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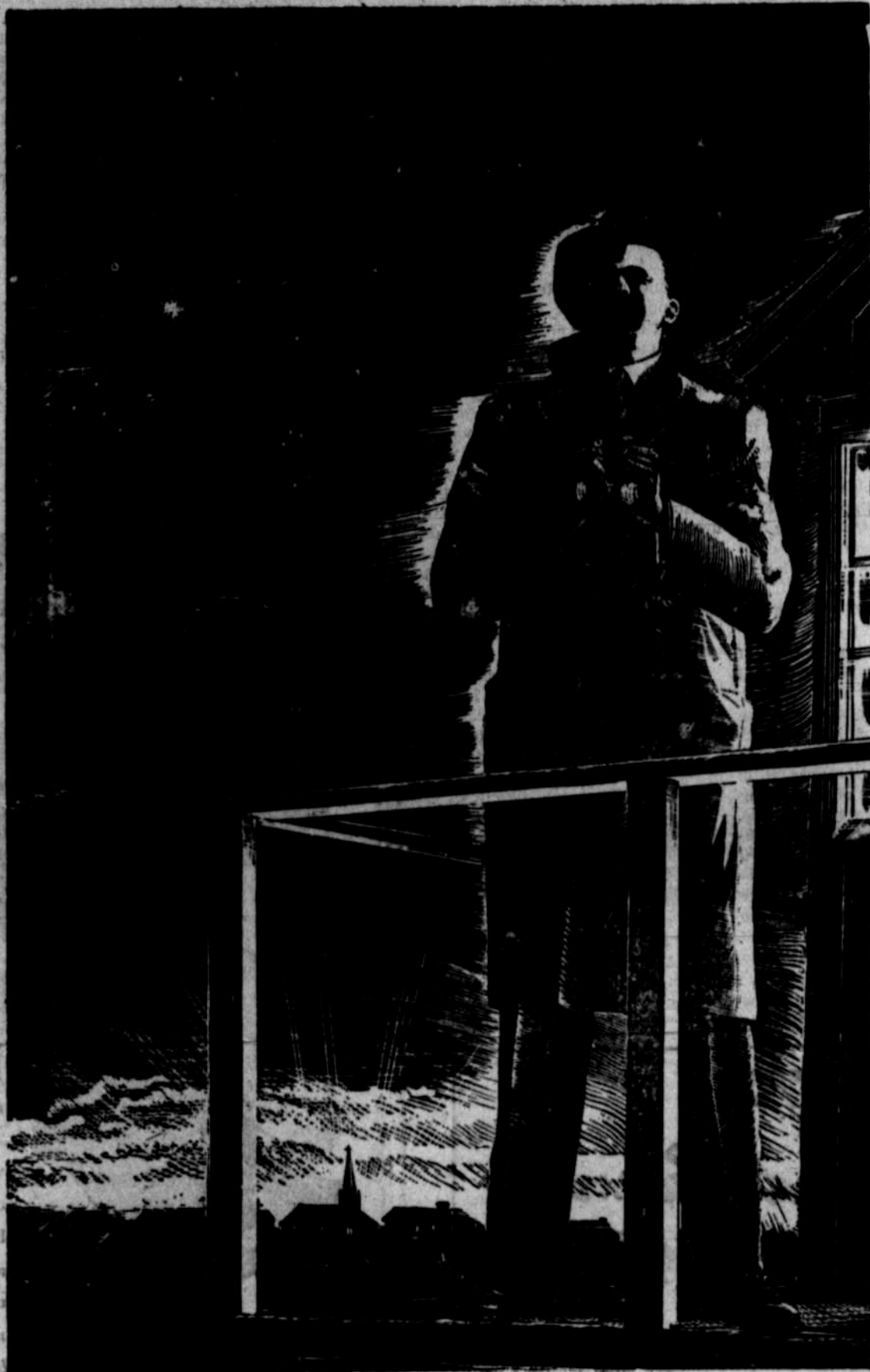
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**"I'm being worthy
of you son,"**

THERE'S A PLACE FOR EVERYONE IN THE AWS. SIGN UP TODAY. Not only mother and dad, but high school boys and girls are needed in the Aircraft Warning Service. Here's an important way YOU can help shorten the war by keeping this vital area constantly on the alert. Apply in person at—

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I'VE NEVER told you this, son. Your mother knows it. . . . Sometimes she kids me about it, says I'd bust a blood vessel rather than let you get ahead of me. Maybe she's right. The plain truth is I'd rather die than let you down, give you cause to be ashamed of me.

It all started back several years ago, when I gave you a strapping because you came home with a black eye and then I learned in a round about way that you had gotten your shiner trying to convince some schoolmate that your dad was "the strongest, and finest, and bestest dad in the world."

I shed tears that night, Bill. I swore then I'd never let you lose your faith in me. Nothing has meant so much to me as to see that silent admiration in your clear eyes when you looked at me . . . to hear the genuine tone of pride in your voice when you introduced me to your friends, "This is MY dad!"

Then came the war. They said I was too old to go along with you . . . was needed at home to keep things going. But I'm not letting it go at that. In addition to putting in longer hours at the office, I've signed up for volunteer work in the Aircraft Warning Service. I spend regular hours out here at an army installation. A "ground observer," they call me.

Mother's in the AWS, too. She puts in four hours every fourth day at the Filter Center, where information flashed in from hundreds of posts like mine is plotted to keep our defenses constantly on the alert.

I don't mind the extra hours. It gives me time to think . . . and to plan for a better tomorrow, when you come back. "A fellow should never get too busy to think," someone has said.

Well, that's all for tonight, son. Somehow, it helps to send this message to you . . . out there . . . somewhere. Just wanted you to know I'm doing my part.



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