

To understand the **significance of the Springfield Project** you are to read the letter that inspired it. It is about the vision of a **YOUNG G I JOE WHO DIED ON THE BATTLE FIELD DURING WWII.**

You are too young to remember but are not to forget why so many young Americans gave their lives so that our ideals may live on.

You are to become acquainted with the book and the transcripts. Understand the time period of the **WORLD WAR** and what was at stake.

Then understand what happened in **SPRINGFIELD** was not meant to be forgotten.

The people of Springfield united as a show of **support to our troops.** The entire community instituted a successful program worthy of fulfilling what the GIs were fighting for. Not just theory and literature but hands on and total interaction.

1 THE BACKGROUND OF THE STORY

The mayor of Springfield, Massachusetts, received this letter from an American soldier on the Western Front:

Sir:

One of my best friends who, after being hit by a shell fragment, recently died in Belgium told me that he was fighting in order that the Springfield Plan may become the World Plan.

I regret that I cannot give you my friend's name as the War Department does not permit us to mention the names of those killed in action. However, believe me when I tell you that he was respected and liked by all of us. . . . He was one of the most considerate and kindest

persons I ever had the privilege to serve with.

Now that he is dead some of us have been wondering about this Springfield Plan . . . and what he meant by it. He had explained it briefly, but we would like to know more. What did he mean when he said that it should become a World Plan?

We have seen so many dead people. We have been so cold physically here . . . and so confused mentally that some of us are almost mentally and physically ill. Maybe your Springfield Plan can give us what we are looking for . . . something to be hopeful about. Something that is actually happening back home—not in theory, but in fact—which will make the world a better place for everybody.

It's a long time, since we've been home, Sir, but from some of the things we hear there are plenty of fascist-minded people, hate mongers, and isolationists in those sacred states of ours. The fact that they speak American and don't wear German uniforms makes them more dangerous than the Jerries themselves. What does your Springfield Plan do about them?

Respectfully,

WHAT HAPPENED TO THAT PROGRAM? AN ENTIRE BOOK AND A MOVIE WAS MADE. **YOU ARE TO QUESTION AND THEN ANSWER**

You have been privy to a special project developed during a special period of AMERICANA. Springfield came to grips with the understanding that we are a country of many but MUST survive as a nation of ONE. This program was well documented but “lost” and our country did not “rise to the occasion”.

Next you are to review the transcript that documents the leaders of both government and community that spoke of the GREAT NEED to develop and institute this MOST IMPORTANT project to

SECURE THE AMERICAN CREED