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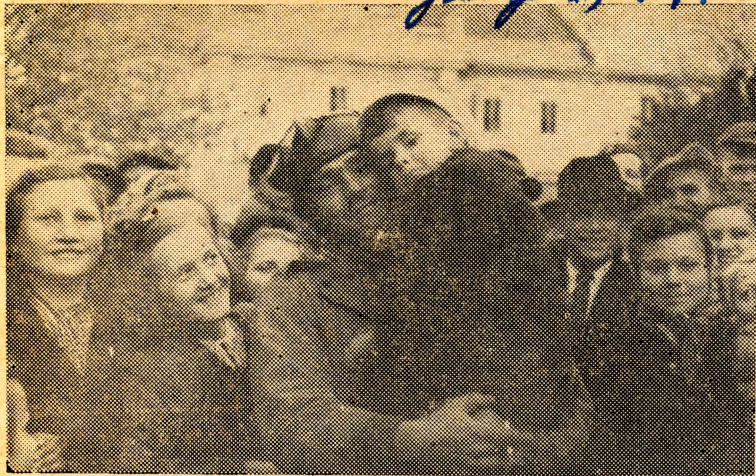
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EUGENE SALYERS IN LIBERATED CZECH TOWN

July 5, 1945



Tec/5 Eugene Salyers, shown above holding a small Czech lad amid a throng of happy liberated people in a Czech town, has been awarded a bronze star medal for meritorious service in the Luxembourg area, according to word received here by Mrs. Alma Parker, for whom Salyers worked as a waiter at the Parker restaurant before entering the service. According to the citation accompanying the medal Tec/5 Salyers "was a member of a patrol that attempted to cross the Moselle river under fire from the enemy positions on the opposite bank. Three attempts were made despite enemy fire, and T/5 Salyers was slightly wounded by the fire on the

third attempt. His devotion to duty was outstanding and he is held in high esteem by his fellow soldiers."

Gene, like many other boys in service, seems concerned now about what he is going to do after, and in a letter to Mrs. Parker that accompanied the above picture he asked her advice on what he should try.

"Would you go to school if you were me when I get back in civilian clothes?" he asks. "I don't know how to do a damn thing, and I sure don't want to be a farmer. If I can get home and get a good opportunity I'll be O. K. I don't want the world by the tail, but just an opportunity to make something of myself."