

Sergeant Don Dufrain 11/28/44 Sends Home Some Jap Money from Philippines

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Dufrain of Newton have received several Jap bills from their son, Sergeant Donald "Fuzzy" Dufrain, who is now in the Philippines with an Antiaircraft Artillery battery. They are about two-thirds the size of American money and bear the words "one peso," "ten centavos," "one centavo," etc. The wording is in English with the word "Japanese" on the face along with "Philippine Currency."

They were captured by the Americans on Leyte island. All are lithographed on a fairly good grade of paper and had never been used. No claim is made that they will be redeemed. The Japs simply printed money and forced the Filipinos to accept it in return for their products.

Sergeant Dufrain has written that his battery has brought down a Jap Zero plane. He says he has the best foxhole in the Philippines and that they have a horse now, which they are trying to feed up after hard usage by the Japs.

Sent Home German Marks

Private First Class Kleon Snearly, who is in Germany with a Tank battalion attached to the American First army about the Aachen front, has sent his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Milard McCoy of near Hunt City, some old time German money. There was one 1,000-mark Reichsbank note and two 100-mark notes. They were lithographed on a light, cheap grade of paper and were issued in 1908 and 1910.

When issued they were valued at about \$300.00 but are now practically worthless, having been replaced by a new series of Reichsmarks following the disastrous inflation after the last war.

Kleon wrote that his battalion has been on the front every day except four since June.