

## Urged To Use Correct Address On Overseas Mail

Postmaster Paul Buck today urged the citizens of Burnsville to be sure to use the correct address on their letters and packages going to servicemen overseas to avoid serious delays in delivery.

Postmaster Buck reported that millions of letters and packages going overseas have been delayed because they were insufficiently addressed. He said that one of the biggest problems has been the failure of persons to include the very important 5 digit APO or FPO number in the military address. Mail not containing this number is incorrectly addressed.

He said that last year more than 9 million pieces of mail were delayed in delivery. Of this number, 3½ million pieces failed

to include the complete 5 digit APO or FPO number in the address. This improperly addressed mail had to be sent to a military locator directory where time-consuming searches were made to determine the proper addresses.

"As the Christmas mail volume going overseas is expected to increase up to 30 per cent or over 4 million pounds above last year, every precaution should be taken by friends and relatives of servicemen to address their letters and packages properly to assure rapid delivery to the destination," Postmaster Buck said.

There are four essential elements to an overseas military address. They are:

1. The serviceman's identity—

grade, full name, and service number.

2. His military unit—complete.
3. Gateway post office—New York, San Francisco or Seattle.
4. APO or FPO—a 5 digit number.

When any of these elements is missing, the letter or package will be delayed in delivery.

## Card Of Thanks

We would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks to all our friends, relatives and neighbors for their many acts of kindness and sympathy, also for the food and flowers we received during our recent bereavement.

Mrs. Clarence Fortner and Family.

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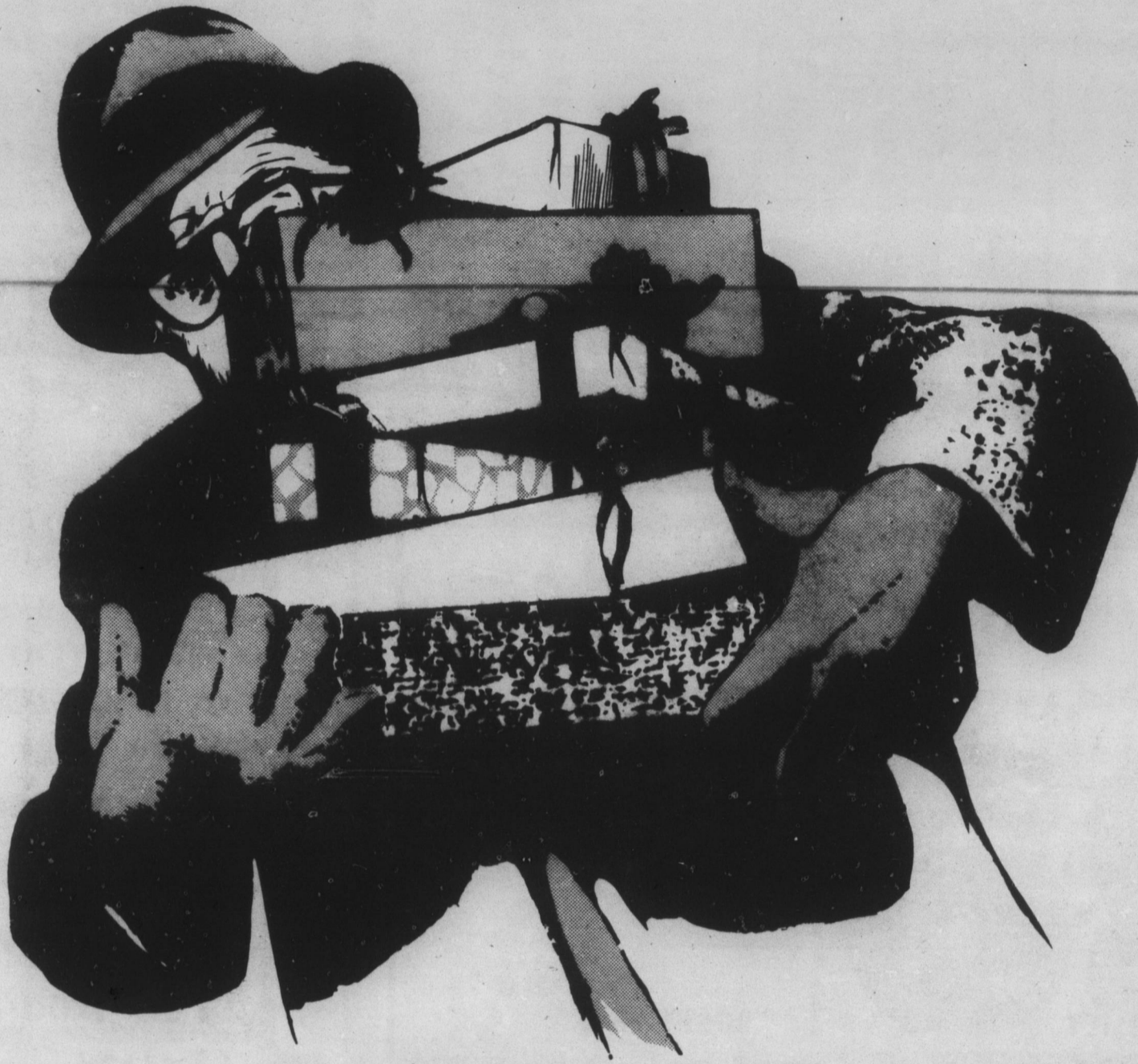
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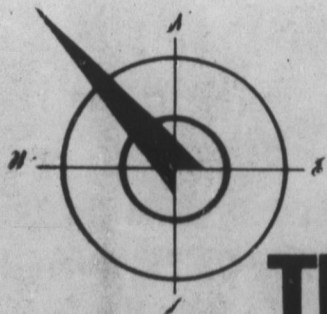
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