



Dear Boys:-

Since I last wrote you things have been happening so fast that it is almost impossible, some of them making our hearts glad while the others make us very sad. We have lost another of our fine boys since our last issue, and we honor him with this issue, and he has been joined by our Commander-in-Chief, whose death has caused the world to bow in grief. It seems strange that he should be taken at this time just when it seemed that the wonderful plans he had thought out for the peace of the world were about to be fulfilled,

but God knows best, and we bow in humble submission, knowing that you boys, and the one in authority at home, will carry on as he would have us do, and we will continue to fight for him and the principles he advocated.

We wish you could see the old home town now as it is beautiful with its flowers and trees, and the warm sun is making every one think of that Victory garden, one of our efforts to help you boys win the war. Some planted early but the cold snap of last week killed practically all the vegetables which were up, and lots of the fruit but we hope that we have some left.

It seems that more and more twine is needed for the prosecution of the war, and we are giving the armed services every pound we can possibly make, and will continue to do so until victory is achieved.

Mr. John F. Schenck, Jr. takes his father's place as president of the company, which assures its being run on the same high plane as in the past, and we will all give him every support in his efforts to carry on his father's work.

We become more and more thrilled each day over the war news but know there is some hard fighting ahead of us so are not relaxing our efforts but trying to increase them in order to shorten the war as much as possible, and we hope you will be able to continue the good work, for, if you do, we will soon have only one front on which to fight, and when we can give the Japs our undivided attention, they will feel the full weight of our power, which will be hard to take. If we can do such a wonderful job on two fronts we know that we can do three times that well on one.

We were so sorry to hear that Foy Southards had been wounded, but are so happy to learn that he is recovering satisfactorily, and we trust he will continue to improve. He has our very best wishes for a full and speedy recovery.

Several boys have been home this month, and we are so glad to see them. They all look fine, and seemed to have that old spirit which is so characteristic of the American soldier, the spirit to carry on to the end regardless of how distasteful the job may be to them, and this makes you the very best soldiers in the world.

We have received some mighty interesting letters from the boys and are wondering if YOU were among them. We hope so, but if not, we trust you will write us as the letters from the boys is our best feature and we wish to keep it that way.

THE BOYS are taking advantage of the warm weather to go fishing, and we hear some wonderful tales of the catches they make, but we have not seen one fish so far. They have been having some great sport but the season is closed now, so judge we will not hear any more TAIL TALES until it opens again in June. A checker tournament is also in the making so we do have some recreation from our work.

Good luck and good going to all of you, and may the time soon come when we can all sit on the Hoover Rail again and listen to your experiences.

Sincerely,

Geo. H. Hart.