- RAYMOND F. SUTTON, May 29, 1944
- PAUL F. NULTON, Jr., July 19, 1944
- IRVIN C. DAVIS, Jr., September 15, 1944
- WILLIAM GENSEL, October 16, 1944

Editorially Speaking:

Let's Use Our Heads To Save Our Heels.

These are busy days. Telephone operators in the local exchange are swamped with the heaviest volume of calls in history. Transportation is limited because of gasoline rationing and severe winter storms make easy communi-

Heavy Snowfall Blankets Area; Hampers Traffic

Region Digs Out As Worst Storm Since 1936 Closes Schools

A 10-inch snowfall which started Monday night and continued through Tuesday completely tied up traffic in the Back Mountain region in one of the worst snow storms since 1936. Buses were unable to get through. Schedules were badly disrupted and hundreds of home-coming motorists on Tuesday night had to dig their way from main highways to their homes along secondary streets in Kingston, Lehman, Lake and Dallas Townships.

With the exception of Dallas Borough, all schools in the area closed at 1 o'clock on Tuesday so that school bus drivers could take the pupils home before nightfall. In some instances buses ran off the roads and students had to continue on foot. Dallas was the only school in session on Wednesday. All games in the Back Mountain Basketball League were cancelled.

All state, county, township and borough snow removal equipment was out early and crews worked valiantly throughout Tuesday's storm to keep highways open. But the powder snow drifted back into the roads shortly after the crews cut through. Streets in no community in the county were better cleared than those in Dallas Borough. Street Commissioner Ralph Eipper, assisted by Russell Atkinson, were out Tuesday at 5 a. m. with the Borough plow and had all of the streets except those in the outlying sections cleared so that motorists had no difficulty getting to their work in the valley. Most of the streets were plowed a dozen times throughout the day. Again on Wednesday morning Mr. Eipper and his crews were out widening the paths they had made the day before.

Fiske, Reported Missing; Writes Wife And Mother

Asks For "Prayers For Boys Over Here" In His V-Mail Letter

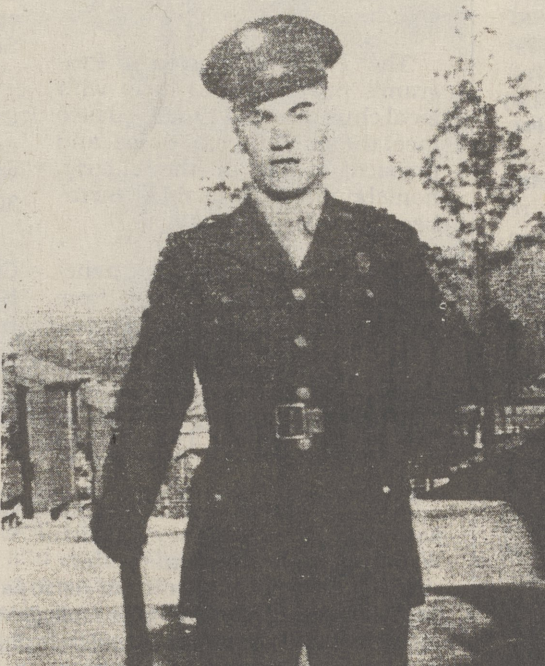
News that he has been missing in action in Luxembourg since December 22nd, was softened somewhat for the family of Pvt. Paul G. Fiske, 26, of Davenport street, when they received a V-Mail letter from him on Monday dated December 29th.

In it Paul said: "It is Friday night December 29th. It won't be long now until 1944 is gone. I hope the New Year will be a lot better than the one that is just past." Then after some endearments for his wife, mother and curly-haired baby, Evelyn, now a year and three months old, he added: "Say your prayers for my boys over here. We need them."

In previous letters Paul mentioned that the 109th Infantry was extremely busy but his thoughts always turned toward his family rather than the snow and struggle in Luxembourg.

Pvt. Fiske entered the army on April 15, 1944 and received his basic training at Camp Blanding, Fla. Just before Labor Day he was home for an 11-day furlough. He left for overseas during the latter part of September. Born in Jackson Township he at one time lived in Kingston and Wyoming and attended Luzerne High School.

Prior to entering service he was employed by the Multiplex Company in Berwick and before that time was in the coal business in Dallas with his brother, Loren, now with the Army Air Forces in Burma.



Killed In Action - Germany

JOSEPH YANEK

September 21, 1916—December 22, 1944

Alfred J. Brown Lt. Jack Reese Missing After Missing Since German Advance Christmas Day

Shavertown Corporal Was In Pennsylvania's Famed 28th Division

Shavertown Pilot Was Missing Four Days Once Before

A member of a headquarters battery in Pennsylvania's own fam-

ously cited for "meritorious achievement in sustained operations"

Joseph Yanek, Thrice Wounded, Dies In Action

Guest Of English Queen While Healing From D-Day Injuries

Thrice wounded in the long struggle against the common enemy which started for the 26th Infantry with the invasion of Africa and Sicily and moved on through France, Belgium and Germany, Pvt. Joseph Yanek, 28, was killed in action on the German front on December 22—two years to the day from the date of his enlistment—according to a War Department message which reached his widowed mother, Mrs. Margaret Yanek of Lehman on Monday morning.

It was the fourth time A. S. Culbert, Dallas representative of the Western Union, had visited the neat, white Yanek home set back from the Huntsville-Meeker highway near the Mekeel farm in Lehman Township. On three previous trips he had carried messages that Joseph was wounded in action. The first was after the invasion of Sicily when Joe and three companions were caught on a hillside while three hovering German planes dropped bombs. That time Joe was injured in the knee by flying bomb fragments. He never learned what happened to his companions. The second was to inform Mrs. Yanek that Joe had been struck in the leg by shrapnel on D-Day in France and hospitalized for two months in England. And the third was when Joe was wounded in the back by shrapnel on September 21, his birthday, during the battle of Hurtgen Forest. On Monday Mr. Culbert delivered the fourth telegram, and it wasn't easy.

Joseph Yanek was born in Larksville on September 21, 1916, and moved with his parents to Lehman when he was a lad of nine. He attended Lehman schools until the death of his father, the late Frank Yanek, and then quit school when

THE WAY IT WAS - The capture of Paul Fiske was reported in The Dallas Post January 19, 1945, a month after he was taken prisoner. Alfred Brown was reported missing in the same issue. News of his capture didn't appear until March 23 of that year.

This front page is typical of the time; a news story or two mixed with news about local soldiers. The list of local men who died, were missing or were prisoners ran

until April 18, 1947.

The column at left reminded readers that, with gasoline rationed, people were making more telephone calls than ever before, tying up the lines unnecessarily. Since most homes were on party lines at the time, callers were chided to stop tying up the lines with "plain gossip," so that calls from servicemen could get through to their families.

this: "One month after FDR died (President Franklin Delano Roosevelt) we were freed by the 50th Scottish Guards, and on May 8 the war ended. I had been "in" four years and seven months.

Today he feels "very lucky. I am on borrowed time for sure; many in my division did not survive either combat or capture. I enjoy my life now. I have a garden which keeps me busy. Some of my weeds are as big as my vegetables, but I keep after them and have no time to loaf."

"Antwerp will be ours in a week. The Allies will be smashed and never recover; they will sue for peace."

Adolf Hitler
Before the Battle of the Bulge

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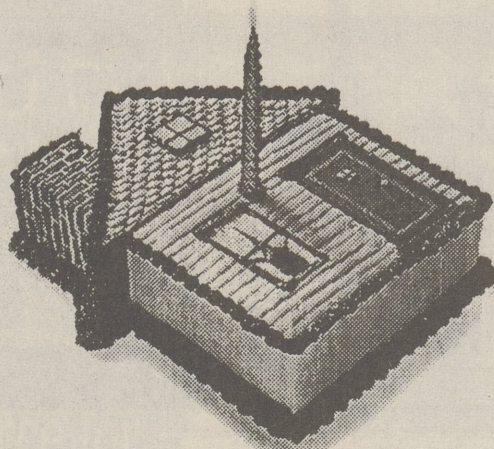
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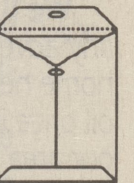
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COURSE	TITLE	TIME	DAY
ACC111	Prin. Accounting I	6:30-9:00	T
ACC112	Prin. Accounting II	6:30-9:00	W
ACC211	Interm. Accounting I	6:30-8:20	T & Th
BUS125	Beg. Typing (LF)	6:30-9:00	W
BUS201	Prin. Marketing I	6:15-9:10	Th
BUS257	Word Processing II (LF)	6:15-9:25	M
BUS262	Business Law 2	6:15-9:25	M
EMS207	CPR (LF)	6:15-8:05	M
ENG101	English Comp. I	6:30-9:00	T
ENG102	English Comp. / Lit. II	6:30-9:00	W
ENG223	American Lit. I	6:15-9:10	Th
HIS102	History of Civilization 2	6:15-9:10	Th
HPE247	Fitness/Wellness	6:15-8:05	M
IST209 D1	Intro. Microcomputers (LF)	6:30-9:00	T
IST209 D2	Intro. Microcomputers (LF)	6:30-9:00	W
IST260	Intro. Lotus 123 (LF)	6:15-9:10	Th
MAT105	Basic College Math	6:15-9:25	M
PSY217	Developmental Psychology	6:15-9:25	M
SOC216	Cont. Social Issues	6:30-9:00	T

All Monday and Thursday classes are extended to make up for time missed. EMS 207 Can be used to satisfy a Phys. Ed. requirement. It is one credit. It begins Sept. 12 ends Oct. 17. Final exam will be Oct. 24. HPE 247 Can be used to satisfy a Phys. Ed. requirement. It is one credit. It begins Sept. 12 ends Oct. 24 final exam will be Oct. 31.

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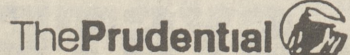
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