

A NOSTALGIC LOOK AT THE AMERICAN HOMEFRONT DURING WWII

★ ★ WILLIAM S. PHILLIPS ★ ★

AMERICAN HOMEFRONT

★ ★ ★ SERIES ★ ★ ★



IF ONLY IN MY DREAMS (1942)

Christmas 1942. Our country was completely engaged in World War II. Seats at the Christmas table were empty as husbands, sons and even some daughters passed the holidays in far-off places. In artist Bill Phillips' painting, candles shine, and a red-bordered flag with a blue star hangs in the front window signaling a family member in active service. Outside, the dog waits patiently for his master's return. The church opens its doors for prayer. In the distance, a B-17 carries its crew to an uncertain future. Named for the final lyric of "I'll Be Home for Christmas," first recorded by Bing Crosby and the John Scott Trotter Orchestra.



Anniversary Edition Available Now

A CHRISTMAS LEAVE, WHEN DREAMS COME TRUE (1943)

The car in the driveway in *If Only in My Dreams* is now on the road to a happy reunion. The dog that waited so patiently for his master's return sits beside his owner. Perhaps the young man in the car is on his way to a family celebration, or to play cards with the boys or maybe to visit his girl. A hopeful mood prevails. The DC-3 (known in its wartime version as a C-47) is now a passenger airliner. The song "When Dreams Come True" was immortalized by Count Basie and his Orchestra, one of the leading big bands of the swing era.



Anniversary Edition Coming in 2006



SUMMER OF '45: AND ALL CREATION REJOICED (1945)

Fourth of July, 1945. The war in Europe has ended and the country hopes and prays that the war in the Pacific will come to a quick conclusion. In the distance, a dark and threatening thunderstorm begins to move away. Youngsters on the front lawn watch the traditional American celebration of freedom. In the sky overhead, a civilian version of the new Lockheed Constellation, the elegant "Connie," ushers in a new era of peacetime air transportation.



Anniversary Edition Sold Out at Publisher

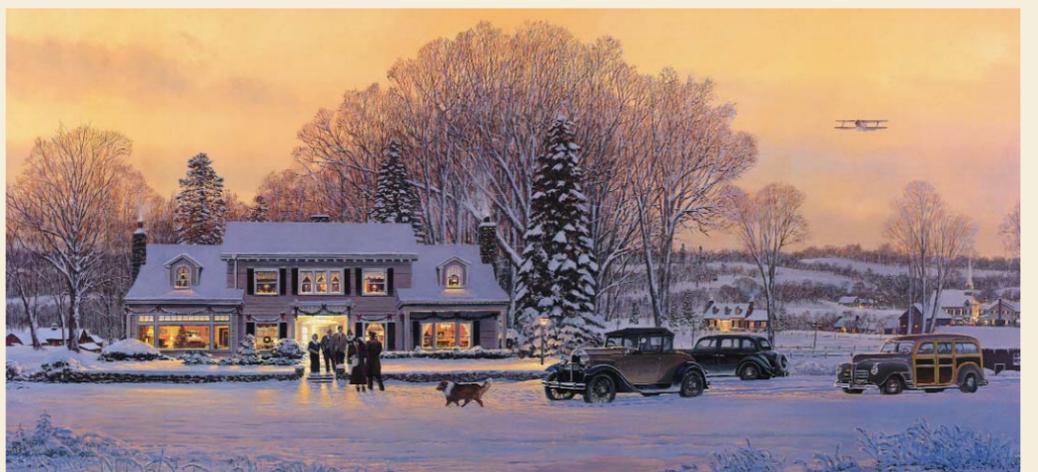


THE DREAM FULFILLED, WHERE THE LOVE LIGHT SHINES (1945)

December, 1945. The celebration is particularly precious this year because the war is finally over. Three generations of the family in *If Only in My Dreams* and *A Christmas Leave, When Dreams Come True* are finally reunited. The son, who has returned from war, walks up the steps to his grandparents' house with his fiancée, followed by the loyal dog that waited for him in *If Only in My Dreams* and rode with him (perhaps on his way to propose marriage) in *A Christmas Leave*. The Beechcraft Staggerwing in the distance, the classiest of classic planes, found years of post-war service in civilian transport.



Anniversary Edition Coming in 2007



★ ★ ★ *New Homefront Series Images Coming Soon* ★ ★ ★