

Laugford, Carolyn

WACS In Germany Mark Quiet Yule, Writes Local Girl

A quiet Christmas, amid the ruins and piled-up rubble of war, was observed by the WACS stationed in Germany, according to word received here from Cpl. Carolyn Laugford, 537 Park Place.

On Christmas Day, and before, the WACS stationed in the vicinity of Heidelberg, Frankfurt and Wiesbaden, visited with Allied displaced children, giving them a touch of Christmas as we know it. Said Cpl. Laugford, "We hoarded our Post Exchange purchases, such as candy, cookies, small toys, and other trinkets, to share with the youngsters in the UNRRA assembly centers, some of whom had never celebrated Christmas before." Many of these children were rescued from Belsen and Buchenwald horror camps." **DEC 29 1945**

There are about 60,000 parentless, displaced children in the American zone alone, and while all of them could not be reached, our WACs in Germany helped bring Christmas cheer to several thousand.

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