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**Captures Farmer-Disguised
S.S. Trooper in Germany**

Corning—Pfc. Anthony W. Russo, a member of the Quartermaster Corps of the First Army, somewhere in Germany, in a recent letter to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Aniello Russo, 304 W. West St., described how he captured an S. S. Trooper who was disguised in farmer's clothes.

His letter said in part: "I was out for a very short while and ran across an S. S. Trooper, which is one of Hitler's own army. They tell me they are the best soldiers Hitler has, that's but it is a matter of opinion."

"Chum, a buddy of mine, whose real name is Warren P. Davis, and is from Wrentham, Mass., was walking along side of me. I was carrying on a conversation as usual, when I stopped suddenly because I saw a tall fellow dressed in farmer's clothes about to strike a Russian guard. The fellow had a pitchfork with three full length prongs and one broken prong. He had to creep up to get close to the Russian."

"I didn't know that this fellow was an S. S. soldier because he had his soldier's uniform under his farm clothes. I fired a shot near his head to attract the Russian's attention. When the shot had been fired the S. S. Trooper turned around, put the fork down and put his hands up. From there on it was like any other capture. I had to search him from head to toe and while searching him I found his uniform under the civilian clothes."

"The Russian was so burned up that he began punching the German. He was also so glad that he gave me some vodka."

A member of the Army for three years, Pfc. Russo had been overseas for almost two years.

Two of his brothers, Pfc. Carmo and Pfc. Laska are also in the service. The former is an Infantryman in the First Army and the two brothers have been able to meet fairly often. Pfc. Louis is a member of a B29 crew in the Marianas Islands.

**34 in First Communion
Class at St. Patrick's**

Corning — Thirty-four children of St. Patrick's Parish received their First Holy Communion Sunday at the 8:30 a. m. Mass. Immediately following the Mass the children renewed their baptismal vows after which breakfast was served to them in the recreation hall. Mrs. Alvin Heer, Mrs. John Ginnane and Mrs. John Grady were in charge of the breakfast.

On Monday morning the Rev. J. A. Rawlinson, pastor, invested the children in scapulars.

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**NCGW Unit Renames
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Corning — At a recent meeting of Corning Deacons, National Council of Catholic Women, Mrs. Fred Demuth was re-elected as president of the organization. Others retained in office were Mrs. T. A. McNamara as vice president and Mrs. Walter Mullaney as secretary. Mrs. Gerard Gilligan was elected to fill the vacancy of treasurer which was made by the resignation of Miss Margaret Barrett.

It was voted to donate \$10 to the Cancer Control Committee. Mrs. John Hickey represents the Deacons on that committee.

Mrs. Eugene Knapp was named chairman of Mission Work and the sum of \$25 was voted for the Alabama mission project.

During the past week, under the chairmanship of Miss Mary C. Hart, members of the Deacons sold War Bonds at a local theater.

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**V-E Day Rites Held
In Corning Churches**

Corning — The three local Catholic churches joined in the national day of prayer on Sunday, May 13, when special services were held at St. Mary's, St. Patrick's and St. Vincent de Paul's.

High Mass at 10:30 a. m., Sunday, at St. Mary's Church was offered in thanksgiving for V-E Day and special prayers for peace were recited. The Blessed Sacrament was exposed from the close of Mass until 5 p. m., at which time Benediction was celebrated.

At St. Patrick's Church special devotions were held at 7:30 p. m. Prayers for the guidance of the delegates at San Francisco, for the boys in the armed forces and for peace were said.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament during the day with Benediction at 7:45 p. m. was offered at St. Vincent de Paul's Church with prayers for peace.

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