

Hippenstiel, Maurice F.

Fountain Hill Man, Soldier Son Collaborate In Writing Song

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Instrumental music being his hobby since a mere boy, hardly old enough to go to school, Sergeant Maurice F. Hippenstiel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold F. Hippenstiel, of 1128 Russell Avenue, Fountain Hill, stationed at Fort Lewis, Washington, has turned his spare time to composing music.

He is the solo trumpeter of the Fort Lewis band and has also charge of arranging the dance music played by the orchestra at the fort.

His father, who has also been interested in music and in composing several librettos for his son to provide the harmony, just recently composed a new text, suitable as a memorial to soldiers who make the supreme sacrifice. His son, Maurice, has provided the harmony and the song is now ready for the publishers.

The verse runs as follows:

WE WILL GIVE OUR LIVES

We've been called to do our share,
In the greatest cause for man;
We will do the best we can,
In the air, on the sea and on land.

CHORUS

We Will Give Our Lives for those
we love,
So they may dwell forever free;
We Will Give Our Lives For All
Mankind,
To help preserve democracy.
We will sacrifice ev'rything we have,
We know at home you'll do the
same:
We Will Give Our Lives, if that
must be
The way to win the victory!

Sergeant Hippenstiel received his knowledge of harmony from David G. Samuels, head of the Bethlehem Conservatory of Music. He uses the simple means of thumping out the harmonic chords on the piano, although he does not play the instrument with ease. However, he is able to set the score to the music.

Sergeant Hippenstiel has composed the music for several songs, besides the foregoing, including "I Am Thinking of You," a sentimental song; "Freedom For All" and "How Can I Forget." He has also



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composed a number of orchestral selections.

Mr. Hippenstiel, the father and composer of the song, "We Will Give Our Lives," stated to a Globe-Times representative Saturday evening that, although the song was really dedicated to all the boys in the present war, it was also appropriate for the late Staff Sergeant Edward T. Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Miller, of Lechaweki Avenue, who on March 26 was killed in an airplane crash in the Northwest and whose military funeral will take place tomorrow morning. He became Fountain Hill's first casualty in the present war.

Sergeant Hippenstiel entered the U. S. Army on June 19, 1941. He received his basic training at Camp Croft, Ga. Later he was sent to Fort Lewis, Washington, where he is attached to the 71st U. S. Infantry as solo trumpeter of the infantry band. His last visit home was in March.

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