

DeFede, Thomas

**Pfc. Thomas DeFede,
Roseto Marine, Has
President's Autograph**

Pfc. Thomas DeFede, of the United States Marines, son of Mr. and Mrs. Salvadore DeFede, Roseto, who is presently spending a furlough at home, was aboard the USS Augusta when it took President Harry S. Truman to Europe for the Potsdam Conference. On the trip

over, Pfc. DeFede secured President Truman's autograph on the May issue of the Homefront Magazine, servicemen's and servicewomen's paper from the Slate Belt area.

Pfc. DeFede was present in the company of King George of England and General "Ike" Eisenhower when the ship docked in Belgium.

He has a copy of the letter written to Read Adm. A. R. McCann, commander of Task Force 68, USS Philadelphia, that accompanied the Augusta to Europe, by President Truman, in which the members of the crew of the Augusta and Marines were complimented by President Truman. AUG 22 1945

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