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**Private First Class**  
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## **"Treat Germans Rough"**

Private First Class Harold E. Eubank of Willow Hill, who is now home after five months as a German prisoner of war, writes the Press:

"I am writing this article to let the people know what your boys are going through. First I want to tell you I am in the Infantry, so I do know what they go through. Your boys in Europe did a mighty good job, something that could not be paid for in any way. The boys all are looking forward to the day when they can return, and I know they will be very happy that day.

"They might tell you some of their experiences that are unbelievable. When you go through it is a matter of life or death and it's about on the balance. When they are in the thick of things over there they don't think of money, it is their life. Thousands of times I have had such close calls but it wasn't for me to die. I am just one boy; there are many boys who have had closer calls than I. Never start feeling sorry for yourself because many of other people are doing more than you or I.

## **Keep Up the Good Work**

"I have been in many places where I thought I would get killed any minute, but I knew that many more boys were going through more. Though you folks here at home have done a very good job, please keep it up. The German people said the production is one of the big things that whipped them.

"I would like for those strikes to quit. The people who are striking wouldn't go on a strike if they had a boy over there, as he is going through a lot; it's not money for him its life.

"I want to thank all of the people that gave to the Red Cross, as that money you gave is a lot what kept us boys alive in the prison camps in Germany. I am sure every boy who was in a German prison camp or any camp in Japan will say he can't pay the Red Cross in any way for what it did for him. That is what gave many of your boys a chance to come back.

## Nothing to Compare with U. S.

"We here in the States should be very proud that we live here, as there is nothing that can compare with it. So let's keep our chin up and pull right through. I am sure you will do your best. I wish they would treat the German prisoners here in the States more rough; you couldn't treat them too rough to pay them back. Send them back to German soil, that is their hope.

"Do not feed the German people; let them grow their own. They did before the war, so why can't they now. You can't be too rough on them. Don't start feeling sorry for them, as many lost their lives capturing that old country, so we could be free.

"I will close now hoping you will pray for some boy that is in the South Pacific, so he may return. Here's hoping they all will return."