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ONE YEAR

One year--yes it is the first anniversary. January marks the beginning of the second year in publishing the Caromount News for Service Men and Women. We send this publication to you as a vote of confidence for our service men and women and to further assure you our wholehearted and sincere support. We also offer as evidence of our interest in you our production of war materials, our purchase of war bonds, our contributions to the United War Fund, and American Red Cross, our tokens of appreciation to you personally--in other words, our every effort to make the home front deserving of your untiring performances of duty and unselfish personal sacrifices. In spite of all our efforts, we still realize that we are yet unable to reward you fully.

One year ago, January 1943--War issues were still doubtful. The African Campaign showed little promise. Our command of the Pacific was yet to be established firmly. American miracles in producing guns, tanks, planes, and other war materials were frustrated by our inability to cope with the submarine in delivery of these vital implements of victory. The turn of the tide in favor of the valiant Russians was not yet evident.

One year--yes the calendar rolls back another year and history records a year crowded with momentous events and incredible accomplishments. Amazing changes have taken place. January, 1944 and we read this record, The battered and dwindling remains of Rommel's defamed and defeated Africa Corps retreated in ruins to the European Continent. The British and American Armies storm through Sicily onward to invasion and surrender of Italy, leaving the Mediterranean cleared for allied shipping. The Nazi troops who once stormed the gates of Moscow and Stalingrad, now fallen in number and equipment have retreated even in Poland under the strategic pressure of the mighty Russian Army. Hamburg, Berlin, and all Germany and the coastal defenses wavered under the powerful armadas of British and American Air Forces. The submarine menace in the Atlantic is under control and American shipping pours into every allied port. The Japs have experienced surprise attacks, loss of territory, and defeat from the American Forces in the Pacific. Yes, the Allied Forces have successfully assumed the offensive in every theater of war.

One year nearer to victory. Yet let us not be overconfident in our boastfulness nor insincere in our praise. Let us hope that divine guidance will direct the allied leaders to a just and complete victory for all nations.